



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	09	2022	To	31	08	2023

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)
Alastair Battrick			
Carol Hughes			
Catherine Stones			
Diane Parkin			
Dewi Evans			
Donald Pritchard			
Elmien van Rensburg			
Ganga Nitta			
Jennie Dibb			
Joan James			
Marlene Parton			
Marjorie Brown			
Barbara Murray			
Margaret Whitehead			
Rose Wedge			
Roger Jones			
Tracey Bailey			
Tina Price			
Gail Hocking			
Trevor Shaw			

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

Name	Dates acted if not for calendar 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) Regular worship is held for church members and all members of the local community, each Sunday and Thursday. Services are also held at other times offering a variety of different styles of worship including Iona style services.

B) The church is open each morning to allow congregation members and any members of groups or people from the local community to use the space for prayer or for a quiet place to sit. All are welcome.

C) During the week and some Sundays, there are additional groups which meet for Bible study, prayer and discussion. A banner group meets to produce new banners for the church which help to enhance our worship each Sunday.

D) The pastoral work of the church includes visiting the sick, those who find it difficult to leave their homes and others who need help. This work is led by the secretary for pastoral work and a team of visitors all under the guidance of the minister. Members of the congregation also see it as part of their role to visit and offer help.

E) Groups meet regularly during the week. There is provision for young people, the J team and Emmaus groups, Girls' Brigade, Boys Brigade and the church is a home for Rainbow and Brownie groups.

Other groups include a regular group for ladies (this group is now more mixed) Art groups, craft group, sugar craft group with local a macular degeneration group, fitness 4 all and U3A using the premises on a regular basis.

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)

A huge amount of the work at our church is carried out by volunteers. We continue to be grateful to them for their loyalty and support as we care for the members, try to serve the many needs of the local area and at the same time care for the church premises. These volunteers are not only church members but also friends and members from the local community. Thank you to them all. We could not do the work we do in the church and community without them.

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

During the past year, the church has faced many challenges. We are a diverse and changing group of people who represent the multicultural nature of our community. This brings challenges but also great opportunities as we see new faces each Sunday morning. Celebrating this through sharing food and stories together has given us a wider vision and we will continue to do this. We have done this through our World church meal and the fellowship we share together over tea and coffee after the service and on other occasions. As a church we have responded to specific needs of people when these have arisen. This includes our collection each week for the food bank.

We have a growing group of young people on Sundays, and we are challenged in how we respond to this. However, we rejoice that we have these young people and as a church we recognise we need to cater for their needs.

Our Ladies' group has continued to grow, and most meetings now are mixed, as the programme offers a wide perspective on life in our community. The group has been challenged by many of the stories they have heard and responded to them wherever possible through their financial giving and other help.

The church continues with coffee mornings and offers the opportunity for local groups e.g. Townswomen's Guild, WI, Amnesty International and others to raise funds to help their groups. These occasions are not only fundraising opportunities but also help to show their work and role in the wider community. We also offer our premises for use by the NHS and other council and community groups.

The church has several art groups which offer an opportunity for local artists and beginners to meet together. Currently the groups have 75 members with their year culminating in an annual art exhibition which raises funds of the church. Over two days a large cross section of the community visit the exhibition, with an opportunity for children to take part. This occasion brings many people into the church building offering an opportunity to share our work with others. With funding from the local council, the group plans a workshop for children during the summer holidays. We also celebrate with a special Sunday service. A feature of the group is that art is for enjoyment, so people of all ages abilities come together and share their talents.

Our Craft and Chat group continues to meet, giving an opportunity for people to share their talents and ideas. It is also a group where new friends are made and there is always someone to listen. Listening is a key aspect of our community work and once a month, as a joint venture with other churches in the Wellington area, we hold a Bereavement café. This, in association with the local funeral directors, is an opportunity for people to share their stories of loss knowing that they will be able to talk freely to the volunteers who staff the group.

Among the events of the last year, the church has celebrated on Mothering Sunday, sung carols outside the church at Christmas raising funds for Christian Aid, as well as hosting concerts for the community. We give thanks to God for all we have been able to do over the past year and now look forward with confidence to the future. We hold to the statement that 'all are welcome' at Wellington Methodist Church. At the heart of all we do is our mission statement..... Growing and sharing God's love. With God's continuing help we will do this.

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)

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Full name(s)

ALASTAIR BATTRICK

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

Date

22/6/24

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wellington Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Telford	Circuit	Circuit no.	
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1130091

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:

Roger Dunlop

Church Stewards:

Gail Hocking	Tina Price
Dewi Evans	Elmien Van Rensburg
Roger Jones	Margaret Whitehead
Ganga Nitta	

Treasurer:

Alastair Battick

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	46,803		46,803	38,266
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	997	410	1,407	152
a4	Lettings	10,442	30	10,472	15,504
a5	Other receipts	14,148	9,026	23,174	22,339
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	72,390	9,466	81,857 (a7)	76,261
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	43,000		43,000	40,100
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	697	14,786	15,483	11,730
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,901		9,901	9,789
b6					
b7	Other payments	6,163	4,102	10,264	13,055
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,760	18,888	78,648 (b9)	74,674
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	12,630	(9,421)	3,209	1,587
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	41,410	23,710	65,120 (c6)	63,533
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	54,040	14,288	68,329	65,120
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(787)	787		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	53,253	15,075	68,329 (c8)	65,120 (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				582
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,476	2,871
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,476	3,453
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)				

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 Art Club	18,361	16,243	2,118		983	3,101
e2 Banners		30	(30)		180	150
e3 Boys' Brigade	514	150	364		1,005	1,369
e4 Flowers	245	228	17		108	125
e5 Girls' Brigade	767	526	242		275	517
e6 Ladies	840	700	140		2,273	2,413
e7						
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	20,728	17,877	2,851		4,824 (e11)	7,675
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	81,857 (a7)	78,648 (b9)	3,209	(c7)	65,120 (c6)	68,329
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	102,584	96,525	6,059		69,944 (x)	76,003
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		
f2 Bank Current Account	28,573	21,999
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	36,547	46,329
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	65,120 (c6)	68,329
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,824 (e11)	7,675
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	69,944 (x)	76,003

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,073,825	2,073,825
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 WELLINGTON METHODIST No. 1130091

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  Date 11/3/24

Name and address of treasurer Alastair Battick

..... Wellington Methodist Church, New St, Wellington Post Code... TF6 5DY

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 

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. ROGER DUNLOP Date 11/3/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Wellington Methodist Church

Charity Number: 1130091

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the WELLINGTON METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ... Wellington Methodist No ... 1130091

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 RUSSELL BALL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) D E BALL & CO LIMITED

Address 15 BRIDGE ROAD, WELLINGTON, TELFORD

Post Code TF1 1ES

Date 08/03/24

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