

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Section A
Reference and administration details

- 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.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)	Act of Parliament	Appointed by local church annually. Ministers are automatically trustees
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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
How the charity is constituted
Trustee selection methods

Section B Structure, governance and management

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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

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.

a) the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members and non-members alike

a) 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 morning, ladies and men's groups, youth and children's groups

the provision of activities that support the well-being and health of the community as a whole such as art clubs, craft and chat, here to listen, coffee mornings and monthly lunches

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

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)

- You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:
- policy on grantmaking;
 - policy programme related investment;
 - contribution made by volunteers.

The church relies heavily on the contribution of its volunteers both for its day-to-day activities and maintenance and for their contribution to church development and new ways of working.

Since the pandemic our church office is manned by a regular core of volunteers, rather than paid staff and this has successfully both reduced our expenditure and ensured that our income is used optimally for projects and the wellbeing of our community, with no reduction in efficiency.

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers for the time and dedication they contribute to ensure that the church continues to make a significant contribution to its members' lives and to the local community.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

September 2021 was a momentous month for the church community as the congregation returned, albeit cautiously, following the pandemic years and we welcomed our new minister to the now fully opened church. Church groups began to reopen and children, young people and adults worshipped together in song and prayer. The lessons learned during the pandemic and some of the innovations made then were not however put aside. We continued to run our Sunday evening Zoom worship throughout 2021-2022 as not everyone felt safe yet to return to church-based worship. We also continued our online quizzes and chats. Attendance at Sunday morning services and Saturday coffee mornings increased as the year progressed as members got used to mixing in a very health and safety-conscious environment where people feel safe and cared for. Pastoral workers continue to visit and telephone individual church members and to support the newly bereaved. Volunteers from the church are now part of a newly set-up Bereavement Café, which is a Churches together initiative, meeting regularly at local churches including our own.

Not all community organisations that had used us as a base pre-pandemic returned following the lifting of pandemic restrictions. Some had found other ways to provide their services, but gradually the church became a hub of activity again. The art group in particular is a well-known community resource, attracting regulars from across Telford and Wrekin; the craft and chat group similarly is seen as not only a creative group but one which offers friendship and encouragement to all – and we are extremely grateful to the leaders of both of these groups for the contribution they make to the life of the church. Contact groups and health groups also booked our accommodation for regular use, knowing that we provide a safe haven and welcoming environment for all.

Such growth was only possible because of the dedication of a core of volunteers who give freely of their time to ensure that the church is kept meticulously clean and welcoming and that the church office is run efficiently. We do not employ paid office staff although we do have a small amount of paid support for general church maintenance and setting up of rooms.

One challenge we have faced post-pandemic is welcoming specific age groups back into the church, in particular children and young people. It became apparent quite quickly that families were being very cautious in terms of activities out of the home and outside school. One or two families had also enrolled their children in sporting and other activities that took place on Sunday mornings – and the reduction in numbers of children and young people and indeed young families attending on Sunday mornings or joining in Boys and Girls brigade activities was noticeable. Our Church Council, worship and consultation groups and young people's group held a number of meetings to plan forward for a relaunch of our children and young people's strategy, which included a recognition of the need to provide different forms of activities. A decision was taken by the church council that children and young people would be a key priority for the coming years. To this end, we began a number of initiatives, including the organisation of Family 'fun' activities and specific craft and project activities. The first family fun day was held in early July 2022. Over 40 people attended including over 20 children and young people and their families as well as members of our church family. It was inspiring for all to see young and old joining together in activities. Our youth organisations such as brownies, girls brigade and boys brigades

resumed activities and we were pleased to be able to hold a very successful Holiday Club for 14 children in the summer. Many schools locally were also holding summer schools linked to the government schemes for catch-up and so we were pleased that families, not all of whom had previous connections with the church, both sent their children and were very forthcoming in stressing how much their children had enjoyed the activities. The children joined with enthusiasm in a programme of storytelling, drama, craft activities and games catered around a theme of 'Parables'.

A much-enjoyed part of church life is the weekly Ladies' Group meetings with their programme of speakers, games, and fundraising activities. These are often 'open meetings' that men and visitors from outside the church attend. Speakers often talk about national and local issues, as well as about their own experiences of visiting countries for holidays and providing voluntary support. A range of fundraising activities, such as selling cakes, jams, plants and filling smartie boxes, and of course coffee mornings, raise a remarkable amount of money both for the church and for community charities and disaster relief appeals.

The church community has responded in creative and supportive ways to the challenges that have resulted from the pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war. The church became a collection point for resources to be sent out to Ukraine through a Shrewsbury-based Ukrainian group and also held a number of fundraising events to provide financial support. As for many other community and church groups throughout the country, it was gratifying to see how quickly the congregation responded and indeed continues to respond to needs both locally, nationally, and internationally. Our members continue to collect food for the local foodbanks and indeed support its workings.

We have also been able to direct funding, either from events or grants towards improving the fabric and resources of the building, replacing the kitchen cooker and dishwasher, carrying out repairs to signage and the roof and improving the 'gardens' around the church. Regular gardening afternoons and an increase in the number of litter bins available ensure that people sit quietly in the outside areas of the church, including some vulnerable members of the community.

September 21 to August 22 has proved a year when we not only returned to regular face to face meetings and worship but one in which we have taken time to reflect and plan forward with our new minister. We have been able to ensure that our volunteers are 'retrained' in areas such as health and safety, catering and safeguarding; we have established new teams for our work with children and young people and have begun work with an external team 'A place for hope' to plan further. Exciting times!

Section E		Financial review	
<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Further financial review details (Optional information)</p>			
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		<p>Section F</p> <p>Other optional information</p>	
<p>Section G</p> <p>Declaration</p> <p>The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.</p> <p>Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees</p>			
Signature(s)	C Stans	Full name(s)	Callarine Stans
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Callarine Stans	Full name(s)	MASTRA BARRICK
Date	22/6/23	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wellington Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Telford	Circuit	Circuit no.	
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

113091

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Treasurer:

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
		£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		38,266		38,266	56,252
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		103	49	152	43
a4	Lettings		15,504		15,504	1,838
a5	Other receipts		11,020	11,319	22,339	10,968
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		64,893	11,368	76,261 (a7)	69,101

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		40,100		40,100
b3	Donations				200
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		3,245	8,485	11,730
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		9,789		9,789
b6					
b7	Other payments		10,876	2,179	13,055
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		64,010	10,664	74,674 (b9)

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	883	704	1,587
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		38,718	24,815	63,533 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	39,601	25,519	65,120
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,809	(1,809)	(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	41,410	23,710	65,120 (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			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			582	364
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,871	1,087
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,453	869
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)				582

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e6 Ladies	916	306	610		1,663	2,273
e7 Marsh Green (Transferred to Telford Circuit)				(22,533)	22,533	
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	17,457	16,792	665	(22,493)	26,652 (e11)	4,824 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	76,261 (a7)	74,674 (b9)	1,587	(c7)	63,533 (c6)	65,120 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	93,718	91,466	2,252	(22,493)	90,185 (x)	69,944 (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 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	24,947	28,573
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	38,302	36,547
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	24	
f6 Other funds	843	
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	64,116 (c6)	65,120 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	26,652 (e11)	4,824 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	90,768 (x)	69,944 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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

Name of Church Wellington Methodist No.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 Patel Date 7/12/22

Name and address of treasurer Wayside, Wiltshire

..... Post Code Sy44Pu

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 11.12.2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ROGER DUNLOP Date 11/12/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

WELLINGTON METHODIST Church

Charity Number 113091

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the WALLINGTON METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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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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:

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner RUSSELL BALL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ICAEW / FCA

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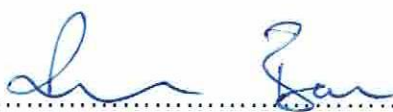
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