



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	09	2023	To	31	08	2024

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			

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.

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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.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Wellington Methodist Church is a growing, diverse congregation. People gather together on Sundays and during the week from a wide geographical area and the congregation is from a variety of different backgrounds, nationalities and traditions. It offers a variety of different styles of worship on Sundays along with weekly communion services on Thursday mornings. Other types of services are also a feature, with Iona or Taizé services held monthly.

The church is there to serve its members and the local community and is open from Monday to Friday each morning, with the sanctuary offering a place for quiet reflection and prayer in a busy community. Those visiting and using the church, often comment on the warmth of the welcome they receive.

Prayer meetings, bible studies and discussion groups are held regularly. The church has a growing number of young people who meet regularly with the J team for younger members and the Emmaus group for 11 plus. The latter group also meets for discussion groups, games and shared food. Other church groups meet regularly; the banner group and Wednesday evening group are amongst these.

The church has a pastoral system which serves both members and adherents. Volunteer visitors along with church members, try to serve the varying needs of the local community. All volunteers are DBS checked and have undergone safeguarding as well as EDI training. Safe guarding of all is a priority.

During the week, the church offers a home to many groups: Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Brownies, three art groups and a craft group. Other community groups meet on a regular basis with these including Sugar craft, Macular degeneration, U3A , Fit4 All, Shropshire Child Contact Centre, Walkers are welcome and Slimming World. The local council also regularly uses the building for groups.

As much of work as possible carried out in the church building and community is made possible because of the many volunteers. They enable us to serve the many needs of our local area and respond to situations as they arise. We are grateful to all those who help in a myriad of different ways each week.

The mission statement of the church is..Growing and Sharing in God's love. Our church body is diverse and mirrors the multicultural nature of our local community. We are a growing church with new faces each Sunday. Shared meals and activities enable people to come together and exchange stories. Each Sunday we offer tea and coffee after the service when people stay to share fellowship. Our stewards include young people and we try to involve our Emmaus group in the life of the church. As the number of young people increases, we try to cater for their needs with other activities,

Our groups during the week are encouraged to support the work of the food bank and other local charity groups including our local hospice. Acts of worship are held in local care homes as we try to respond to requests from the community. Our members continue to support our monthly bereavement cafe, a joint venture with other churches and the local funeral directors.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Our Wednesday evening group (no longer just ladies) has a varied programme. The many stories they have heard through their speakers have encouraged them to respond to different needs through knitting, collecting items and financial support. Saturday coffee mornings, offer both the church and local groups an opportunity to raise funds and meet people in the community. The WI, Towns Women's Guild and local Amnesty group are among those who use the building in this way. At the present time we have three art groups and each year they hold an annual Art exhibition in July. This offers an opportunity for them to showcase their work and it is also open to people outside the groups to exhibit. There is also a children's art competition. This event is well supported by members of the community as well as raising funds for the church. An annual Christmas Fair is held in December.

The past year has been exciting as we have faced great opportunities as well as challenges. We thank God for the opportunities, for growth and we look to the future with confidence. A welcome is offered to all, whatever their tradition as we hold to our mission statement.. . Growing and sharing in God's love. With God's help we continue to serve God in our local community and in the world.

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 GDeclaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	Alastair Battrick	Barbara Murray
Full name(s)	Alastair Battrick	Barbara Murray
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee
Date	23/6/25	

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wellington Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

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Margaret Whitehead	

Treasurer: Alastair Battrick

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		51,920		51,920	46,803
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,009	610	2,619	1,407
a4	Lettings		10,058		10,058	10,472
a5	Other receipts		22,966	5,169	28,135	23,174
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		86,953	5,779	92,732 (a7)	81,857

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		48,000		48,000	43,000
b3	Donations			400	400	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		1,904	16,018	17,922	15,483
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		9,430		9,430	9,901
b6						
b7	Other payments		5,163	780	5,943	10,264
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		64,497	17,198	81,695 (b9)	78,648

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	22,456	(11,419)	11,037	3,209
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		53,253	15,075	68,328 (c6)	65,120
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	75,709	3,656	79,365	68,329
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(9,000)	9,000	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	66,709	12,656	79,365 (c8)	68,329 (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		2,399	3,476
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,080	3,476
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	319	

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Art Group (Wed)	19,779	21,048	(1,269)		3,101	1,831
e2	Art Group (Thur)	804	473	331			331
e3	Banners	98	139	(41)		150	109
e4	Boys' Brigade	465	435	30		1,369	1,399
e5	Flowers	138	172	(34)		125	91
e6	Girls' Brigade (Closed July 24)	64	581	(517)		517	0
e7	Ladies Group	1,159	781	378		2,413	2,791
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	22,507	23,628	(1,122)		7,675 (e11)	6,553 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	92,732 (a7)	81,695 (b9)	11,037	(c7)	68,328 (c6)	79,365 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	115,239	105,323	9,915		76,003 (x)	85,918 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	21,999	25,134
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	46,329	54,550
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	68,328 (c6)	79,684 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	7,675 (e11)	6,553 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
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g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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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 2024 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 ABT Date 4/5/25

Name and address of treasurer ALASTAIR BATTRICK, c/o Wellington
Methodist Church, Wellington, Telford Post Code TF1 1EU

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting R Dunlop

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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.

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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

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