



**Accruals Accounts
2021/2022**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2022

St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

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Registered Charity - Registration number 1130633

Minister

Rev David Jebb

Senior Church Steward

Mr Robin Burns

Treasurer

Mr Robert H Ward

St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar.

Annual report of the trustees for the year to 31st August 2022

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 Resources (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 31st August 2022

The Church has continued to hold regular worship each Sunday morning.

In addition to weekly worship on Sunday mornings there is a monthly Sunday evening café worship. This is a more informal style of worship with more contemporary music and discussions about relevant topics rather than a formal sermon or address.

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 August 2022 the Church again held a 'Holiday at Home' event providing food, fellowship and entertainment for the more senior members of the church family. This initiative was very well received by participants and will be repeated in 2023.

Regular weekday activities continued including a flourishing parent and toddler group, Jumping John's, Women's Guild and Women Connect. Several Bible study groups meet regularly.

The Church hosted an ecumenical Christmas event for primary school aged children in Potters Bar called Discover Christmas.

The Church sponsored Scout Group meets on the church premises and held their very popular Christmas and Spring fairs.

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

The Church was also awarded a bronze Eco Church award in October 2021.

With effect from 1st 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 continues 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, and this took effect from 1st 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 have assisted in the leadership of the Church including the conduct of worship and pastoral care.

Church membership

The Church membership at 31st August 2022 was 94. At 1st September 2021 there were 98 members and another 8 members transferred in from Shenley Methodist Church making a total of 106. During the year 1 new member joined, 3 members died, 3 transferred out and 7 moved away.

In addition, at 31st August 2022 there were 49 others on our community roll. At 1st September 2021 there were 46 others on the community roll at St John's and 16 on the community roll at Shenley making a total of 62. During the year there was net loss of 13 others on the 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 now has three 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 and the designated fund relates mainly to Shenley.

General Fund

Income

The main source of income for the General Fund are the regular donations from members and friends 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 reduced very slightly compared to the previous year. However, the Church benefited from four donations totalling £11,000 from relatives of recently deceased members.

Lettings income for the year increased by £10,000 to £17,135 as the restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 regulations were relaxed and then abolished.

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 three 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.

Routine maintenance costs remained the same as in previous years. However approximately £5,000 was expended on two new high-resolution screens for the front of the worship area to replace the obsolete back projection equipment. They are used to project the words of hymns, Bible readings and other material during worship.

The major expense for the year was the replacement of some of the old and rusting single glazed windows in the worship area and the main hall with new double-glazed units. The cost was £26,000.

After taking the above expenses into account the general fund incurred a loss for the year of £6,000,

Shenley Church

With effect from 1st September 2021 St John's took over responsibility for this church's finances. Notwithstanding the small number of members and adherents, the income from both regular giving and other activities exceeded the running costs, including maintenance, of the buildings; Shenley does not make a separate contribution to the Circuit assessment. It also holds modest cash reserves of £17,000 (as at 31st August 2022) to cover for any unforeseen maintenance and repair issues.

Nursery Playgroup

The Nursery Playgroup had an extremely good year financially assisted by record pupil numbers particularly at the Oakmere setting. Total income was £366,000, up nearly 30%, with staff costs of £280,000, up 16% on the previous year. After taking into account other costs including accrued rent and professional fees, it incurred an operating surplus of £43,000 before unrealised losses on the market values of investments were taken into account. This compared to a surplus of £10,000 in the previous year. For the current year to August 2023, it has been necessary to increase staff pay rates significantly to allow for both inflation and changes to living and minimum wage regulations. Furthermore, pupil numbers have been lower so the financial outcome for the current year is likely to be somewhat weaker.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2022 the net current assets of the Church General Fund were £ 92,783 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 the remaining old single glazed windows in the Church which are beyond repair.

<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	Current year £	Prior year £
General Fund	92,783	98,952
<i>Designated funds</i>		
Buildings, including Shenley for 2022	2,840,000	2,299,767
Other, including Shenley for 2022	16,917	7267
<i>Restricted funds</i>		
Nursery Playgroup	155,982	125,345
Other	(553)	6,621
<u>Total funds</u>	<u>3,105,129</u>	<u>2,537,952</u>

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 2022 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: 21st 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 David Jebb (appointed 1st September 2022)

Rev Rosemary Fletcher (resigned 31st August 2022)

Rev Alison Facey (resigned 31st October 2021)

Rev Andrew Prout

Church Stewards

Robin Burns

Myra Sloper (retired as a Church Steward on 31st October 2022 but remains a member of the Church Council)

Dave Best (resigned 1st May 2022)

Helen Jeckells

David Carter

Sally Gunning (appointed 1st May 2022)

Church Treasurer

Robert Ward

Other members of the Church Council

Peter Barlow

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

David Rhodes

Graham Phillips

Louise Bourton (appointed 1st 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 Church 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 Resources (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
- 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 12th June 2023.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', written in a cursive style.

Robert Ward
Church Treasurer

Rev David Jebb
Minister

St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar						34105	
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022							
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Other restricted funds	Restricted fund Nursery Playgroup	Total 2021-2022	total; prior year 2020 - 2021
		£	£	£		£	
Income							
1 Offerings		56,269	5,588			61,857	58162
2 Donations		16,123	1,573			17,696	9892
3 Gift aid		13,474	1,250			14,724	14028
4 Interest and investment income		261	58		1,108	1,427	963
5 Nursery playgroup fees					364,018	364,018	282648
6 Internal organisations				871		871	206
7 Other charitable income		20,038	529		531	21,098	8821
Opening bank balance Shenley			14,307			14,307	
8 Total income		106,165	23,305	871	365,657	495,998	374720
Expenditure							
9 Circuit assessment or share		65,400				65,400	65400
10 Grants and donations		4,096	219			4,315	3951
11 Property maintenance		23,774	371			24,145	16357
12 Insurance, utilities etc		12,836	5,470		1,131	19,437	11524
13 Nursery Playgroup staff costs					279,901	279,901	241249
14 Office expenses		3,099			1,132	4,231	4211
15 Other expenditure		7,701	331		23,281	31,313	15463
16 Replacement windows in Church		26,430				26,430	0
16 Internal organisations				693		693	598
17 Total charitable expenditure		143,336	6,391	693	305,445	455,865	358,753
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					- 13,189	-13,189	-848
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties			540,233			540,233	
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-37,171	557,147	178	47,023	567,177	15119
21 Transfers between funds		31,002 -	7,264 -	7,352 -	16,386	0	
22 Other gains/(losses)						0	
23 Net movement in funds		-6,169	549,883	-7,174	30,637	567,177	15119
24 Total funds brought forward		98,952	2,307,034	6,621	125,345	2,537,952	2522833
25 Total funds carried forward		92,783	2,856,917	- 553	155,982	3,105,129	2537952

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Restricted funds Nursery Playgroup	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

					0	
Investment properties					0	
Church building and other property		2,840,000			2,840,000	2,299,767
Total fixed assets	0	2,840,000	0	0	2,840,000	2,299,767

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	14,469		111		14,580	14,257
Loans by the Churches					0	
Investments with TMCP				71,802	71,802	98,655
Central Finance Board Deposits	74,554	6,730	1,236	49,231	131,751	87,877
Cash at Bank and in hand	6,971	10,187	-1,683	44,376	59,851	52,775
Total current assets	95,994	16,917	-336	165,409	277,984	253,564

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	3,211		217	9,427	12,855	15,379
					0	
Total current liabilities	3,211	0	217	9,427	12,855	15,379
Net current assets/liabilities	92,783	16,917	-553	155,982	265,129	238,185

Total assets less current liabilities	92,783	2,856,917	-553	155,982	3,105,129	2,537,952
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2021-22					0	
Loans to the Church					0	
					0	
Net assets	92,783	2,856,917	-553	155,982	3,105,129	2,537,952

Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	92,783				92,783	98,952
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		2,856,917			2,856,917	2,307,034
Total Unrestricted Funds					2,949,700	2,405,986
Restricted Funds			-553		-553	6,621
Nursery playgroup restricted				155,982	155,982	125,345
Total Funds	92,783	2,856,917	-553	155,982	3,105,129	2,537,952

Signed



Church Treasurer

St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

Notes to the Accounts for year to 31 August 2022

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. 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 2022, rent payable for the Nursery Playgroup premises at Oakmere School and professional fees incurred but not billed.

5 Inclusion of Shenley Methodist Church in the accounts of St John's

The transactions, income and expenditure, relating to Shenley are included in designated funds for the year in the SOFA. The market value of the buildings is included also as a fixed asset, see note 6 below.

6 Valuation of land and buildings

A professional valuation was obtained in 2022 of the current market value of the Church land and buildings at both Baker Street Potters Bar and at London Road Shenley.

The Potters Bar buildings have been revalued at the market value of £2,500,000 and the revaluation surplus of £200,233 has been credited to reserves. The buildings at Shenley have been included in the accounts at their market value of £340,000.

7 Payment to Trustees

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

8 Analysis of Income and Expenditure

Other Charitable Income	2022 £	2021 £
lettings	17,135	6,953
Jumping John's - toddlers	999	0
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,179	1,819
Copying charges	12	19
Fund raising	605	0

Sundry	108	30
Total: General Fund	20,038	8,821

Expenditure

Property maintenance	2022 £	2021 £
Repairs and maintenance	3,551	2,812
Equipment	5,229	432
Cleaning materials	1,887	793
Statutory inspections	1,964	254
Waste disposal	737	721
Professional valuations	900	0
Cleaners' salaries	9,506	8,612
Total: General Fund	23,774	13,624
Nursery Playgroup	0	2,733
Total	23,774	16,357

9. 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 (2021 £2,000). No fees have been paid to this firm for any other services during this year, (2021 nil).

10. 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). (2021, 20).

Staff costs paid in respect of the year

	General Fund £	NPG £	Total £
Gross salaries, wages and National Insurance	9,506	264,169	273,675
Employer's pension costs	0	13,266	13,266
Total staff costs	9,506	277,435	286,941

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2022 there were no capital commitments. No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2022.

12. Analysis of funds 2021 -2022

Fund name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Unrealised gains & losses	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General: unrestricted	98952	106165	(143336)		31002	92,783
Designated: Church buildings Potters Bar	2,299,767	0	0	200,233	0	2,500,000
Designated: Buildings Shenley	0			340,000		340,000
Designated: Shenley funds	0	23305	(6388)			16,917
Designated: Unrestricted legacies	7,267		(3))	0	(7,264)	0
Restricted: Nursery playgroup	125,345	365,657	(305,445)	(13,189)	(16,386)	155,982
Other restricted funds	6,621	871	(693)		(7,352)	(553)
Totals	2,537,952	495,998	(455865)	527,044	0	3,105,129

12. 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.

	2022	2021
St Albans Welwyn Circuit	£65,400	£65,400

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

	2021/ 2022	2020/ 2021
Balance brought forward from last year	108	2
Offerings /gifts received for external organisations	16049	7,530
Offerings /gifts passed to external organisations	15936	7,424
Balance carried forward	729	108

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *Robert Ward* Date *29 June 2023*

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 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...12th June 2023.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting:

Name of the Chair of the meeting: ...Rev David Jebb June 2023

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 MethodistChurch for the year ended 31 August 2022 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

St John's methodist Church Potters Bar
No ...34105.....

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 MORRIS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate) NEWMAN MORRIS LIMITED

Address WELLINGTON HOUSE, 273-275 HIGH STREET,

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Date 30/06/2023

* delete or circle as appropriate