

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Bicester Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

Buckingham Bicester and Brackley	Circuit	Circuit no	3/06
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1130238

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:

Reverend Steve Mann

Church Stewards:

Susan Thurley	
Marlyn Halford	
Ian Grimwade	to 03/06/2020
Valerie Pritchard	
Sarah Crisp	
Keva Smith	from 14/06/2020
Stephen Smith	from 14/06/2020

Treasurer:

Valerie Pritchard

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	2	50,172		50,172	51,233
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3	751		751	675
a4	Lettings	4	19,881		19,881	32,742
a5	Other receipts	5	5,085	6,982	12,067	10,660
	Refundable key deposits		30		30	40
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		75,919	6,982	82,901 (a7)	95,350

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		51,288		51,288	49,284
b3	Donations	6	1,372		1,372	1,350
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7	4,371		4,371	9,634
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8	8,065		8,065	9,549
b6	Youth work and administration	9	9,147	1,440	10,587	17,841
b7	Other payments	10	4,439		4,439	1,176
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		78,682	1,440	80,122 (b9)	88,835

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,763)	5,542	2,779	6,515
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		115,234	9,730	124,964 (c6)	118,449
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	112,471	15,272	127,743	124,964
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	112,471	15,272	127,743 (c8)	124,964 (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)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,817	1,888
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,817	1,888
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 2020 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	Young Church	290	340	(50)		445	395
e2	Catering	2,627	2,636	(10)		10	(0)
e3	Tuesday Fellowship	141	91	50		1,978	2,028
e4	Wives Club	1,696	1,666	30		715	745
e5	Open Doors	85	340	(255)		371	116
e6	Spring Harvest					242	242
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,839	5,073	(235)		3,761 (e11)	3,526 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	82,901 (a7)	80,122 (b9)	2,779	(c7)	124,964 (c6)	127,743 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	87,740	85,195	2,544		128,725 (x)	131,269 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

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

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	30	30
f2 Bank Current Account	21,403	22,120
f3 Bank Deposit Account	720	721
f4 Central Finance Board	102,811	104,872
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	124,964 (c6)	127,743 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,761 (e11)	3,526 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	128,725 (x)	131,269 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	1,303	1,303
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities Key deposits	320	350

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

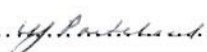
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church **Bicester Methodist Church** No **1130238**

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  Date..... 9.2.21

Name and address of treasurer Valerie Pritchard

..... 43 Linden Road, Bicester, OX26 6PE

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 11.2.21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Steve Mann

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bicester Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130238

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bicester 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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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.

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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 Donna A Sherwood

Name of independent examiner Donna A Sherwood

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Address



Small Business
Help Ltd.

Date 9 March 2021

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Sep-19

Annual Reports 2019 – 2020

Reports submitted as of (18th March 2021)

Christian Aid and Fair trade Reports 1st Sept 2019 - 31st Aug 2020

Harvest Celebration Weekend-£602 -retiring collection in aid of the Bahamas disaster appeal was sent to "All we can" Methodist relief and development fund instead of Christian Aid .

20/3/20-£100 was sent on-line to Traidcraft -"Big Brew" and sale of Fairtrade goods in FT fortnight--(24th Feb-7th March)--supported by the Friday Coffee morning.

Owing to Covid restrictions house-to-house collections were not able to take place. St Edburghs Church set up a "Just giving "link and other Churches in the town were encouraged to support this .

Bicester CA meetings are usually held 3-4 times a year but this has changed this year because of "lockdown"

Fairtrade steering Group (Bicester)

Status as a Fairtrade Town has again be renewed and new signage around the town is in the process of being discussed with Oxfordshire County Council.

20 /10 /19----Successful Anniversary lunch and Annual meeting was held in St Edburgh's Church Hall

Dec. 2019-----tree was decorated for St. Edburghs Christmas Tree Festival.

24th Feb- 7th Mar-----Fair trade fortnight--event held in Methodist Church Hall.Refreshments served and FT goods sold.

Owing to the Covid virus lockdown since 23rd Mar, no events have taken place throughout the Summer.

However, the committee is committed to promoting Fairtrade in Bicester and is grateful to Bicester Town Council for its continuing support.

Regards

Beryl Mann (Church Representative on both Committees)

Wives Club Report September 2019 to March 2020

As with the rest of the world the COVID19 virus closed our programme in March. Therefore this will be a shorter report.

September 2019 started well with our AGM and Bring and Share meal. It was good to meet up again after the summer break.

The Autumn programme was varied and interesting. Speakers included David Lingwood from the Bicester Library Service, we were surprised how much goes on there.

Other speakers told us of Period Poverty in India, Florence Nightingale and Briam Homans gave an illustrated account of the Holiday he and Pam had in Norway.

The Wesleyan Lads who went to War, was a well researched talk from Mary Brydon.

In December we enjoyed a visit from the Close Knit Band , a good musical evening. Once again Jenny King organised a craft evening . Club members organised Harvest Readings and Bring and Buy, Favourite Poems , Christmas recipes and tastings and carols and mince pies.

The Kirtlington Golf Club was the venue for the Christmas lunch which we always enjoy.

Then to the start of 2020 the usual Bring and Share get together. Other evenings we had Games from Troy of Ageuk. Alan Peters spoke about the Kruger National Park in South Africa , always good and informative. Amber Partner of Howe Farm told us of the Flower farm she has created where folk can cut there own flowers and fill a bucket. Silver jewellery was another talk from Violetta Corzo.

In February a pancake party was arranged and also a fundraisings evening.

Many thanks to all our speakers who help to make such interesting evenings.

Grateful thanks to Helen and the team for all the ideas input and hard work.

While we have been unable to meet Helen and others have been keeping in touch by phone.

We hope that God willing we will be able to start the Wives Club again when it is safe.

Joan Francis

Pastoral Report 2020

We have a team of 18 Pastoral Visitors delivering the magazine "Spotlight" to church members covering most of Bicester plus the villages of Launton, Ambrosden and Arncott.

Unfortunately early in the year Corona Virus reared its ugly head resulting in the UK going into "lockdown." Live services of worship were no longer permissible and "Spotlight" ceased to be produced because of the difficulty in its delivery.

Pastoral care was then by "social distancing" in gardens, weather permitting, or on the doorstep!

The telephone became very important for long chats maintaining contact with the church family by pastoral visitors and various church members. As pastoral secretary this has been a joy, sharing concerns, hobbies, books and family news.

We currently have 121 church members and an additional group of friends on the community roll.

The membership tickets for 2020/2021 will not be able to be issued during the current period of restrictions.

Angela Peters

Pastoral Secretary

Youth activities - Alex Hammerling

During the time from 1/9/19 - 31/8/20 I was supported by Tabea Schatzelmayer who was doing the Gap Year with Reign Ministries and helped me running the youth activities while I was in my third Year of the Degree. Also Karen Mann has stepped up in many ways to support the youth ministry.

In many ways it seems that last year one generation of youth have moved on, and a new generation have come up. The range of activities taking place has evolved to reflect this.

Gamesnight on Tuesdays

Our Gamesnight on a Tuesday evening a group which is aimed for Christians and non Christians in the age group year 7+. Over the past year we have seen grow in numbers. We now have up to 7 young people coming on weekly basis. In the past year we watched the Movie Case for Christ over 10 weeks and discussed it. This helped the young people to find out more about historical facts about the life of Jesus. However from March on we had to move the group to ZOOM as a result of the COVID Pandemic.

Lunch Clubs

We continued the Lunch Club at Heyford Park Free School on Mondays and Thursdays during the Lunch break. This is open to all, and we are there to just build relationships with the teenagers and to show them God's love through our lives. We were able to use on Mondays the main hall at the main site of the school. The school leadership is very appreciative of the club, and have said that they can see a change in the atmosphere of the school since it has been running. Numbers attending are between 15 and 25. Invitations have been given to youth events being run at BMC, and we are starting to build links between the Heyford Park pupils and our own young people. This however stopped in March as the schools shut down and the school didn't feel confident to let people from outside into the school.

Young Church 11-16 group

The group on Sunday mornings we had normally between 6-8 young people. We were using different bible studies through the year which allowed the young people to grow in their faith but also to explore what it means to share their faith. The young people also have been involved in connect and different services. We did the youth alpha course which had been received well even when we did the last sessions online. We moved the group to Sunday night as we thought it would be more suitable for the young people and the numbers were very consistent.

One off events

We organized them from time to time. Over the last year, we did some film evenings, games afternoons and other activity afternoons. Some were only for the young people to build up the community but we also did things with all age groups e.g. the games afternoons. These one off events were good starting points to connect the young people from the Heyford Park Free School with the young people we work with here in Bicester.

COVID 19 Activities

During the first Lockdown we offered some Games afternoons and workout sessions during the week to engage with our young people.

Minister's Report

You won't need any reminding that this has been a year of two halves divided by the COVID pandemic.

Prior to March the church was on course to deliver the goals highlighted in last year's report, namely a refurbishment of the halls and the appointment of a mission enabler. The pandemic and corresponding loss of income has meant that both of those projects are currently on hold.

Nevertheless, there have been positives for the church to come out of the past few months. We have learned a lot about online technology in a short space of time and have connected everyone in weekly worship through a recorded internet service.

The church has also been very well served by its pastoral team who have joined with others in making sure that everyone stays connected. Many phone calls have been made as well as face to face meetings when possible. It has all served to underline the fact that the church is not a building but its people and this is vital to remember. Only God knows what the future holds. Some things will remain and some things will change but the church is in good heart and as family together we move forward together and in good heart.

Steve Mann
Minister, Bicester Methodist Church