

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees Report and Financial Report



1st September 2019 – 30th 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.

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.

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.

Full details are given in the financial statements that were approved and signed by Church council in February 2021.

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.

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 20-21 we will have sufficient reserves to cover this.

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	Alf Thompson
Steward	Gladys Watret
Church Treasurer	Dawn Scott
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	Frank Eyres
Elected from AGM	Joan Eyres
Elected from AGM	Alan Hobson
Elected from AGM	Hannah Alderson
Circuit Steward	Les Longmire
Fellowship	Alf Thompson
MHA	Lorraine Cutts
Choir	Gladys Watret

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. 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

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

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
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 L Hobson

Mr Alf Thompson

Mr Steve Price

Mrs Gladys Watret

Mrs Jane Dobson

Mrs Lorraine Cutts

Treasurer:

Mrs Dawn Scott

Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	34,197		34,197	39,053
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	196		196	133
a4	Lettings	8,679		8,679	10,793
a5	Other receipts	13,417	4,702	18,119	11,594
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	56,490	4,702	61,191 (a7)	61,573

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	34,746		34,746	37,975
b3	Donations	1,655		1,655	2,520
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,376	3,409	5,784	8,505
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,488		4,488	4,980
b6					
b7	Other payments	3,549	167	3,716	4,685
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	46,814	3,576	50,389 (b9)	58,665

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	9,676	1,126	10,802	2,908
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	19,951	1,180	21,131 (c6)	18,223
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	29,627	2,306	31,933	21,131
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	29,627	2,306	31,933 (c8)	21,131 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
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	120	120
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,236	2,686
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,236	2,686
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	120	120

Christchurch Methodist Church Shepshed

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 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
1 Fellowship	80	80			46	46
2 Sunday School	517	1,012	(495)		846	351
3 Traldcraft					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)	50,389 (b9)	10,802	(c7)	21,131 (c6)	31,933 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	61,788	51,481	10,307		22,075 (x)	32,382 (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 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 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	21,131 (c6)	31,933 (c8)
8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	944 (e11)	449 (e12)
9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	22,075 (x)	32,382 (y)

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

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 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

25/1/2020

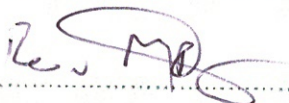
Name and address of treasurer : Dawn Scott

21 Field Avenue, Shepshed, Loughboorugh, 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.