



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	01	September	2022		31	August	2023
From				To			

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Alton Methodist Church		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1129465.		
Charity's principal address	Draymans Way		
	Alton		
	Hants		
	Postcode GU34 1AU		

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev P Simpkins	Minister		Methodist Church UK
Mr A Robb	Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Mrs C. Woodruffe	Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Mrs A Mitchell	Representative elected by Church Annual Meeting		Annual Church Meeting
Mrs A. Simpkins	Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Mr H. Smith	Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Mrs C. Stovold	Steward	From 8/3/2022	Annual Church Meeting
Mr G Titterington	Treasurer		Church Council
Mrs D Titterington	Church Council Secretary		Church Council
Miss J Nicholls	Steward and Family Committee representative		Church Council
Mr D Allan	Property Committee representative		Church Council
Mr N. Hughes	Finance Committee representative		Church Council
Mr L. Sheridan	Lighthouse representative		Church Council
Mrs J. Marlow	Church Family Visitors representative		Church Council
Mrs L. George	Safeguarding		Church Council
Mrs A Hughes	Representative elected by Church Annual Meeting		Annual Church Meeting

Mrs J Meager	Representative elected by Church Annual Meeting		Annual Church Meeting
Mrs D. Wright	Representative elected by Church Annual Meeting		Annual Church Meeting
Mrs N Buck	Representative elected by Church Annual Meeting		Annual Church Meeting
Mrs C Stovold	Representative elected by Church Annual Meeting	Until 8/3/2022	Annual Church Meeting
Mrs D Bridger	Representative elected by Church Annual Meeting		Annual Church Meeting
Mrs G Bentley	Representative elected by Church Annual Meeting		Annual Church Meeting
Mr M. Morrice	Representative from Circuit Stewards		Circuit Stewards

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	
(custodian trustees of our building)	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Alton Methodist Church is governed by Statutory Instruments 1996 Number 180, as amended by Statutory Instruments 2007 Number 2655.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Election by the Church's Annual Meeting. Vacancies that arise during the year can be filled by election at a Church Council meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Alton Methodist Church is part of The Hants-Surrey Border Circuit (36/1) in the South East District of the Methodist Church, UK.

Alton Methodist Church is managed by the Church Council (Managing Trustees). A number of committees are responsible for specific facets of the Church's work.

These include:

- The Family Committee
- The Finance Committee
- The Property Committee.

The Church Council meets three times per year or more often if necessary. It receives reports from groups and reviews their work providing guidance and direction and authorises policy and is ultimately responsible for the activities of the groups.

Much of the day to day running of the church is entrusted to a team of stewards elected by the church membership. In addition, there is an annual church meeting where the whole of the church membership is able to meet and review the work of the church over the previous year.

The Church works to manage and limit risk as far as practicable. It reviews its practices against the Charity Commission's "Internal Financial Controls for Charities" document regularly. It only pays for services in cash in exceptional services (and no such occasions occurred in the year under review). All cheque and electronic payments require 2 signatures. All receipts are banked promptly. Operational risk is managed by servicing all fire extinguishers, electrical equipment, and sliding doors regularly. Personal and reputational risk is managed by adopting best practice, as recommended by the Methodist Church nationally, to safeguarding.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objective of the Church is summed up in our mission statement which states:

The calling of Alton Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's Love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

This can be summarised in four key areas, i.e. worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.

Worship: Increase the awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love.

Learning and Caring: Help people to grow and learn as Christians.

Service: Be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.

Evangelism: Make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Church comprises 92 members plus young people and others who have not entered into membership. One service meets each Sunday together with meetings for young people. In addition, there are normally many activities during the week. These include: Girls and Boys Brigades, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Monthly Lunch Club, and Child Contact Centre. Many of these groups involve people and young people who are not members of the church. We value and wish to develop our links with the local community and the provision we are able to make, particularly for the elderly, vulnerable and young people with special needs who are welcomed into our various groups. In addition, there are a number of groups from the community who use these premises.

Our paid staff comprises the Minister, and an “Anna Chaplain” (Chaplain to older people in the town and surrounding villages.) Grant applications and fund raising towards this role in the last year has proved successful and adds a degree of financial security to the post over the next 3 years plus. The work of the Anna Chaplaincy is highly respected and commended by grant making bodies for its work.

All other activities are undertaken by volunteers. There are over 70 volunteers involved in some way in the activities that take place at the church.

For administrative purposes the Methodist Church in the country (the Connexion) is divided into 33 districts. Each district is further divided into Circuits. The Alton Methodist Church is one of eleven churches in the local Circuit. Circuit assessment is a sum paid quarterly to the circuit treasurer to cover Ministers salaries and a contribution towards District and Connexional running costs. Our Minister is employed and paid by the Circuit.

The church signed a covenant with the local Anglican parish in 2009 to work more closely together. The project known as the Greater Alton Project (GAP) currently funds with others a Chaplain to the elderly (particularly those in nursing homes, and known as the “Anna Chaplain”) as mentioned above.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and believe this is illustrated by the Church’s service to the welfare of the elderly members of the surrounding community (outside our church) and to the younger members through the youth organisations. Generosity from Church members through a gift day, and ongoing giving have enabled the churches finances to remain sustainable post pandemic.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Restrictions on Activities:

The regulations governing the Church do not permit the consumption of alcohol, and allow only very limited forms of gambling, on the premises.

Policy on grant making

The Church does not make grants to organisations outside the Methodist Church from its own funds, but it does often provide a channel for its members to make contributions to other charitable organisations working in the local community or globally to further objectives that are complementary to our own objectives. This year our chosen charity for particular support was 'ShelterBox'.

Investment policy

The Church does not engage in speculative investment activity and all of our reserves are held in an interest bearing bank account operated by the UK Methodist Church.

Volunteers

Most of the work of the Church is performed by volunteers. Currently about 70 volunteers work for the church on a regular basis.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship

The church offers one worship service per Sunday with an average attendance of 50-70 people each week. Special services have been held including funeral/thanksgiving services. We continue to develop strong relationships with the Parish churches through the greater Alton Project (GAP) and have held a number of well attended joint services. We hold "Messy Church" services aimed at family worship once a month. We also provide a recorded online service.

Learning and Caring: The minister, along with the Pastoral Secretary and members of the congregation offer strong pastoral support to one another and to the wider community.

Service: Members of the church run a weekly coffee morning and a monthly lunch club at the church. These are both well attended by mainly older people some of whom are members of the church but many are not. This helps to reduce the sense of loneliness and isolation that some of these folk tell us that they experience at times. We run successful children's activities in the form of Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade companies, and members lead very successful Duke of Edinburgh groups leading to bronze, silver and gold awards.

Evangelism: Members share their faith through friendship and service.

Together with the GAP churches we have employed a chaplain to older people (Anna Chaplain). This ministry has been very much appreciated by individuals and by local care home staff. She has led communion services, participated in funeral services, attended coffee morning and lunch clubs and, where appropriate, has shared her faith as a means of encouragement to those who she spends time with.

An Alpha Course was run last autumn as a means of outreach in partnership with the Parish Church. We have also worked with other churches in the town on projects like community carols, lent courses and supporting organisations like Foodbank.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Church Reserves Policy for Alton Methodist Church which is part of the Hants-Surrey Border Circuit 36/1

Trustees Annual Report Church Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- (a) Our General Fund

Other funds also held which are NOT required to be included in our reserves are:

- (b) Internal organisations (Restricted)
(c) GAP funds (Restricted)
(d) Special collections, where the Church collects money on behalf of other charities to facilitate giving by our members (Restricted)
(e) Benevolent Fund (Restricted).

Our Reserves:

- (a) Our General Fund

We aim to hold in reserve sufficient money in our general funds to cover a minimum of 6 months expenditure i.e. £40,000.

The reason for this is twofold:

- (i) The Church needs a minimum of 3 months average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
(ii) Maintenance of church buildings. Funds need to be available to meet unexpected repair bills.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council (Managing trustees) on 27th February 2020.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Church derives most of its income from donations of its members. It has been successful in winning external grants to support the provision of an "Anna Chaplain" to support elderly people of all denominations in the Alton area. Currently support is coming from the Complins Trust. A small amount of income is derived from letting out rooms within our building.

Regular giving from church members has continued. A very good gift day has reflected the generosity and commitment of our church members and friends.


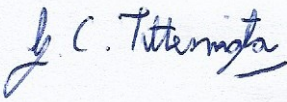
Section F

Other optional information

Section GDeclaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip Mark Simpkins	Graham Charles Titterington
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Minister	Treasurer
Date	25th October 2023	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Alton Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Hants and Surrey Border	Circuit	Circuit no	36/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129465

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Philip Simpkins

Church Stewards:

Mr David Allan

Mrs Christine Stovold

Mrs Carol Woodruffe

Mrs Angela Simpkins

Mrs Helen Smith

Mr Alan Robb

Treasurer:

Mr Graham Titterington

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	74,983	9,347	84,330	75,351
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,090		2,090	244
a4	Lettings	2,500		2,500	1,845
a5	Other receipts	3,208	19,095	22,303	14,260
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	82,781	28,442	111,223 (a7)	91,700

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	54,200		54,200	52,650
b3	Donations	2,120	35	2,155	1,670
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	9,071		9,071	13,978
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,704		6,704	4,345
b6					
b7	Other payments	5,488	16,922	22,410	17,437
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	77,583	16,957	94,540 (b9)	90,080

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	5,199	11,485	16,684	1,620
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	60,836	25,811	86,647 (c6)	85,027
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	66,035	37,296	103,331	86,647
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	66,035	37,296	103,331 (c8)	86,647 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	801	147
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	7,563	3,493
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	7,972	2,838
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	393	801

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Boys Brigade	3,599	2,529	1,070		322	1,392
e2	Girls Brigade	1,752	1,203	549		1,100	1,649
e3	Duke of Edinburgh Awards	3,096	3,655	(559)		907	348
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	8,447	7,387	1,060		2,329 (e11)	3,389 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	111,223 (a7)	94,540 (b9)	16,684	(c7)	86,647 (c6)	103,331 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	119,670	101,927	17,744		88,976 (x)	106,720 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	37,511	45,970
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	49,937	57,753
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	(801)	(393)
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	86,647 (c6)	103,331 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,329 (e11)	3,389 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	88,976 (x)	106,720 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,437,688
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Notes on assets

The church building is vested with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) who are the custodian trustees, while we are the managing trustees of the property.

Notes on restricted funds

The Boys Brigade, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the Girls Brigade maintain their independent bank accounts and have their accounts examined independently.

The Anna Chaplaincy is part of the mission of the Greater Alton Project, and its finances are managed by Alton Methodist Church.

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Transfer from unrestricted funds	Expenditure	Closing balance
Anna Chaplaincy	25637.89	28441.72		16921.89	37157.72
Benevolent Fund	173.50			35.00	138.50
Total	25811.39	28441.72	0.00	16956.89	37296.22

The restricted funds reported in sections A, B and C of this return include only the Anna Chaplaincy and Benevolent Fund. Special collections are shown in Section D.

Special collections

The Church has also been fund raising for its internal organisations. These donations are handled in the same way as collections for external organisations (i.e. money is collected into the main church accounts, gift aid is reclaimed where appropriate, and the aggregated sum is passed to the internal organisation). These donations have therefore been recorded in section D, as well as being recorded as income by the internal organisation in Section E.

The Tuesday Coffee Club collects donations that it uses exclusively to donate to charitable causes.

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
Shelter Box	0.00	6097.39	5821.18	276.21
Tuesday coffee	541.18	1001.20	1500.00	42.38
Alpha course	63.00	50.00	39.00	74.00
All We Can	312.00	300.00	612.00	0.00
Mercy Ships	-114.88	114.88	0.00	0.00
Other (closed) special collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	801.30	7563.47	7972.18	392.59

Adjustments in external organisations

£60 of the closing balance in the Tuesday Coffee Club in the 2022 return should have been recorded in the All We Can closing balance. This error has been corrected in the above statement.

Explanation of "other receipts" and "other payments" in Sections A and B

Other receipts in unrestricted funds

Feed in Tariff payments	1,388.01
Events	1,656.55
Miscellaneous	163.41
Total	3,207.97

Other payments in unrestricted payments

Consumables	2,015.41
Copyright payments	972.28
Bank charges	64.50
Website hosting	489.60
Office expenses	1,111.38
Travel and training	445.50
Worship materials	389.10
Total	5,487.77

Other receipts in Anna Chaplaincy (restricted payments)

Grants from:	
The Mercers Company	5000.00
EHDC Communities Fund	5000.00
HSB Circuit	6000.00
Complins Memorial Trust	3,000.00
Events	60.00
Alton Benevolent Fund	35.00
Total	19,095.00

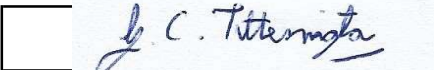
Other payments in Anna Chaplaincy (restricted payments)

Pensions and National Insurance	1,413.79
Expenses	1,589.90
Salary	13,918.20
Total	16,921.89

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer  Date 24/10/2023

Name Graham Charles Titterington

Address 24 Haydock Close, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2TL

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on 24/10/2023 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Philip Simpkins

Date 24/10/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Alton Methodist Church Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required 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 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 or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 and the 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 (other than that disclosed below*):

- (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;
 - 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

- (3) I have/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name	STEVE CURTIS
Signature	
Relevant Professional qualification or body	
Address	1 PLAINMAN CLOSE ALDERSHOT HAMPSHIRE GU12 4JX
Date	10/12/23



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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	37,511	45,970
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	49,937	57,753
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	(801)	(393)
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	86,647 (c6)	103,331 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,329 (e11)	3,389 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	88,976 (x)	106,720 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,437,688
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Notes on assets

The church building is vested with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) who are the custodian trustees, while we are the managing trustees of the property.

Notes on restricted funds

The Boys Brigade, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the Girls Brigade maintain their independent bank accounts and have their accounts examined independently.

The Anna Chaplaincy is part of the mission of the Greater Alton Project, and its finances are managed by Alton Methodist Church.

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Transfer from unrestricted funds	Expenditure	Closing balance
Anna Chaplaincy	25637.89	28441.72		16921.89	37157.72
Benevolent Fund	173.50			35.00	138.50
Total	25811.39	28441.72	0.00	16956.89	37296.22

The restricted funds reported in sections A, B and C of this return include only the Anna Chaplaincy and Benevolent Fund. Special collections are shown in Section D.

Special collections

The Church has also been fund raising for its internal organisations. These donations are handled in the same way as collections for external organisations (i.e. money is collected into the main church accounts, gift aid is reclaimed where appropriate, and the aggregated sum is passed to the internal organisation). These donations have therefore been recorded in section D, as well as being recorded as income by the internal organisation in Section E.

The Tuesday Coffee Club collects donations that it uses exclusively to donate to charitable causes.

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
Shelter Box	0.00	6097.39	5821.18	276.21
Tuesday coffee	541.18	1001.20	1500.00	42.38
Alpha course	63.00	50.00	39.00	74.00
All We Can	312.00	300.00	612.00	0.00
Mercy Ships	-114.88	114.88	0.00	0.00
Other (closed) special collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	801.30	7563.47	7972.18	392.59

Adjustments in external organisations

£60 of the closing balance in the Tuesday Coffee Club in the 2022 return should have been recorded in the All We Can closing balance. This error has been corrected in the above statement.

Explanation of "other receipts" and "other payments" in Sections A and B

Other receipts in unrestricted funds

Feed in Tariff payments	1,388.01
Events	1,656.55
Miscellaneous	163.41
Total	3,207.97

Other payments in unrestricted payments

Consumables	2,015.41
Copyright payments	972.28
Bank charges	64.50
Website hosting	489.60
Office expenses	1,111.38
Travel and training	445.50
Worship materials	389.10
Total	5,487.77

Other receipts in Anna Chaplaincy (restricted payments)

Grants from:	
The Mercers Company	5000.00
EHDC Communities Fund	5000.00
HSB Circuit	6000.00
Complins Memorial Trust	3,000.00
Events	60.00
Alton Benevolent Fund	35.00
Total	19,095.00

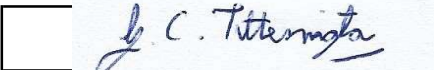
Other payments in Anna Chaplaincy (restricted payments)

Pensions and National Insurance	1,413.79
Expenses	1,589.90
Salary	13,918.20
Total	16,921.89

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer  Date

Name

Address

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Church

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

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required 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 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 or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 and the 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 (other than that disclosed below*):

- (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;
 - 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

- (3) I have/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name	STEVE CURTIS
Signature	
Relevant Professional qualification or body	
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Date	10/12/23

