

DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130420

Details

Other names DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-06-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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 the 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.

Activities: Provision of regular public acts of worship open to church members & the general public;Provision of a sacred space for prayer & contemplation;Teaching the Christian faith through Sunday services & mid-week groups;Pastoral support for all members & those brought to the attention of the church, including the sick & bereaved;Support work with children, young people, elderly & other charities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Birmingham City
- Solihull
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£165,486	£146,746	-	-
2024-08-31	£168,269	£138,172	-	-
2023-08-31	£162,205	£162,193	-	-
2022-08-31	£145,915	£152,993	-	-
2021-08-31	£212,426	£285,926	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Caroline Hague	Chair	2019-09-01
Carole Susan Sallnow		2022-10-23
GILLIAN JUDITH ROSE WILKINS		
GRAHAM FRANK PRIOR FCII		
Hazel Luscombe CQSW		2021-10-03
Janet Ann Powell		2022-10-23
Lynne Irene Wilson		2017-09-01
MRS JAN PRIOR		
MRS LIS HELLIAR		
Mercy Hannah Rostron MA		2023-09-24
Philip Salmon		2025-06-01
Shirley Denise Atkinson DCR		2022-10-23

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

Circuit	Circuit no.	5/1
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Minister:

Reverend Caroline Hague

Church Stewards:

Lynne Wilson	Mercy Rostron

Treasurer:

Philip Salmon

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		87,720	256	87,976	89,400
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		5,292		5,292	4,814
a4	Lettings		62,445		62,445	64,999
a5	Other receipts		9,773		9,773	3,437
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		165,230	256	165,486 (a7)	162,650

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		80,000		80,000	76,250
b3	Donations		5,432	150	5,582	6,964
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		29,002		29,002	26,251
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		11,374		11,374	12,882
b6						
b7	Other payments		20,788		20,788	10,169
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		146,596	150	146,746 (b9)	132,516

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	18,634	106	18,740	30,134
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		106,462	238	106,700 (c6)	76,566
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	125,096	344	125,440	106,700
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	125,096	344	125,440 (c8)	106,700 (c6)

SECTION D				
			£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		Nil	Nil
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		5,862	5,651
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,203	5,651
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	2,659	Nil

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 2025 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.

	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 DMC Bowls Club	282	282			912	912
e2 Ladies Badminton	813	813			22	22
e3 Ladies Circle	377	180	197		676	873
e4 Monday Night Badminton	690	692	(2)		23	21
3FLC	2,126	2,034	92		210	302
e6 Tea Parties	785	776	9	(9)	15	15
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,073	4,777	296	(9)	1,858 (e11)	2,145 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	165,486 (a7)	146,746 (b9)	18,740	(c7)	106,700 (c6)	125,440 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	170,559	151,523	19,036	(9)	108,558 (x)	127,585 (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 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	2,389	1,778
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	104,311	123,662
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	106,700 (c6)	125,440 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,858 (e11)	2,145 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	108,558 (x)	127,585 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,421,144	2,600,000
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 Dorridge Methodist Church

1130420

Declarations and Scrutiny

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I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 19/10/25

Name and address of treasurer Philip Salmon, Apt 30 Kenilworth House, Dorridge

..... Post Code..... B93 8EX

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 6TH NOVEMBER 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting E. MAGNO Date 20 Oct 25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Dorridge Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130420

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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 Dorridge Methodist Church

1130420

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 *J. B. Davis*

Name of independent examiner John Barry Davis

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. Chartered Accountant FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .. N/A

Address 31 Mirfield Road, Solihull

..... Post Code B91 1JH

Date *1st December 2025*

* delete or circle as appropriate

Dorridge Methodist Church 2024/25.

The Church continues on a sound financial footing despite members being lost during the year. Income and expenditure have essentially remained static and is projected to be little changed in the coming year.

Our rooms have been well occupied and there are still spaces available giving us the opportunity to further improve income to the Church. Thankfully we have a number of regular and well established hirers which form a good basis and our rooms are well maintained and vary in size to accommodate whatever size of group.

Activities within the Church continue with badminton and indoor bowls available. Other groups such as Ladies Circle, Chat Reflect and Pray (an online Christian fellowship group), 3FLC (Third Friday Lunch Club) and twice monthly Tea Parties continue. In addition there are Home Groups and a couple of social groups meet at local pubs. This year has seen a number of Sunday Roast lunches which have proved very popular.

We continue to support the local community with baptisms, weddings and funerals. The Church vestibule windows are appropriately decorated at times such as Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Day. Also on Remembrance Day a Memorial Service is held for those that have lost relatives and friends during the year.

A successful Community Event was held at the end of November raising funds for our Church Charity of the Year, the Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull.

Our thanks go to members, spouses and friends who have supported the Church to enable all these activities to take place and keep the Church in its well-maintained condition.

In conclusion we pray that with God's help and guidance the Church will continue and flourish in the future.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

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Reverend Caroline Hague

Church Stewards:

Lynne Wilson	Mercy Rostron

Treasurer:

Philip Salmon

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		88,666	734	89,400	93,833
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4,814		4,814	2,741
a4	Lettings		64,999		64,999	46,788
a5	Other receipts		3,437		3,437	13,945
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		161,916	734	162,650 (a7)	157,307

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		76,250		76,250	79,500
b3	Donations		5,514	1,450	6,964	2,605
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		26,251		26,251	46,304
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		12,882		12,882	7,825
b6						
b7	Other payments		10,169		10,169	20,766
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		131,066	1,450	132,516 (b9)	157,000

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	30,850	(716)	30,134	307
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		75,612	954	76,566 (c6)	76,259
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	106,462	238	106,700	76,566
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	106,462	238	106,700 (c8)	76,566 (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		Nil	Nil
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		5,651	6,076
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		5,651	6,076
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	Nil	Nil

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	DMC Bowls Club	248	355	(107)		1,019	912
e2	Ladies Badminton	815	823	(8)		30	22
e3	Ladies Circle	536	426	110	7	550	667
e4	Monday Night Badminton	829	836	(7)		30	23
e5	3FLC	2,355	2,395	(40)		250	210
e6	Tea Parties	836	821	15		Nil	15
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,619	5,656	(37)	7	1,879 (e11)	1,849 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	162,650 (a7)	132,516 (b9)	30,134	(c7)	76,566 (c6)	106,700 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	168,269	138,172	30,097	7	78,445 (x)	108,549 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	4,208	2,389
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	72,358	104,311
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	76,566 (c6)	106,700 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,879 (e11)	1,849 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	78,445 (x)	108,549 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,362,110	2,421,144
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

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Signature of treasurer  Date... 21/11/24

Name and address of treasurer Philip Salmon, Apt.30 Kenilworth House, Dorridge, B93 8EX.

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 27TH FEBRUARY 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Reverend Caroline Hague.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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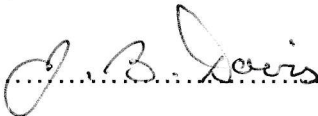
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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner John Barry Davis

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. Chartered Accountant FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..N/A

Address 31 Mirfield Road, Solihull

..... Post Code B91 1JH

Date *26 November 2024*

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Dorridge Methodist Church 2023/24.

Following on from last year it was hoped that attendance would continue to be maintained and that financially the church would continue on a sound footing. It is pleasing that to a large extent that is the case

Our rooms have been well occupied throughout the year and income from room hire has increased. New organisations are using them and some organisations have returned following the Covid years. Some parties are also being accommodated.

The church continues to offer a range of activities such as badminton, indoor bowls, Ladies Circle, Chat Reflect and pray (an online Christian fellowship group), 3FLC (Third Friday Lunch Club), and twice monthly Tea Parties, home groups and a couple of social groups that meet in different local pubs.

The church continues to support the local community with baptisms, funerals and weddings. The vestibule is decorated appropriately at times such as Easter, Christmas and Remembrance Day and a Remembrance Service is held for those that have lost relatives and friends during the year.

A very successful Christmas Tree Festival was held in support of Shine Youth our Church Charity of the Year.

Our thanks go to the members, spouses and friends who have helped organise these and all the other activities that go on within the church.

We pray that this overall situation at the church continues and thank God for his guidance in all that we do.

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Church Stewards:

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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	92,550	1,283	93,833	93,747
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,741		2,741	374
a4	Lettings	46,788		46,788	41,536
a5	Other receipts	13,945		13,945	6,609
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	156,024	1,283	157,307 (a7)	142,266

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	79,500		79,500	80,000
b3	Donations	1,770	835	2,605	5,800
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	46,304		46,304	39,042
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,825		7,825	7,417
b6					
b7	Other payments	20,766		20,766	16,979
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	156,165	835	157,000 (b9)	149,238

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(141)	448	(6,972)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	75,753	506	76,259 (c6)	90,731
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	75,612	954	83,759
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	(7,500)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	75,612	954	76,259 (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	Nil	Nil
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	6,076	5,457
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	6,076	5,457
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	Nil

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SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	DMC Bowls Club	344	238	106	5	908	1,019
e2	DMC Traidcraft Stall	Nil	500	(500)		500	Nil
e3	Ladies Badminton	925	927	(2)		34	32
e4	Ladies Circle	654	704	(50)	(7)	607	550
e5	Monday Night Badminton	914	917	(3)		33	30
e6	Rambling Club	4	100	(96)	1	95	Nil
e7	3FLC	2,057	1,807	250		Nil	250
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,898	5,193	(295)	(1)	2,177 (e11)	1,881 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	157,307 (a7)	157,000 (b9)	307	(c7)	76,259 (c6)	76,566 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	162,205	162,193	12	(1)	78,436 (x)	78,447 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	7,131	4,208
f3		
f4	69,128	72,358
f5		
f6		
f7	76,259 (c6)	76,566 (c8)
f8	2,177 (e11)	1,881 (e12)
f9	78,436 (x)	78,447 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1		
g2	2,145,398	2,362,110
g3		
g4		
g5		

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 **Dorridge Methodist Church**

1130420

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 23/10/23

Name and address of treasurer Philip Salmon, Apt. 30 Kenilworth House, Dorridge,
..... Solihull, West Midlands. Post Code B93 8EX

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 26th OCTOBER 2023,

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Reverend Caroline Hague

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Dorridge Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130420

Responsibilities and basis of report

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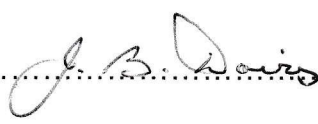
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I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner John Barry Davis

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. Chartered Accountant FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .. N/A

Address 31 Mirfield Road, Solihull

..... Post Code B91 1JH

Date *7 November 2023*

* delete or circle as appropriate

Note to Last Year's Accounts.

c.7 – This amount, £7,500, represented a loan from a church member which has been repaid.

Dorridge Methodist Church 2022/23.

The Church has continued its recovery post Covid and activity has increased. Services are well attended and organisations using the rooms at Church have continued to increase and we believe further organisations who have not met since Covid will return next year.

Inevitably some organisations have taken the decision to close where attendance has dropped and others have changed the way they operate all due to age or health or simply where there is no one to take them forward.

Work on the property identified in the last Quinquennial Report has continued and was completed with the redecoration of the Church itself. Looking forward the emphasis will now be one of maintenance with only small projects being proposed. Benches have been purchased and placed at the front of the Church and it is good to see them being used by members of the local community.

The Church has received the Eco Bronze Award and work is continuing in this important area to further improve which means our Carbon Footprint is reducing towards zero. Reference to such as climate change is mentioned in services and there are regular features in the fortnightly DMC Connects publication.

We have continued to use computer technology for some meetings and Zoom is still used. Although we have lost the services of our Lay Pastoral Worker these meetings and others such as Tea Parties and Third Friday Lunch have filled the space. Overall DMC is a caring Church and members get together to help and support where necessary. It is hoped that in the future a Lay Worker will be found and work is continuing in this respect.

During the year the Church has been registered for Same Sex Marriages and the local community is further well supported with Funerals and Baptisms

There has been a picnic and other events during the year. The Church vestibule has been decorated when appropriate. Many thanks are due to members, spouses and friends who organise and help with these and all the other activities that go on in the life of the Church.

We thank God that attendance is being maintained, that financially we are on a sound footing going forward and the property is in good overall condition. With Gods help and guidance we hope that this will continue and that the membership can be expanded during the coming years.

DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130420

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

Birmingham	Circuit	Circuit no.	5/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1130420

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 Caroline Hague

Church Stewards:

Lynne Wilson

Treasurer:

Philip Salmon

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	93,241	506	93,747	84,164
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	374		374	133
a4	Lettings	41,536		41,536	16,253
a5	Other receipts	6,609		6,609	56,389
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	141,760	506	142,266 (a7)	156,939

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	80,000		80,000	63,200
b3	Donations	5,800		5,800	3,822
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	39,042		39,042	50,301
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,417		7,417	6,881
b6					
b7	Other payments	16,979		16,979	88,746
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	149,238		149,238 (b9)	212,950

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(7,478)	506	(6,972)	(56,011)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	90,731		90,731 (c6)	139,242
c3	Sub total	83,253	506	83,759	83,231
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(7,500)		(7,500) (c7)	7,500
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	75,753	506	76,259 (c8)	90,731 (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	Nil	Nil
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,457	2,833
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,547	2,833
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	Nil	Nil

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 2022 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	Benevolent Fund	182	907	(725)		725	Nil
e2	DMC Bowls Club	823	285	538		370	908
e3	DMC Traidcraft Stall	163		163		337	500
e4	Ladies Badminton	807	803	4		30	34
e5	Ladies Circle	895	954	(59)	12	654	607
e6	Monday Night Badminton	779	776	3		30	33
e7	Rambling Club		30	(30)		125	95
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	3,649	3,755	(106)	12	2,271 (e11)	2,177 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	142,266 (a7)	149,238 (b9)	(6,972)	(7,500) (c7)	90,731 (c6)	76,259 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	145,915	152,993	(7,078)	(7,488)	93,002 (x)	78,436 (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 2022

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	1,778	7,131
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	88,953	69,128
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	90,731 (c6)	76,259 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,271 (e11)	2,177 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	93,002 (x)	78,436 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,145,398
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

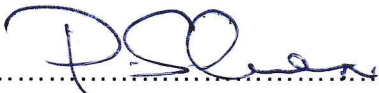
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Note to Accounts as at 31st August 2022.

c.7 – This amount, £7,500, represents a loan from a Church Member which has been repaid during the year.

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  Date 25/10/22

Name and address of treasurer Philip Salmon, Apt 30 Kenilworth House, 456 Station Road, Dorridge,
..... Solihull, West Midlands B93 8EX

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 23 October 2022.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Reverend Caroline Hague

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Dorridge Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130420

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DORRIDGE METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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 *J. B. Davis*

Name of independent examiner John Barry Davis

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT F.C.A*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *N/A*

Address 31 Mirfield Road, Solihull.

..... Post Code B91 1JH

Date *25 October 2022*

* delete or circle as appropriate

Dorrige Methodist Church Annual Report 2021-22.

Following an easing in the Coronavirus Pandemic it is pleasing that this year has been one of recovery. Regular Church Services have recommenced and many of the organisations using the rooms at Church have returned. Activity has therefore increased and we are looking to that to continue next year.

The opportunity has been taken to look closely at how and what we do and consequently changes have been made and this review will continue. Some Services have been discontinued and some of the Church Organisations have changed their way of doing things or have unfortunately taken the decision to close. Our Services have become a little shorter, there is more space between chairs in Church and the way Communion is taken and Offerings are made has changed.

It is good that despite these changes attendance has not dropped noticeably and consequently finances have been maintained. Many thanks to all our members who have maintained or increased their contributions. Also thanks to those members and their spouses and friends who step up to help with the projects that go on in the life of the Church throughout the year.

This has enabled us to continue with remedial work and improvements to the Church premises and to make additional monetary donations to areas of the Methodist Church where it has been felt necessary.

We have continued to use computer technology although to a lesser degree and some meetings do continue via Zoom. The Church Community is well supported Pastorally although towards the end of the year we lost the services of our Lay Pastoral Worker and we are hoping that she will be replaced although this position will also be reviewed.

A decision was made to register the church for Same Sex Marriages and we continue to support the local community with Funerals and Baptisms.

The Church vestibule has continued to be decorated appropriately throughout the year and we are looking at the provision of benches at the front of the Church for local community use in commemoration of the Late Queen Elizabeth II and her earlier Platinum Jubilee.

We thank God that we have come through the worst of the Pandemic and that the Church is now looking to move forward through the coming year.

DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130420

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

Birmingham	Circuit	Circuit no	5/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1130420

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

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Minister:

Reverend Caroline Hague

Church Stewards:

Lynne Wilson	Sharon Clutterbuck
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Treasurer:

Philip Salmon

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	84,164		84,164	92,066
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	133		133	923
a4	Lettings	16,253		16,253	28,389
a5	Other receipts	56,389		56,389	56,776
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	156,939		156,939 (a7)	178,154

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	63,200		63,200	81,312
b3	Donations	3,822		3,822	6,707
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	50,301		50,301	38,998
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,881		6,881	7,170
b6					
b7	Other payments	88,746		88,746	12,678
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	212,950		212,950 (b9)	146,865

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(56,011)	(56,011)	31,289
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		139,242	139,242 (c6)	107,953
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	83,231	83,231	139,242
c4	Transfers and adjustments	See Note.	7,500	7,500 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	90,731	90,731 (c8)	139,242 (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		Nil	Nil
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,833	5,343
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,833	5,343
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	Nil	Nil

DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH Church

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
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	55,487	72,976	(17,489)	3	19,757 (e11)	2,271 (e12)
e9	156,939 (a7)	212,950 (b9)	(56,011)	7,500 (c7)	139,242 (c6)	90,731 (c8)
e10	212,426	285,926	(73,500)	7,503	158,999 (x)	93,002 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED SHEET

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 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	51,222	1,778
f3		
f4	88,020	88,953
f5		
f6		
f7	139,242 (c6)	90,731 (c8)
f8	19,757 (e11)	2,271 (e12)
f9	158,999 (x)	93,002 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1		
g2	1,932,636	1,934,556
g3		
g4		
g5		7,500

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)

Dorrige Methodist Church
Standard Form of Accounts -- Receipt and Payments
Year ended 31st August 2021.

Organisation	Receipts	Payments	Net	Adjustments	Opening Balance	Closing Balance	
Benevolent Fund	675	Nil		675	50	725	
Windmills Pre-school Group	54812	71780		-16968	16968	Nil	
Windmills Stay and Play group	Nil	598		-598	598	Nil	
Ladies Circle	Nil	71		-71	725	654	
Ladies Badminton	Nil	Nil		Nil	30	30	
Monday Night Badminton	Nil	Nil		Nil	30	30	
Friday Lunch Club	Nil	278		-278	278	Nil	
Second Sunday Lunch	Nil	176		-176	176	Nil	
RamblingClub	Nil	10		-10	135	125	
Traidcraft	Nil	Nil		Nil	337	337	
DMC Café	Nil	63		-63	3	60 Nil	
Bowls	Nil	Nil		Nil	370	370	
Totals	55487	72976		-17489	3	19757	2271

Note To Accounts as at 31st August 2021.

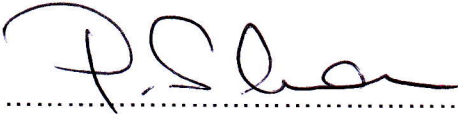
c.7 – This amount, £7,500, represents a loan from a member of the Church repayable within one year.

Name of Church DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

1130420

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  Date 11/11/22

Name and address of treasurer Philip Salmon, Apt.30 456 Station Road, Dorridge, Solihull.
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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 18th October 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Reverend Caroline Hague

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number . 1130420

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Name of ChurchDORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner John Barry Davis

Relevant professional qualification of independent exami Chartered Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 31 Mirfield Road, Solihull

..... Post Code B91 1JH

Date 

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-20

Dorridge Methodist Church Annual Report 2020-21.

This year yet again activities at the Church have been affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic. Services were held in the early part of the year and then suspended due to lockdown. Reopening taking a cautious approach was possible later.

Consequently finances did take a hit but with reopening our rooms were being used again and the refurbishment of the dining room, now renamed The Rainbow Room, was completed. All this helped with finances and many thanks to our members who maintained their contributions which provided a solid base. Additionally the Car Park was part resurfaced and there is no doubt that this has enhanced the look of and the safety of the area occupied by the Church. Due to the pandemic and enforced Government restrictions many other improvements have been made to our rooms to make them more user friendly both for the able and disabled.

With services not taking place other options to bring the Word of God to the Church Community were put in place mainly centred on computer technology. A regular meeting via Zoom took place on Thursday evenings entitled Together at Home and was well supported. More use has been made of Facebook. Other meetings also took place via Zoom having been arranged by Church members and our Lay Pastoral Worker continued her valuable work in this way and also by telephone. Many members also took it on themselves to telephone others just to have a chat and keep in touch.

It has been inspiring to see members and others step up at this difficult time and pool their various areas of expertise to maintain contact and to keep us all as safe as possible. The Church vestibule has been decorated for times such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest in an effort to assure the local community that despite the Church being closed at times it was still very much alive.

We now pray that the pandemic subsides in the future to enable the Church to continue in a more normal manner and that there are no further lockdowns imposed by the Government. In the meantime our cautious approach will continue but kept under regular review.