

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH WITNEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1129034

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-04-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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: High Street Methodist Church aims to be a church, which is bringing Christ to our community and our community to Christ. Through our Christian outreach and our open welcoming buildings we provide are an active vibrant community in the heart of Witney that touches many within the town.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£213,628	£217,523	-	-
2023-08-31	£238,142	£227,114	-	-
2022-08-31	£201,992	£196,798	-	-
2021-08-31	£175,654	£185,005	-	-
2020-08-31	£278,176	£294,893	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jason Cooke	Chair	2019-09-01
ANNE EMILY CRAWFORD		
Dr Fraser Campbell Logue		2024-05-19
Graham Leslie Beechey		2020-11-18
Heather Davies		2022-07-03
Helen Williamson		2022-07-03
IAN COTTON		2013-05-16
JANET BUCKLE		2015-05-13
Jane Heath		2014-04-27
Jonathan Miller		2023-06-05
Keith Early Crawford		
Linda Burbage		2018-12-05
Margaret Maycock		2023-06-05
Rebekah Coleman		2023-06-05
Rev Andrew Biggs		2022-09-01
VALERIE DONOGUE		2018-06-13

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of the reputation we have within the town for being a place that is active in making Witney be the best it can be.

Our worshipping community remains constant in our weekly attendance numbers. Our membership numbers have declined, but this is due to the removal of those who had not been active for a number of years or had moved away, so the reduction in numbers doesn't display any real term drop off. Our pastoral team continues to provide exceptional care for the church membership, and the church does an excellent job of ensuring that it is a community rooted in love and fellowship.

Church life continues to be busy and thriving. The church community meal now provides free meals each week to those who either need a good meal or some good company, and the church coffee bar offers free drinks and snacks to anyone who needs them, a provision gratefully accepted by so many in the community with hundreds visiting each week. The Alpha team continues to put on at least two Alpha courses each year, and this is a ministry growing in both numbers and power. In addition to this, we continue to have successful small group ministries, prayer teams, and around 1,000 children attend our church each year to explore Christianity as part of the Experience programme. The church also oversees an Ecumenical Town Centre Chaplaincy team that has almost 20 chaplains now recruited and ministering to the town. Another ministry of note is the Dorcas team, who continue to use 'craftivism' to bring hope to the community and to challenge injustice in the world. These are just some of the ministries that are active through High Street Methodist Church.

The church staff and stewards continue to do an exceptional job of ensuring the day-to-day church activities run well, and just as importantly, that the church building remains one of the busiest buildings in all of Witney. U3A members use the building almost daily, as well as music societies, the horticultural society, the Women's Institute, weight loss classes, dance classes, and many many more. Three groups that use our building that I wish to make particular note of are Witney Community Fridge and Larder (WFR), Christians Against Poverty (CAP), and Apollos Clothing. These are all housing in the Wesley Centre meaning that this centre has now fulfilled it's long term vision of being a centre for social justice. WFR provides around 30,000 food collections each year, CAP helps numerous people exit debt as well as running LifeSkills courses, and Apollos is a relatively new charity that offers free clothing to anyone who needs it.

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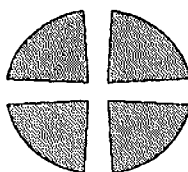
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Church
Accruals Accounts
2023-2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)

for the year ended 31 August 2024

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129034

Witney & Faringdon

Circuit No

2303

Minister

Rev Jason Cooke

Church Stewards

Graham Beechey

Jane Heath

Janet Buckle

Helen Williamson

Linda Burbage

Fraser Logue

Richard Tweedy

Church Treasurer

Jonathan Miller

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

Section A Statement of financial activities

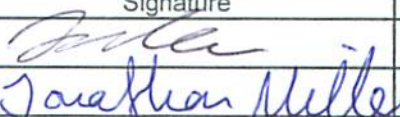
Recommended categories by	Unrestricted £ F01	Restricted £ F02	Endowment £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 4)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	98,791	-	-	98,791	126,995
Other trading activities	108,392	-	-	108,392	105,014
Investments	1,639	-	-	1,639	1,772
Other	4,806	-	-	4,806	4,361
Total	213,627	-	-	213,627	238,142
Resources expended (Note 5)					
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	158,892	1,145	-	160,037	157,064
Property	42,139	-	-	42,139	54,582
Other	14,267	1,081	-	15,348	15,468
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	215,297	2,226	-	217,523	227,114
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	- 1,670	- 2,226	-	- 3,896	11,028
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	- 1,670	- 2,226	-	- 3,896	11,028
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 1,670	- 2,226	-	- 3,896	11,028
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	58,798	4,283	-	63,078	52,050
Total funds carried forward	57,128	2,057	-	59,185	63,078

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B02	16,811	-	-	16,811	22,415
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	B05	16,811	-	-	16,811	22,415
Current assets						
Debtors (Note 9)	B07	2,389	-	-	2,389	3,083
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	B09	35,908	17,408	-	53,316	44,780
<i>Total current assets</i>	B10	38,297	17,408	-	55,705	47,863
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B11	13,331	-	-	13,331	7,197
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	B12	24,966	17,408	-	42,374	40,666
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	B13	41,777	17,408	-	59,185	63,081
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	B16	41,777	17,408	-	59,185	63,081
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	B18	-	2,057	-	2,057	4,283
Unrestricted funds	B19	57,128	-	-	57,128	58,798
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total funds</i>	B21	57,128	2,057	-	59,185	63,081

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all

Signature	Print Name	Date of
	Rev Jason Cooke	9-2-25
Jonathan Miller	Jonathan Miller	9 Feb 2025

Section C **Notes to the accounts****1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16 . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown at cost..

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 4

Analysis of income

	Analysis	funds	Income	funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Collections	76,768	-	-	76,768	76,671
	Gift Aid	14,033	-	-	14,033	14,452
	Donations	7,990	-	-	7,990	35,872
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant from Circuit	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	98,791	-	-	98,791	126,995
Other trading activities:	Lettings	102,490	-	-	102,490	98,671
	Coffee Bar	5,902	-	-	5,902	343
	Events Income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	108,392	-	-	108,392	105,014
Income from investments:	Central Finance Board	1,615	-	-	1,615	1,772
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,639	-	-	1,639	1,772
Other:	Collections for external organisation	379	-	-	379	597
	Sundry Income	4,427	-	-	4,427	3,764
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	4,806	-	-	4,806	4,361
TOTAL INCOME		213,627	-	-	213,627	238,142

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**
Note 5 **Analysis of expenditure**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
	Analysis					
Expenditure on church activities:	Circuit Assessment	88,539	-	-	88,539	88,118
	Salaries, NIC and Pension costs	58,788	-	-	58,788	59,310
	Grants and Donations	9,483	1,145	-	10,628	7,855
	Outreach/Mission*	2,082	-	-	2,082	1,780
			-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on church activities	158,892	1,145	-	160,037	157,063
Expenditure on Property	Maintenance of church buildings	11,685	-	-	11,685	32,007
	Utilities (insurance, heat light etc)	24,850	-	-	24,850	22,575
	Depreciation	5,604	-	-	5,604	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on property	42,139	-	-	42,139	54,582
Other	Sundry Expenditure	10,435	1,081	-	11,516	11,133
	Coffee Bar	3,831	-	-	3,831	4,335
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total other expenditure	14,267	1,081	-	15,348	15,468
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		215,297	2,226	-	217,523	227,113

* Outreach was classed as Sundry Expenditure in previous accounts

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure**Independent examiner's fees****Assurance services other than audit or independent examination****Tax advisory fees****Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner**

This year £	Last year £
420.00	420.00

Note 7 Paid employees**Salaries and wages****Social security costs****Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)****Other employee benefits****Total staff costs**

This year £	Last year £
56,153	56,453
2,333	2,513
303	344
-	-
58,789.00	59,310.00

for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid

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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

11.2 Average head count in the year**The parts of the charity in which the employees work**

	This year Number	Last year Number
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	3	3
Total	3	3

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 8 Tangible fixed assets

8.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	26,538	26,538
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	26,538	26,538

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	4,123	4,123
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	5,604	5,604
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	9,727	9,727

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	22,415	22,415
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	16,811	16,811

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 9 Debtors and prepayments**

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
2,389	3,083
-	-
-	-
2,389	3,083

Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

Held at Central Finance Board

Held at Bank

Held in Cash

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
29,441	28,973
23,855	15,194
20	613
53,316	44,780

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

Trade creditors

Accruals and deferred income

Other creditors

Total

Amounts falling due within		Amounts falling due after	
This year	Last year	This year	Last year
£	£	£	£
525	2,354	-	-
9,306	1,343	-	-
3,500	3,500	-	-
13,331	7,197	-	-

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Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties

12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

12.2 Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE

12.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
Mission in Britain	Fund of	Donation	650			
Fund for Support of	Fund of	Donation	600			
Fund for Property	Fund of	Donation	900			
World Mission Fund	Fund of	Donation	850			

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer

Jonathan Miller

Date

9 February 2025

Name of Treasurer

Jonathan Miller

Address

41 Wytham View, Eynsham, Witney, OX29 4LX

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

3rd March 25

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Date

03/03/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

High Street Methodist Church Witney

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

(3) I have 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.

Name of independent examiner

ANTHONY HOLLIDAY

Signature of independent examiner

A Holliday

Relevant Professional qualification or body

REGULATED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

SOLUTIONS IN ACCOUNTING LTD

Address

2 COMPTON WAY WITNEY OXON
OX28 3AB

Date

27/2/2025

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH WITNEY

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High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Annual Report
Year ending Aug 23

Minister's Report

Someone once said to me, "God moves at 3mph". The saying makes me smile, because it suggests that God moves at a steady walk. God doesn't sprint, but nor does God cease to move. If that saying is true, then the same should be said of his church. It is when we move at the right pace that we never fall too far behind to become irrelevant, yet nor do we scurry forward eager to keep up with the fads of the day and forget who we truly are.

In this report we will celebrate the steady walk of progress in many areas of church. However, there are also some areas of church life in which we have fallen behind and need to jog a bit to catch up. In particular I think in terms of investment into the building and the resources within it. Yet at least this year we started this process with the installation of the new curtains and the audio-visual equipment in the worship area, however, we must continue to invest into the building so that it remains a welcome and hospitable place that is at the very heart of our community. In order to do this, we acknowledge that we have also fallen behind financially from where we would like to be. We are not in financial trouble, but it is important to recognise that we cannot keep spending more than we have money coming in, and with such a need for investment into the building we really do need to find ways to increase our income.

Other important matters to mention are safeguarding and health and safety. It is only right that we remind the church members in our annual report of the importance of keeping people safe, and this requires the input of every church member to be mindful of any risk. If you have any concerns over a safeguarding matter or a health and safety then please do raise it with Jason, Margaret Maycock (Safeguarding) or Richard Tweedy (Health and Safety)

One of the changes that the trustees (church council) have voted for this year is a change to the organisational structure of the church and we are soon to move towards this new model. It is based upon 'The Calling' of the Methodist Church which separates church life into four areas: Worship, Learning and Caring, Evangelism and Service (justice and being a good neighbour). Four committees will take charge of each area of church life and under the guidance of the stewards and the direction of the church council, will ensure that the church remains committed to all that it is called to be. This annual report will now continue under each of these headings, before moving to property and finance. Whilst this report will cover a good number of the life of the church, it will not be the complete picture. We are grateful to everyone who contributes to the life of the church all to the glory of God.

Worship

In terms of our Sunday worship, numbers remain consistent, with a slight increase and there is a welcome trend in seeing the demographic of the worshippers better reflecting the community in which we live, though we are not yet close to being a fully representative church. The worship group have done a wonderful job of leading us in sung worship and reflections this last year and it does feel like there is a maturing of our corporate worship. In addition to this the worship planning group continue to bring consistency from Sunday to Sunday, as well as leading the church in some wonderful local arrangements. The floral arrangements continue to bring beauty into the worship area, and we are grateful for that ministry. The stewards are doing a fabulous job of bringing a consistent message of welcome and hospitality, assisted by those welcoming on the doors. And of course, no service would be possible without the team that faithfully operate the sound and audio equipment so that we can all participate in worship.

Junior church has been doing so well and we are so grateful to the leaders and helpers who faithfully disciple the children and youth of the church, with a particular highlight of the whole year being the engagement of the junior church in the Christmas services.

There are of course many more teams that need our thanks, such as the prayer team, the local preachers who give so much time in preparation and delivery, those that make cakes and serve refreshments, the bible readers, the communion stewards, the table hosts at café church, and Soo Webster who keeps us legal with copyright.

Learning and Caring

The Pastoral Visitors continue to do a marvellous job in making sure that the church actively supports its members. Pastoral visitors really are at the heart of church, and we would not be who we are without them, so don't forget to thank your pastoral visitor for what they do. Each year we need to identify a few new pastoral visitors as others come to a point of needing to step down, so if you are being called to this then please do speak to Anne Crawford who so expertly heads up the team of pastoral visitors.

The church has a number of house groups as well as additional small groups that meet on a Tuesday, Women's fellowship, post alpha groups that meet on a Wednesday and a worship night that happens every other Thursday. It is hoped that we will soon increase the number of small groups that exist within the church to even more than it was pre covid. In doing so the church will reaffirm its commitment to the

lift of learning together in our faith, as well increase our levels of friendship and care levels.

Evangelism

The church is not strong on Evangelism and relies upon 2 main ministries for this purpose: alpha and the schools experiences.

The alpha course continues to run regularly and is fruitful, though not always in ways that the main body of the church would see. Some of the Alpha alumni attend worship nights or other churches, where others have grown but will need further watering of the seed of faith. We are grateful to the Alpha team who dedicate week after week to run the course and must also mention those who bake cakes!

The schools experience continues to go from strength to strength. Rev Brenda Woods continues to oversee the programme but has built up a good team of leaders to support this, who are further supported in the delivery of the school experience by people from High St and other churches. The evidence of the strength of the programme is that every school keeps coming back again and again to hear the good news of Jesus through the experience programme, it really is something to celebrate!

Though an ecumenical project, the Town Centre Chaplaincy does come under the authority of the church council. This outreach continues to do very well, with more chaplains joining the team. There are a number of days where there is now a notable and consistent Chaplaincy present in the community. This year has also seen the introduction of a Chaplaincy tent being erected once a week in the town square. It would be good to see a few more members from High Street on the team.

Service

The centre point of the church is often the Meeting Place. This remains well used by the public and supported by a team of volunteers that is headed up by Margaret Maycock and Heather Davis, with some administrative support from David Limmer. Any project that a church invests resources into, should do more than just serve the community, but must do so from a distinctly Christian viewpoint. For the whole of this

financial year the coffee bar has operated as a 'warm space', meaning that anyone can come and get a hot drink, toast, use the Wi-Fi and sit somewhere warm and dry without having to pay for any of it.

In addition to this, Adam Noble has brilliantly raised up a team of volunteers that now serve a free community meal to anyone who wishes to partake on a Thursday evening. This meal really does create community which is so vital for mental and physical health. It would be good to see more of the church supporting this project by attending and getting to know the community that gathers inside our building.

In addition to the coffee shop, the Dorcas groups continues to be a strong witness to the Kingdom values in the town, speaking up for justice as well as being unapologetic about pointing people to Jesus. Anyone who is interested in crafts should consider finding out more about the Dorcas group and see how they can help out!

The church continues to run two very successful toddler groups that are run by Mary Willis and Sandra Robinson. Both groups are very well attended and are intentional about introducing both the child and the guardian to bible stories and the hope that is found only in Jesus.

Newland Chapel

Newland Chapel continues to be very well attended each Thursday evening, and again once a month on a Sunday afternoon. Newland Chapel tends to be an ecumenical gathering and is a centre of excellence for what it means to be a caring community. It really is the one church of Jesus Christ modelled well.

This year Dave and Shirley Richardson have stepped down from the role of leading the chapel. The job that they have done has been incredible and we want to give a special thanks and honour them for the years and years of servant leadership that flowed from hearts of love.

Property

The premises continue to be well used throughout the whole week by both church and the local community. We are pleased to have Witney Food Revolution (a food bank/food recycling project) using two of our rooms. Volunteer Link-Up, the

Community Church and Christians Against Poverty (CAP) also have offices in our buildings. Golden Threads (a tailor) have a three-year lease (which is due for renewal later this year) on our shop unit. We have tenants in the church flat on a one-year tenancy agreement.

Organisations as varied as WI, Guides and Brownies, Probus, dance classes, keep fit, art classes, toddlers' groups and Slimming World regularly hire rooms. A large number of U3A activities take place on our premises. Our Worship Area is used by the Witney Music Society for monthly winter concerts, and other organisations hire it for one-off concerts and exhibitions.

During the past year, we brought our facilities in the Worship Area up to date with a new audio/visual system, and we enhanced the decor with new curtains. A considerable part of this work was funded by legacies, and we gratefully remember those who gave them.

Minor but necessary repairs to the roofs have been done during the past year at a cost of £4,500 – most of this is for the scaffolding for access. Our quinquennial property inspection is due later in 2024.

Our gas and electricity purchase contracts at "old" prices expire during 2024. The price of our electricity doubled in February, and our gas contract is due for renewal in October.

Maintaining our premises is a continual activity, with Man Friday volunteers and others doing a myriad of tasks. We give thanks for all our staff and volunteers who handle bookings, clean, set-up rooms, maintain security and keep the building and surroundings safe and welcoming.

Keith Crawford - Property Secretary



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2022-2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2023

High Street Methodist Church, Witney Church

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1129034

Witney & Faringdon	Circuit No	2303
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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

Section A Statement of financial activities

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Other trading activities	105,014	-	-	105,014	89,588
Investments	1,772	-	-	1,772	148
Other	4,361	-	-	4,361	3,960
Total	205,100	33,043	-	238,142	201,992
Resources expended (Note 5)					
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	156,299	765	-	157,064	146,127
Property	54,582	-	-	54,582	38,510
Other	14,324	1,144	-	15,468	12,161
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	225,205	1,909	-	227,114	196,798
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	- 20,105	31,134	-	11,028	5,194
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	- 20,105	31,134	-	11,028	5,194
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 20,105	31,134	-	11,028	5,194
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	34,642	17,408	-	52,050	46,856
Total funds carried forward	14,537	48,542	-	63,078	52,050

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B02	22,415	-	-	22,415	714
Total fixed assets	B05	22,415	-	-	22,415	714
Current assets						
Debtors (Note 9)	B07	3,083	-	-	3,083	3,565
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	B09	27,372	17,408	-	44,780	55,625
Total current assets	B10	30,455	17,408	-	47,863	59,190
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B11	7,198	-	-	7,198	7,140
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	23,257	17,408	-	40,665	52,050
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	45,672	17,408	-	63,080	52,764
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	45,672	17,408	-	63,080	52,764
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	B18	-	4,283	-	4,283	17,408
Unrestricted funds	B19	14,537	-	-	14,537	34,642
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B21	14,537	4,283	-	18,820	52,050

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of

Signature	Print Name	Date of
	Rev Jason Cooke	
	Jonathan Miller	

Section C**Notes to the accounts****1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16 . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at cost..

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 4 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricte	Restricted	Endowme	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Collections	76,671	-	-	76,671	79,601
	Gift Aid	14,452	-	-	14,452	17,418
	Donations	2,829	33,043	-	35,872	11,277
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant from Circuit	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	93,952	33,043	-	126,995	108,296
Other trading activities:	Lettings	98,671	-	-	98,671	86,426
	Coffee Bar	6,343	-	-	6,343	3,162
	Events Income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	105,014	-	-	105,014	89,588
Income from investments:	Central Finance Board	1,772	-	-	1,772	148
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,772	-	-	1,772	148
Other:	Collections for external organisation	597	-	-	597	732
	Sundry Income	3,764	-	-	3,764	3,228
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	4,361	-	-	4,361	3,960
TOTAL INCOME		205,100	33,043	-	238,142	201,992

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 5 Analysis of expenditure

	Analysis	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrict ed income funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Expenditure on church activities:	Circuit Assessment	88,118	-	-	88,118	89,843
	Salaries, NIC and Pension costs	59,310	-	-	59,310	46,737
	Grants and Donations	7,090	765	-	7,855	9,547
	Outreach/Mission*	1,780	-	-	1,780	-
			-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on church activities	156,299	765	-	157,064	146,127
Expenditure on Property	Maintenance of church buildings	32,007	-	-	32,007	16,361
	Utilities (insurance, heat light etc)	22,575	-	-	22,575	21,435
	Depreciation	-	-	-	-	714
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on property	54,582	-	-	54,582	38,510
Other	Sundry Expenditure	9,989	1,144	-	11,133	14,062
	Coffee Bar	4,335	-	-	4,335	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total other expenditure	14,324	1,144	-	15,468	14,062
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		225,205	1,909	-	227,114	198,699

* Outreach was classed as Sundry Expenditure in previous accounts

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure**

Independent examiner's fees

Assurance services other than audit or
independent examination

Tax advisory fees

Other fees (for example: financial advice,
consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the
independent examiner

This year £	Last year £
420	420

Note 7 Paid employees

Salaries and wages

Social security costs

Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)

Other employee benefits

Total staff costs

This year £	Last year £
56,453	44,457
2,513	2,043
344	237
-	-
59,310	46,737

Please provide details of expenditure on staff

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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs)
for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable	-	-
Governance	-	-
Other	3	3
Total	3	3

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(c)****Note 8****Tangible fixed assets****8.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Additions	-	-	-	22,415	22,415
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	2,580	2,580
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	26,538	26,538

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					

At beginning of the	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	2,580	2,580
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	4,123	4,123

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	22,415	22,415

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 9 Debtors and prepayments

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	3,083.0	3,565.0
Total	3,083.0	3,565.0

Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Held at Central Finance Board	28,972.9	35,711.0
Held at Bank	15,193.7	19,579.0
Held in Cash	612.9	335.0
Total	44,779.5	55,625.0

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

	Amounts falling due		Amounts falling due	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	2,354	2,596	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,344	1,044	-	-
Other creditors	3,500	3,500	-	-
Total	7,198	7,140	-	-

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)****Note 12** **Transactions with trustees and related parties****12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE**12.2 Trustees' expenses**

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE**12.3 Transaction(s) with related parties**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

FALSE

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
Mission in Britain	Fund of	Donation	650			
Fund for Support of	Fund of	Donation	600			
Fund for Property	Fund of	Donation	900			
World Mission Fund	Fund of	Donation	850			

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Number 1129034

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer

Jonathan Miller

Date

18-Mar-24

Name of Treasurer

Jonathan Miller

Address

41 Wytham View, Eynsham, Witney, OX29 4LX

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2023 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

17 June 2024

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Date

17/6/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

High Street Methodist Church Witney

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

(3) I have 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.

Name of independent examiner

ANTONY HOLLIDAY

Signature of independent examiner

A Holliday

Relevant Professional qualification or body

ACCOUNTANTS

Name of firm (where appropriate)

SOLUTIONS IN ACCOUNTING LTD

Address

2 COMPTON WAY
WITNEY OX28 3AB

Date

25/06/2024



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Total funds	B21	14,537	4,283	-	18,820	52,050

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of

Signature	Print Name	Date of
	Rev Jason Cooke	
	Jonathan Miller	

Section C Notes to the accounts**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown at cost..

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 4 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestrict	Restricted	Endowme	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Collections	76,671	-	-	76,671	79,601
	Gift Aid	14,452	-	-	14,452	17,418
	Donations	2,829	33,043	-	35,872	11,277
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant from Circuit	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	93,952	33,043	-	126,995	108,296
Other trading activities:	Lettings	98,671	-	-	98,671	86,426
	Coffee Bar	6,343	-	-	6,343	3,162
	Events Income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	105,014	-	-	105,014	89,588
Income from investments:	Central Finance Board	1,772	-	-	1,772	148
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,772	-	-	1,772	148
Other:	Collections for external organisation	597	-	-	597	732
	Sundry Income	3,764	-	-	3,764	3,228
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	4,361	-	-	4,361	3,960
TOTAL INCOME		205,100	33,043	-	238,142	201,992

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)
Note 5 Analysis of expenditure

	Analysis	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrict ed income funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Expenditure on church activities:	Circuit Assessment	88,118	-	-	88,118	89,843
	Salaries, NIC and Pension costs	59,310	-	-	59,310	46,737
	Grants and Donations	7,090	765	-	7,855	9,547
	Outreach/Mission*	1,780	-	-	1,780	-
			-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on church activities	156,299	765	-	157,064	146,127
Expenditure on Property	Maintenance of church buildings	32,007	-	-	32,007	16,361
	Utilities (insurance, heat light etc)	22,575	-	-	22,575	21,435
	Depreciation	-	-	-	-	714
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on property	54,582	-	-	54,582	38,510
Other	Sundry Expenditure	9,989	1,144	-	11,133	14,062
	Coffee Bar	4,335	-	-	4,335	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total other expenditure	14,324	1,144	-	15,468	14,062
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		225,205	1,909	-	227,114	198,699

* Outreach was classed as Sundry Expenditure in previous accounts

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure****Independent examiner's fees**

**Assurance services other than audit or
independent examination**

Tax advisory fees

**Other fees (for example: financial advice,
consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the
independent examiner**

This year £	Last year £
420	420

Note 7 Paid employees

Salaries and wages

Social security costs

Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)

Other employee benefits

Total staff costs

This year £	Last year £
56,453	44,457
2,513	2,043
344	237
-	-
59,310	46,737

Please provide details of expenditure on staff

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**No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs)
for the reporting period of more than £60,000**

TRUE

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable	-	-
Governance	-	-
Other	3	3
Total	3	3

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(c)
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Note 8 Tangible fixed assets

8.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Additions	-	-	-	22,415	22,415
Revaluations	-	-	-		-
Disposals	-	-	-	- 2,580	- 2,580
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	26,538	26,538

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					
At beginning of the	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Disposals	-	-	-		-
Depreciation	-	-	-	- 2,580	- 2,580
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	4,123	4,123

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	22,415	22,415

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 9 Debtors and prepayments**

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	3,083.0	3,565.0
Total	3,083.0	3,565.0

Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Held at Central Finance Board	28,972.9	35,711.0
Held at Bank	15,193.7	19,579.0
Held in Cash	612.9	335.0
Total	44,779.5	55,625.0

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

	Amounts falling due		Amounts falling due	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	2,354	2,596	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,344	1,044	-	-
Other creditors	3,500	3,500	-	-
Total	7,198	7,140	-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties****12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE**12.2 Trustees' expenses**

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE**12.3 Transaction(s) with related parties**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

FALSE

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
Mission in Britain	Fund of	Donation	650			
Fund for Support of	Fund of	Donation	600			
Fund for Property	Fund of	Donation	900			
World Mission Fund	Fund of	Donation	850			

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Number 1129034

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer

Jonathan Miller

Date

18-Mar-24

Name of Treasurer

Jonathan Miller

Address

41 Wytham View, Eynsham, Witney, OX29 4LX

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2023 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

17 June 2024

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Date

17/6/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

High Street Methodist Church Witney

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Number 1129034

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

(3) I have 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.

Name of independent examiner

ANTONY HOLLIDAY

Signature of independent examiner

A Holliday

Relevant Professional qualification or body

ACCOUNTANTS

Name of firm (where appropriate)

SOLUTIONS IN ACCOUNTING LTD

Address

2 COMPTON WAY
WITNEY OX28 3AB

Date

25/06/2024

**HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR
31 AUGUST 2023**

SOLUTIONS IN ACCOUNTING LIMITED

Accountants
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HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH
ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE RESERVES
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements set out on pages 2 to 6 from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.



SOLUTIONS IN ACCOUNTING LIMITED
Accountants

Ground Floor
2 Compton Way
Witney
Oxfordshire
OX28 3AB

18 March 2024

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023		2022
	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Offerings and Tax Efficient Giving	73,916		77,838
Tax Recovered	14,452		15,284
Interest and Investment Income	1,772		148
Room Hire	76,734		67,896
Flat Rent	7,975		7,640
Shop Rent	13,962		10,890
Fees and Donations	2,829		6,169
Sundry Income	3,764		3,228
Collections for External Organisations	597		732
Profit from Coffee Bar	6,343		3,162
School Building Refurbishment	-		1,000
Newland Offerings	2,755		1,763
	<u>205,099</u>		<u>195,750</u>
EXPENDITURE			
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Circuit Assessment	88,118		89,844
Utilities	13,984		13,581
Insurance	8,591		7,854
Repairs and maintenance	32,007		16,361
Administration and Cleaning	59,310		46,737
Donations from Church Funds	7,090		7,719
Outreach/ Mission	1,780		-
Sundry expenses	14,324		11,862
Depreciation	-		714
	<u>225,204</u>		<u>194,672</u>
(SHORTFALL IN)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>(20,105)</u>		<u>1,078</u>

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH - RESTRICTED RESERVES INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Tax Recovered		-		2,133
Fees and Donations		<u>33,043</u>		<u>4,110</u>
		33,043		6,243
EXPENDITURE				
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Donations from Church Funds	765		1,828	
Sundry expenses	<u>1,144</u>		<u>300</u>	
		<u>1,909</u>		<u>2,128</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>31,134</u>		<u>4,115</u>

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	2		22,415		—
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		3,814		4,297	
Provision for doubtful debts		(731)		(731)	
Building society deposits		11,557		16,064	
Bank deposits		32,610		39,225	
Cash in hand		612		335	
		<u>47,862</u>		<u>59,190</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade creditors		2,353		2,594	
Other creditors		3,500		3,500	
Accruals		1,343		1,044	
		<u>7,196</u>		<u>7,138</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>40,666</u>		<u>52,052</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>63,081</u>		<u>52,052</u>
FINANCED BY:					
Capital accounts	3		<u>63,081</u>		<u>52,052</u>

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. SUMMARY OF PROFITS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net (Loss)/Profit - General Account	(20,105)	1,078
Net Profit - Restricted Reserves	<u>31,134</u>	<u>4,115</u>
	<u>11,029</u>	<u>5,193</u>

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment £
COST	
At 1 September 2022	6,702
Additions	22,415
Disposals	<u>(2,579)</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>26,538</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2022	6,702
On disposals	<u>(2,579)</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>4,123</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2023	<u>22,415</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>—</u>

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

3. RESERVES' CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

	Brought forward 1 Sep 22 £	Profit share £	Carried forward 31 Aug 23 £
General Account	34,644	(20,105)	14,539
Restricted reserves	17,408	31,134	48,542
	<u>52,052</u>	<u>11,029</u>	<u>63,081</u>

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH WITNEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1129034

Accounts

High Street Methodist Church
Witney

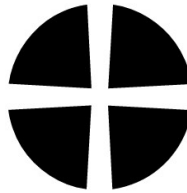
ANNUAL REPORT
Year Ended 31st August 2022



MISSION STATEMENT FOR HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Jesus Christ who brings us to the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit is the foundation of our life together.

High Street Methodist Church aims to be a church, which is bringing Christ to our community and our community to Christ. We want to be dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ, devoted to each other, determined to serve our local community and to support our fellow Christians.



Dear Church,

I once heard someone say that God moves at 3mph. I've always found a lot of wisdom in that saying, and it occurs to me that if God moves at 3mph then that seems the perfect pace for His church to move at too. That means the church is not standing still, but nor is it rushing. Instead, we move forward at a steady walking pace. I think we have achieved that nicely this year. There has been much to celebrate, but much that we are still working through. So, what is it that we are celebrating?

Well in terms of our gathered worship, the worship planning team continues to put together great services in partnership with the preachers, and we've had some really powerful moments as we worship together. There is also a sense that God is helping us to appreciate both the modern and the traditional as we seek to be a church that is for every generation. A special mention should go to our Christmas and Easter activities. Christmas saw a full schedule, including an outdoor animal service (a first!), a blue service for those who find Christmas difficult, a busy Christmas day celebration and a packed-out Carol Service that included an accidental lighting marvel that reminded us that you cannot separate the manger from the cross. Easter this year was celebrated with daily Holy week services, an outreach event that surpassed expectations, the introduction of kazoos to worship by the Junior church and not to forget a spectacular and a glory filled dressing of the resurrection cross. As we think back on these last 12 months, we recognise that we have been blessed so very much by God as we have gathered to worship.

Sadly, we have lost some much-loved church members this year and we still miss them and feel the loss, though we draw comfort from the knowledge that they have joined the saints in light. We are also grateful that God keeps sending new people to join the church family and there are encouraging signs that we are moving more towards a body that has better representation across all ages. The pastoral care of the church remains excellent, and this is of course headed up by the pastoral visitors, but truly it is a heart that is shared by the whole church, and I know that the church has touched so many people this year by demonstrating loving care at times when support has been needed or appreciated.

Newland Chapel continues to go strong and is well attended each Thursday for a meal and worship service, as well as the monthly Sunday afternoon service. Newland is an ecumenical celebration with people gathered from across the churches and really is a little slice of heaven.

Moving on towards our missional work there is much to celebrate here as well. The coffee bar is as busy as ever and it would be amiss if we did not thank the work of Rosie Jones and the team of volunteers who make this possible. In the Winter of 2022, the coffee bar transitioned into to a 'warm space' and all drinks became free of charge as well as the introduction of toast and jam being made available to anyone who would like some. In addition to this, drinks started being offered at the back of the church to those queuing for

food from the community Fridge. 6 months after moving to a warm space we estimate that over 10,000 free drinks have been provided by the church. Due to the generosity of so many donations, this work continues. The coffee bar is the real heartbeat of the church and in the next year we will continue to work at developing this ministry.

The Alpha team has run 3 courses over the last 12 months that have been well attended and helped people explore faith, life and reason. In addition to the amazing news of people coming to know Jesus, we also want to celebrate the emotional and spiritual support that Alpha has offered to people and the new friendships that have been born. Each Alpha course runs for 11 weeks so to run 3 in one year is an incredible achievement by the Alpha team.

The ecumenical Town Centre Chaplaincy Team has now launched, and 12 chaplains have been trained to provide care and support to the workers, shoppers and visitors to Witney Town Centre. The Chaplains will also aim to be present at all large community and church events. Already the team is having a big impact with so many people being moved that the churches are working together to support the community in this way and in a short time have already helped so many people in various ways. This is a scheme led by this church and the circuit appointment of Sonia who heads up the team.

In addition to this, the church was once more the host to 'Witney Well', one of the main ecumenical outreach events in the town, and we should be proud of this.

There is of course so much more to celebrate in the life of the church, and these are just a few highlights. The majority of church life happens outside of the spotlight, yet is the truest example of church. Faithful people who do the good work of God week by week. There are too many to mention, but we appreciate everyone.

Looking ahead, the leadership team and church council continue to look at the vision of the future and are working towards a strategic look at developing small group ministries, gifts and talents, and a culture of hospitality that shines every day of the year. Throughout these particular areas of work, we also recognise the need to make sure that everyone is welcomed and included in the worship of God and the life of the church.

So, as we look forward to the next 12 months, we have much to celebrate. There is some work we know we need to do, and there will be much work undertaken that is yet unknown to us. But we trust that God will continue to gently walk us forward as we continue the great tradition of bearing witness for God to His community in Witney.

Blessings

Jason

(Rev Jason Cooke)

Church Life

Membership

Deaths: Yvonne Chappell, Joyce Mumford, Sybil King, Doris Burton

New members: 1

Transfers in: 1

Transfers out : 3

Total 175

Pastoral Work

Our grateful thanks and appreciation for the diligence of the 25 Pastoral Visitors who regularly keep in touch with those on their lists throughout the year. It is essential for the care and wellbeing of the church fellowship.

Our aim is to try to allocate all members to one of the Pastoral Team whose responsibility it is to keep in contact and give support where needed.

The Pastoral Team meets with Rev Jason from time to time to discuss and share news about pastoral care at High Street church. Appropriate training for the improvement of pastoral care is arranged from time to time.

Anne Crawford - Pastoral Secretary

Prayer

There is an email chain for requests for prayer and telephone messages for those who do not receive emails. This continues to be an invaluable means of communication and a great source of comfort and healing. Other prayer opportunities have restarted as Covid restrictions have lifted with small groups meeting during the week and a time of prayer before Sunday services.

Church Leadership

HSMC's Leadership team have been meeting on a regular basis to thoroughly discuss numerous topics with an aim to both strengthen and increase our church membership. Since the AGM last July the main points for discussion have been :

- 1) Signing up to the 'Warm Spaces' project promoted by the Methodist Church
- 2) Implementing small discussion groups to look at hospitality ,ways of increasing small group ministries and identifying and equipping the gifts and talents of individuals.

Both these points stem from our desire to continue following 'A Methodist Way of Life' and ensuring that each one of us puts hospitality at the very heart of everything we do.

Graham Beechey and David Limmer - Senior Stewards

Worship

High Street have benefited tremendously from the formation of the Worship Planning Team.

This team meets regularly to help plan future services and ,where there are gaps in the quarterly

plan ,the team have led all these services very effectively.

In September 'Discussion Church' met once a month on a Sunday evening until the end of February. Although this may be reintroduced a new idea is currently being considered of a fortnightly service on Sunday afternoons along the lines of the successful Alpha courses.

Graham Beechey and David Limmer - Senior Stewards

Children and Young People

Over the past year Junior Church has continued to meet every Sunday providing an important place for our young people to learn, play and explore their faith.

Christmas Shoeboxes

We were able to continue to organise the collection, checking and packing of shoeboxes to be transported to countries like Romania, Belarus and Bosnia where some of the children are living in desperate circumstances. The boxes are filled with toys, toiletries, writing materials, games and sweets to delight the children, most of whom have no possessions at all.

The team tries to involve as many people from our community as possible in this activity and promote a warm and friendly atmosphere in which to check the boxes. Over 1000 boxes were checked before they were collected by Teams4U to transport and distribute where needed.

Church Premises

Our premises continue to be well used throughout the week by both church and the local community. We have, as regular room-users on licences, Volunteer Link-Up, Witney Food Revolution (a food bank/food recycling project) and Aspire (a youth support and development organisation). In November 2021 we signed a three-year lease for our shop unit with Golden Threads (a tailor) and we have tenants in the church flat on a one-year tenancy agreement.

Since November, the Coffee Bar has been busy on weekday mornings as a "Warm Space" hub, run by volunteers, for anyone who wants to come plus those queuing outside for Witney Food Revolution. We offered free tea, coffee and toast and it is estimated 9000 cups were served during a 5-month period. We are grateful for grants from WODC and Rotary towards the costs involved.

We give thanks to our employees who handle bookings, cleaning, room setting-up and security. Maintaining our premises is a continual activity, with Man Friday volunteers doing a myriad of small jobs to look after the building and surroundings.

Repairs have been done on the Wesley Centre stonework, with the assistance of a 50% grant from the Circuit Model Trust Fund. Minor (but difficult to access) roof repairs are in hand.

The Newland chapel is also part of our responsibility, and we are grateful to those who look after it.

We are fortunate to have gas and electricity purchase contracts which run until 2024 at the "old" prices.

Keith Crawford - Property Secretary

The Church in the Community

As a church we are proud of the building that we have and are even more delighted in the way that the community is able to use it. Room bookings are increasing once more, and the Methodist Church remains one of the most used buildings in all of Witney. Activities on our premises are varied and include activities such as toddler groups, life skills courses, weight loss groups, dance classes, brownies and guides, art classes, baby support groups, music recitals, Ukrainian drop in, homeless drop in, Aspire (supporting young adults), Community Fridge, Community Larder and much much more.

The coffee bar is now open 5 days a week once more and continues to be a place for people to come and relax and find peace. During the year it became a "Warm Space" with drinks and toast available for whatever donations people wished to make.

The building continues to be used well for ecumenical work in Witney, hosting Witney Well (a churches together outreach event) as well as concerts for WICS (Witney Inter Church Singers) and the churches together prayer breakfasts.

It is fair to say that High Street Methodist church is an integral part of the community in Witney, and we should be encouraged in the difference that we are making.

Staff and Volunteers

The operations of the Church are only possible with the support of our small paid staff and the around 175 volunteers who put in many hours across the year.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an important aspect of our church life. It is essential that policies and procedures are in place to ensure that everybody in the church and those that use our premises are kept safe from any sort of harm and to prevent, as far as possible, incidents from arising and, if they do, to ensure that they are efficiently and appropriately dealt with.

The following is taken from High Street's safeguarding policy:

'High Street Methodist Church strives to ensure that its safeguarding policy...are brought to the attention of everyone and applied to everyone...This is not the same as treating each person as though they were under suspicion. It is more a matter of taking sensible measures to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, and recognising that it is the responsibility of us all.

A robust safeguarding policy, if followed, also serves to protect those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults who may inadvertently place themselves in a vulnerable position...Malicious accusations can also wreck the lives of those against whom they are directed.

'We are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purpose for their lives, the life of the community and the life of the world. We seek to safeguard all members of this church community, irrespective of whether they are Church members, adherents or visitors, and irrespective of their age.

'We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.'
- The safeguarding reference group is made up of the minister, centre manager, senior steward, safeguarding officer, minister's PA, a church member involved with children and families, a Newland representative, the pastoral secretary and a property representative. When a health and safety officer is appointed, they will also attend.

The safeguarding group has continued to meet and ensure that our policies, processes and procedures meet the changing demands and situations that occur.

Treasurer's Report

Summary

The accounts of the church have been prepared and are presented as required by the Charities Commission. These present the full picture of the activities of the church and combine both the normal church operation and the funds for the building projects.

The accounts show an overall surplus of £5,194 (2021: deficit of £9,351) with unrestricted funds showing a surplus of £1,079 (2021: deficit of £342) and restricted funds (mainly the organ fund showing a surplus of £4,115 (2021: deficit of £9,009).

The church has slowly been returning from the effects of the Covid shutdown. However, compared with 2019, the last year not effected by Covid, unrestricted giving is down by 8.5% and rental income is down by 30%. We have had carefully manage our expenditure in line with this reduction and unrestricted spend is 18% lower than the 2019 comparative with savings across the board.

Overall unrestricted church funds have increased very slightly over last year with the amount in unrestricted funds at £34,642 (2021: £33,563) which represents 18% of our expenditure. This is very low and our focus is now on ensuring we have enough cash over the coming months.

The restricted funds of £17,408 are primarily the funds received relating to the refurbishment project along with funds held for the benevolent fund and other specific activities

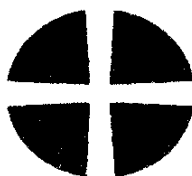
Reserve Policy for High Street Methodist Church for the year end 31st August 2021

In 2007 Church Council agreed a Fund target of six months average expenditure (approx £97k). With the impact of Covid shutting our building we are, significantly below this level and are currently more concerned with controlling cash on a day to day basis. When we are able to get back to normal running we will need to review both our policy and implement plans to rebuild reserves over the coming years.

Policy for Restricted Funds

We have identified restricted funds relating to the Refurbishment Project, The Benevolent Fund, and several other specific activities. Monies held relating to these funds totalled £17,408 at the 31st August 2022. The monies are held within the general church funds but identified separately within the monthly accounts reporting with income and expenditure allocated accordingly and the outstanding value protected.

Ian Prince, ACMA Treasurer



Church
Accruals Accounts
2021-2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2022

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

Section A Statement of financial activities

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Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	102,053	6,243	-	108,296	134,769
Other trading activities	89,588	-	-	89,588	38,395
Investments	148	-	-	148	53
Other	3,960	-	-	3,960	2,437
Total	195,749	6,243	-	201,992	175,654
Resources expended (Note 5)					
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	144,299	1,828	-	146,127	117,165
Property	38,510	-	-	38,510	53,778
Other	11,861	300	-	12,161	14,062
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	194,670	2,128	-	196,798	185,005
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	1,079	4,115	-	5,194	- 9,351
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
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Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds	1,079	4,115	-	5,194	- 9,351
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	33,563	13,293	-	46,856	56,207
Total funds carried forward	34,642	17,408	-	52,050	46,856

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes					
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£
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Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B02	-	-	-	-	714
Total fixed assets	B05	-	-	-	-	714
Current assets						
Debtors (Note 9)	B07	3,565	-	-	3,565	204
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	B09	33,323	22,302	-	55,625	46,670
Total current assets	B10	36,888	22,302	-	59,190	46,874
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B11	7,140	-	-	7,140	730
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	29,748	22,302	-	52,050	46,144
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	29,748	22,302	-	52,050	46,858
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Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	29,748	22,302	-	52,050	46,858
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	B18	-	17,408	-	17,408	13,293
Unrestricted funds	B19	34,642	-	-	34,642	33,563
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B21	34,642	17,408	-	52,050	46,856

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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
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Basis

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Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at cost..

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**
Note 4 **Analysis of income**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	Prior year
		funds	income	funds	£	£
Analysis						
Donations and legacies:	Collections	79,601	-	-	79,601	84,757
	Gift Aid	15,285	2,133	-	17,418	15,216
	Donations	7,167	4,110	-	11,277	34,796
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant from Circuit	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total		102,053	6,243	-	108,296	134,769
Other trading activities:	Lettings	86,426	-	-	86,426	38,131
	Coffee Bar	3,162	-	-	3,162	264
	Events Income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	89,588	-	-	89,588	38,395
Income from investments:	Central Finance Board	148	-	-	148	53
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	148	-	-	148	53
Other:	Collections for external organisation	732	-	-	732	48
	Sundry Income	3,228	-	-	3,228	2,389
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	3,960	-	-	3,960	2,437
TOTAL INCOME		195,749	6,243	-	201,992	175,654

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 5****Analysis of expenditure**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Analysis						
Expenditure on church activities:	Circuit Assessment	89,843	-	-	89,843	68,880
	Salaries, NIC and Pension costs	46,737	-	-	46,737	28,083
	Grants and Donations	7,719	1,828	-	9,547	20,202
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on church activities	144,299	1,828	-	146,127	117,165
Expenditure on Property	Maintenance of church buildings	16,361	-	-	16,361	31,655
	Utilities (insurance, heat light etc)	21,435	-	-	21,435	21,328
	Depreciation	714	-	-	714	795
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on property	38,510	-	-	38,510	53,778
Other	Sundry Expenditure	11,861	300	-	12,161	14,062
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total other expenditure	11,861	300	-	12,161	14,062
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		194,670	2,128	-	196,798	185,005

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure****Independent examiner's fees****Assurance services other than audit or independent examination****Tax advisory fees****Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the**

This year £	Last year £
420	420

Note 7 Paid employees**Salaries and wages****Social security costs****Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)****Other employee benefits****Total staff costs**

This year £	Last year £
44,457	26,093
2,043	1,604
237	386
-	-
46,737	28,083

working for the charity whose contracts are with and

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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

11.2 Average head count in the year**The parts of the charity in which the employees work**

	This year Number	Last year Number
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	3	3
Total	3	3

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 8 Tangible fixed assets

8.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	5,988	5,988
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	714	714
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	714	714
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 9 Debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	3,565.0	204.0
Total	3,565.0	204.0

Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

	This year £	Last year £
Held at Central Finance Board	35,711.0	27,652.0
Held at Bank	19,579.0	18,520.0
Held in Cash	335.0	498.0
Total	55,625.0	46,670.0

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

	Amounts falling due within		Amounts falling due after	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Trade creditors	2,596	- 1,646	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,044	2,376	-	-
Other creditors	3,500		-	-
Total	7,140	730	-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties****12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE**12.2 Trustees' expenses**

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE**12.3 Transaction(s) with related parties**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

FALSE

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
Mission in Britain Fund	Fund of National Church	Donation	700			
Fund for Support of Presbyters and Deacons	Fund of National Church	Donation	600			
Fund for Property	Fund of National Church	Donation	900			
World Mission Fund	Fund of National Church	Donation	1000			

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

13-Mar-23

Name of Treasurer

Ian Prince

Address

235 Thorney Leys, Wintey Oxfordshire, OX28 5NY

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2022 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

13-Mar-23

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Date

13-Mar-23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

High Street Methodist Church Witney

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Number

1129034

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

(3) I have 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.

Name of independent examiner

ANTONY HOLLIDAY

Signature of independent examiner

A Holliday

Relevant Professional qualification or body

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Name of firm (where appropriate)

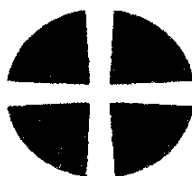
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Date

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Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**
Note 4 **Analysis of income**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	Prior year
		funds	income	funds	£	£
Analysis						
Donations and legacies:	Collections	79,601	-	-	79,601	84,757
	Gift Aid	15,285	2,133	-	17,418	15,216
	Donations	7,167	4,110	-	11,277	34,796
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant from Circuit	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total		102,053	6,243	-	108,296	134,769
Other trading activities:	Lettings	86,426	-	-	86,426	38,131
	Coffee Bar	3,162	-	-	3,162	264
	Events Income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	89,588	-	-	89,588	38,395
Income from investments:	Central Finance Board	148	-	-	148	53
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	148	-	-	148	53
Other:	Collections for external organisation	732	-	-	732	48
	Sundry Income	3,228	-	-	3,228	2,389
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	3,960	-	-	3,960	2,437
TOTAL INCOME		195,749	6,243	-	201,992	175,654

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 5****Analysis of expenditure**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Analysis						
Expenditure on church activities:	Circuit Assessment	89,843	-	-	89,843	68,880
	Salaries, NIC and Pension costs	46,737	-	-	46,737	28,083
	Grants and Donations	7,719	1,828	-	9,547	20,202
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on church activities	144,299	1,828	-	146,127	117,165
Expenditure on Property	Maintenance of church buildings	16,361	-	-	16,361	31,655
	Utilities (insurance, heat light etc)	21,435	-	-	21,435	21,328
	Depreciation	714	-	-	714	795
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on property	38,510	-	-	38,510	53,778
Other	Sundry Expenditure	11,861	300	-	12,161	14,062
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total other expenditure	11,861	300	-	12,161	14,062
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		194,670	2,128	-	196,798	185,005

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure****Independent examiner's fees****Assurance services other than audit or independent examination****Tax advisory fees****Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the**

This year £	Last year £
420	420

Note 7 Paid employees**Salaries and wages****Social security costs****Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)****Other employee benefits****Total staff costs**

This year £	Last year £
44,457	26,093
2,043	1,604
237	386
-	-
46,737	28,083

working for the charity whose contracts are with and

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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

11.2 Average head count in the year**The parts of the charity in which the employees work**

	This year Number	Last year Number
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	3	3
Total	3	3

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 8 Tangible fixed assets

8.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	5,988	5,988
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	714	714
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	714	714
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 9 Debtors and prepayments

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	3,565.0	204.0
Total	3,565.0	204.0

Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Held at Central Finance Board	35,711.0	27,652.0
Held at Bank	19,579.0	18,520.0
Held in Cash	335.0	498.0
Total	55,625.0	46,670.0

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

	Amounts falling due within		Amounts falling due after	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	2,596	- 1,646	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,044	2,376	-	-
Other creditors	3,500		-	-
Total	7,140	730	-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties****12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE**12.2 Trustees' expenses**

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE**12.3 Transaction(s) with related parties**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

FALSE

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
Mission in Britain Fund	Fund of National Church	Donation	700			
Fund for Support of Presbyters and Deacons	Fund of National Church	Donation	600			
Fund for Property	Fund of National Church	Donation	900			
World Mission Fund	Fund of National Church	Donation	1000			

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

13-Mar-23

Name of Treasurer

Ian Prince

Address

235 Thorney Leys, Witney Oxfordshire, OX28 5NY

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2022 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

13-Mar-23

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Date

13-Mar-23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

High Street Methodist Church Witney

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Number

1129034

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

(3) I have 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.

Name of independent examiner

ANTHONY HOLLIDAY

Signature of independent examiner

A Holliday

Relevant Professional qualification or body

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Name of firm (where appropriate)

SOLUTIONS IN ACCOUNTING LTD

Address

2 COMPTON WAY WITNEY
OXON OX28 3AB

Date

3/4/2023

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH WITNEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1129034

Accounts

High Street Methodist Church
Witney

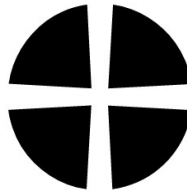
ANNUAL REPORT
Year Ended 31st August 2021



MISSION STATEMENT FOR HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Jesus Christ who brings us to the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit is the foundation of our life together.

High Street Methodist Church aims to be a church, which is bringing Christ to our community and our community to Christ. We want to be dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ, devoted to each other, determined to serve our local community and to support our fellow Christians.



Dear Church,

We continue to find our 'new normal' as we exit a global pandemic, but as we do, we also recognise that new and difficult challenges are emerging for both the local and worldwide communities.

As we move further away from the existence of lockdown restrictions, the more we are starting to discover the impact the last few years has had on our community, and High St Methodist Church has not been immune. Some church members have found it difficult to return to church for several reasons and attendance is slightly down from what it was pre pandemic. Though acknowledging the reality of the decrease in numbers I also caution against believing this means the church is in decline as the abnormal nature wouldn't be a good data base from which to draw any long-term conclusions. To the contrary, in the last 12 months we have also had the joy of seeing adult baptisms and members join the church family this last year which is cause for celebration and joy and we continue to welcome new people into the church family on a regular basis.

What is clear is that resources are more limited to what they were a few years ago. Our finances have held well considering, but we will have to be mindful of our situation in this next year to ensure the church remains in a secure financial position and I have every confidence that the trustees will guide us with wisdom and discernment. We are also finding it difficult to find people to fill some roles in the life of the church, but we do believe that God will provide and once more this is quite a common difficulty that churches have to face.

What should encourage us is the number of new or modified ministries that people are stepping into: Alpha, the Worship band, The coffee bar, Little Lambs, Prayer team, mid-week reflections etc. We also have other groups that continue a long tradition of being part of church life such as the flower arrangement teams, Man Friday, Pastoral visitors, Property and finance, Messy Church, Women's fellowship amongst many others.

What is clear is that as we move forward, we need to be able to have a clear vision about who God is calling us to be in this new season, as well as a strategy that will help us achieve that vision. No church can be all things so part of this process will be to discern what distinct features our church is called to have, and subsequently where our resources should be directed, and where they should not. The foundation of this will be a new mission plan that the leadership team is currently going through a process to develop, and this will be presented to the church in this next annual year. Please do pray for this because nothing we do should be separate from God and prayer is fundamental for everything that we do.

My final thought is to ponder on a comment I frequently hear, that we are 'living in strange times' (a phrase I've no doubt said myself a number of times over the last few years). In truth every generation has dealt and overcome difficulties just as we will in this generation, and it is part of our human nature to adapt and respond to changing contexts. There is no need for us to worry, but instead trust God and know that he has already called and equipped us to do the work that is before us and through our faith and love we will help our community see the Kingdom of God.

What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecc 1:9)

Blessings

Jason

(Rev Jason Cooke)

Church Life

Membership

Deaths: Phyl Bennett, Brian Jordan, Dorothy Donald, Sylvia Holly, Ken Mumford, Sue Withinshaw, Jean Smith, Heather Price, Cicley Cockwell, Ron Cockwell.

New members: 4

Transfers in: 8

Transfers out : 3

Total 180

Pastoral Worker and Pastoral Visitors

Our grateful thanks and appreciation for the diligence of the 26 Pastoral Visitors who regularly keep in touch with those on their lists throughout the year. It is essential for the care and wellbeing of the church fellowship.

Our aim is to try to allocate all members to one of the Pastoral Team whose responsibility it is to keep in contact and give support where needed.

The Pastoral Team meets with Rev Jason three or four times a year to discuss and share news about pastoral care at High Street church. Appropriate training for the improvement of pastoral care is arranged from time to time.

Anne Crawford

Prayer

There is an email chain for requests for prayer and telephone messages for those who do not receive emails. This continues to be an invaluable means of communication and a great source of comfort and healing. Other prayer opportunities have restarted as Covid restrictions have lifted with small groups meeting during the week and a time of prayer before Sunday services.

Church Leadership

The Church's Leadership Team have continued to meet regularly (normally monthly) to discuss and prepare the way forward for HSMC. Many aspects of church life are constantly reviewed and, of course, resulted in adjustments and new approaches during the period of Covid-19. All that we try to do are based on the principles of the 'Methodist Way of Life' (Worship, Learning & Caring, Service and Evangelism)

The team are currently evaluating the responses from a survey of the church which formed part of the Sunday morning service in early May. This is being carried out in order to produce a new mission plan for our church.

During the past 12 months the team have also looked at :

- 'God in Love Unites Us' = with particular reference regarding whether to allow our premises to be used for same sex marriages.
- The formation of a Worship Planning Team
- Establishing a Chaplaincy Team at HSMC
- The safe reopening of our Coffee Bar.

Worship

With the lifting of Covid restrictions it has been a joy to get back to full maskless worship. During the year we have seen a gradual increase in numbers worshipping regularly as the confidence has returned. Our Sunday morning worship continues to be the focal point of church life with a good size congregation and we give thanks to the stewards, musicians and technical team that enable it all to happen.

Children and Young People

Over the past year Junior Church has continued to meet every Sunday providing an important place for our young people to learn, play and explore their faith.

Christmas Shoeboxes

We were able to continue to organise the collection, checking and packing of shoeboxes to be transported to countries like Romania, Belarus and Bosnia where some of the children are living in desperate circumstances. The boxes are filled with toys, toiletries, writing materials, games and sweets to delight the children, most of whom have no possessions at all.

The team tries to involve as many people from our community as possible in this activity and promote a warm and friendly atmosphere in which to check the boxes. Over 1000 boxes were checked before they were collected by Teams4U to transport and distribute where needed.

Church Premises

During the past twelve months, we have been pleased to welcome back users to our premises. They have gradually returned as the Covid restrictions have eased and we are currently at about 70% of our pre-pandemic level of use.

We have, as regular room-users on licences, Volunteer Link-Up, Witney Food Revolution (a food bank/food recycling project) and Aspire (a youth support and development organisation). In November 2021 we signed a three-year lease on the shop unit with Golden Threads (a tailor) and we have tenants in the church flat on a one-year tenancy agreement.

The Coffee Bar is coming back to life with a new team of volunteers.

The automatic front and back doors and the fob entry control system recently installed have helped to make the building more accessible to users and raised the level of security when the building is closed.

We remain grateful to our employees who handle bookings, cleaning, room setting-up and security. Maintaining our premises is a continual activity, with Man Friday volunteers doing a myriad of small jobs to look after the building and surroundings. We are about to place an order for repair work on the Wesley Centre stonework. The gutters and slates on the north side of the Worship Area need attention.

The Newland chapel is also part of our responsibility, and we are grateful to those who look after it.

We are fortunate to have gas and electricity purchase contracts which run until 2024 at the "old" prices. We are commissioning an energy survey to identify how we can reduce our energy

usage in the short term, and what we should aim to do in the long run to control costs and to become more eco-friendly.

Keith Crawford - Property Secretary

The Church in the Community

As a church we are proud of the building that we have and are even more delighted in the way that the community is able to use it. Room bookings are increasing once more, and the Methodist Church remains one of the most used buildings in all of Witney. Activities on our premises are varied and include activities such as toddler groups, life skills courses, weight loss groups, dance classes, brownies and guides, art classes, baby support groups, music recitals, Ukrainian drop in, homeless drop in, Aspire (supporting young adults), Community Fridge, Community Larder and much much more.

The coffee bar is now open 5 days a week once more and continues to be a place for people to come and relax and find peace.

The building continues to be used well for ecumenical work in Witney, hosting Witney Well (a churches together outreach event) as well as concerts for WICS (Witney Inter Church Singers) and the churches together prayer breakfasts.

One of the excitement developments looking ahead is the recruitment of a Chaplaincy Lead. This role will recruit and train a team of chaplains from across the churches in Witney who will then offer chaplaincy at community events, church events, within our building and around the town centre. Loneliness and mental health are two of the key issues affecting the community at this time and we look forward to offering what help we can in these issues and more.

It is fair to say that High Street Methodist church is an integral part of the community in Witney, and we should be encouraged in the difference that we are making.

Staff and Volunteers

The operations of the Church are only possible with the support of our small paid staff and the around 175 volunteers who put in many hours across the year.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an important aspect of our church life. It is essential that policies and procedures are in place to ensure that everybody in the church and those that use our premises are kept safe from any sort of harm and to prevent, as far as possible, incidents from arising and, if they do, to ensure that they are efficiently and appropriately dealt with.

The following is taken from High Street's safeguarding policy:

'High Street Methodist Church strives to ensure that its safeguarding policy...are brought to the attention of everyone and applied to everyone...This is not the same as treating each person as though they were under suspicion. It is more a matter of taking sensible measures to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, and recognising that it is the responsibility of us all.

A robust safeguarding policy, if followed, also serves to protect those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults who may inadvertently place themselves in a vulnerable position...Malicious accusations can also wreck the lives of those against whom they are directed.

'We are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purpose for their lives, the life of the community and the life of the world. We seek to safeguard all members of this church community, irrespective of whether they are Church members, adherents or visitors, and irrespective of their age.

'We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.'
- The safeguarding reference group is made up of the minister, centre manager, senior steward, safeguarding officer, minister's PA, a church member involved with children and families, a Newland representative, the pastoral secretary and a property representative. When a health and safety officer is appointed, they will also attend.

The safeguarding group has continued to meet and ensure that our policies, processes and procedures meet the changing demands and situations that occur.

Treasurer's Report

Summary

The accounts of the church have been prepared and are presented as required by the Charities Commission. These present the full picture of the activities of the church and combine both the normal church operation and the funds for the building projects.

The accounts show an overall deficit of £9,351 (2020: £16,717) with unrestricted funds showing a deficit of £342 (2020: £21,814) and restricted funds (mainly the organ fund showing a deficit of £9,009 (2020: surplus of £5,097).

The continued impact of Covid, caused both by government restrictions and caution amongst the population, has had a significant impact on the church. While church giving has been maintained, lettings have significantly reduced with this year being 45% below 2020 which was itself 42% lower than 2019. We were able to reduce costs (property and staff costs down by 57%) and used the furlough scheme for our staff. We were also supported by the circuit with a rebate on the assessment of £22,960 and received Covid support grants of £12,952 (2020: £10,000). Restricted funds reduced as we were able to complete the work on the Organ,

Overall unrestricted church funds have decreased very slightly over last year with the amount in unrestricted funds at £33,563 (2020: £33,905) which represents 21% of our reduced expenditure and 14% of normal expenditure (2020: 14%). This is very low and our focus is now on ensuring we have enough cash over the coming months.

The restricted funds of £13,293 are primarily the funds received relating to the refurbishment project along with funds held for the benevolent fund.

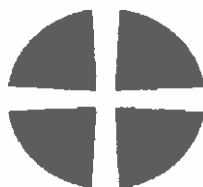
Reserve Policy for High Street Methodist Church for the year end 31st August 2021

In 2007 Church Council agreed a Fund target of six months average expenditure (approx £119k in a normal year). With the impact of Covid shutting our building we are, significantly below this level and are currently more concerned with controlling cash on a day to day basis. When we are able to get back to normal running we will need to review both our policy and implement plans to rebuild reserves over the coming years.

Policy for Restricted Funds

We have identified restricted funds relating to the Refurbishment Project, The Benevolent Fund, The Cream Tea Fund and the Shoe Boxes. Monies held relating to these funds totalled £13,293 at the 31st August 2021. The monies are held within the general church funds but identified separately within the monthly accounts reporting with income and expenditure allocated accordingly and the outstanding value protected.

Ian Prince, ACMA Treasurer



**Church
Accruals Accounts
2020-2021**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

High Street Methodist Church, Witney Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129034

Witney & Faringdon	Circuit No	2303
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Minister

Rev Jason Cooke

Church Stewards

David Limmer

Graham Beechey

Jane Heath

Harry Eaglestone

Rosie Jones

Church Treasurer

Ian Prince

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Restricted			Total funds	Prior year funds
	Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	121,891	12,878	-	134,769	198,245
Other trading activities	38,395	-	-	38,395	74,574
Investments	53	-	-	53	373
Other	2,437	-	-	2,437	4,984
Total	162,776	12,878	-	175,654	278,176
Resources expended (Note 5)					
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	116,515	650	-	117,165	156,345
Property	31,858	21,920	-	53,778	125,361
Other	13,812	250	-	14,062	13,187
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	162,185	22,820	-	185,005	294,893
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	591	- 9,942	-	- 9,351	- 16,717
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	591	- 9,942	-	- 9,351	- 16,717
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	- 933	933	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 342	- 9,009	-	- 9,351	- 16,717
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	33,905	22,302	-	56,207	72,924
Total funds carried forward	33,563	13,293	-	46,856	56,207

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B02	714	-	-	714	1,509
Total fixed assets	B05	714	-	-	714	1,509
Current assets						
Debtors (Note 9)	B07	204	-	-	204	1,270
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	B09	24,368	22,302	-	46,670	56,640
Total current assets	B10	24,572	22,302	-	46,874	57,910
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B11	730	-	-	730	3,212
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	23,842	22,302	-	46,144	54,698
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	24,556	22,302	-	46,858	56,207
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	24,556	22,302	-	46,858	56,207
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	B18	-	13,293	-	13,293	22,302
Unrestricted funds	B19	33,563	-	-	33,563	33,905
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B21	33,563	13,293	-	46,856	56,207

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Rev Jason Cooke	28/2/22
	Ian Prince	28/2/22

Section C**Notes to the accounts****1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

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	Analysis					
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	Donations	21,918	12,878	-	34,796	22,074
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant from Circuit	-	-	-	-	87,493
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	Total	121,891	12,878	-	134,769	198,245
Other trading activities:	Lettings	38,131	-	-	38,131	69,684
	Coffee Bar	264	-	-	264	4,890
	Events Income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	38,395	-	-	38,395	74,574
Income from investments:	Central Finance Board	53	-	-	53	373
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	53	-	-	53	373
Other:	Collections for external organisation	48	-	-	48	2,004
	Sundry Income	2,389	-	-	2,389	2,980
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	2,437	-	-	2,437	4,984
TOTAL INCOME		162,776	12,878	-	175,654	278,176

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Note 5 Analysis of expenditure

Analysis		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Expenditure on church activities:	Circuit Assessment	68,880	-	-	68,880	92,209
	Salaries, NIC and Pension costs	28,083	-	-	28,083	59,676
	Grants and Donations	19,552	650	-	20,202	4,460
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	Total expenditure on church activities	116,515	650	-	117,165	156,345
Expenditure on Property	Maintenance of church buildings	9,735	21,920	-	31,655	102,949
	Utilities (insurance, heat light etc)	21,328	-	-	21,328	21,617
	Depreciation	795	-	-	795	795
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	Total expenditure on property	31,858	21,920	-	53,778	125,361
Other	Sundry Expenditure	13,812	250	-	14,062	13,187
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	Total other expenditure	13,812	250	-	14,062	13,187
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		162,185	22,820	-	185,005	294,893

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This year £	Last year £
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Note 7 Paid employees**Salaries and wages****Social security costs****Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)****Other employee benefits****Total staff costs**

This year £	Last year £
56,586	56,586
2,311	2,311
779	779
-	-
59,676	59,676

Please provide details of expenditure on staff**No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000**

TRUE

11.2 Average head count in the year**The parts of the charity in which the employees work**

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	-
Governance	-	-
Other	3	3
Total	3	3

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 8 Tangible fixed assets**8.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	5,193	5,193
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	795	795
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	5,988	5,988

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	1,509	1,509
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	714	714

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Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 9 Debtors and prepayments

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
204.0	1,270.0
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Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

Held at Central Finance Board

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Held in Cash

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
27,652.0	48,701.0
18,520.0	22,295.0
498.0	246.0
46,670.0	71,242.0

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

Trade creditors

Accruals and deferred income

Other creditors

Total

Amounts falling due		Amounts falling due after	
This year	Last year	This year	Last year
£	£	£	£
- 1,646	- 907	-	-
2,376	1,619	-	-
	2,500	-	-
730	3,212	-	-

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(cont)

Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties**12.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

12.2 Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE

12.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

FALSE

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
Mission in Britain Fund	Fund of National Church	Donation	700			
Fund for Support of Presbyters and Deacons	Fund of National Church	Donation	600			
Fund for Property	Fund of National Church	Donation	900			
World Mission Fund	Fund of National Church	Donation	1000			

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

06-Mar-22

Name of Treasurer

Ian Prince

Address

235 Thorney Leys, Wintey Oxfordshire, OX28 5NY

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2021 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

28-Feb-22

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jason Cooke

Date

06-Mar-22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

High Street Methodist Church Witney

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

(3) I have 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.

Name of independent examiner

ANTONY HOLLIDAY

Signature of independent examiner

A Holliday

Relevant Professional qualification or body

REGISTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Name of firm (where appropriate)

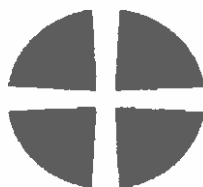
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Date

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**Church
Accruals Accounts
2020-2021**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

High Street Methodist Church, Witney Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129034

Witney & Faringdon	Circuit No	2303
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Minister

Rev Jason Cooke

Church Stewards

David Limmer

Graham Beechey

Jane Heath

Harry Eaglestone

Rosie Jones

Church Treasurer

Ian Prince

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Restricted			Total funds	Prior year funds
	Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	121,891	12,878	-	134,769	198,245
Other trading activities	38,395	-	-	38,395	74,574
Investments	53	-	-	53	373
Other	2,437	-	-	2,437	4,984
Total	162,776	12,878	-	175,654	278,176
Resources expended (Note 5)					
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	116,515	650	-	117,165	156,345
Property	31,858	21,920	-	53,778	125,361
Other	13,812	250	-	14,062	13,187
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	162,185	22,820	-	185,005	294,893
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	591	- 9,942	-	- 9,351	- 16,717
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
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Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	- 933	933	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 342	- 9,009	-	- 9,351	- 16,717
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	33,905	22,302	-	56,207	72,924
Total funds carried forward	33,563	13,293	-	46,856	56,207

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B02	714	-	-	714	1,509
Total fixed assets	B05	714	-	-	714	1,509
Current assets						
Debtors (Note 9)	B07	204	-	-	204	1,270
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	B09	24,368	22,302	-	46,670	56,640
Total current assets	B10	24,572	22,302	-	46,874	57,910
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B11	730	-	-	730	3,212
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	23,842	22,302	-	46,144	54,698
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	24,556	22,302	-	46,858	56,207
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	24,556	22,302	-	46,858	56,207
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	B18	-	13,293	-	13,293	22,302
Unrestricted funds	B19	33,563	-	-	33,563	33,905
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B21	33,563	13,293	-	46,856	56,207

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Rev Jason Cooke	28/2/22
	Ian Prince	28/2/22

Section C**Notes to the accounts****1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

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At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	5,193	5,193
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	795	795
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	5,988	5,988

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	1,509	1,509
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	714	714

Section C

Notes to the accounts

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Note 9 Debtors and prepayments

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Signature of Treasurer



Date

06-Mar-22

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Rev Jason Cooke

Date

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- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

(3) I have 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.

Name of independent
examiner

ANTONY HOLLIDAY

Signature of independent
examiner

A Holliday

Relevant Professional qualification or body

REGISTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Name of firm (where appropriate)

SOLUTIONS IN ACCOUNTING LTD

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Date

28/02/2022

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH WITNEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1129034

Accounts

High Street Methodist Church

Witney

ANNUAL REPORT

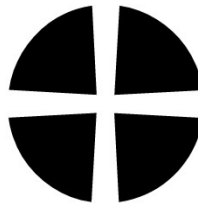
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MISSION STATEMENT FOR HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Jesus Christ who brings us to the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit is the foundation of our life together.

High Street Methodist Church aims to be a church, which is bringing Christ to our community and our community to Christ. We want to be dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ, devoted to each other, determined to serve our local community and to support our fellow Christians.



Dear Church,

It's an odd thing to be writing an annual report when for the majority of the year our 'normal' business has not been happening. As such this annual report will be a shorter version than we are used to. However, I hope that within the report you will be able to see green shoots of growth as we continue to be led by the Holy Spirit and be the church that Christ calls us to be.

Our biggest challenge this year has of course been pastoral, but the pastoral team deserve our deepest thanks for the work they have been doing to ensure we remain a body that cares. Of course, pastoral care is not just the work of the minister or pastoral visitors, for pastoral care is the responsibility for the whole body of Christ in the commandment to love one another. I mention this as in addition to the thanks due to the pastoral team, that same congratulations should be extended to each and every one of you who has demonstrated love this past year.

Of course, there are far too many to thank in such a short space, but particular thanks should be given to Jane Davies (prayers), Rev Hilary Ewing (reflections), David Limmer (Senior steward) Anne and Keith Crawford (pastoral and property), the stewards, leadership team and to Richard Lock, Ian Prince, Guy James and Mike Buckle for the amazing work they have done each week in producing our worship services. I would also like to thank Ann-Marie for her continued work through lockdown to keep us organised, with a special mention for her work drawing together and organising our weekly service sheets, prayers and reflections to those not online.

Strategically one of our biggest challenges this year has been the unknown. Plans have had to be written, edited and ultimately discarded in the constant shift of circumstance. I expect that this challenge is not one that is going to go away in the near future. We can either bemoan this challenge and be frustrated by it, or we can choose to see it as a blessing and an opportunity. The wind blows where it wills. One of the opportunities we must meet in the coming years is an ability to adapt and to ensure that we are relevant to the world outside of us, whilst remaining true to our identity in Christ and the teachings given to us in the bible. As we draw an end to a turbulent 12 months, let us recognise and give thanks for the silver lining that God has once again demonstrated to us that we already have this ability to adapt and overcome. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to continue to be our guide in these months ahead, and we passionately renew our commitment to loving God, loving each other, and loving our neighbours.

Blessings

Jason

(Rev Jason Cooke)

Covid-19 and Lockdown

In March 2020 the church was required to close in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The shutdown not only limited worship in the past year but also greatly reduced rental income and has closed the coffee bar.

The church has, however, maintained its pastoral work, albeit mostly by phone, and found other ways of bringing worship to the congregation, and further afield, through Youtube videos, weekly prayer emails and service sheets delivered to those who do not have access to email. A great deal of thanks needs to go to all of those who have given time and effort to make all of this happen.

The period has, however, also given the church time to develop other sides to its work. A new website, social media presence on Instagram and Facebook and the Youtube channel have all been developed during this time. Alongside this has been the need to think about the church branding and how the church is seen in all these new spaces. Again we give thanks to those who have worked on this.

Church Life

Membership

Four people have transferred their membership to High Street; two have become members of High Street; ten members have transferred to other churches or ceased to meet; eleven members have sadly died. Total Membership is now 182.

Pastoral Worker and Pastoral Visitors

2020-2021 has been a difficult year with pastoral care largely being carried out via telephone, email and door-step visits where appropriate.

Our grateful thanks and appreciation for the diligence of the Pastoral Visitors Team who have kept in touch regularly with those on their lists.

Online communication has been a wonderful help but hard copies of church notices and summaries of Sunday YouTube services have been delivered to 30 members every week who don't have access to the technology.

Prayer

An email chain for requests for prayer and telephone messages for those who do not receive emails. This has proved to be an invaluable means of communication during the Covid restrictions of the past year and gives important communication of comfort and healing. Other prayer opportunities have happened over zoom or email to maintain this important part of the church's life.

Church Leadership

As mentioned in my opening remarks, I want to thank all those that have contributed to leadership team for the work and guidance this year. I think as a team we have learned a lot, and we have had our difficulties; an away day that didn't really get off the ground, numerous plans written only to be outdated within a few days, opportunities sought only to come to nothing, etc. Despite all the challenges the team has met often with great frequency and do so with cheer and delight in serving the church.

When I came to Witney one of the first changes, I made was to instruct the leadership team to focus on the vision of the church. One of the things the team has achieved this year is to get a good balance between work that needs to be done operationally, whilst still maintaining an eye on its purpose. The beginning of this year saw the leadership team focussing on two aspects of church life: discipleship and worship. Over the next 6 months or so these plans will be slowly implemented, and we can look forward to sharing in the fruit of this work.

I hope you spotted the reminder above that the leadership team serves the church and for me one of the greatest models of leadership is seen in Jesus washing the disciples' feet. The leadership team is not an elite group that seek to gain power, instead we are servants who wish to help guide this church into a vibrant and fruitful future. If you ever wish to bring anything to the leadership team then please do speak to any of the team for we are all one body.

Worship

When Covid 19 closed the church we were forced to work out the best alternative to maintain worship. The decision to go to recorded Youtube services has been greatly supported by our singers recording music, the team doing the sound and video editing and the preachers and

others who have taken time to record their elements so that it can be put together. The Youtube services have both enable High Street to continue worshipping but have also been available and seen regularly by people across the country.

Limited Sunday worship was possible in the autumn and then again from mid May alongside some midweek groups meeting in the garden.

Children and Young People

Over the past year Junior Church has continued to meet every Sunday, not in person, but virtually using Zoom, led by Debbie, Janet, Linda and Helen. We have been meeting at 11.30am with 7 children joining regularly with mums and dads taking part too.

Our work with children and young people has been supported by a lay worker employed by the circuit. During the last year this has largely been through social media with Facebook, Instagram and Youtube offering differing ways of keeping in contact with families.

Breathe and Christmas Experience

Breathe was the name given to the prayer stations that we opened last summer as a space to reflect on the first lockdown. The church was completely removed of chairs and the church was transformed into a space with four prayer stations and a pool of remembrance. Each 'station' had a different theme but with the common thread of breath. This included Creation, #I can't breathe, Covid-19 and the breath of new creation at Pentecost. In the middle the dais was transformed into a pool of remembrance which allowed people to remember loss during the pandemic.

We opened again at Christmas with the Christmas Experience. The layout was the same, but this time we focused on the Christmas story; the prophets, Mary, Shepherds, Kings and then in the centre the manger under the star amongst rubbish, signifying Christ being born into the messiness of our lives. Thanks to the help of Rupert Welply we were also able to add lighting which greatly enhanced the experience. We were pleased to welcome visitors from outside the church and many left prayers on our tree. Witney Town Band also came and played Christmas carols (thanks to Helen James) outside which did much to attract passers-by. On another occasion we were able to carol sing outside which was enjoyed as much by those singing as well as those passing by.

Christmas Shoeboxes

We were able to continue to organise the collection, checking and packing of shoeboxes to be transported to countries like Romania, Belarus and Bosnia where some of the children are living in desperate circumstances. The boxes are filled with toys, toiletries, writing materials, games and sweets to delight the children, most of whom have no possessions at all.

The team tries to involve as many people from our community as possible in this activity and promote a warm and friendly atmosphere in which to check the boxes. 1286 boxes were checked before they were collected by Teams4U to transport and distribute where needed.

Church Premises

During the past twelve months, activities on our premises have been severely curtailed by the Covid restrictions and our paid premises staff have been placed on furlough.

Work has been done to make the premises Covid-secure for the few community users that remained throughout – Volunteer Link-Up and Witney Community Fridge – and for other organisations (mostly youth/educational) that were allowed by the rules to return for a period of time.

We have also taken advantage of the break to carry out the next stage of our refurbishment project - the downstairs toilets. Messrs Hill and Haines have done a very pleasing job, for much less than the price that was originally quoted by others for a somewhat different specification. We have taken the opportunity to fit automatic energy-saving lights and dual-flush cisterns to boost our green credentials, and the former exclusively children's toilet has been altered to make it more widely useful.

Harrisons have also returned to replace the final two (of five) air reservoirs in the organ – a major feat of handling requiring 5 men, as the reservoirs are cumbersome and in a difficult position. This completes this project (entirely funded by a separate appeal). We intend to hold a recital to celebrate this achievement as soon as possible.

Staff and Volunteers

The operations of the Church are only possible with the support of our small paid staff and the around 175 volunteers who put in many hours across the year.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an important aspect of our church life. It is essential that policies and procedures are in place to ensure that everybody in the church and those that use our premises are kept safe from any sort of harm and to prevent, as far as possible, incidents from arising and, if they do, to ensure that they are efficiently and appropriately dealt with.

The following is taken from High Street's safeguarding policy:

'High Street Methodist Church strives to ensure that its safeguarding policy...are brought to the attention of everyone and applied to everyone...This is not the same as treating each person as though they were under suspicion. It is more a matter of taking sensible measures to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, and recognising that it is the responsibility of us all.

A robust safeguarding policy, if followed, also serves to protect those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults who may inadvertently place themselves in a vulnerable position...Malicious accusations can also wreck the lives of those against whom they are directed.

'We are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purpose for their lives, the life of the community and the life of the world. We seek to safeguard all members of this church community, irrespective of whether they are Church members, adherents or visitors, and irrespective of their age.

'We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.'
- The safeguarding reference group is made up of the minister, centre manager, senior steward, safeguarding officer, minister's PA, a church member involved with children and families, a Newland representative, the pastoral secretary and a property representative. When a health and safety officer is appointed, they will also attend.

With the building closed it is tempting to suppose that there were no potential safeguarding risks. However, some meetings, social interaction etc moved online and operated on various platforms which brings its own potential risks. Recognising this, the West Oxfordshire Circuit ratified a Circuit Website and Social Media Safeguarding Policy to ensure and give guidance as to best practice

Ruth Lapworth - Safeguarding Officer

Treasurer's Report

Summary

The accounts of the church have been prepared and are presented as required by the Charities Commission. These present the full picture of the activities of the church and combine both the normal church operation and the funds for the building projects.

The accounts show an overall deficit of £16,717 (2019: surplus of £6,287) with unrestricted funds showing a deficit of £21,814 (2019: surplus of £7,542) and restricted funds (mainly the organ fund showing a surplus of £5,097 (2019: deficit of £1,255).

The shutting of the church in March 2020 because of Covid has obviously had a significant impact on the year's figures. Lettings are up by 40%. However, regular giving (offerings and tax credits) and donations have held up and are the same as the prior year. Whilst many costs are fixed, e.g. circuit assessment, we were able to reduce costs by 13% with staff furloughed and general costs in the church minimised. The situation was helped by a £10,000 rate relief grant.

Overall church funds have decreased significantly over last year with the amount in unrestricted funds at £33,905 (2019: £56,473) which represents 16% of our reduced expenditure and 14% of normal expenditure (2019: 23%). This is very low and our focus is now on ensuring we have enough cash over the coming months.

The restricted funds of £22,302 are primarily the funds raised to support the work needed on the organ.

Reserve Policy for High Street Methodist Church for the year end 31st August 2020

In 2007 Church Council agreed a Fund target of six months average expenditure (approx £119k in a normal year). With the impact of Covid shutting our building we are, significantly below this level and are currently more concerned with controlling cash on a day to day basis. When we are able to get back to normal running we will need to review both our policy and implement plans to rebuild reserves over the coming years.

Policy for Restricted Funds

We have identified restricted funds relating to the Organ Fund, The Benevolent Fund, The Cream Tea Fund and the Shoe Boxes. Monies held relating to these funds totalled £22,302 at the 31st August 2020. The monies are held within the general church funds but identified separately within the monthly accounts reporting with income and expenditure allocated accordingly and the outstanding value protected.

Ian Prince, ACMA Treasurer



**Church
Accruals Accounts
2019-2020**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2020**

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129034

Witney & Faringdon	Circuit No	2303
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Minister

Rev Jason Cooke

Church Stewards

David Limmer

Brenda Edwards

Jane Heath

Tina Limmer

Harry Eaglestone

Rosie Jones

Church Treasurer

Ian Prince

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	104,891	93,354	-	198,245	130,030
Other trading activities	74,574	-	-	74,574	127,507
Investments	373	-	-	373	214
Other	4,984	-	-	4,984	6,007
Total	184,822	93,354	-	278,176	263,758
Resources expended (Note 5)					
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	156,095	250	-	156,345	174,532
Property	37,868	87,493	-	125,361	64,014
Other	12,673	514	-	13,187	18,925
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	206,636	88,257	-	294,893	257,471
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	- 21,814	5,097	-	- 16,717	6,287
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	- 21,814	5,097	-	- 16,717	6,287
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	- 754	754	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 22,568	5,851	-	- 16,717	6,287
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	56,473	16,451	-	72,924	66,637
Total funds carried forward	33,905	22,302	-	56,207	72,924

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B02	1,509	-	-	1,509	2,304
Total fixed assets	B05	1,509	-	-	1,509	2,304
Current assets						
Debtors (Note 9)	B07	1,270	-	-	1,270	4,138
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	B09	34,338	22,302	-	56,640	71,242
Total current assets	B10	35,608	22,302	-	57,910	75,380
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B11	3,212	-	-	3,212	4,760
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	32,396	22,302	-	54,698	70,620
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	33,905	22,302	-	56,207	72,924
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	33,905	22,302	-	56,207	72,924
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	B18	-	22,302	-	22,302	16,451
Unrestricted funds	B19	33,905	-	-	33,905	56,473
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B21	33,905	22,302	-	56,207	72,924

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Rev Jason Cooke	03/04/2021
	Ian Prince	03/04/2021

Signed by Jason Follow

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Section C**Notes to the accounts****1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at cost..

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding amounts relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 4 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Collections	72,199	-	-	72,199	76,663
	Gift Aid	16,479	-	-	16,479	19,076
	Donations	16,213	5,861	-	22,074	34,291
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant from Circuit	-	87,493	-	87,493	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	104,891	93,354	-	198,245	130,030
Other trading activities:	Lettings	69,684	-	-	69,684	116,378
	Coffee Bar	4,890	-	-	4,890	10,191
	Events Income	-	-	-	-	938
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	74,574	-	-	74,574	127,507
Income from investments:	Central Finance Board	373	-	-	373	214
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	373	-	-	373	214
Other:	Collections for external organisation	2,004	-	-	2,004	3,096
	Sundry Income	2,980	-	-	2,980	2,911
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	4,984	-	-	4,984	6,007
TOTAL INCOME		184,822	93,354	-	278,176	263,758

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 5

Analysis of expenditure

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
	Analysis					
Expenditure on church activities:	Circuit Assessment	92,209	-	-	92,209	90,400
	Salaries, NIC and Pension costs	59,676	-	-	59,676	66,702
	Grants and Donations	4,210	250	-	4,460	17,430
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on church activities	156,095	250	-	156,345	174,532
Expenditure on Property	Maintenance of church buildings	15,456	87,493	-	102,949	40,219
	Utilities (insurance, heat light etc)	21,617	-	-	21,617	22,600
	Depreciation	795	-	-	795	1,195
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on property	37,868	87,493	-	125,361	64,014
Other	Sundry Expenditure	12,673	514	-	13,187	18,925
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total other expenditure	12,673	514	-	13,187	18,925
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		206,636	88,257	-	294,893	257,471

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 6

Details of certain items of expenditure

Independent examiner’s fees

Assurance services other than audit or independent examination
Tax advisory fees

Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the

This year £	Last year £
420	400

Note 7

Paid employees

Salaries and wages
Social security costs
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)
Other employee benefits
Total staff costs

This year £	Last year £
56,586	63,289
2,311	2,398
779	1,015
-	-
59,676	66,702

working for the charity whose contracts are with and

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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	-
Governance	-	-
Other	3	3
Total	3	3

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 8 Tangible fixed assets**8.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	4,398	4,398
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	795	795
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	5,193	5,193

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	2,304	2,304
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	1,509	1,509

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 9 Debtors and prepayments**

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
1,270.0	4,138.0
1,270.0	4,138.0

Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

Held at Central Finance Board

Held at Bank

Held in Cash

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
45,933.0	48,701.0
10,209.0	22,295.0
498.0	246.0
56,640.0	71,242.0

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

Trade creditors

Accruals and deferred income

Other creditors

Total

Amounts falling due within		Amounts falling due after	
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**Church
Accruals Accounts
2019-2020**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
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(ACCRUALS BASIS)
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High Street Methodist Church, Witney

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Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129034

Witney & Faringdon	Circuit No	2303
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Church Stewards

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Brenda Edwards

Jane Heath

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Harry Eaglestone

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	104,891	93,354	-	198,245	130,030
Other trading activities	74,574	-	-	74,574	127,507
Investments	373	-	-	373	214
Other	4,984	-	-	4,984	6,007
Total	184,822	93,354	-	278,176	263,758
Resources expended (Note 5)					
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	156,095	250	-	156,345	174,532
Property	37,868	87,493	-	125,361	64,014
Other	12,673	514	-	13,187	18,925
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	206,636	88,257	-	294,893	257,471
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	- 21,814	5,097	-	- 16,717	6,287
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
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Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	- 754	754	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 22,568	5,851	-	- 16,717	6,287
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	56,473	16,451	-	72,924	66,637
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B02	1,509	-	-	1,509	2,304
Total fixed assets	B05	1,509	-	-	1,509	2,304
Current assets						
Debtors (Note 9)	B07	1,270	-	-	1,270	4,138
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	B09	34,338	22,302	-	56,640	71,242
Total current assets	B10	35,608	22,302	-	57,910	75,380
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B11	3,212	-	-	3,212	4,760
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	32,396	22,302	-	54,698	70,620
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	33,905	22,302	-	56,207	72,924
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	33,905	22,302	-	56,207	72,924
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	B18		22,302		22,302	16,451
Unrestricted funds	B19	33,905		-	33,905	56,473
Revaluation reserve	B20				-	-
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Section C

Notes to the accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at cost..

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding amounts relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 4

Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
	Analysis					
Donations and legacies:	Collections	72,199	-	-	72,199	76,663
	Gift Aid	16,479	-	-	16,479	19,076
	Donations	16,213	5,861	-	22,074	34,291
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant from Circuit	-	87,493	-	87,493	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	104,891	93,354	-	198,245	130,030
Other trading activities:	Lettings	69,684	-	-	69,684	116,378
	Coffee Bar	4,890	-	-	4,890	10,191
	Events Income	-	-	-	-	938
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	74,574	-	-	74,574	127,507
Income from investments:	Central Finance Board	373	-	-	373	214
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	373	-	-	373	214
Other:	Collections for external organisation	2,004	-	-	2,004	3,096
	Sundry Income	2,980	-	-	2,980	2,911
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	4,984	-	-	4,984	6,007
TOTAL INCOME		184,822	93,354	-	278,176	263,758

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Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 5

Analysis of expenditure

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
	Analysis					
Expenditure on church activities:	Circuit Assessment	92,209	-	-	92,209	90,400
	Salaries, NIC and Pension costs	59,676	-	-	59,676	66,702
	Grants and Donations	4,210	250	-	4,460	17,430
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on church activities	156,095	250	-	156,345	174,532
Expenditure on Property	Maintenance of church buildings	15,456	87,493	-	102,949	40,219
	Utilities (insurance, heat light etc)	21,617	-	-	21,617	22,600
	Depreciation	795	-	-	795	1,195
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on property	37,868	87,493	-	125,361	64,014
Other	Sundry Expenditure	12,673	514	-	13,187	18,925
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE		206,636	88,257	-	294,893	257,471

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Note 6

Details of certain items of expenditure

Independent examiner’s fees

Assurance services other than audit or independent examination

Tax advisory fees

Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the

This year £	Last year £
420	400

Note 7

Paid employees

Salaries and wages

Social security costs

Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)

Other employee benefits

Total staff costs

This year £	Last year £
56,586	63,289
2,311	2,398
779	1,015
-	-
59,676	66,702

working for the charity whose contracts are with and

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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	-
Governance	-	-
Other	3	3
Total	3	3

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 8 Tangible fixed assets**8.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	6,702	6,702

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line	Straight Line
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	4,398	4,398
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	795	795
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	5,193	5,193

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	2,304	2,304
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	1,509	1,509

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 9 Debtors and prepayments**

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
1,270.0	4,138.0
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Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

Held at Central Finance Board

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Held in Cash

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
45,933.0	48,701.0
10,209.0	22,295.0
498.0	246.0
56,640.0	71,242.0

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

Trade creditors

Accruals and deferred income

Other creditors

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