



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
<b>From</b>		01	09	2019	<b>To</b>	31	08 2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1130091

**Charity's principal address**

NEW STREET

WELLINGTON

TELFORD

**Postcode** TF1 1LU

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)	Trustee name (office if any)
Rev Christopher Parkes	Elmien Van Rensburg		
Catherine Stones	Diane Parkin		
Carol Hughes	Jennifer Mansell		
Jim Pell	Christina Price		
Dewi Evans			
John Parkin			
Rosemary Wedge			
Margaret Hall			
Tracey Bailey			
Kay Noble			
Susan Broughton			
Marlene Parton			
Trevor Shaw			
Marjorie Brown			
David Corbett			
Alastair Battrick			
Gail Hocking			
Barbara Murray			
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Roger Jones			

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**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)	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by local church annually. Ministers are automatically trustees

**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.

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

The purpose of the Methodist Church is and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union, the advancement of:

- a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

**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)**

- A) the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members and non-members alike
- B) the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation
- C) the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- D) pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- E) the provision of bible study, girls' brigade, boys' brigade, coffee mornings, youth and children's groups
- F) outreach work into the community and the welcoming of groups into the church building. These are listed below for 2019-2020

We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**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.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Until the start of lockdown due to the pandemic, over one thousand two hundred people passed through the premises each week and through these various groups people are encouraged to attend worship on a Sunday and/ or espouse the church's values and beliefs. A range of secular, mixed and specific church groups meet in the church building or are part of their outreach programme with much focus on supporting health and wellbeing, including mental health (Here to Listen, craft and chat, Food for thought) as well as well attended Thursday and Saturday Coffee Mornings. These are open to all and staffed by trained volunteers.

The church welcomed regular attendees to an ever-growing range of clubs and study groups which appealed to diverse members of the community. In addition, it ran pop up meetings in nearby Lawley for children and adults at harvest and spring. Groups of church volunteers supported the chaplaincy at the Princess Royal Hospital and the Food Bank hosted by Dawley Methodist Church. Contributions to the foodbank in kind and in person continued throughout the lockdowns and it was pleasing to see the response of church members and volunteers to any appeals for particular foods, resources or help.

The Church has always responded to disasters in the World by fund-raising, at its coffee mornings and tabletop sales. It hosted Town and District events for Worship and Conferences using our modern and flexible building for such purposes.

In Worship the Church averages over 80 people each Sunday and Junior Church (4-13 years age group) and a smaller number on Thursdays for our regular communion service. This worship takes different forms in order to include and welcome as many people as possible. The Church introduced Cafe Worship once a month, a different form of Worship involving activities, coffee and chat as well as readings, songs, prayers and reflection. These have proved very successful as have the regular soup lunches which follow services at the beginning of the month.

When the Pandemic started in March 2020 all activities in the Church ended, which unfortunately meant the Church Holiday, Holiday Club 2020 and many other activities had to be abandoned or postponed. It was gratifying to receive many messages saying how much it was missed and how families hoped we would be running it soon.

In December 2019 the Ladies group sang Christmas Carols at three local care homes and continued until the spring to collect money for both local and national charities. When lockdowns were partially lifted, they raised money for Christian Aid and for the church itself through baking and regular distribution of cakes and jams, all in line with Covid regulations. We have taken every permitted opportunity to ensure the local community felt and were encouraged by our presence. In a review of our buildings and our work, undertaken during lockdowns the reviewers commended the



ways in which we had kept our church visible, attractive and 'eye-catching' through the exteriors displays and garden work.

Once restrictions were in place due to the pandemic, church activity continued but in line with restrictions, the building was closed. Pastoral leaders were critical in regularly checking that members and other contacts were both safe and had access to the things they needed. Very quickly a Messenger and subsequently a Zoom group was established when some indicated they were missing 'seeing' their friends. This became a twice weekly event-with an online 'service' on Sunday and coffee/ chat/ quiz on Thursdays and was described by one member as a 'lifeline' in difficult and troubled times. Such groups allowed sharing of information and support to others known to 'Zoomers', as well as encouragement, information and a sense of belonging to be reinforced. Many gained IT skills that meant they could join in other services, meetings etc as more and more of the church's work (and indeed that of the circuit) went online. Bible study/ prayer meetings, or simply coffee and chat, have involved both church members and others outside of the immediate church community, as they ask to join or simply be kept informed.

An office presence has been manned both directly and remotely that meant that ministers, pastoral leaders and the congregation and groups were able to share information and offer support and comfort to any in distress; newsletters were sent out remotely or posted through letter boxes by volunteers, again following guidance.

The pandemic has allowed time for reflection and different ways of reaching out to our members and local communities. Some members have commented as to how inclusive these arrangements have felt and how much they have enjoyed some of the online activities. We hope to build on these and incorporate 'lessons learned' into both our outreach and in-reach work, when we can finally meet face-to-face.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the Circuit to hold a sum equivalent to at least 6 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to be able to continue, in the short term, meeting the costs of running the premises and paying the required Circuit Assessment.

### 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.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Alastair Battrick

Susan Broughton

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Trustee

Date

7/6/2021



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**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

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**Treasurer:**

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b3	Donations				655
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b6	Irreconcilable Difference				33,936
b7	Other payments	10,233	469	10,702	40,663
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	66,937	4,579	71,516 (b9)	120,161

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	17,661	(1,401)	16,260	(17,416)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	41,919		41,919 (c6)	59,335
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	59,580	(1,401)	58,179	41,919
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(19,839)	19,839		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	39,741	18,438	58,179 (c8)	41,919 (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 above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,604	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,240	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	364	



**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E**

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e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	11,533	10,617	916	170	27,942 (e11)	29,028 (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	87,776 (a7)	71,516 (b9)	16,260	(c7)	41,919 (c6)	58,179 (c8)
e9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	99,309	82,133	17,176	170	69,861 (x)	87,207 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	22,416	26,272
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	17,442	31,517
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	24	24
f6 Other funds	2,037	730
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	41,919 (c6)	58,543 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	27,942 (e11)	29,028 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	69,861 (x)	87,571 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,692,414	1,692,414
g3 Other Assets		
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g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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



# Wellington Methodist Church

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 ..... *AB Stale* ..... Date *24/5/21* .....

Name and address of treasurer ..... *Wayside, Wittington, Shrewsbury* .....

..... Post Code *SY4 4PU* .....

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *24th May 2021*.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *[Signature]* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Rev. C. P. Prakes* ..... Date *24 May 2021* .....

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number *1130091*.

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Wellington Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 2 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.

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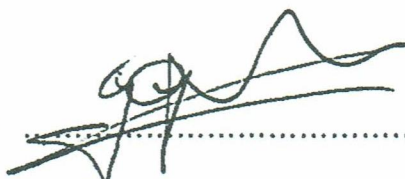
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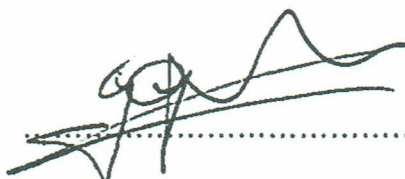
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