

Accruals Accounts
2022/2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS

for the year ended 31 August 2023

St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

341305

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 2023

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 2023

Worship

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

- There are several Sunday morning church parade services for the scouts throughout the year where the scouts, cubs and beavers' sections participate in a more informal style of Sunday morning worship.
- 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 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.

Church growth and outreach

- In July 2023 the Church held an 'Away Day at home' to discuss future plans and initiatives to grow the Church and reach out to the wider community.
- For the future, plans were in hand at the year end to start an Alpha course during Autumn 2023
- A welcome space initiative has started, providing a warm and welcoming place each Tuesday where members and others from the local community can meet informally for both fellowship and a light meal.

- Regular mid-week services are held at two local care homes.
- A new initiative started during the year was a weekly Saturday early morning prayer meeting, held on Zoom, which has attracted both members and others not otherwise connected with Church.
- A monthly mid-week prayer meeting is held in the church followed by an informal coffee morning.
- The outreach committee met regularly to plan suitable activities

Regular weekday activities continued including a flourishing parent and toddler group, 'Jumping John's'.

The Women's Guild met regularly meeting the needs of older members. Several Bible study groups meet regularly.

In August 2023 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 future years.

The Church participated in various local ecumenical events throughout the year organised by Churches Together in Potters Bar. These included an ecumenical Christmas event for primary school aged children in Potters Bar (called Discover Christmas), a children's summer holiday club, an Ash Wednesday united service and a Good Friday open air service.

Shenley church hold regular worship each Sunday morning. They plan their own local activities and also let out their premises to a variety of village groups including the WI and the Girl Guides. They have very successful messy church service each month and have also set up a mid-week parent and toddler group.

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, residents' groups and mother and baby groups as well as family celebrations.

A new minister Rev David Jebb was inducted with effect from 1st September 2022. He also has pastoral oversight of Shenley and Radlett churches and is the Circuit Superintendent Minister.

Church membership

The Church membership at 31st August 2023 was 91. At 1st September 2022 there were 94 members. During the year 2 people transferred in, 1 member died, 3 transferred out and 1 resigned.

In addition, at 31st August 2023 there were 49 others on our community roll. This is the same total as the previous year but reflects 3 new adherents, 2 departures and 1 adherent becoming a member rather than an adherent.

Nursery Playgroup

The Church runs a Nursery Playgroup ('NPG') for children from 2 to 4 years; this is operated from two settings: at Oakmere School until summer 2023 (and from 1st September 2023 at the Wayside Jubilee Centre) and also at the Church's own premises in Baker Street. All settings being in Potters Bar.

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 three 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.
- The designated fund relates to Shenley Church.

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 increased very slightly compared to the previous year. However, the Church benefited from three donations totalling £5,000 in memory of recently deceased members.

Lettings income for the year increased by about £1,000 to £18,159.

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.

No major repair or replacement work was undertaken during the year but routine maintenance costs increased to £6,100 from £3,551 in the previous year.

After taking the above expenses into account the general fund incurred a surplus of £2,629 for the year to 31st August 2023.

Shenley Church

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 which were £19,571 as at 31st August 2023 to cover for any unforeseen maintenance and repair issues.

Nursery Playgroup

The Nursery Playgroup had a less successful year financially than the previous year as a result of lower pupil numbers and the one - off costs of moving the Oakmere setting to the Wayside Jubilee Centre. Pupil numbers and consequently revenue was down particularly at the Baker Street setting.

Salary costs also rose as a result of the need to improve staff wage rates in line with both inflation and Government and Connexionally stipulated minimum wage levels

The total income of the Playgroup for the year to 31st August 2023 was £328,000 compared to £366,000 in 2022. As in previous years the majority of the income, 88% in 2023, came from pupil hours paid for by Hertfordshire County Council with the balance being paid by parents.

The Playgroup made a loss on normal operating activities of £13,608 and after one off legal costs and the removal and preparatory work of setting up the Wayside Centre totalling £14,590 the overall loss for the year as £ 29,199. In addition, in the statement of financial activities, SOFA, we are obliged to recognise the unrealised loss on the diminution, over the year, in the market value of a bond held with the Methodist Church Central Finance Board; this was £3,444, bringing the overall loss on the SOFA to £32,643.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2023 the net current assets of the Church General Fund were £ 95,412.

	Year to 31st August 2023 £	Prior year £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>		
General Fund	95,412	92,783
<i>Designated funds</i>		
Buildings at Potters Bar and Shenley	2,840,000	2,840,000
Shenley Fund	19,571	16,917
<i>Restricted funds</i>		
Nursery Playgroup	123,339	155,982
Other	(553)	(553)
Total funds	3,077,769	3,105,129

Reserves

The Reserves Policy for the Church general fund is to hold reserves 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. The trustees are building up additional reserves in the general fund beyond the level needed to comply with the reserves policy set out above; this is to contribute to future pastoral or other initiatives authorised by the Church Council and or enable the replacement of the remaining old single glazed windows in the Church which are beyond repair.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 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)

Church Stewards

Robin Burns

Helen Jeckells

David Carter

Sally Gunning

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
Myra Sloper
Helen Barlow
Val Parker
Maggie Day
David Rhodes
Louise Bourton
John Sterland

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.

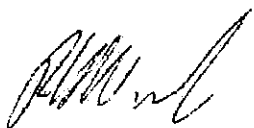
Safeguarding

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 3rd June 2024.



Robert Ward
Church Treasurer

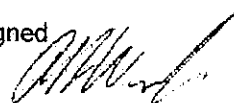
Rev David Jebb
Minister

Sr John's Methodist Church Potters Bar					church no	34105	
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023							
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Other restricted funds	Restricted Funds Nursery playgroup	Total 2022-23	Total Prior year 2021-22
		£	£		£	£	
Income							
1 Offerings		56,862	6,665			63,527	61857
2 Donations		8,632	1,260			9,892	17696
3 Gift aid		12,136	1,072			13,208	14724
4 Interest and Investment Income		2,283	263		3,547	6,093	1427
5 Nursery Playgroup fees			1,321		323,786	325,107	364018
6 Internal organisations						0	871
7 Other charitable income		20,545			1,125	21,670	21098
8 Opening bank balance Shanley							14307
8 Total income		100,458	10,571		328,458	489,487	495998
Expenditure							
9 Circuit assessment or share		65,400				65,400	65400
10 Grants and donations		4,962	60			5,022	4315
11 Property maintenance		21,261	2,421			23,682	24145
12 Insurance, utilities etc		13,833	4,450		1,236	19,519	19437
13 Nursery Playgroup staff costs					299,622	299,622	279901
14 Office expenses		5,152	61		1,875	7,088	4231
15 Other expenditure		3,515	925		38,830	43,070	31313
16 Replacement windows in Church							26430
16 Internal organisations						0	693
17 Total charitable expenditure		114,123	7,917		341,363	463,403	455,865
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					3,444	-3,444	-13189
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0	540233
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-13,665	2,654		-18,349	-27,360	567177
21 Transfers between funds		16,294			16,294	0	
22 Other gains/(losses)						0	
23 Net movement in funds		2,629	2,654	0	-32,643	-27,360	567177
24 Total funds brought forward		92,783	2,858,917	553	155,982	3,108,129	2537952
25 Total funds carried forward		95,412	2,889,571	553	123,339	3,077,769	3105129

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Restricted funds Nursery playgroup	Totals 2023	Totals 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
					0	
Investment properties					0	
Church buildings and other property		2,840,000			2,840,000	2,840,000
Total fixed assets		2,840,000	0	0	2,840,000	2,840,000
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	13,868		139	7,742	21,749	14,580
Loans by the Churches					0	
Investments with TMCP				70,101	70,101	71,802
Central Finance Board Deposits	66,255	7,332	2,779	36,922	112,288	131,751
Cash at Bank and in hand	19,085	12,239	-295	22,270	53,289	59,851
Total current assets	99,208	19,571	2,623	136,036	257,437	277,984
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	3,798	0	3,176	12,896	19,868	12,855
Grants payable within 2022-23					0	
Total current liabilities	3,798	0	3,176	12,896	19,868	12,855
Net current assets/liabilities	95,412	19,571	-553	123,339	237,769	265,129
Total assets less current liabilities	95,412	2,859,571	-553	123,339	3,077,769	3,105,129
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23					0	
Loans to the Church					0	
					0	
Net assets	95,412	2,859,571	-553	123,339	3,077,769	3,105,129
Funds of the Church						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	95,412				95,412	92,783
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		2,859,571			2,859,571	2,858,917
Total Unrestricted Funds					2,954,983	2,951,700
Restricted Funds			-553		-553	-553
Nursery Playgroup restricted Funds				123,339	123,339	155,982
Total Funds	95,412	2,859,571	-553	123,339	3,077,769	3,105,129

Signed


Robert Ward
Church Treasurer

St John's Methodist Church Potters Bar

Notes to the Accounts for year to 31 August 2023

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 2023, rent payable for the Nursery Playgroup premises rented from 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 and its assets and liabilities are included in the balance sheet, also as a designated fund. 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. These properties are shown at this market value.

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 Relocation of playgroup setting

It was concluded that it would not be possible for the Oakmere playgroup setting to continue to rent classroom space at Oakmere school for 1st September 2023 onwards. Accordingly, an agreement was entered into with the trustees of the nearby Wayside Centre to rent space there from 1st September 2023. To facilitate this relocation some preparatory work had to be undertaken at the Wayside Centre in summer 2023 to enable the setting to open in early September 2023. These costs, totalling £13,474 are disclosed below in the analysis of expenditure.

9 Analysis of Income and Expenditure

Other Charitable Income	2023 £	2022 £

lettings	18,159	17,135
Jumping Johns - toddlers	901	999
Fees for weddings and funerals	590	1,179
Copying charges	9	12
Fund raising	454	605
Sundry	432	108
Total: General Fund	20,545	20,038

Expenditure

General fund: Property maintenance	2023 £	2022 £
Repairs and maintenance	6,100	3,551
Equipment	1,374	5,229
Cleaning materials	2,670	1,887
Statutory inspections	476	1,964
Waste disposal	779	737
Professional valuations	0	900
Cleaners' salaries	9,862	9,506
Total: General Fund	21,261	23,774

Nursery playgroup - other expenditure	2023 £	2022 £
Wayside Centre - preparatory work	13,474	0
Rent - Oakmere School	11,678	9,151
Property costs - legal fees	1,116	2,878
Teaching materials	8,943	7,904
Other costs	3,419	3,348
Total: Nursery playgroup restricted fund	38 630	23,281

10. 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 (2022 £2,000). No fees have been paid to this firm for any other services during this year, (2022 nil).

11. 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 23 who were paid from the Nursery Playgroup restricted fund (NPG). (2022, 20).

Staff costs paid in respect of the year

	General Fund £	NPG £	Total £
Gross salaries, wages and National Insurance	9,862	282,056	291,918
Employer's pension costs	0	14,838	14,838
Total staff costs	9862	296,894	306,756

12. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2023 there were no capital commitments. No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2023.

13. Analysis of funds 2022 -2023

Fund name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Unrealised gains & losses	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General: unrestricted	92,783	100,458	(114,123)		16,294	95,412
Designated: Church buildings Potters Bar	2,500,000	0	0	0	0	2,500,000
Designated: Buildings Shenley	340,000	0	0	0	0	340,000
Designated: Shenley funds	16,917	10571	(7917)	0	0	19,571
Restricted: Nursery playgroup	155,982	328,458	(341,363)	(3,444)	(16,294)	123,339
Other restricted funds	(553)					(553)
Totals	3,105,129	439,487	(463,403)	(3,444)	0	3,077,769

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.

	2023	2022
St Albans Welwyn Circuit	£65,400	£65,400

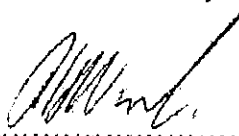
13 for information only: money received and passed onto external organisations.

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Balance brought forward from last year	729	108
Offerings /gifts received for external organisations	8,666	16,049
Offerings /gifts passed to external organisations	7,233	15,936
Balance carried forward	2,162	729

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 1st July 2024

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 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...3rd June 2024.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting:

Name of the Chair of the meeting: ...Rev David Jebb July 2024

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 for the year ended 31 August 2023 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

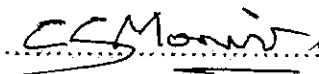
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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



Name of independent examiner: Christopher Morris

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Chartered Accountant

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