



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st September 2022 To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

**Charity name: Ashbourne Methodist Church**

**Charity registration number: 1128964**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;</li><li>b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church</li><li>c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;</li><li>d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church</li></ul>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The attached reports from our Annual Church Meeting give a more detailed description of the activities of Ashbourne Methodist Church. AMC offers a wide range of activities for the public benefit. We believe that the wording used by the Methodist Church nationally to describe the Church's public benefit is entirely appropriate to our local setting:</p> <p>Ashbourne Methodist Church exists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;</li><li>• Help people learn to grow as Christians, through mutual support and care</li><li>• Be a neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Members of the Church Council of Ashbourne Methodist Church, as Trustees of the charity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have reviewed the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit (PB1, PB2 and PB3).</li><li>• Have taken the Charity Commission's Guidance into account when making a</li></ul>

		<p>decision to which the guidance is relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If they have decided to depart from the guidance, have good reasons for doing so.</li> </ul>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The vast majority of our activities are run by volunteers, as can be seen in the attached reports from our Annual Church Meeting
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Alongside its regular community activities, it's buildings in the 'Gateway Youth Centre' provide self catering accommodation for groups visiting the area.</p> <p>In 2023 significant planning and work has been carried out to successfully secure government levelling up funding to develop the premises to provide a 7 day a week Church and Community Hub, "The Link".</p> <p>Work will begin in earnest in late 2023 / 2024</p>

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity accounts were in surplus for the year ending August 2023
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Ashbourne Methodist Church will aim to hold reserves equal to at least 6 month's expenditure and will not expect reserves to fall below 3 month's at any time.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£746,378 of the General Funds are designated to assist with the Ashbourne Methodist Church development project "The Link".
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Ashbourne Methodist Church's main source of funds are donations from members, surplus from activities such as the Cornerstone Coffee Shop and Gateway Youth Centre and lettings
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Deed of Union (1932) the Methodist Church Act (1976)</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by the Methodist Church Connexion; are elected annually in accordance with the constitution and by ballot of all members of Ashbourne Methodist Church who are present at the annual church meeting held in the spring. Appointed by the Church Council to represent specific areas of Church life.

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Ashbourne Methodist Church is a member of The Methodist Church, forming part of Ashbourne Methodist Circuit in the Nottingham & Derby District
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ashbourne Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1128964
Charity's principal address	Church Street, Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1AE

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Nicola Briggs	Minister		Methodist Church Connexion
2	Rachel Murt	Secretary		Church Council
3	Tricia Barclay	Treasurer		Church Council
4	Robert Sales	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
5	Helen Barker	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
6	Sandra Lewer	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
7	Stuart Green	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
8	Nigel Glossop	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
9	Lorraine Hawkins	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
10	Ian Marsh	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
11	Richard Barratt	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
12	James Peers	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
13	Enid Stubbs	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
14	Anne Wareing	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
15	Val Rutledge	Representative		
16	Arthur Watts	Representative		
17	Tim Dutton	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
18	Steve Haines	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
19	Jacqui Marsh	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
20	Gareth Rutledge	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
21	Carole Thorpe	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
22	Catherine Green	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
23	Tony Walker	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
24	Wendy Haslam	Pastoral Secretary		Church Council

## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	Coates and Partners Limited Chartered Accountants	The Old Vicarage 51 St John Street Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1GP

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Matthew Hackett

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>ASHBOURNE</b>	<b>Church</b>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

<b>ASHBOURNE</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>22/11</b>
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Treasurer:

TRICIA BARCLAY
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	89,705		<b>89,705</b>	88,100
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,650		<b>3,650</b>	422
a4	Lettings	34,602		<b>34,602</b>	12,671
a5	Other receipts	18,397		<b>18,397</b>	26,532
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>146,354</b>		<b>146,354 (a7)</b>	<b>127,725</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	63,377		<b>63,377</b>	62,000
b3	Donations	9,946		<b>9,946</b>	6,295
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,511		<b>12,511</b>	24,065
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	24,262		<b>24,262</b>	12,856
b6					
b7	Other payments	12,523		<b>12,523</b>	10,629
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>122,619</b>		<b>122,619 (b9)</b>	<b>115,845</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	23,735	<b>23,735</b>	11,880
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		131,591	<b>131,591 (c6)</b>	119,710
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	155,325	<b>155,325</b>	<b>131,590</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>155,325</b>	<b>155,325 (c8)</b>	<b>131,590 (c6)</b>

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,148	928
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,015	928
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>133</b>	
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**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e3	Gateway	18,899	18,869	30		3,319	3,349
e4	Youth Club					89	89
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e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	502,824	95,819	407,004		342,882 (e11)	749,887 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	146,354 (a7)	122,619 (b9)	23,735	(c7)	131,591 (c6)	155,325 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>649,177</b>	<b>218,439</b>	<b>430,739</b>		<b>474,473 (x)</b>	<b>905,212 (y)</b>
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	28,968	46,507
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	102,623	108,951
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashbourne Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on page 10 and Appenix D & E As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause for concern that in, any material respect:

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