

## **HESWALL METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT**

### **1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

We have had a busy year full of our usual seasonal services and activities.

Reverend Phyl Fanning has been able to maintain his 25% time with us (often more) for 18 months. This has enabled a stable period giving opportunity to grapple with issues of change.

During the year discussions have taken place within our Wirral Methodist Circuit about change. Our membership numbers are a lot smaller now and we find ourselves stretched very thinly. As a result we are struggling to meet all the demands made upon us. We have less resources – both financial and in terms of people to carry out duties. Questions are being asked about how we can work together to share resources and skills.

In the summer we started what we hope will become a more regular occurrence, going to join with another Methodist Church for worship a couple of times each quarter. We started by joining Irby Methodist Church and they will join us on one Sunday in the autumn quarter.

We have also had several joint services at our own church with the Anglican “Lighthouse Church”, whilst they have been using our premises. Their own newly built church will be opening in September 2023. It has been a blessed and rewarding time when we have shared worship with them.

**The Beacon Coffee Shop** has been open regularly twice a week, and the volunteers who run it have had a good year. It is a popular place for people to meet together and share food and fellowship. A lot of mutual support is generated between customers giving much benefit and friendship. The money raised over the year has gone to many charities, both locally and overseas and to support Heswall Methodist Church in its work. The Beacon enabled eleven “Shelter Boxes” to be sent to aid the emergency response to the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey in March.

There were also celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III in May followed by a special day for all volunteers on the Monday following this, when free coffee and cake was provided.

**The Church Mice Group** is thriving with numbers increasing. This is their 17<sup>th</sup> year. Twenty children are registered with the group. The Mice Christmas Christingle Service was very much enjoyed with a huge attendance of 50, of which half were children. Tesco generously provided 50 oranges, mince pies and festive food which were much appreciated.

We took part in the **Ecumenical Walk of Witness** at Easter. Reverend Phyl Fanning ran “**A People’s Passion**”, which was a dramatic presentation depicting the Passion of Christ in church. Members took on different roles; it was very moving.

Special seasonal events have supported **WaterAid** (Harvest) and **Wirral Food Bank** (Christmas). A member also took part in an organised abseil off the roof of Arrowe Park Hospital to raise money for their Neo-Natal Unit.

The **Church Walking Group** enjoyed a variety of walks throughout the year, including going out to Hilbre Island at low tide, and a walk around the historic Port Sunlight Village.

The **5<sup>th</sup> Heswall (Methodist) Scouts** continues to thrive. They took part in two Parade Services during the year.

**We continue, as a church community, to have – in the words of our Minister – “a heartbeat of Worship, Prayer and Service in the Community”.**

For further details about Heswall Methodist Church and all that goes on here, please see our website [heswallmethodist.org.uk](http://heswallmethodist.org.uk)



## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

**HESWALL METHODIST CHURCH**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2023**

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**Church Stewards:**

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**Treasurer:**

Michael D D Howlett

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	55,947		<b>55,947</b>	58,298
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	844		<b>844</b>	(1,255)
a4	Lettings	29,477		<b>29,477</b>	24,478
a5	Other receipts				
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>86,267</b>		<b>86,267</b> (a7)	<b>81,520</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	48,065		<b>48,065</b>	45,142
b3	Donations				425
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	10,681		<b>10,681</b>	11,379
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,279		<b>10,279</b>	10,882
b6	Church Administration	2,137		<b>2,137</b>	2,522
b7	Other payments		391	<b>391</b>	4,218
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>71,162</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>71,553</b> (b9)	<b>74,569</b>

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	15,105	(391)	14,714	6,952
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	75,470	2,610	78,080 (c6)	66,188
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	90,575	2,220	92,794	73,140
c4	Transfers and adjustments	7,463		7,463 (c7)	4,939
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	98,038	2,220	100,258 (c8)	78,079 (c6)

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	7,461	6,250
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	7,461	6,250
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>		
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		

# HESWALL METHODIST 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	Transfers to General Fund	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Beacon Coffee Shop	25,067	20,997	4,070	(6,419)	4,045	1,696
e2	Church Mice	1,339	294	1,045	(1,045)		
e3	Orion Club	1,419	1,465	(46)		2,078	2,032
e4							
e5							
e6							
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e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	27,825	22,756	5,069	(7,463)	6,123 (e11)	3,728 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	86,267 (a7)	71,553 (b9)	14,714	7,463 (c7)	78,080 (c6)	100,258 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	114,092	94,309	19,783		84,203 (x)	103,986 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet  
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### 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	13,378	7,778
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	32,960	62,036
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#### OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	£2.45M	£2.70M
g3	Other Assets	£0.65M	£0.72M
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	£0.52M	£0.57M
g5	Other Liabilities		

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\*Venture Hse  
\*87,  
Telegraph Rd

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Name of Church . **HESWALL METHODIST CHURCH**

## 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 ..... signed ..... Date..... 01.11.23

Name and address of treasurer ..... **MDD Howlett, 'Barnwell' 17 Long Meadow, Gayton, Wirral**  
..... Post Code. **CH60 8QQ**

### Presentation to the Church trustees

29.11.23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... signed 29.11.23

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... **Revd. P N Fanning**

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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**Charity Number . 1130586**

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Heswall 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

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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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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.

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Signature of independent examiner ..... signed 02.11.23

Name of independent examiner ..... **Dr PM Lumb**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address: **22 Farmstead Way, Gt Sutton, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire**

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