

Heswall Methodist Church – Annual Report, September 2023 to August 2024.

There has been plenty happening in the life of Heswall Methodist Church this year.

One of our highlights was celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our Beacon Coffee Shop. It has become well known in Heswall for being a special and warm place to come to on a Tuesday and a Friday. As one customer put it “what a very special place the Beacon is, not just a café, but offering so much more to the customers”. The Team of volunteers that run it work very hard, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. The Beacon continues to raise funds, giving away the profits to both local and overseas charities. There was a wonderful celebration of the 25th Anniversary with a Band and the “Mockbeggar Morris Dancers” on the driveway outside. At least 100 people dropped in, and we were blessed with sunshine. A special service was held on the Sunday, led by one of our Local Preachers, and was a really uplifting occasion with so many of the “Beacon Family” taking part.

A new group started up during the year, meeting once a month. This “Creative Commentary on Scripture” was led by one of our Local Preachers, looking at art, photographs and music that has been used to interpret Scripture over the years. It was good to have a new group starting after the loss of several groups during the Covid epidemic.

The annual MacMillan weekend in September was very well supported as usual, run by some of the Beacon Lights friends and Beacon volunteers. The Wirral Food Bank was also supported through the Harvest Festival and a Christmas Appeal.

The Hope Journey continues to be an annual event for some of our local schools. In November it focussed on different aspects of World War II. This is the tenth year our committed group of church members have offered their time and skills to help schools deliver this important part of the school curriculum. The children learnt about Anne Frank, rationing, evacuation and even spent a session in a realistic Anderson Air Raid Shelter. In December the team ran “Meet the Characters” of the Nativity story, for younger children. The “Church Mice” children’s group had a very enjoyable Christingle Service just before Christmas with lots of festive food – thank you to Tesco for the oranges and mince pies – and at least 50 came to take part in the afternoon.

Our Supernumerary Minister, Reverend Phyl Fanning, continued to give us 25% of his time through the year. He also took on Lower Bebington Methodist Church for the 12 months. With 19 churches in the Wirral Methodist Circuit and only 4 Presbyters and 15 Supernumerary Ministers it has been impossible to provide a preacher at every church on every Sunday. As a result, we are all having “own arrangement” services to ease the pressure. At Heswall we made the decision to close our church on “own arrangement” Sundays and to go and join either Irby or Greasby Methodist Churches and occasionally the newly opened Lighthouse Church in Heswall. It has worked very well.

Our Minister has been encouraging us to think “what is it that we can change to enable the church to move forward”? As the Wirral Circuit we have been looking into the idea of “One Church with Multiple Congregations” which is successfully running in some other parts of the country. So, this will be a major theme for next year with some reshuffling, reorganisation and new opportunities.

For further details about Heswall Methodist Church and all that goes on here, please see our website heswallmethodist.org.uk

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

HESWALL METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Wirral Methodist Churches Circuit	Circuit No.	18/09
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Stephen J Pillow

Treasurer:

Michael D D Howlett

89 Telegraph Road, Heswall, Wirral CH60 0AE.

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	53,165		53,165	55,947
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,376		5,376	844
a4	Lettings	25,079		25,079	29,477
a5	Other receipts				
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	83,620		83,620 (a7)	86,267

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	48,735		48,735	48,065
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	38,991		38,991	10,681
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,648		11,648	10,279
b6	Church Administration	1,107		1,107	2,137
b7	Other payments		78	78	391
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	100,482	78	100,560 (b9)	71,553

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(16,862)	(78)	(16,940)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		98,038	2,220	100,258 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	81,176	2,142	83,318
c4	Transfers and adjustments		8,439		8,439 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	89,615	2,142	91,757 (c8)
					100,258 (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	4,530	7,461
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	4,530	7,461
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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	32,784	24,420	8,365	(7,401)	1,696	2,660
e2	Church Mice	917	264	654	(602)		
e3	Christingle Food Bank don						51
e4	Orion Club	1,497	1,713	(216)	(435)	2,032	1,381
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	35,199	26,396	8,803	(8,438)	3,728 (e11)	4,092 (e12)
e9	trans	83,620 (a7)	100,560 (b9)	(16,940)	8,438 (c7)	100,258 (c6)	91,756 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	118,819	126,955	(8,136)		103,986 (x)	95,849 (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 2024

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	7,778	7,636
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	62,036	51,416
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	30,444	32,705
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	100,258 (c6)	91,757 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,729 (e11)	4,092 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	103,987 (x)	95,849 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	£2.70M £0.72M	£2.765M £0.738M
g3	Other Assets	£0.57M	£0.583M
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

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f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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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.

19th September 2024

Signature of treasurer *signed M D D Howlett*

Name and address of treasurer **MDD Howlett, 'Barnwell' 17 Long Meadow, Gayton, Wirral**

..... Post Code. **CH60 8QQ**

Presentation to the Church trustees

signed Rev P N Fanning

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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

14-Jan-25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

HESWALL METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number . 1130586

rev

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 2024 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.

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 *signed P J Lumb*

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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