



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	01	September	2023		31	August	2024
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		Annual Church Meeting
Mr G Titterington	Treasurer		Church Council
Mrs D Titterington	Church Council Secretary		Church Council
Miss J Nicholls	Family Committee representative		Church Council
Mr D Allan	Steward and 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 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:
celebrate God's love.

Increase the awareness of God's presence and

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. 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 Hants Surrey Border Methodist Circuit is in consultation with the Berkshire Surrey Border Methodist Circuit with a view to becoming one larger circuit from Sept. 2025. The name of the amalgamated circuit will likely be ‘The Blackwater Valley 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 'Mission Aviation Fund'.

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.

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.

We have worked with other churches in the town on projects like community carols, lent courses and supporting organisations like Foodbank.

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. A small amount of income is derived from letting out rooms within our building.

The Church 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 East Hampshire District Council Communities Fund, The Mercers' Company, The Complins Memorial Trust, the Methodist Church HSB Circuit, and individual donations.

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

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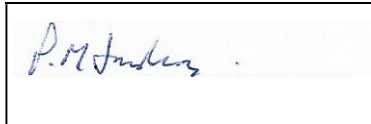
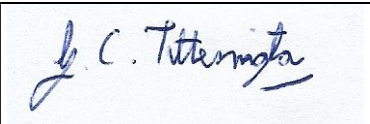
Section F	Other optional information
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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

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	12 th November 2024	

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Hants and Surrey Border	Circuit	Circuit no	36/1
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1129465

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Mrs Carol Woodruffe
Mrs Angela Simpkins
Mrs Helen Smith
Mr Alan Robb
Mrs Liz Strain

Treasurer:

Mr Graham Titterington

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Alton Methodist

Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	73,683	8,044	81,728	84,330
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a4	Lettings	3,529		3,529	2,500
a5	Other receipts	3,965	13,000	16,965	22,304
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b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	53,000		53,000	54,200
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b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,119		7,119	6,704
b6					
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b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	85,264	18,261	103,526 (b9)	94,540

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(998)	2,783	1,785
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	66,035	37,413	103,447 (c6)	86,763
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	65,036	40,196	105,232
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	65,036	40,196	105,232 (c8)
					103,447 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		276		685
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,873		7,563
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,149		7,972
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			276

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	4,588	4,134	454		1,393	1,847
e2 Girls Brigade	1,240	1,178	62		1,649	1,711
e3 Duke of Edinburgh Awards	1,647	1,666	(19)		348	329
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7,474	6,978	497		3,390 (e11)	3,887 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	105,310 (a7)	103,526 (b9)	1,785	(c7)	103,447 (c6)	105,232 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	112,785	110,503	2,281		106,837 (x)	109,119 (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 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	45,970	37,495
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	57,753	67,737
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds	(276)	
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	103,447 (c6)	105,232 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,390 (e11)	3,887 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	106,837 (x)	109,119 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,437,688	1,486,562
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.

National Insurance contributions

During the course of this year, the Trustees became aware of an error in the way in which National Insurance contributions had been calculated. This was immediately declared to HMRC and the Trustees are currently awaiting HMRC's determination of this matter. Our expectation is that we will be required to pay HMRC £4271. Of this £4,254 relates to the employment of the Anna Chaplain, and £17 to unrestricted funds.

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.

Some years ago, an Alpha course was run at which there was a surplus of donations remaining. These have now been moved into the Anna Chaplaincy Fund.

The operation of the Tuesday Coffee Club has been moved within the restricted fund of the Church for these accounts, having previously been reported as an external organisation.

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Transfer from unrestricted funds	Transfers between restricted funds	Expenditure	Closing balance
Anna Chaplaincy	37231.72	18889.21	0.00	1000.00	17119.42	40001.51
Tuesday Coffee Club	42.38	2155.28	0.00	-1000.00	1142.07	55.59
Benevolent Fund	138.50	0.00	0.00		0.00	138.50
Total	37412.60	21044.49	0.00	0.00	18261.49	40195.60

Special collections

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
Shelter Box	276.21	0.00	276.21	0.00
All We Can	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	0.00	5000.00	5000.00	0.00
Total	276.21	5300.00	5576.21	0.00

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

Other receipts in unrestricted funds

Feed in Tariff payments	1,632.15
Events	1,557.65
Miscellaneous	775.00
Total	3,964.80

Other payments in unrestricted payments

Consumables	2,872.84
Copyright payments	1,020.37
Bank charges	143.96
Website hosting	489.60
Office expenses	1,556.17
Worship materials	713.34
Total	6,796.28

Other receipts in Anna Chaplaincy (restricted payments)

Grants from:	
The Mercers Company	5000.00
EHDC Communities Fund	5000.00
Complins Memorial Trust	3,000.00
Total	13,000.00

Other payments in Anna Chaplaincy (restricted payments)

Pensions and HMRC	2,184.72
Expenses	699.43
Salary	14,235.27
Total	17,119.42

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 12th November 2024

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 12th November 2024 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting  Rev Philip Simpkins

Date 12th November 2024

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 2024

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
 - 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

STEPHEN CURTIS

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

RETIRED BANK MANAGER

Address

1 PENRYN CLOSE, ALDERSHOT
HAMPSHIRE GU24 4JX

Date

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f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	103,447 (c6)	105,232 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,390 (e11)	3,887 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	106,837 (x)	109,119 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,437,688	1,486,562
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.

National Insurance contributions

During the course of this year, the Trustees became aware of an error in the way in which National Insurance contributions had been calculated. This was immediately declared to HMRC and the Trustees are currently awaiting HMRC's determination of this matter. Our expectation is that we will be required to pay HMRC £4271. Of this £4,254 relates to the employment of the Anna Chaplain, and £17 to unrestricted funds.

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.

Some years ago, an Alpha course was run at which there was a surplus of donations remaining. These have now been moved into the Anna Chaplaincy Fund.

The operation of the Tuesday Coffee Club has been moved within the restricted fund of the Church for these accounts, having previously been reported as an external organisation.

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Transfer from unrestricted funds	Transfers between restricted funds	Expenditure	Closing balance
Anna Chaplaincy	37231.72	18889.21	0.00	1000.00	17119.42	40001.51
Tuesday Coffee Club	42.38	2155.28	0.00	-1000.00	1142.07	55.59
Benevolent Fund	138.50	0.00	0.00		0.00	138.50
Total	37412.60	21044.49	0.00	0.00	18261.49	40195.60

Special collections

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
Shelter Box	276.21	0.00	276.21	0.00
All We Can	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	0.00	5000.00	5000.00	0.00
Total	276.21	5300.00	5576.21	0.00

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

Other receipts in unrestricted funds

Feed in Tariff payments	1,632.15
Events	1,557.65
Miscellaneous	775.00
Total	3,964.80

Other payments in unrestricted payments

Consumables	2,872.84
Copyright payments	1,020.37
Bank charges	143.96
Website hosting	489.60
Office expenses	1,556.17
Worship materials	713.34
Total	6,796.28

Other receipts in Anna Chaplaincy (restricted payments)

Grants from:

The Mercers Company	5000.00
EHDC Communities Fund	5000.00
Complins Memorial Trust	3,000.00
Total	13,000.00

Other payments in Anna Chaplaincy (restricted payments)

Pensions and HMRC	2,184.72
Expenses	699.43
Salary	14,235.27

Total 17,119.42

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 12th November 2024

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 12th November 2024 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting  Rev Philip Simpkins

Date 12th November 2024

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 2024

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
 - 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

STEPHEN CURTIS

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

RETIRED BANK MANAGER

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Date

14/1/25