

# CHRISTCHURCH SHEPSHED METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1129001

## Details

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**Other names** CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH SHEPSHED

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2009-04-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Loughborough  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

**Activities:** Religious worship, the provision of space for community activities and support to the local community

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Leicestershire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£53,296	£61,606	-	-
2023-08-31	£47,892	£47,848	-	-
2022-08-31	£69,651	£53,546	-	-
2021-08-31	£37,232	£37,909	-	-
2020-08-31	£56,490	£46,814	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Hobson		
DAWN FRANCES SCOTT		
Gladys Watret		
IAN ALEXANDER SCOTT		
JANE DOBSON		
Kathleen Rosemary Grimley		2022-09-01
Katy Brookes-Duncan		2022-09-01
Lorraine Cutts		2014-09-01
REGINA LYNN HOBSON		
Rev Karen Beecham		2023-09-01
Rev Martin Swan		2022-09-01
Steve Price		

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# Accounts

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# **CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Trustees Report and Financial Report**



**1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**

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To ensure all of this can happen we need to maintain the fabric of the Church buildings.

## Achievements – Serving our community

Based in the heart of the town the CMCC work to ensuring that our buildings are available to all community groups, and we reach out to provide a welcoming space for the community to gather.

On a Tuesday morning a Singing Café provides an opportunity for vulnerable adults, including those with dementia, to sing and remember past experiences in a comfortable supportive environment.

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warm space, coffee, and a free meal to the community. During the colder months this group helps people to stay warm and fed.

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Pastoral lay visitors visit those in need and a prayer chain is in place to support those within the Church family to pray for those in need. Even when members are isolated, the prayer chain helps them to remain in touch and care for the pastoral needs of others.

The Church also regularly collects food to support the food bank in the town and members volunteer there.

## Worship

Worship normally takes place on a Sunday morning at 10.45 am these are led by either the Ministers from within the circuit or Lay Preachers, and Local Arrangement services occur once a month led by the Stewards. On the third Sunday of the month a 'Something Different' service is held in the morning, with an evening service being held on that evening.

Christchurch is a member of Churches Together in Shepshed (CTIS) and works with the other churches and denominations within the town on various ecumenical projects including Learning in Lent, the Easter Walk of Witness and the Remembrance Parade and Service. Together we support the Passion youth drop-in Centre, which engages young people in the town and provides a safe place, keeping young people off the streets.

Members from Christchurch regularly attend circuit services where Methodists from around the circuit can gather and worship together, these are hosted by different churches within the circuit.

Members who are not able to attend church are able to follow worship online with the Circuit every Sunday.

Once a month Connected Worship takes place at Christchurch on a Saturday evening with preachers, worship leaders, and worshipers coming from different denominations within Shepshed.

## A building fit for the Community

A quinquennial inspection of the property took place in 2021 and recommendations for repairs and work to be carried out over the next 5 years have been received. The trustees have undertaken some key work identified and are working through the list for other items.

In this financial period major work was undertaken on the flooring in the back rooms which had to be dug up down to the sub floor level, a new sub floor was installed and then new flooring installed. This was to make safe areas of the flooring which were rising and causing an uneven surface for walking on. This work cost just over £12000 to complete.

## Financial Review and Reserves

For the period covered by this report the income on our unrestricted fund was £53300. During this period, we paid £34000 to the Loughborough Circuit as our proportion of the circuit share for ministerial costs, £15700 on building maintenance (including the £12000 for the floor) and other church expenditure amounted to £11900. This expenditure includes donations to other charities or organisations of £1200.

Full details are given in the financial statements that were approved and signed by Church council in October 2024.

N.B. All accounts figures rounded to the nearest £100 in this report.

These figures show a small increase in giving from regular members but also show a 23% rise in costs for electricity and gas.

The Church Council is aware of a risk to our income from loss of regular contributors and income from church donors has steadily reduced as church members have passed away.

Christchurch has always endeavored to hold a reasonable level of reserves, ideally at £25,000 although this has not often been possible. However, the legacies and the levels of reserves held at present mean that the trustees have confidence that whilst we had a negative budget in 23-24 we will have sufficient reserves to cover this.

However, the long-term future of the church will rely on either additional income being generated, or expenditure being reduced.

The potential for income being generated from additional lettings, is not high given that the Church is let every evening of the week. The only potential lettings would be during the daytime which is far less popular.

The Church has a fixed energy contract for Gas which will expire within the next 2 years, and our electricity prices are fixed for the next few years, so these costs can be predicted.

One issue facing us is the aging congregation are no longer able to maintain the level of cleaning of the premises that once took place, and therefore our cleaning contract costs will increase as this work needs to be paid for in the future.

## Administrative Information

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Church Council members and trustees for the period of this report were:

Circuit Superintendent Minister	Rev Karen Beecham
Circuit Minister	Rev Martin Swan
Steward	Lorraine Cutts
Steward	Jane Dobson
Steward	Steve Price
Steward	Gladys Watret
Steward	Rosemary Grimley
Church Treasurer	Dawn Scott
Assistant Treasurer	Lorraine Cutts
Church Secretary	Ian Scott
Safeguarding representative	The Minister
Elected from AGM	Katie Brooks-Duncan
	Cynthia Popley
	Alan Hobson
	Lynn Hobson
Circuit Steward	Bryan Harrison

The administrative address for the church is:

Field Street, Shepshed, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 9AL

The Church Council meets quarterly to discuss and approve church business and the trustees and members are elected yearly at the Church Annual General Meeting held in May or June. Authority may be delegated to subcommittees formed at the wish of the Church Council.

Report produced by Dawn Scott on behalf of Christchurch Methodist Church Council

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

**Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
Saturday 31 August 2024

<b>Loughborough</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>23/10</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1129001

If not a registered charity **His 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 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev. Martin Swan

Church Stewards:

Mrs Lorraine Cutts

Mrs Jane Dobson

Mrs Rosemary Grimley

Mrs Victoria Merrill

Mr Steve Price

Mrs Gladys Watret

Treasurer:

Mrs Dawn Scott

**Christchurch Methodist Church  
Shepshed**

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	32,739		32,739	30,219
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,180		2,180	1,643
a4	Lettings	12,340		12,340	11,354
a5	Other receipts	6,037		6,037	6,676
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>53,297</b>		<b>53,297 (a7)</b>	<b>49,892</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	34,025		34,025	35,182
b3	Donations	1,200		1,200	1,855
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	15,734		15,734	2,276
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,903		6,903	5,594
b6					
b7	Other payments	3,743		3,743	2,941
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>61,606</b>		<b>61,606 (b9)</b>	<b>47,848</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(8,309)</b>		<b>(8,309)</b>	2,044
	<b>(a6-b8)</b>				
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	44,571	4,834	49,405 (c6)	47,362
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,262</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>41,096</b>	<b>49,405</b>
	<b>(c1+c2)</b>				
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>36,262</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>41,096 (c8)</b>	<b>49,405 (c6)</b>
	<b>(c3+c4)</b>				

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,612	1,581
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,612	1,581
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>				
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>				

**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 2024 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 Church. 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 <b>Traidcraft</b>					52	52
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					52 (e11)	52 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	53,297 (a7)	61,606 (b9)	(8,309)	(c7)	49,405 (c6)	41,096 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>53,297</b>	<b>61,606</b>	<b>(8,309)</b>		<b>49,457 (x)</b>	<b>41,148 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	100	100
f2 Bank Current Account	2,155	3,191
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	47,150	37,805
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>49,405 (c6)</b>	<b>41,096 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	52 (e11)	52 (e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>49,457 (x)</b>	<b>41,148 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,320,000	1,320,000
g3 Other Assets		
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)

Name of Church: Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed No.: 1129001

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... *D Scott* ..... Date *17/10/24* .....

Name and address of treasurer ..... 21 Field Avenue, Shepshed, Loughborough

..... Post Code..... LE12 9SH

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Rev Martin Swan* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rev MARTIN SWAN* Date *17/10/2024*

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed

Charity Number 1129001

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner: Andrew Thorpe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ACA

Name of firm (where appropriate): N/A

Address: 52 Priory Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3PP

Date .....

**CHRISTCHURCH SHEPshed METHODIST CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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In general, the property was found to be in an excellent condition, with no major work required. Large works are now challenging to the church community as more of our members age, it is harder to undertake large jobs without paying for work to be undertaken and this will need to be addressed in the future.

## Financial Review and Reserves

For the period covered by this report the income on our unrestricted fund was £47900 and on the restricted fund was £2000. During this period, we paid £35200 to the Loughborough Circuit as our proportion of the circuit share for ministerial costs, and other church expenditure amounted to £12600. This expenditure includes donations to other charities or organisations of £1800.

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These figures show that income has recovered somewhat from the pandemic, but income is not as robust as previously, and with an aging congregation there is an identified risk to our future income.

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Steward	Victoria Merrill
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Church Secretary	Ian Scott
Safeguarding representative	Michelle Price
Elected from AGM	Katie Brooks-Duncan
	Cynthia Popley
	Alan Hobson
	Nicole Jordan
Circuit Steward	Les Longmire

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Report produced by Dawn Scott on behalf of Christchurch Methodist Church Council

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Christchurch Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Loughborough	Circuit	Circuit no.	23/10
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Minister:

Reverend Martin Swan

Church Stewards:

Mr Steve Price

Mrs Gladys Watret

Mrs Jane Dobson

Mrs Rosemary Grimley

Mrs Victoria Merrill

Mrs Lorraine Cutts

Treasurer:

Mrs Dawn Scott

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	30,219		30,219	30,768
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,643		1,643	97
a4	Lettings	11,354		11,354	8,059
a5	Other receipts	4,676	2,000	6,676	30,725
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>47,892</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>49,892 (a7)</b>	<b>69,651</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,182		35,182	35,642
b3	Donations	1,855		1,855	6,084
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,276		2,276	2,140
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,594		5,594	4,379
b6					
b7	Other payments	2,941		2,941	5,301
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>47,848</b>		<b>47,848 (b9)</b>	<b>53,546</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)</b>	43	2,000	<b>2,043</b>	16,105
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	44,528	2,834	<b>47,362 (c6)</b>	31,257
c3	<b>Sub total (c1+c2)</b>	<b>44,571</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>49,405</b>	<b>47,362</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)</b>	<b>44,571</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>49,405 (c8)</b>	<b>47,362 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		120
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,581	105
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,581	225
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)</b>		

**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
e1 <b>Traidcraft</b>					52	52
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					52 (e11)	52 (e12)
e9 <b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	49,892 (a7)	47,848 (b9)	2,043	(c7)	47,362 (c6)	49,405 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>49,892</b>	<b>47,848</b>	<b>2,043</b>		<b>47,414 (x)</b>	<b>49,457 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	100	100
f2 Bank Current Account	1,473	2,155
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	45,788	47,150
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>47,362 (c6)</b>	<b>49,405 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>52 (e11)</b>	<b>52 (e12)</b>
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>47,414 (x)</b>	<b>49,457 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,320,000	1,320,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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Name of Church: Christchurch Methodist Church Charity No.: 1129001

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... *[Signature]* ..... Date... *15/2/24*  
Name and address of treasurer ... *21 FIELD AVENUE, SHEPHERD* ...  
..... *LOUGH BOROUGH* ..... Post Code... *LE12 9SH*

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *[Signature]* .....  
Name of the Chair of the meeting ... *MARTIN SWAN* ..... Date *15-2-24*

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Christchurch Methodist Church

Charity Number 1129001

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Christchurch Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 2 to 3 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').

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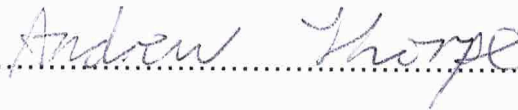
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Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner Andrew Thorpe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACA

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 52 Priory Road, Loughborough, LE11 3PP

Date 26 November 2023

**CHRISTCHURCH SHEPSHED METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1129001

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# Accounts

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# **CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Trustees Report and Financial Report**



**1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.**

**Charity Number 1129001**

## Aims and Purposes

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On Friday mornings, Church members provide an open coffee morning at which residents of the town can pop in for a chat, a cup of coffee and a piece of home-made cake. These coffee mornings help to keep people in touch and offer a chance for meeting friends from the town.

Thankfully with the removal of Covid restrictions during this reporting period the Community use has resumed with the following groups now meeting in the premises.

- 6th Shepshed Guides
- Shepshed Brownies
- Christchurch Gilbert and Sullivan Group
- Knit and Natter
- ACT 1 Youth Theatre Group
- Chera Voce
- Slimming World
- Shepshed Dance classes
- Serenade
- Senior Choir

Church members can also use the premises for celebrations with family and friends, for Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries and personal celebrations.

Plans are underway to provide a warm hub space through the winter to ensure that people can have somewhere to meet and stay warm through the winter.

## Pastoral Care

A number of our Church members are no longer actively able to attend church due to ill health or advancing years. During Covid we started new weekly electronic service sheet to keep members in touch with the church community and avoids them feeling isolated and lonely and this has been continued as members felt that it was helpful for people to keep in touch with friends within the church.

In addition, church members in need of particular visiting in either times of distress or loss are visited by the Minister as required. Our minister Rev. Martin Swan also has a pastoral role now in the town and is active in engaging with our community on pastoral matters.

Pastoral lay visitors visit those in need and a prayer chain is in place to support those within the Church family to pray for those in need. Even when members are isolated, the prayer chain helps them to remain in touch and care for the pastoral needs of others.

The Church also regularly collects food to support the food bank in the town and members volunteer there.

## Worship

Worship normally takes place on a Sunday morning at 10.45 am and a Sunday evening at 6 pm has resumed once a month. Ministers preach along with Lay Preachers, and Local Arrangement services occur once a month led by the Stewards.

Christchurch is a member of Churches Together in Shepshed (CTIS) and works with the other churches and denominations within the town on various ecumenical projects including Learning in Lent, the Easter Walk of Witness, the Remembrance Parade and Service and the Summer Bible School. Together we support the Passion youth drop-in Centre, which engages young people in the town and provides a safe place, keeping young people off the streets.

Members from Christchurch regularly attend circuit services where Methodists from around the circuit are able to gather and worship together, these are hosted by different churches within the circuit.

Members who are not able to attend church are able to follow worship online with the Circuit every Sunday.

## A building fit for the Community

A quinquennial inspection of the property has taken place and recommendations for repairs and work to be carried out over the next 5 years has been received. The trustees have started working on this list of repairs, along with the routine maintenance which couldn't be carried out during the lockdown periods.

In general the property was found to be in an excellent condition, with no major work required.

## Financial Review and Reserves

For the period covered by this report the income on our unrestricted fund was £66500 and on the restricted renovation fund was £3200. During this period, we paid £35600 to the Loughborough Circuit as our proportion of the circuit share for ministerial costs, and other church expenditure amounted to £9100. This expenditure includes donations to other charities or organisations of £6100.

Full details are given in the financial statements that were approved and signed by Church council in February 2023.

N.B. All accounts figures rounded to the nearest £100 in this report.

These figures show that income has recovered somewhat from the pandemic, however, if it wasn't for two significant legacies the church would have made a substantial loss on the financial year.

The Church Council is aware of a risk to our income from loss of regular contributors and income from church donors has steadily reduced as church members have passed away.

Christchurch has always endeavoured to hold a reasonable level of reserves, ideally at £25,000 although this has not often been possible. However, the legacies and the levels of reserves held at present mean that the trustees have confidence that whilst we may have a negative budget in 22-23 we will have sufficient reserves to cover this.

However, the long-term future of the church will rely on either additional income being generated, or expenditure being reduced.

The potential for income being generated from additional lettings, is not high given that the Church is let every evening of the week. The only potential lettings would be during the daytime which is far less popular.

The Church has a fixed energy contract for Gas for a few years but the contract for electricity ends at the end of May, and this is likely to see a substantial increase in electricity bills.

## Administrative Information

Christchurch Methodist Church is in Shepshed, Leicestershire and is part of the Loughborough Methodist Circuit. This forms part of the Leicester and Northampton District.

Church Council members and trustees for the period of this report were:

Circuit Superintendent Minister	Rev Andrew Lomax
Circuit Minister	Rev Martin Swan
Senior Steward	Lynn Hobson
Steward	Lorraine Cutts
Steward	Jane Dobson
Steward	Steve Price
Steward	Gladys Watret
Steward	Rosemary Grimley
Steward	Victoria Merrill
Church Treasurer	Dawn Scott
Assistant Treasurer	Lynn Hobson
Church Secretary	Ian Scott
Chairman of F&P	Cynthia Popley
Secretary of F&P	Katie Brooks-Duncan
Safeguarding representative	Michelle Price
Elected from AGM	Alan Hobson
Circuit Steward	Les Longmire
Link/CTIS	Nicole Jordan

The administrative address for the church is:

Field Street, Shepshed, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 9AL

The Church Council meets quarterly to discuss and approve church business and the trustees and members are elected yearly at the Church Annual General Meeting held in May or June. Authority may be delegated to subcommittees formed at the wish of the Church Council.

Report produced by Dawn Scott on behalf of Christchurch Methodist Church Council

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>Christchurch Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2022

<b>Loughborough</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>23/10</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1129001
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Not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs**

**Gift Aid number**

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(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 2014 No.242)

**Minister:**

Reverend Martin Swan
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**Church Stewards:**

Mrs Lynn Hobson
Mrs Steve Price
Mrs Gladys Watret
Mrs Jane Dobson
Mrs Rosemary Grimley
Mrs Victoria Merrill
Mrs Lorraine Cutts

**Treasurer:**

Mrs Dawn Scott

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	30,768		<b>30,768</b>	32,769
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	97		<b>97</b>	42
a4	Lettings	8,059		<b>8,059</b>	3,997
a5	Other receipts	27,541	3,184	<b>30,725</b>	424
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>66,467</b>	<b>3,184</b>	<b>69,651 (a7)</b>	<b>37,232</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,642		<b>35,642</b>	30,240
b3	Donations	6,084		<b>6,084</b>	1,655
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,140		<b>2,140</b>	974
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,379		<b>4,379</b>	2,895
b6					
b7	Other payments	2,555	2,745	<b>5,301</b>	2,144
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>50,801</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>53,546 (b9)</b>	<b>37,909</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>		<b>16,105</b>	-676	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	28,862	2,395	<b>31,257 (c6)</b>	31,933	
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>		<b>47,362</b>	<b>31,257</b>	
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>44,528</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>47,362 (c8)</b>	<b>31,257 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		120
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	327	105
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	327	225
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 <b>Sunday School</b>		351	-351		351	
e2 <b>Fellowship</b>		46	-46		46	
e3 <b>Traidcraft</b>					52	52
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds		398	-398		450 (e11)	52 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	69,651 (a7)	53,546 (b9)	16,105	(c7)	31,257 (c6)	47,362 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>69,651</b>	<b>53,944</b>	<b>15,707</b>		<b>31,707 (x)</b>	<b>47,414 (y)</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	100	100
f2 Bank Current Account	124	1,473
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	31,033	45,788
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Trust funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>31,257 (c6)</b>	<b>47,362 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	450 (e11)	52 (e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>31,707 (x)</b>	<b>47,414 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,320,000	1,320,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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Name of Church **Christchurch Methodist Church**

Charity No. 1129001

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Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date..... 17/11/2022

Name and address of treasurer .. 21 FIELD AVE, SHEPHERD, LOUGHTBOROUGH  
..... DAWN SCOTT ..... Post Code..... LE12 9SH

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...2-2-23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Rev MARTIN SWAN .. Date .. 5-2-23

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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Signature of independent examiner ..... *Andrew Thorpe* .....

Name of independent examiner: Andrew Thorpe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ACA

Address: 52 Priory Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3PP.

Date ..... *17 November 2022* .....

**CHRISTCHURCH SHEPSHED METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1129001

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# Accounts

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# **CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Trustees Report and Financial Report**



**1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.**

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It is hoped that these sessions will restart in September 2021 once all covid restrictions have been removed. However, it is acknowledged that regrettably the pool of helpers for these sessions will now have decreased, due to ill health, increasing infirmity, or sadly the passing of some members.

Our community use has declined during the pandemic with the following groups now meeting in the premises.

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## Worship

Worship normally takes place on a Sunday morning at 10.45 am and a Sunday evening at 6 pm will resume once a month from September 2021. It has not been possible to reinstate weekly evening services due to the lack of preachers within the circuit who will be available for the plan.

Our Age Worship ceased during Covid and this hasn't yet restarted, whilst the team involved reflect on how this should proceed.

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Christchurch from September will resume hosting circuit services on a regular basis where Methodists from around the circuit are able to gather and worship together, again these will resume when possible.

Our Junior Church has now ceased operating as the number of young people within the church has decreased, and they either worship as part of the adult congregation, or have found other worship sources including the online 12<sup>th</sup> church within the circuit.

## A building fit for the Community

Since Lockdown any repair or maintenance work has been kept to a minimum to ensure the safety of workers and those enabling access to the building. It has regrettably been necessary to replace a number of windows following further vandalism and we continue to talk to the Police about securing the property.

We have also undertaken a deep cleaning of the building on a number of occasions and have ensured the safety and security of the water systems by having a Leptospirosis survey completed.

A quinquennial review will be due in November 2021 which will identify any major repairs or work to the fabric of the building which will need to be carried out within the next 5 years.

# Financial Review and Reserves

For the period covered by this report the income on our unrestricted fund was £37100 and on the restricted renovation fund was £100. During this period, we paid £30200 to the Loughborough Circuit as our proportion of the circuit share for ministerial costs, and other church expenditure amounted to £7500. This expenditure includes donations to other charities or organisations of £970.

Full details are given in the financial statements that were approved and signed by Church council in February 2022.

N.B. All accounts figures rounded to the nearest £100 in this report.

These figures show the considerable impact of covid on our income and this has meant a drop in our reserves. However, due to careful budgeting, and the resumption of some of our lettings this loss was not as bad as feared. Our assessment share to the circuit was reduced by £7000, thanks to a rebate that was given to all churches in the Circuit.

The Church Council is aware of a risk to our income from loss of regular contributors and potential loss in letting income if any further lockdowns occur.

Christchurch has always endeavoured to hold a reasonable level of reserves, ideally at £25,000 although this has not often been possible. However, the three legacies and the levels of reserves held at present mean that the trustees have confidence that whilst we may have a negative budget in 21-22 we will have sufficient reserves to cover this.

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Steward	Eileen Brogden
Steward	Victoria Merrill
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Assistant Treasurer	Lynn Hobson
Assistant Treasurer	Alf Thompson
Church Secretary	Ian Scott
Chairman of F&P	Cynthia Popley
Secretary of F&P	Katie Brooks-Duncan
Safeguarding representative	Michelle Price
Junior Church representative	Nicole Jordan
Elected from AGM	Alan Hobson
Elected from AGM	Hannah Alderson
Circuit Steward	Les Longmire
Fellowship	Alf Thompson

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Report produced by Dawn Scott on behalf of Christchurch Methodist Church Council

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Christchurch Methodist Church, Shepshed

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Loughborough	Circuit	Circuit no	23/10
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129001

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and  
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Church Stewards:

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Mr Alf Thompson

Mr Steve Price

Mrs Gladys Watret

Mrs Jane Dobson

Mrs Eileen Brogden

Mrs Rosemary Grimley

Treasurer:

Mrs Dawn Scott

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	32,670	99	32,769	34,197
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	42		42	196
a4	Lettings	3,997		3,997	8,679
a5	Other receipts	424		424	18,119
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>37,133</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>37,232 (a7)</b>	<b>61,191</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	30,240		30,240	34,746
b3	Donations	1,655		1,655	1,655
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	974		974	5,784
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	2,895		2,895	4,488
b6					
b7	Other payments	2,134	10	2,144	3,716
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>37,899</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37,909 (b9)</b>	<b>50,389</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>-765</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>-676</b>	<b>10,802</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	29,628	2,306	31,933 (c6)	21,132	
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>28,862</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>31,257</b>	<b>31,933</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>28,862</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>31,257 (c8)</b>	<b>31,933 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	120	120
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations:	105	1,236
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	225	1,236
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>120</b>

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

**SECTION E**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Fellowship					46	46
e2 Sunday school					351	351
e3 Traldcraft					52	52
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					450 (e11)	450 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	37,232 (a7)	37,909 (b9)	-676	(c7)	31,933 (c6)	31,257 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	37,232	37,909	-676		32,383 (x)	31,707 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	100	100
f2 Bank Current Account	5,603	124
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	26,230	31,033
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	31,933 (c6)	31,257 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	450 (e11)	450 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	32,383 (x)	31,707 (y)

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value)	1,320,000	1,320,000
g3 Other Assets		
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 and Scrutiny**

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... *D Scott* ..... Date *8 June 2022*

Name and address of treasurer: Dawn Scott, 21 Field Avenue, Shepshed, Leicestershire, LE112 9SH

**Presentation to the Church trustees**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Carolin Mann* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... *CAROLIN MANN* ..... Date *8 June 2022*

\* delete or circle as appropriate

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

## Christchurch Methodist Church, Shepshed

Charity Number 1129001

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner ..... *Andrew Thorpe* .....

Name of independent examiner: Andrew Thorpe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ACA

Address: 52 Priory Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3PP.

Date ..... *15<sup>th</sup> November 2021* .....

**CHRISTCHURCH SHEPSHED METHODIST CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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# **CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Trustees Report and Financial Report**



**1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**Charity Number 1129001**

## Aims and Purposes

Christchurch Methodist Church Council (CMCC) has the responsibility of working with the Loughborough Circuit Ministry Team; the Reverends Andrew Lomax, Martin Swan and John Pugh, and probationary minister Calvin Chung to promote the whole mission of the Church and manage the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical work of the Church.

Rev. Martin Swan has a part time appointment to work with Christchurch specifically for all pastoral and ecumenical work at the church.

CMCC is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings known as Christchurch Methodist Church, Field Street, Shepshed, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 9AL.

## Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of our church community. The CMCC maintains an overview of worship in the church and ensures that this worship is relevant to all sections of our community.

When planning our activities for the year the Minister and the CMCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in Shepshed, who are members of our community
- Missionary and outreach work.

To ensure all of this can happen we need to maintain the fabric of the Church buildings.

## Achievements – Serving our community

Based in the heart of the town the CMCC work to ensuring that our buildings are available to all community groups and we reach out to provide a welcoming space for the community to gather.

On Friday mornings, Church members provide an open coffee morning at which residents of the town can pop in for a chat, a cup of coffee and a piece of home-made cake. These coffee mornings help to keep people in touch and offer a chance for meeting friends from the town. Transport can often be provided for those wishing to attend.

Regrettably due to the Covid pandemic our coffee mornings have now not run since March 2020. Many of those who visit these social contact sessions are elderly and are isolating. The CMCC will endeavour to start these sessions up again once restrictions are lifted and the majority of attendees have been vaccinated.

Our community use has continued to grow with the following groups all now meeting in the premises.

- 6th Shepshed Guides
- Christchurch Gilbert and Sullivan Group
- Knit and Natter
- Fellowship
- ACT 1 Youth Theatre Group
- Christchurch Senior and Junior Choirs
- Chera Voce
- Slimming World
- Tuesday community lunch club
- Shepshed Dance classes

Again, regrettably nearly all of these activities ceased in March and have not restarted.

In addition; one off use by different community groups continues to support our local engagement with the community. Church members once a month hold a breakfast before church to raise money for, and awareness of, other charities both in the UK and overseas.

Church members can also use the premises for celebrations with family and friends, for Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries and personal celebrations.

## Pastoral Care

A number of our Church members are no longer actively able to attend church due to ill health or advancing years. Our pastoral team ensure that these members are visited regularly and that they are able to receive a copy of the Church magazine, which is published bi-monthly. This keeps members in touch with the church community and avoids them feeling isolated and lonely.

In addition; church members in need of particular visiting in either times of distress or loss are visited by the Minister as required. Our new minister Rev. Martin Swan also has a pastoral role now in the town and is active in engaging with our community on pastoral matters.

During Covid our weekly service sheet has been turned into a longer newsletter, keeping the Church community in touch with each other, addressing pastoral concerns and offering prayers for those in need.



## Worship

Worship normally takes place on a Sunday morning at 10.45 am and a Sunday evening at 6 pm. Morning services are supported by our Junior Choir and the evening services are supported by our Senior Choir.

On the first Sunday of every month an all-age worship service is held. This is open to all faiths and denominations within the town and we receive regular visitors to this service from other churches.

Since Covid services ceased in the building in March but moved to an online platform through Facebook. This has been managed by the circuit with regular contributions from Christchurch members. In addition, the all-age worship has moved online and is a regular monthly occurrence.

Our weekly newsletter also now contains a weekly service for following from home so that members can worship in private if they can't join in online.

Christchurch is a member of Churches Together In Shepshed (CTIS) and works with the other churches and denominations within the town on various ecumenical projects including Learning in Lent, the Easter Walk of Witness, the Remembrance Parade and Service and the Summer Bible School. Together we support the Passion youth drop-in Centre, which engages young people in the town and provides a safe place, keeping young people off the streets.

Regrettably again as a result of Covid most of these activities have ceased for the time being.

Christchurch normally hosts circuit services on a regular basis where Methodists from around the circuit are able to gather and worship together, again these will resume when possible.

Our Junior Church continues to develop with a wonderful band of helpers and teachers, and now caters from small toddlers to teenagers, sharing the message of the love of God. This work has included extra activities for the senior members of the Junior Church, allowing them to explore their faith and their place in the wider world and within the Church. During lockdowns our Junior Church leaders have been working hard to keep in contact with these young people and to keep sharing the word of God with them.

## A building fit for the Community

Since Lockdown any repair or maintenance work has been kept to a minimum to ensure the safety of workers and those enabling access to the building. It has regrettably been necessary to replace a number of windows following further vandalism and we continue to talk to the Police about securing the property.

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## Financial Review and Reserves

For the period covered by this report the income on our unrestricted fund was £56500 and on the restricted renovation fund was £4700. During this period, we paid £34700 to the Loughborough Circuit as our proportion of the circuit share for ministerial costs, and other church expenditure amounted to £12100. This expenditure includes donations to other charities or organisations of £1600.

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N.B. All accounts figures rounded to the nearest £100 in this report.

Whilst these figures compare favourably to the previous year, it needs to be understood that this income figure was bolstered by three legacies received in the year amounting to £11000. Our assessment share to the circuit was reduced by £3200, thanks to a rebate that was given to all churches in the Circuit.

General giving and letting income was considerably reduced due to the impact of Covid and is anticipated to remain low for much of the 20-21 financial year, which is likely to have a serious impact on our reserves.

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**Christchurch Methodist Church  
Shepshed**

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
11	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
	<b>Note</b>				
12	Offerings and Tax recovered	34,197		34,197	39,053
13	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	196		196	133
14	Lettings	8,679		8,679	10,793
15	Other receipts	13,417	4,702	18,119	11,594
16	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>56,490</b>	<b>4,702</b>	<b>61,191 (a7)</b>	<b>61,573</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
11	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
12	Circuit Assessment or Share	34,746		34,746	37,975
13	Donations	1,655		1,655	2,520
14	Repairs and Maintenance	2,376	3,409	5,784	8,505
15	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,488		4,488	4,980
16					
17	Other payments	3,549	167	3,716	4,685
18	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>46,814</b>	<b>3,576</b>	<b>50,389 (b9)</b>	<b>58,665</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
11	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>9,676 (a6-b8)</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>10,802</b>	<b>2,908</b>
12	Total funds brought forward from last year	19,951	1,180	21,131 (c6)	18,223
13	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,627 (c1+c2)</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>31,933</b>	<b>21,131</b>
14	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
15	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>29,627 (c3+c4)</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>31,933 (c8)</b>	<b>21,131 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
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11	Balance brought forward from last year	120	120
12	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,236	2,686
13	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,236	2,686
14	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>120 (d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>120</b>

Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
1 Fellowship	80	80			46	46
2 Sunday School	517	1,012	(495)		846	351
3 Traidcraft					52	52
4						
5						
6						
7						
8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	597	1,092	(495)		944 (e11)	449 (e12)
9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	61,191 (a7)	60,389 (b9)	10,802	(c7)	21,131 (c6)	31,933 (c8)
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>61,788</b>	<b>51,481</b>	<b>10,307</b>		<b>22,075 (x)</b>	<b>32,382 (y)</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
1 Cash in hand		100
2 Bank Current Account	1,067	5,603
3 Bank Deposit Account		
4 Central Finance Board	20,064	26,230
5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
6 Other funds		
7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>21,131 (c6)</b>	<b>31,933 (c8)</b>
8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>944 (e11)</b>	<b>449 (e12)</b>
9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>22,075 (x)</b>	<b>32,382 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
1 Investments (include Endowments)		
2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,320,000	1,320,000
3 Other Assets		
4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
5 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)

Name of Church : Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed

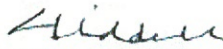
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I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner ..... 

Name of independent examiner .... G J Riddell

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ... CA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 23 Hill Rise, Woodhouse Eaves

..... Loughborough

LE12 8QX

Date ....25-Jan-21

Sep-20

Name of Church: Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer .....



Date .....

25/11/2020

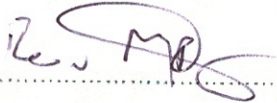
Name and address of treasurer : Dawn Scott

21 Field Avenue, Shepshed, Loughborough, LE12 9SH

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....



Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Martin Swan

Date .....

10-3-2021

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed

Charity Number 1129001

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Christchurch Methodist..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... 1 to ...3. 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.