



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2023 To 31st August 2024

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Charity registration number: 1128964

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Reference and Administrative details

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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
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11	James Peers	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
12	Enid Stubbs	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
13	Anne Wareing	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
14	Val Rutledge	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
15	Tim Dutton	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
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18	Gareth Rutledge	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
19	Carole Thorpe	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
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21	Tony Walker	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
22	Wendy Haslam	Pastoral Secretary		Church Council
23	Cathy Stubbs	Representative		Annual Church Meeting

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

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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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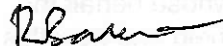
Other optional information

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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)	PBARCENY	RICHARD BARRETT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	TRUSTEE
Date	22/10/24	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ashbourne	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Ashbourne	Circuit	Circuit no	22/11
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128964

**If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2655 of 2007)

Minister:
Rev Nicola Briggs
Church Stewards – Leadership Team
Helen Barker
Stuart Green
Lorraine Hawkins
Ian Marsh
Treasurer: Tricia Barclay

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		69,976	69,976	89,705
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		5,934	5,934	3,650
a4	Lettings		29,173	29,173	34,602
a5	Other receipts		10,778	10,778	18,397
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		115,861	0	115,861 (a7)
					146,354

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		67,509	67,509	63,377
b3	Donations		9,370	9,370	9,946
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		12,519	12,519	12,816
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		23,505	24,459	28,875
b6					
b7	Other payments		11,049	11,049	7,605
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		123,951	0	123,951 (b9)
					122,619

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	-8,090	0	-8,090		23,735
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		155,458	0	155,458	(c6)	131,591
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	147,368	0	147,368		155,326
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0	(c8)	133
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	147,368	0	147,368	(c7)	155,459 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			133	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,236	5,148
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,236	5,015
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		133	133

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the District. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Development Project	516,717	412,512	104,205		746,378	850,583
e2	Cornerstone			0			0
e3	Flowerfund	770	821	-51		70	19
e4	Gateway	9,057	12,337	-3,280		3,349	69
e5	Women's Fellowship			0			0
e6	Youth club			0		89	89
e7							0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	526,544	425,670	100,874	0	749,887 (e11)	850,761 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	115,861	123,951	-8,090	0 (c6)	155,458 (c6)	147,368 (c7)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	642,405	549,621	92,784	0	905,345 (x)	998,129 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	46,507	23,271
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	108,951	124,097
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	155,458 (c6)	147,368 (c7)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	749,887 (e11)	850,761 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000	950,000
g3 Other Assets	198,000	198,000
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

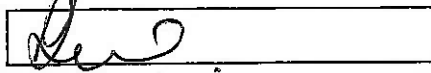
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer



Date

22/10/24

Name

Mrs Tricia Barclay

Address

1 Margery Close ASHBOURNE DE6 1SH

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

REV NIKOLA BRIGGS

Date

22/10/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ashbourne

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This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 3rd August

2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

COATES AND PARTNERS LIMITED

Signature

Coates and Partners Limited.

Relevant Professional qualification or body

ICAEW (F.C.A).

Address

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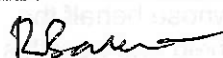
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Full name(s)	PBARCENY	RICHARD BARRETT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	TRUSTEE
Date	22/10/24	