

Accruals Accounts  
2020/2021

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**  
**ACCRUALS BASIS**  
for the year ended 31 August 2021

**St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar**

**341305**

**Registered Charity - Registration number 1130633**

**Minister**

**Rev Andrew Prout**

**Senior Church Steward**

**Dr C Myra L Sloper**

**Treasurer**

**Mr Robert H Ward**

## **St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar.**

### **Annual report of the trustees for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

#### **Introduction**

The Church is governed according to the "Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church". The Church is located in Potters Bar and within the Methodist Church in the UK belongs to the St Albans & Welwyn Circuit, which is in turn part of the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District.

The Governing body is the Church Council which meets at least three times per year. There are committees of this Council which oversee matters such as Property and Finance, Pastoral, Outreach, Communications and the Nursery Playgroup.

#### **Aims and objectives**

The Church serves people from both Potters Bar and its surrounding villages. It aims to work together to live out the Christian faith and share the good news of Jesus Christ in the local community.

#### **Review of Church activities for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

The Church has continued to hold regular worship throughout the ongoing period of Covid related restrictions. Where regulations permitted this has been worship in the Church buildings following all relevant guidance, including social distancing and congregational singing, which applied at the time.

Monthly creative worship continues to be well supported. Younger children are engaged in craft activities related to the theme of the day before joining the grown-ups in Church for worship and a time to show the crafts which they have made.

In July 2021 the Church held a 'Holiday at Home' event over two consecutive days providing food, fellowship and entertainment for the more senior members of the church family. This initiative was very well received by participants and is likely to be repeated.

Regular weekday activities continued including a flourishing parent and toddler group, Jumping John's, Women's Guild and Women Connect and a Men's Fellowship. Several Bible study groups met regularly, some in person and others online.

The Church sponsored Scout Group meets on the church premises and when Covid regulations permitted held their very popular fairs.

The premises continued to be let out to a wide variety of community groups including a ballet school and mother and baby groups.

#### **Future plans**

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 Shenley Methodist Church about 5 miles west of Potters Bar became a class of St John's. This was because its membership was less than the minimum number required by the Methodist Church nationally to operate as separate church. St John's Church

Council assumed overall responsibility, as managing trustees, for the maintenance of the building and its finances but it will continue to hold regular weekly worship and other activities as before.

Our minister for the past 12 years Rev Alison Facey left in November 2021 to take up a post as a hospital chaplain. A new minister, Rev David Jebb has been appointed to take pastoral charge of St John's, along with Shenley, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. In the intervening period the trustees are very grateful to other ministers, including the Reverends Rosemary Fletcher, Andrew Prout and Sue Stilwell who are assisting in the leadership of the Church including the conduct of worship and pastoral care.

### **Church membership**

The Church membership at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 was 98. At 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 there were 102 members and during the year 2 new members joined, 5 members died and 1 member resigned. In addition, at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 there were 46 on our community roll, a net loss of 4 over the year.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 the membership increased by 8 being members transferred from Shenley Methodist Church. In addition, there are 16 on the Shenley community roll.

### **Nursery Playgroup**

The Church runs a Nursery Playgroup ('NPG') for children from two to four years; this is operated from two settings, at Oakmere School in Potters Bar and the Church's own premises in Baker Street.

The NPG is registered with OFSTED. It has a separate management board which oversees its day-to-day management in conjunction with the setting manager and her team. This board includes members of the Church Council to whom it reports and has overall responsibility. The objectives of the NPG are to serve the local communities in which the two settings are located and to cover its costs. Both settings are inspected by OFSTED and during the latest inspections, in 2018, one setting received an 'Outstanding' rating and the other a 'Good' rating.

### **Brief financial review of the year**

The Church has two main funds. The General or unrestricted fund which maintains the Church's fabric and contributes to the cost of Circuit ministry and other Circuit, District and Connexional (National Methodist Church) work. The main restricted fund is the Nursery Playgroup.

### **General Fund**

#### **Income**

The main source of income for the General Fund is the Sunday collections and related Gift Aid recoverable from HMRC. The second major source is lettings income from use of the premises by external organisations.

Income from regular giving by members and friends held steady compared to the previous year; most members are now donating by means of regular standing orders.

Lettings income for the year fell by a further £3,500 approximately as there were restrictions on lettings due to covid regulations. Since the year end lettings activity and income has reverted to pre covid levels.

#### **Expenditure**

The major expenditure of the Church's General Fund is the assessment paid to the St Albans & Welwyn Circuit. The total was £65,400 and was the same as in the previous two years. This assessment is the Church's contribution to the remuneration and accommodation costs of the Circuit's stipendiary ministers and our contribution towards the costs of the work of the Methodist Church regionally and nationally.

Repair costs were lower in 2021 as in the previous year, to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, there had been expenditure on the resurfacing of the car park.

Overall, the general fund incurred a loss for the year of £2,574, compared to a loss of £6,099 in 2020. However, the loss in 2020 was after taking into account the cost of resurfacing of the car park, which was £7,696. The resumption of pre covid levels of lettings in the current 2021/2022 year should help to improve the financial outcome for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

#### **Nursery Playgroup**

The Nursery Playgroup had a satisfactory year financially. Total income was £283,000, up about 12%, with staff costs of £241,000, up 6% on the previous year. After taking into account other costs, it incurred an operating surplus of £10,000 before unrealised losses on investments were taken into account compared to a very small loss in the previous year.

#### **Fund balances**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 the net current assets of the Church General Fund were £98,952 giving in excess of 6 months cover for expenditure. The trustees are building up additional reserves in the general fund beyond the level needed to comply with the reserves policy set out below; this is to enable the replacement of old single glazed windows in the Church which are beyond repair. This work is expected to be carried out in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Current year £</b>	<b>Prior year £</b>
General Fund	98,952	101,526
<b>Designated funds</b>		
Church buildings	2,299,767	2,299,767
Unrestricted legacies	7265	7,257
<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Internal organisations	550	578
Nursery Playgroup	124,063	113,497
Legacies	7355	208
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>2,537,952</b>	<b>2,522,833</b>

## **Reserves**

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold in excess of 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen items of major expenditure on the Church buildings and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise sufficient funds to discharge running costs including the Annual Assessment payable to the Circuit.

## **Basis of preparation and legal framework**

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Full Name of Charity: St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

Registration Charity Number: 1130633

Date of registration: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009

Main communication address: 67 Baker Street Potters Bar EN6 2EX

The members of the St John's Methodist Church, Church Council are the Charity Trustees. The membership is set out below.

### **Circuit Ministers**

Rev Rosemary Fletcher

Rev Allison Facey (resigned 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021)

Rev Andrew Prout

### **Church Stewards**

Robin Burns

Christopher Humphreys resigned (1<sup>st</sup> May 2021)

Myra Sloper

Dave Best

Helen Jackells

### **Church Treasurer**

Robert Ward

### **Other members of the Church Council**

Peter Barlow

David Carter

Roger Croughton

Patricia Griffith

Valerie Vessey

Jo Hutton

Kathryn Krause

Stephen Krause

David Bowler

Steve Matthews

Dawn Fenner  
John Sloper  
Helen Barlow  
Val Parker  
Maggie Day (appointed 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021)  
David Rhodes (appointed 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021)  
Graham Phillips (appointed 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021)  
Louise Bourton (appointed 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021)

**Church Treasurer:** Robert Ward acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

**Independent examiner:** Newman Morris, Chartered Accountants, London Colney Herts AL2 1HA

**Bankers:** Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  
CAF Bank Ltd

#### **Aims and organisation**

Charity objective is to work together as a local Methodist Church to live out the Christian faith and share the good news of Jesus Christ in our community.

"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 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

Worshipping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

"The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

## **Public Benefit**

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

"The governing document for the Church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister. The trustees are appointed by the Annual Church Meeting.

## **Trustee Training**

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

From time-to-time members of the Church Council, as managing trustees, attend specific training courses run by the Circuit.

## **Related Parties**

The Church is part of the St Albans Welwyn Circuit and the Beds, Herts and Essex District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

## **Risk Management**

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Church Finance and Property Committee. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.


## **Safeguarding**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm. Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable

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- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice. St John's Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. St John's Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

The Trustees' report and the financial statements were approved by the Church Council on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.



Robert Ward  
Church Treasurer



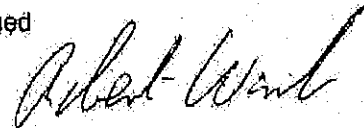
## Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Other Restricted Funds	Restricted Fund Nursery Playgroup	TOTAL year 2020- 2021	Total prior year 2019- 2020
		£	£	£	£		£
<b>Income</b>							
1 Offerings		58,162				58,162	57,809
2 Donations		2,396		7,496		9,892	6,162
3 Gift aid		14,028				14,028	18,634
4 Interest and investment income		105	10	13	835	963	1,718
5 Nursery playgroup Fees					282,648	282,648	282,606
6 Internal organisations				206		206	1,701
7 Other charitable income		8,821				8,821	15,445
8 Total income		83,512	10	7,715	283,483	374,720	354,072
<b>Expenditure</b>							
9 Circuit assessment or share		65,400				65,400	65,400
10 Grants and donations		3,951				3,951	3,951
11 Property maintenance		13,624			2,793	16,417	28,598
12 Insurance, utilities etc		11,524				11,524	16,023
13 Nursery Playgroup staff costs					241,249	241,249	228,271
14 Office expenses		8,032			1,179	9,211	5,978
15 Other expenditure		3,269		1,282	18,682	23,233	12,741
16 Internal organisations				598		598	1,246
17 Total charitable expenditure		100,830	0	1,880	256,043	358,753	361,208
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					848	848	848
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-17,318	10	5,835	26,592	15,119	30,238
21 Transfers between funds		14,744			14,744		0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 Net movement in funds		-2,574	10	5,835	11,848	15,119	30,238
24 Total funds brought forward		101,326	2,307,024	786	113,497	2,522,633	2,522,633
25 Total funds carried forward		98,952	2,307,034	6,621	125,345	2,537,952	2,553,071

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Restricted Funds: Nursery Playgroup	Totals 2021	Totals 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Church building and other property		2,299,767			2,299,767	2,299,767
Investment properties					0	
Investments					0	
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	0	2,299,767	0	0	2,299,767	2,299,767
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Debtors and prepayments	13,745		512		14,257	16,012
					0	
Investments with TMCP		7,267	7,363	84,035	98,655	91,838
Central Finance Board Deposits	68,043		746	19,089	87,877	101,457
Cash at Bank and in hand	19,178		-1,884	35,483	52,776	20,274
<b>Total current assets</b>	100,966	7,267	6,727	138,607	253,567	228,281
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	2,012		106	13,281	15,379	5,215
Grants payable within 2020-21					0	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	2,012	0	106	13,281	15,379	5,215
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>	98,952	7,267	6,621	125,345	238,188	223,066
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	98,952	2,307,034	6,621	125,345	2,637,952	2,522,833
<b>Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)</b>						
Grants payable after 2020-21					0	
Loans to the Church					0	
					0	
<b>Net assets</b>	98,952	2,307,034	6,621	125,345	2,637,952	2,522,833
<b>Funds of the Church</b>						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	98,952				98,952	101,529
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		2,307,034			2,307,034	2,307,023
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>					2,405,986	2,408,552
Restricted Funds			6,621		6,621	788
Endowment Funds				125,345	125,345	113,493
<b>Total Funds</b>	98,952	2,307,034	6,621	125,345	2,637,952	2,622,833

Signed



Robert Ward Church Treasurer

## **St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar**

### **Notes to the Accounts for year to 31 August 2021**

#### **1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

#### **2 Going concern**

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast doubt on the ability of the Church to continue as a going concern. As explained in the Trustees Annual Report, since the year end the global pandemic and spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many economies throughout the world. The Trustees have assessed the impact Covid-19 may have on the Church's forecast and projections and have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approving these financial statements. The trustees have concluded that the Church has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and consequently it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

#### **3 Funds**

The funds held constitute the following: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

#### **4 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

##### **Incoming Resources**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **Resources Expended**

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

### Grants and donations

Donations made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

### VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

### Investments

In January 2017 £75,000 from the Playgroup Fund was invested in a Corporate Bond with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church via the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. Dividends received in the year are credited to the SOFA and the unrealised gain or loss on the market value of the bond at the year-end is shown separately on the SOFA as a gain or loss on monetary investments.

### Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid applicable to the latter part of the financial year receivable from HMRC. Prepayments include amounts paid in advance for insurance, other services and the Circuit assessment.

### Creditors

Creditors include, PAYE tax due to HMRC for salaries paid in August 2021, rent payable for the Nursery Playgroup premises at Oakmere School and professional fees incurred but not billed.

### 5 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church. This also applies to the previous year.

### 6 Analysis of Income and Expenditure

Other Charitable Income	2021 £	2020 £
Lettings	6,953	11,615
Jumping John's - toddlers	0	1,646
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,819	1,075
Copying charges	19	642
Fund raising	0	98
Sundry	30	369
<b>Total: General Fund</b>	<b>8,821</b>	<b>15,445</b>

### Expenditure

Property maintenance	2021 £	2020 £
Repairs and maintenance	3,533	4,363
Equipment	432	1,551
Property Improvement, car park re surfacing	0	7,696

Cleaning materials	793	2,069
Statutory inspections	254	3,123
Cleaners' salaries	8,612	8,734
<b>Total: General Fund</b>	<b>13,624</b>	<b>27,536</b>
Nursery Playgroup	2733	1062
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,357</b>	<b>28598</b>

## 7. Fees for independent examination of the accounts

The independent examination of the accounts has been carried out by Newman Morris, a firm of Chartered Accountants based in London Colney. The fee charged was £2,000 inclusive of VAT (2020 £960). No fees have been paid to this firm for any other services during this year, (2020 nil).

## 8. Paid employees

The Church employs two cleaners who are paid from the General Fund. The average number of staff employed by the Playgroup in the year was 20 who were paid from the Nursery Playgroup restricted fund (NPG). (2020, 20).

Staff costs paid in respect of the year

	General Fund £	NPG £	Total £
Gross salaries, wages and National Insurance	8,611	226,715	235,326
Employer's pension costs	0	12,121	12,121
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>8,611</b>	<b>238,836</b>	<b>247,447</b>

## 9. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2021 there were no capital commitments. No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2021.

## 10. Analysis of funds 2020 -2021

Fund name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Unrealised gains & losses	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>General: unrestricted</b>	101,526	83,512	(100,830)		14,744	98,952
<b>Designated: Church buildings</b>	2,299,767	0	0	0	0	2,299,767
<b>Designated: Unrestricted legacies</b>	7,257	10	0	0	0	7,267
<b>Restricted: Nursery playgroup</b>	113,497	283,483	(257,325)	(848)	(14,744)	124,063
<b>Restricted:</b>	578	206	(598)	0		186

<b>Internal organisations</b>						
<b>Restricted: legacies</b>	206	7509	0	0	0	7717
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,522,833</b>	<b>374,713</b>	<b>(358,753)</b>	<b>(848)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,537,952</b>

#### 11. Related party transactions

During the year the following payment was made to the St Albans Welwyn Circuit as a contribution towards the remuneration and accommodation costs of the Circuit's stipendiary ministers and a contribution towards the cost of the work of the Methodist Church regionally and nationally.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
St Albans Welwyn Circuit	£65,400	£65,400

#### 12 for information only: money received and passed onto external organisations.

	<b>2020/ 2021</b>	<b>2019/ 2020</b>
Balance brought forward from last year	2	(211)
Offerings /gifts received for external organisations	7,530	5370
Offerings /gifts passed to external organisations	7,424	(5157)
Balance carried forward	108	2

Name of Church ...St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

No 341305.....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Name and address of treasurer ...Robert Ward

St John's Methodist Church Baker Street Potters Bar

Post Code EN6 2DZ.....

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting .....Rev Andrew Prout ..... Date June 2022.....

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

St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

Charity Number 1130633

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 6. 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 ..... St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

No. 341305

### Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of. **THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.**

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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

CC Morris

Name of independent examiner

CHRISTOPHER GLYN MORRIS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Date

28/06/2022