



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| | Period start date | | | | Period end date | | |
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| | Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| From | 01 | 09 | 2020 | To | 31 | 08 | 2021 |

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 Batrick | | | |
| Gail Hocking | | | |
| Barbara Murray | | | |
| Ganga Nitta | | | |
| Roger Jones | | | |

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

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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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

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| Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution) | Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) |
| How the charity is constituted (e.g., trust, association, company) | Act of Parliament |
| Trustee selection methods (e.g., 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) the provision of activities that support the wellbeing and health of the church congregation and of the community as a whole e.g., art club, ladies club, craft and chat; here to listen, coffee mornings, monthly lunches; distribution of newsletters, easter and Mother's Day gifts; online and face-to face support to individuals and groups of members/ contacts as the pandemic restrictions allow.

NB: during this year the pandemic restrictions meant that these activities were mostly carried out online or in restricted ways in church when the building was permitted to be open (see below, Section D)

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 the pandemic in 2020, one thousand two hundred people pass through the premises each week and through these various groups people are encouraged to attend worship on a Sunday. The Thursday and Saturday Coffee Mornings, the art and craft groups welcomed the community into the church as did regular bookings of the church rooms by social and health care workers, slimming groups and children's organisations. The church itself was seen as a 'safe place' for vulnerable adults to meet, including any with special needs. It reached out to other growing communities, such as those in the growing area of Lawley and contributed to interfaith and broader Christian community events such as Churches together.

In 2020/21 the church has been very careful to follow both government and the Methodist Church advice regarding pandemic arrangements, which meant that the building itself was closed to the public for long periods of time, although briefly opening in September 2020 and from Easter 2021, when services were allowed but with stringent social distancing and health and safety arrangements. A band of volunteers ensured that these were followed and that a booking system was effective. For all these services it was not possible to sing or to greet fellow worshippers in the ways that we were used to. However, our love for each other and our Lord and our care and concern for the community has shone through in different but nonetheless effective ways.

In the previous Annual report, we reported on creative ways that church stewards, the church council and others had used to keep in touch with church members and indeed the broader community and to ensure that they felt loved and cared for. These activities continued throughout 2020/ 21 and, for those who joined in or were reached out to, offered both spiritual and personal support. Pastoral care workers continued to telephone their groups and check that they were well, had everything they needed to support their health and wellbeing; an on-line bible study group was set up and the Zoomers continued to meet twice weekly, increasing numbers joining and contributing, their voices and reflections during these times.

Volunteers prepared the church for funerals, its volunteers, stewards and the minister working closely with funeral directors to ensure that funerals both complied with regulations but offered as much comfort as possible during these times. New arrangements for the church office were trialled, so that by the end of the financial year, the office was manned every weekday by trained volunteers.

When it was permitted for groups to meet socially distanced outside, we were fortunate to be able to hold socially distanced outside meetings at key times – such as a quiet respectful shared act of remembrance on Remembrance Sunday, a carol service in aid of Christian Aid, with a small group of players from the Town Band, improvised McMillan coffee mornings, both online and in a

nearby restaurant. In many ways the words of the hymns and the singing outside was more precious because of the many months without them. One person, walking in the town, commented that they were drawn to walk up to the church, because it was lovely to hear such joyful sounds at a time of such challenge. Children and their parents stopped and joined in, whilst our members took care to ensure everyone was safe and compliant. Such sessions brought joy to church members and others alike and certainly contributed to everyone's wellbeing.

Many worshippers switched their offerings to direct debit, cakes and jams etc were left on a table outside church for people to collect and buy and welcome funds were raised in this way for the church's work. Easter and Mother's Day gifts were made by volunteers at home or by those manning our office and delivered to the doors of contacts to let them know that we were thinking of them – and many conveyed their thanks and how touched they were. Activity packs were delivered to the children who had attended previous summer schools or one of the church's activity groups and organisations for children and young people. We continued to collect food for the Dawley foodbank and some members helped there, when they announced a shortage of volunteers.

When the church was able to open for services and small meetings, the new arrangements, the booking system and a team of volunteers and stewards ensured that all were safe. These volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that the church was kept meticulously clean, masks were freely available and temperatures taken. Invariably there were few spare seats but everyone was welcomed back who wished to attend the Thursday communion service and a regular Sunday service. Ministers and preachers printed out their services for each member of the congregation – an innovation that many valued because they could take them home and share with others or quietly reflect there on lessons for the day. It was particularly welcomed by those who were hard of hearing/deaf and enabled them to access easily, where sometimes hearing might have been difficult.

Once the church was more freely open the different organisations and clubs began to draw up road maps ready for the new September term, when they would be able to meet face-to face. There was also an element of sadness and of excitement. Sadness, because we would be saying goodbye to our minister, Christopher, as he moved onto a new placement; the restrictions meant that we would not be able to hold our usual farewell party for him, but we plan a thankyou in September. Excitement, as we welcome a new minister, Roger, and his family – and once again volunteers worked hard to prepare his new home for him.

Undoubtedly 2021 reinforced that the strength of Wellington Methodist Church lies in its congregation and the love they share of each other and of the local community. It is a love that is demonstrated through the sheer determination of a band of

volunteers who ensure that the church's ministry is turned into practical reality and step up to help others. In challenging times, they have ensured that the objectives of WMC are being met.

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:


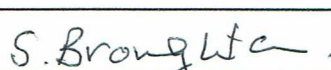
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Alastair Battick | Susan Broughton |
| Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc) | Trustee | Trustee |
| Date | 26/6/22 | |

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

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Treasurer:

Alastair Battrick

| SECTION A | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
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| a3 | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 22 | 22 | 43 | 387 |
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| a6 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 64,140 | 4,963 | 69,102 (a7) | 87,776 |

| SECTION B | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
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| b1 | PAYMENTS | | | | |
| b2 | Circuit Assessment or Share | 40,100 | | 40,100 | 45,100 |
| b3 | Donations | 200 | | 200 | |
| b4 | Repairs and Maintenance | 4,099 | 3,257 | 7,357 | 7,861 |
| b5 | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 6,443 | | 6,443 | 7,853 |
| b6 | | | | | 10,702 |
| b7 | Other payments | 9,320 | 329 | 9,649 | |
| b8 | TOTAL PAYMENTS | 60,162 | 3,586 | 63,749 (b9) | 71,516 |

| SECTION C | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| c1 | NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8) | 3,978 | 1,376 | 5,354 | 16,260 |
| c2 | Total funds brought forward from last year | 39,740 | 18,439 | 58,179 (c6) | 41,919 |
| c3 | Sub total (c1+c2) | 43,718 | 19,815 | 63,533 | 58,179 |
| c4 | Transfers and adjustments | (5,000) | 5,000 | (c7) | |
| c5 | TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4) | 38,718 | 24,815 | 63,533 (c8) | 58,179 (c6) |

| SECTION D | | £ | £ |
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| 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 | 364 | |
| d2 | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations | 1,087 | 1,604 |
| d3 | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations | 869 | 1,240 |
| d4 | BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3) | 582 | 364 |

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

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| e2 Banners | | 10 | (10) | | 180 | 180 |
| e3 BB | | 54 | (54) | | 831 | 877 |
| e4 Flowers | 40 | 54 | (14) | | 72 | 58 |
| e5 GB | 266 | 278 | (12) | | 192 | 180 |
| e6 Ladies (no movements this year) | | | | | 1,563 | 1,663 |
| e7 Marsh Green | 117 | 999 | (882) | | 23,415 | 22,533 |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds | 4,732 | 6,865 | (2,133) | (243) | 29,028 (e11) | 26,652 (e12) |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 69,102 (e7) | 63,749 (b9) | 5,354 | (c7) | 58,179 (c6) | 63,533 (c8) |
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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

| | OPENING BALANCES | CLOSING BALANCES |
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| f1 Cash in hand | | |
| f2 Bank Current Account | 26,272 | 24,947 |
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| f4 Central Finance Board | 31,517 | 38,302 |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes | 24 | 24 |
| f6 Other funds | 730 | 843 |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts | 58,543 (c6) | 64,116 (c8) |
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| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) | 1,692,414 | 1,692,414 |
| g3 Other Assets | | |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end | | |
| g5 Other Liabilities | | |

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Name of Church WELLINGTON No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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* Date..... 21/6/22

Name and address of treasurer ALASTAIR BATTRICK, 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 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *R Dunlop*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Roger Dunlop Date 17/6/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number 1130091

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to 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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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 

Name of independent examiner GLENN GERALD PARKES MBE ACPA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate) GLENN PARKES + CO LTD

Address THE MANSE, TEMPLE STREET, FENTON

..... STOKE-ON-TRENT Post Code ST4 4NW

Date 16/6/22

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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.

Name of Church WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH No

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 

Name of independent examiner GLENN GERALD PARKES MBE ACPA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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Date 16/6/22

* delete or circle as appropriate

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