



THE METHODIST CHURCH

**NORTH EAST SOMERSET & BATH METHODIST
CIRCUIT 7/13**

KEYNSHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Registered Charity – Registration Number 1129493

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025

Minister

Revd. John Hayes

Church Stewards

**Pete Perrington
Prof. Michael Danson
Richard Cordy (until 12th June 2025)
Marjorie Cordy
Julie Wilsteed
Liz Palfrey**

Treasurer

Neil Quilter

Charity Name: Keynsham Methodist Church

Charity Number 1129493

Annual Report 2024-5

1. Administrative Information

This report relates to Keynsham Methodist Church (KMC) which is a member church of the North East Somerset and Bath Methodist Circuit. The circuit is part of the Bristol District of the Methodist Church.

KMC has two centres for worship and mission, Victoria Centre, High Street, Keynsham and Queens Road, Keynsham.



All correspondence for the Church should be addressed to the current Minister:

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Church Trustees

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Revd. David Winstanley

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) which can be found on the Methodist Church website.

The Church Office Manager retired at the end of February 2025 and restructuring a Facilities Office Manager was appointed from January 2025. These positions are lined managed by the minister.

1. Administrative Information (cont)

Bankers

National Westminster Bank
290 Wells Road, Knowle, Bristol BS4 9PG

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PF

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central Buildings, Oldham Road, Manchester M1 1JQ

Independent Examiner

Mr H G Nash
75 Manor Road, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1RE

2. Aims and Objectives

The Leadership Team and the Church Council meet regularly with the minister to review various aspects of the life of the church in the context of its ongoing mission to demonstrate the love of God by witnessing and serving the community.

These include:

- Developing the worship life of the church by offering a range of worship styles and experiences, including Messy Church, Thursday Shoppers Service, Praise and Healing services as well as more traditional services.
- Offering ways of deepening discipleship through fellowship groups, prayer meetings, house and bible study groups, Junior church, Compass and other courses.
- Offering pastoral care and support; pastoral care and support for individuals and groups is provided by the Minister and the team of 28 pastoral visitors. Regular training and guidance enables the pastoral team to stay well equipped and informed
- Reaching out to and serving our local community through various activities including Pre-School, Toddler groups, Coffee Room, Café Plus, Churches Together in Keynsham & Saltford (CTKS) projects, CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other), and other regular fellowship groups.
- Encouraging a deeper prayer life by providing opportunities for prayer in worship and weekly prayer meetings, the prayer chain, prayer tables at each centre and prayer-focussed events
- Working towards a fairer greener world by being a Fair-trade church and an Eco congregation, supporting local and national campaigns (e.g. campaigning against the use of single use plastic water bottles)

The Leadership Team continues their support of the churches key Christian values and the Key challenges for focusing work.

2. Aims and Objectives (cont)

KMC aspires to reflect God's love in all we do in line with the following seven key Christian values:

Love; faith; caring hospitality; spirituality; commitment; compassion; and fellowship/friendship/sense of belonging

KMC key challenges

Mission "with"	To develop our mission as part of the local and world-wide community, with a particular focus on working with CTKS
"Two as One"	To review the need and challenge of operating with two buildings, identifying possible options and resources
Pastoral	To identify the priorities for now and the future in our Pastoral Care, in conjunction with the existing Pastoral Visitors
Employment	To identify the need and options for lay employment roles to support the work of the church
Finance	To identify and action short and long term improvements to Income and Expenditure including fundraising
Communications	To develop internal and external communications - especially through the use of current practices and people

3. Review of Progress and Achievements

The minister meets regularly with the Leadership team and Church Council to review and assess the church's mission in the areas referred to above.

The most significant event of the year for the church community was the closure of the Pre-School. The closure was primarily due to changes in the local under-5 provision, with parents increasingly choosing school provision places. The lower numbers made provision unviable. The Church Council confirmed the decision at a Trustees Meeting on 11th June 2025 after: considering all the possible alternative actions; taking employment advice from the District external HR agency; and conducting the relevant consultations. This was a traumatic time for the pre-school staff, parents and children. The closure was managed by a special team drawing on appropriate skills. The team, with the pre-school manager, managed the redundancies, communications and finances. The team were able to use their experience to ensure that the closure was well managed in line with the church's values.

As the year progressed the Church was able to continue to develop the usual variety of face-to-face groups and activities offering spiritual development, fellowship and support for members of the church and local community, which included:

CAMEO	Various uniformed groups (Brownie & Rainbow Guides, Girls Brigade)
Women's Fellowship groups	Food Bank
Regular daily Coffee Mornings	Short Mat Bowls
House groups and Bible Study groups	Messy Church
Prayer groups & prayer ministry	Shoppers Service
Craft & Banner group	Café Plus
Parent & Toddler groups	Churches Together in Keynsham and
Junior Church	Saltford activities
Men's Curry fellowship	

Both Café Plus and the Ladies Guild held their final meetings this year

3. Review of Progress and Achievements (cont)

Weekly Sunday worship has increased in attendance as the church community meets together in one morning service. The online video services are available via the church website, Facebook page and YouTube channel every week for church members and worshippers who are unable to attend in person.

The church has continued its links with a church in Guatemala and a missionary in Pakistan.

The Church Council has continued to review the risks to which Managing Trustees are exposed and have regularly reviewed procedures to manage them. Volunteers are checked (including where appropriate under the DBS legislation) and a policy statement prepared under the Health and Safety at Work 1974 legislation incorporating risk assessments.

The Church Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually by the Church Council and the Church Safeguarding officer ensures that appropriate Safeguarding training and DBS checks are completed by all relevant church officers and volunteers in accordance with the KMC and Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy.

4. Resources Committee

The Resources committee meets regularly to encourage good stewardship of the church's financial and property resources to further the church's mission activities and ensure that the premises are a safe and secure space.

Work was underway during the year to respond to Quinquennial actions, in addition to the regular actions necessary for effective maintenance.

The Church implemented ChurchSuite and MyFund Accounting systems to support the administrative, pastoral and finance processes in place.

5. Financial Information

The accounts include the employment costs and statistics of those directly employed by the Church. The Church has a Minister who is employed by the North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit. The Circuit accounts include a count of 1 staff.

The accounts show a contribution to the Circuit of **£60,500**. This is a pledged contribution to cover the payroll costs and a share of other expenses which are incurred by the Circuit.

Lettings income continued to show good growth of **£4,513** (10%) over the prior year as lettings income for both centre's continues its recovery. Increased usage is expected to continue next year which will see a further increase in income.

The redundancy payments for the pre-school were covered by pre-school reserves. The remaining balance of pre-school reserves (**£44,289**) was transferred to church funds, and the trustees will reflect on how best to use this in line with its aims and objectives.

The church remains in a satisfactory position financially with adequate reserves to cover identified maintenance work on the premises. The on-going challenge with an ageing congregation is to be able to cover annual expenditure with annual income and replenish reserves after it has been necessary to draw on reserves for urgent or major work. This is regularly considered and monitored by the trustees

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Other Funds (Restricted) £	Endowment Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
Incoming Resources					
1 Offerings and Tax recoverable	89906.33			89906.33	88859.66
2 Interest and Investment Income	208.17	2599.01	1138.20	3945.38	5352.85
3 Lettings	44521.89			44521.89	40008.68
4 Other Income	17391.98			17391.98	97231.85
5 External Organisations		1754.50		1754.50	6318.07
6 Internal Organisations		108334.90		108334.90	180694.51
7 Total Incoming Resources	152028.37	112688.41	1138.20	265854.98	418465.62

Resources Expended

8 Circuit Assessment or Share	60500.00			60500.00	90000.00
9 Grants and Donations	4981.00			4981.00	4140.00
10 Repairs and Maintenance	42204.87			42204.87	23016.72
11 Insurance, Utilities etc	25515.92			25515.92	25155.65
12 Depreciation	3476.00			3476.00	3476.00
13 Provisions					
14 Other expenditure	59475.35	200.00		59675.35	49196.83
15 External Organisations		841.95		841.95	6220.44
16 Internal Organisations		188274.72		188274.72	161882.47
17 Total Resources Expended	196153.14	189316.67		385469.81	363088.11
18 Net Incoming Resources	-44124.77	-76628.26	1138.20	-119614.83	55377.51
19 Transfers between funds	107900.94	-106762.74	-1138.20		
20 Sub Total	63776.17	-183391.00	0.00	-119614.83	55377.51
21 Gains and losses on investment assets		-102.18	-421.21	-523.39	2614.56
22 Net investment in funds	63776.17	-183493.18	-421.21	-120138.22	61468.07
23 Total funds brought forward	37798.60	216898.88	41912.21	296609.69	236395.42
24 Total funds carried forward at end of year	101574.77	33405.70	41491.00	176471.47	297863.49

Collections for and payments to External Organisations

Balance brought forward	9513.81	9416.18
Collections for External Organisations	1754.50	6318.07
Payments to External Organisations	841.95	6220.44
Balance carried forward	10426.36	9513.81

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

General Fund (Unrestricted)	Other Funds (Restricted)	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

Furniture and fixtures (see page 10)	18094.00			18094.00	0.00
Investment properties					
Investments		8986.66	35090.56	44077.22	44600.61
Total fixed assets	18094.00	8986.66	35090.56	62171.22	44600.61

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	0.00			0.00	
Central Finance Board & Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits etc	28542.95	5653.24	6400.44	40596.63	164092.43
Cash at Bank and in hand	56743.62	18765.80		75509.42	89170.45
Total current assets	85286.57	24419.04	6400.44	116106.05	253262.88

Creditors and Accruals	1805.80			1805.80	1253.80
Net current assets/liabilities	83480.77	24419.04	6400.44	114300.25	252009.08
Total assets less current liabilities	101574.77	33405.70	41491.00	176471.47	296609.69
Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					
Net assets	101574.77	33405.70	41491.00	176471.47	296609.69

Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	101574.77			101574.77	37798.60
Other Funds (Restricted)		33405.70		33405.70	216898.88
Endowment Funds			41491.00	41491.00	41912.21
Total Funds	101574.77	33405.70	41491.00	176471.47	296609.69

Summary of the Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose.

	Opening Balances	Receipts	Payments	Transfer to General Funds	Funds Held by Internal Org.	Funds Held by Church
Victoria Womens Guild	488.28		488.28		0.00	
Queens Road Ladies	411.49	1313.05	1183.06		541.48	
Key Centre Table Tennis	50.99	1114.00	1114.00		50.99	806.06
CAMEO	798.95	5555.10	5351.15		1002.90	
Queens Road Pre School	125671.00	97286.04	177347.53	-44289.55	1319.96	
Short Mat Bowls	2732.41	2309.31	2118.70		2923.02	
Key Ring	56.99	757.40	672.00		142.39	
	130210.11	108334.90	188274.72	-44289.55	5980.74	806.06

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 2011. There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the charity which are Unrestricted, Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose and Endowment funds which represent gifts, the capital normally being unavailable for spending, and the income from which is either Restricted or Unrestricted. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts on page 7.

3 Accounting policies

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the church becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income from a legacy is included when the distribution from the estate has been received.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the church to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by church

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £5000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Where cost is not available, the Church Council may provide a reasonable estimate of cost.

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

The main item under this heading would be the monthly assessment paid in advance to the Circuit.

Creditors

There were no significant costs to accrue. Creditors does include some small collections unpaid at the year end.

4 Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee(s) to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- * select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- * prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

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Notes to the Accounts (cont.)

5 Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, receive any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2024. One trustee received payment for employment fulfilling administration duties.

This year Last year

£ NIL	£ NIL

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

NIL	NIL
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Nature of the expenses

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Total amount paid

£ NIL	£ NIL
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6 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

£ NIL	£ NIL
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Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

£ NIL	£ NIL
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7 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

£ 37,579	£ 28,585
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Employer's National Insurance costs

£ 1,910	£ 457
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Pension costs

£ 1,497	£ 1,245
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Apprenticeship Levy

£ 187	£ 143
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Total staff costs (4 staff)

£ 41,173	£ 30,430
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Average number of employees in the year were:

4	2
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Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

0.8	0.8
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8 Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2025 capital commitments amounted to:

£ NIL	£ NIL
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Contingent liabilities amounted to:

£ NIL	£ NIL
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Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church buildings and other property	Other land & buildings	Other fixed assets, including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	
Balance brought forward				52959.74		52959.74
Additions				21570.00		21570.00
Revaluations						
Disposals				-29822.74		-29822.74
Transfers *						
Balance carried forward				44707.00		44707.00

Accumulated depreciation

	**Basis SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	
	** Rate			25%SL		
Balance brought forward				52959.74		52959.74
Depreciation charge for year				3476.00		3476.00
Revaluations						
Disposals				-29822.74		-29822.74
Transfers*						
Balance carried forward				26613.00		26613.00

Net book value

Brought forward				0.00		0.00
Carried forward				18094.00		18,094.00

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

Investment assets

	Market value at year end	Income from investments for year
	£	£
Investment properties	NIL	NIL

Analysis of investments

Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes	44077.22	1572.94
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio		
Other investments		
Total	44077.22	1572.94

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	44600.61
Add: additions to investments at cost	
Less: disposals at carrying value	
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-523.39
Carrying (market) value at end of year	44077.22

Loans

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Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan Interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
Totals						0

Repayment due by	Totals
	0

Endowment Funds

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual Income	What the income was used for
Anonymous Gift (17045)	Trustees Interest Fund	1400.00	61.01	In accordance with the gift
Stickler Gifts (11129A)	Mngd Fixed Int & Trustees Interest Fund	24379.39	797.28	Unrestricted General Fund
Bequest (8168)	Managed Mixed & Trustees Interest Fund	15711.61	279.91	Unrestricted General Fund
Totals		41491.00	1138.20	

Other Funds (Restricted)

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Gain/Loss	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Trust 11129 Various Bequests and Gifts	77,174.96		200.00	-59,874.18	-102.18	16,998.60	In accordance with the terms of the gifts etc.
External Charities	9,513.81	1,754.50	841.95			10,426.36	Awaiting payment to charities
Other Church Organisations	130,210.11	108,334.90	188,274.72	-44,289.55		5,980.74	For the use of the various organisations of Keynsham Methodist Church
Interest and Investment Income from Restricted Funds		2,599.01		-2,599.01		0.00	
Totals	216,898.88	112,688.41	189,316.67	-106,762.74	-102.18	33,405.70	

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

N Quilter

Name

Neil Quilter BSc

Date

31st January 2026

Address

8 Manor Road, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1RG

Presentation to the Keynsham Methodist Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council meeting on 25th February 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

J Hayes

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. John Hayes

Date

25th February 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

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:

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

Signature



Date

15th February 2026

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