

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees Report and Financial Report



1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021.

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, before Covid Church members provided 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 helped to keep people in touch and offer a chance for meeting friends from the town. Transport was often provided for those wishing to attend.

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.

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

It is hoped to restart our Senior Choir, but our Junior Choir will not be restarting, nor will our fellowship group.

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. Since Covid we have started a new weekly electronic service sheet to keep 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 12th 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.

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
Steward	Eileen Brogden
Steward	Victoria Merrill
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	Alan Hobson
Elected from AGM	Hannah Alderson
Circuit Steward	Les Longmire
Fellowship	Alf Thompson

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

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
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:

Reverend Martin Swan

Church Stewards:

Mrs L Hobson	Mrs Victoria Merrill
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	RECEIPTS	Note				
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	TOTAL RECEIPTS		37,133	99	37,232 (a7)	61,191

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
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	TOTAL PAYMENTS		37,899	10	37,909 (b9)	50,389

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	-765	89	-676	10,802
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		29,628	2,306	31,933 (c6)	21,132
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	28,862	2,395	31,257	31,933
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	28,862	2,395	31,257 (c8)	31,933 (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		105		1,236
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		225		1,236
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0		120

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 2021 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 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)
	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 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

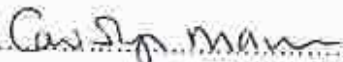
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  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 

Name of the Chair of the meeting CAROLYN 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
- 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

Andrew Thorpe

Name of independent examiner: Andrew Thorpe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ACA

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

Date

15th November 2021