

High Street Methodist Church

Witney

ANNUAL REPORT

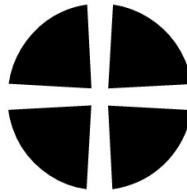
Year Ended 31st August 2022



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

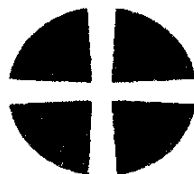
Reserve Policy for High Street Methodist Church for the year end 31st August 2021

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)

1129034

Witney & Faringdon	Circuit No	2303
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Minister

Rev Jason Cooke

Church Stewards

David Limmer

Graham Beechey

Jane Heath

Harry Eaglestone

Church Treasurer

Ian Prince

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

Section A Statement of financial activities



Recommended categories by activity	Restricted		Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	Unrestricted funds	income funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
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	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	1,079	4,115	-	5,194	- 9,351
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	1,079	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
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
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
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Rev Jason Cooke	13/03/2023
	Ian Prince	13/03/2023

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**

		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

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
3,565.0	204.0
3,565.0	204.0

Note 10 Cash at Hand and in Bank

Held at Central Finance Board

Held at Bank

Held in Cash

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
35,711.0	27,652.0
19,579.0	18,520.0
335.0	498.0
55,625.0	46,670.0

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
£	£	£	£
2,596	- 1,646	-	-
1,044	2,376	-	-
3,500		-	-
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

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Name of independent examiner

ANTHONY HOLLIDAY

Signature of independent examiner

A Holliday

Relevant Professional qualification or body

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Name of firm (where appropriate)

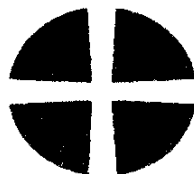
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THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2022

High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129034

Witney & Faringdon	Circuit No	2303
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Minister

Rev Jason Cooke

Church Stewards

David Limmer

Graham Beechey

Jane Heath

Harry Eaglestone

Church Treasurer

Ian Prince

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

Section A Statement of financial activities



Recommended categories by activity	Restricted		Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	Unrestricted funds	income funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
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	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	1,079	4,115	-	5,194	- 9,351
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	1,079	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
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
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
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Rev Jason Cooke	13/03/2023
	Ian Prince	13/03/2023

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**

		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

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