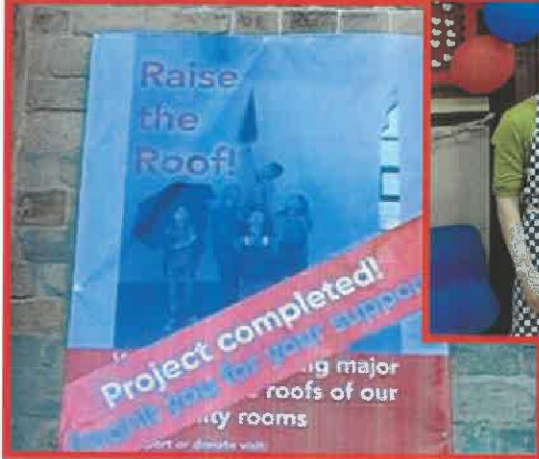


The Methodist Church



BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ending
31st August 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Church: **BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH**

Name and address
for correspondence: Rev'd Andrew Parker
Chapel Street
BUXTON
Derbyshire
SK17 6HX

Charity status: During 2009 Buxton Methodist Church became a registered charity.
Number **1129654**

MEMBERSHIP OF BUXTON CHURCH COUNCIL 2022/23:

Rev Andrew Parker	(Chair)	Church Appointed members:	
Dick Silson	(Circuit Steward)	John Anfield	Glynis Leyland
Peter Johnson	(Circuit Steward)	Sue Anfield	Kate MacLean
Wendy Jones	(Church Steward)	Beryl Blackwell	Anna Quick
Ian Stubbs	(Church Steward & Treasurer)	Ann Bradwell	Helen Mirtle
Ron Sinclair	(Church Steward)	Angela Crawford	Pip Strachan
Isabel Sinclair	(Church Steward)	Gwen Cokayne	Bridget Ball
Anne-Marie Bentley	(Church Steward)	Nick Taylor	Jackie Cowlshaw
		Robin Evison	Christine Hodgkinson

Number of Church Members as at 31st October 2022: 93

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

Buxton Methodist Church has accepted the definition of its aim and purpose given by the Methodist Church in Britain. We exist to:

WORSHIP:

Increase awareness of God's
presence and to celebrate
God's love

LEARNING AND CARING:

Help people to learn and grow
as Christians, through mutual
support and care

SERVICE:

Be a good neighbour to people
in need and to challenge
injustice

EVANGELISM:

Make more followers of Jesus
Christ

The Managing Trustees of Buxton Methodist Church are the 'Church Council', which is responsible for overseeing the life and mission of the church in accordance with our stated aims and objectives and in accordance with the Constitutional Practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church. It consists of people elected from amongst the members of the church and those who are members by virtue of their office.

Several sub-committees are appointed by the Church Council to assist it in its work and are responsible to it.

The Church Leadership team and Church Stewards, elected by the church members, ensures, with the minister, that Church Council Policy is carried out and they have responsibility for the day-to-day life of the church.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS 1/9/2022 – 31/8/2023

Church Mission Plan

We continue to review and update our mission plan keeping our focus on the vision for our church as:

'All are welcome and all are working together for God in our community' and 'our aim is to be a cohesive, caring church community. Learning, worshipping and witnessing to the love of God'.

WORSHIP

- Worship is central to our life. We seek to relate our spirituality and worship to the needs of this world and the community. We aim to provide worship that is relevant and accessible for all. Our weekly Sunday morning services are attended by about 60 – 70 people, with ages ranging from under 5's, through teens and up to those who have attended the same church for over 70 years!
- We have continued to provide a monthly online service via the zoom platform. There remains a small number of people who for various reasons cannot attend church in person and appreciate this opportunity to join in worship and remain connected with the church family.
- We hold a monthly evening informal service – Praise@6 - which provides a time for singing, learning new songs, discussion and activities.
- We have continued a quarterly pattern of quiet reflective services using chants from Taizé. The quiet and reflective aspect to this service is in contrast to many of the usual services and is appreciated by people both from the Methodist Church and ecumenically.

SERVICE

- Our Saturday Café continues and is busy with its regular clientele.
- Fair Trade church: We continue to promote Fairtrade and use Fairtrade products whenever possible.
- All We Can: We continue to support All We Can as a partner church and regularly hold collections and support their appeals.
- The Church Council makes donations annually amounting to 10% of our regular giving income. This is shared between the following regular contributions: Methodist Mission in Britain Fund; Methodist Fund for World Mission; Action for Children; All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development); Methodist Fund for Church Property and JMA, and local charities chosen on an annual basis. Additionally we raise money for local causes and national and international appeals throughout the year. We participate in Christian Aid Week.
- The church is a major provider of high quality rooms and facilities for the local community.
- Our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides continue to meet and maintain very good numbers.
- Buxton Festival Fringe: The church is well used as a venue for the Buxton Fringe and a number of concerts are held during the three week festival.
- This year the 'Raise the Roof' campaign has been a significant focus of our resources in terms of time and finance. There was a very successful campaign to raise money through

grants and this was supported by consultation with the user groups who provided letters of support for this work. The building work took place during a 12 week period in early summer, repairing a number of different problem areas on the roof, particularly over the community rooms. Arrangements were made to allow access for a limited number of people to see the work close at hand. This enabled people connected with church and representatives from user groups to have unique viewing of both the church and across the town. There are a few on-going snagging issues but we hope these will be resolved during the 12-month defects period. Issues with the roof over the main chapel await further funding.

LEARNING and CARING

- We held a study group through Lent using the 'Exploring the Void' material based on the film 'Touching the Void'. This attracted people who don't normally join study groups.
- 'Inbetweeners' took part in the annual Christian Aid sponsored walk and what is becoming the traditional snowdrop walk.
- Funerals: The minister took a number of funerals in the name of the church and families are invited to the annual memorial service in December.
- Weddings: Following the Church Council decision to allow same sex marriages, we were delighted to be the venue for our first same sex marriage in May.
- Pastoral Work: The church aims to be a caring community for both its members and non-members alike. The Pastoral group meets once a quarter and tries to make sure pastoral contact is maintained with those in times of need. This may be through visits, phone calls and sending cards at Christmas and Easter.
- Churches Together in Buxton has struggled due to illness of the CTiB chair and irregularity of meetings. There was however shared ministry at the outdoor Remembrance Sunday service and Annual Wells Dressing Festival.
- Sunday Club: The Sunday Club provides a wonderful weekly opportunity for children to come together, learn and build friendship both with their peers and with those in the wider congregation. The number of children remains steady at about 6 – 10.
- The weekly Baby and Toddler Group provides a much-needed time for adults and pre-school children to meet, play and interact.
- Holiday Club: This year our theme of 'Team of Champions' led us to think about being part of Jesus' team, what it means to support one another, all having a role to play and using our skills to the best of our ability. During the week, 25 adults volunteered in many different roles from catering to tidying up and 30 children enjoyed the crafts, music, games and activities.
- 3Generate Group: This group of young folk aged eight and over, meets once a month for various activities. The highlight of the year is attending the national Methodist 3Generate weekend at the NEC. This year a group of nine of our 8 - 12 year olds joined over a thousand others from all over the country to explore faith in a wide variety of ways. To help towards the cost of the weekend the group did sponsored events through the year.
- Safeguarding: We continue to maintain our church as a safe place to meet and review our procedures as and when necessary. The Methodist Foundation Module training is offered every 6 months and we invite those who are new to their role and those who need refresher training to attend the class on our premises.

EVANGELISM

- We publish a quarterly magazine containing a variety of information from the groups and different events which covers the diverse life of the church community.
- The weekly sheet has also become a significant publication and is very much appreciated by those who receive it in hard copy or by email.
- We also have an increasing presence on Facebook with regular posts and photos about events and activities.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Like many voluntary organisations, Buxton Methodist Church faces a challenging time trying to continue as an active church for all ages and maintain a busy community facility. The church is blessed with good resources in terms of finance, skills and people and we continually seek to enable people to find roles for which they are suited. We want to explore how we can involve our building users from outside the congregation on the management of our community facilities.

It is encouraging that new people continue to join the congregation and comment that they find a warm and welcoming church. In particular this year we have welcomed several families from Nigeria, who have settled in Buxton where they have found work in the social care sector and a number of early-retired couples.

Andrew Parker
Minister

Annual report for the year ending 31st August 2023

Treasurer's comments

Our income has been just over £100,000 more than in the previous year due to the grants received and the Gift Day for the 'Raise the Roof' project, which totalled £126,400. Expenditure was also £100,000 more as a result of paying for these repairs, £182,000 in total. The funds needed to make up the shortfall were made by drawing on our reserves and a bequest. Excluding the 'Raise the Roof', income from regular giving and lettings was similar to the previous year and café income increased by £2,000, this being the first full year of regular cafes since covid restrictions.

The main increase in expenditure was due to energy costs, as predicted last year. Gas and electricity costs were £10,487 against £4,800 for the previous year. There were also increases in the cost of insurance and water. New energy contracts came into effect from September 2023 which will reduce the amount we spend in this present year.

Ian Stubbs

Treasurer

February 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

BUXTON METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

HIGH PEAK PARTNERSHIP

Circuit

Circuit no.

19/04

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129654

**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'd Andrew Parker

Church Stewards:

Mrs A Bentley

Mrs W Jones

Mrs I Sinclair

Mr R Sinclair

Treasurer:

Mr Ian Stubbs

RECEIPTS - page 2 Section A	2022-23	2021-22
1. Offerings and Tax Recoverable		
Loose cash collections	£5,434.00	£4,869.00
Weekly envelopes	£4,700.00	£4,464.00
One-off Gift Aid envelopes/donations	£80.00	£530.00
BACS collections (Standing Orders)	£29,455.00	£28,186.00
Other Donations	£1,447.00	£1,382.00
Funeral collections	£75.00	£53.00
Bequests and Memorial donations	£17,962.00	£1,587.00
Tax recovered under Gift Aid	£6,245.00	£7,292.00
Sub Total	£65,398.00	£48,363.00
<i>Restricted offerings received:</i>		
Misc donations (restricted)	£61.00	
Raise the roof fund	£36,992.00	£2,440.00
Bequests	£10,000.00	£35,000.00
Sunday Club		
Kitchen & Catering	£294.00	£4,472.00
Sub Total	£47,347.00	41,912.00
	£112,745.00	£90,275.00
2. Interest and Investment Income		
TMCP	£567.00	£273.00
Methodist Chapel Aid A/c & Derbyshire Community Bank	£401.00	£235.00
Special Interest bearing deposit A/c	£401.00	£11.00
Current A/c	£524.00	£18.00
Gain on Endowment investment	£1,929.00	-£3,595.00
M&G Charibond income	£3,071.00	£2,872.00
a3	£6,893.00	-£186.00
3. Other Receipts		
Miscellaneous Sales		£19.00
Café	£5,650.00	£3,650.00
Weddings and funerals fees	£1,975.00	£1,185.00
Personal photocopies	£51.00	£195.00
Solar Panels	£969.00	£600.00
Young People	£1,188.00	£1,249.00
Social Events		
Circuit's reimbursement of Circuit Admin costs		
Insurance claim		£1,930.00
Bin collection refund		
Sub Total	£9,833.00	£8,828.00
Young People	£2,275.00	
Grants	£79,420.00	£12,363.00
Social Events (Held for Network)	£36.00	
Sub Total	£81,731.00	£12,363.00
a5	£91,564.00	£21,191.00
4. Grants and Donations		
Mission in Britain Fund	£1,000.00	£1,300.00
Fund for World Mission (includes £350.00 to JMA)	£1,350.00	£1,650.00
The Fund for Property		
All We Can	£550.00	£550.00
Methodist Homes	£350.00	£350.00
Action for Children	£600.00	£600.00
Guide Dogs	£250.00	
Volunteer Bureau	£250.00	
Theyer Foundation	£250.00	
Buxton Foodbank/Nightstop	£250.00	£300.00
National Churches Trust	£200.00	
Churches together in Buxton		£50.00
Ashgate Hospice		£300.00
Buxton Town Team		£300.00
Stroke Association		£300.00
b3	£5,050.00	£5,700.00

BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH
Notes to the Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st August 2023
PAYMENTS (continued)

	2022-23	2021-22
5. Repairs and Maintenance		
Building (unrestricted funds)	3,994.00	12,002.00
Building (restricted funds)	181,948.00	
Organ and piano	803.00	1,087.00
Wages for caretakers (Net of Tax and NI)	20,537.00	17,768.00
Cleaning supplies and refuse collection	1,466.00	1,295.00
	b4 208,748.00	32,152.00
6. Insurance, Utilities etc		
Insurance	6,960.00	5,780.00
Gas	7,676.00	3,033.00
Electricity	2,811.00	1,767.00
Water	1,129.00	1,008.00
	b5 18,576.00	11,588.00
7. Other Payments		
Advertising		119.00
Communications asst. Buxton office	3,619.00	3,377.00
Admin Assistant fees (Lettings)	6,637.00	6,195.00
Inland Revenue payments	1,841.00	66.00
Photocopier costs	1,663.00	1,306.00
Stationery	415.00	403.00
Postage	104.00	34.00
CCL and other Copyright Licences	886.00	859.00
Organist Fees	450.00	325.00
Software		239.00
Miscellaneous admin costs	1,350.00	1,229.00
Sunday refreshment packs	201.00	162.00
Church consumables (candles etc)		
Music and Choir		
Social events		
Young People expenditure	387.00	967.00
Lay Worker (Pastoral)		
Technical and Internet services	822.00	2,688.00
	Sub Total 18,375.00	17,969.00
<i>Restricted Funds:</i>		
Choir expenditure		
Social Events		
Sunday Club	171.00	62.00
Young People expenditure	1,649.00	2,168.00
Kitchen and Catering	808.00	334.00
	:B 2,628.00	2,628.00
	b7 21,003.00	20,597.00
Additional Notes:		
MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS page 2 Section D		
Action for Children	136.00	
Save The Children		
Haiti appeal		161.00
DEC		140.00
Cancer research		520.00
Easter offering		
Retirement collection		335.00
All we Can	151.00	852.00
Benevolent fund		
Water Aid		
	d2 and d3 287.00	2,008.00

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	1	65,398	47,347	112,745
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2	6,896		6,896
a4	Lettings		32,719		32,719
a5	Other receipts	3	9,833	81,731	91,564
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		114,846	129,078	243,924 (a7)

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		52,320		52,320
b3	Donations	4	5,050		5,050
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		26,800	181,948	208,748
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6	18,576		18,576
b6					
b7	Other payments	7	18,375	2,628	21,003
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		121,121	184,576	305,697 (b9)

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(6,275)	(55,498)	(61,773)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		129,008	40,832	169,840 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	122,733	(14,666)	108,067
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	122,733	(14,666)	108,067 (c8)

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 above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	46	2
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	287	2,008
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	266	1,964
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	67

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/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. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Café	6,234	6,152	82	1	170	253
e2 Flower Fund	545	808	(263)		570	307
e3 Junior Youth					338	338
e4 Baby & Toddler	618	568	50		228	278
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7,397	7,528	(131)	1	1,306 (e11)	1,176 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	243,924 (a7)	305,697 (b9)	(61,773)	(c7)	169,840 (c6)	108,067 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	251,321	313,225	(61,904)	1	171,146 (x)	109,243 (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		97
f2 Bank Current Account	15,760	27,660
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	39,305	903
f6 Other funds	30,019	30,090
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	169,840 (c6)	108,067 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,306 (e11)	1,176 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	171,146 (x)	109,243 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	50,000	50,000
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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)

Name of Church Buxton Methodist No. 19/04

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer I. M. G. Stubbs Date 4th March 2024

Name and address of treasurer IAN M G STUBBS
8 THE Paddock, Buxton, Derbyshire Post Code SK17 6XR

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Alan -

Name of the Chair of the meeting Andrew Parker Date 13-3-24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Buxton Methodist Church

Charity Number 1129654

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Buxton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church Buxton Methodist No 19/04

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- ~~the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.~~

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner CE Francis

Name of independent examiner CHRISTINE ELIZABETH FRANCIS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner RETIRED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address FLAT 2, BLOCK 2, SILVERLEAFS PARK, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE

Post Code SK17 6QY

Date 1st MARCH 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate