

## 2020-2021

Although this has been a challenging year for us because of the ongoing effects of Covid-19, we have continued to work in new ways to fulfil our charitable objectives as best we can. We have continued to worship as a community through the use of Zoom, and in times when restrictions were looser and we were able to meet in person with distancing and masks, we had a combined Zoom and in-person service. We also record these services and later post them to YouTube so that those who might not be able to attend live still have the opportunity to participate. This has included special seasonal acts of worship, including Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, along with Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services. We have worked to make worship as accessible as possible by also sending out DVD recordings of services to people who don't have Internet access. Our House Groups have also continued to meet via Zoom throughout varying levels of lockdown.

We aim to serve the local young people, though this has been difficult during this last year. Our Boys Brigade (which includes girls) is still strong and have kept in touch during this time and are looking forward to meeting again. Our Parent and Toddler groups have also been unable to meet, but our project leader has kept in touch with the families who normally attend.

We continue to serve the local community by joining with other denominational churches in the area to run a Foodbank and debt counselling courses. Our premises are centrally located to the local town next to the bus station. We invest regularly in the upkeep of the church premises, even during the lockdown periods with daily checks of the building and grounds by volunteers.

During normal times, local community groups are regular users, including art groups, slimming groups, many U3A groups, Rainbow and children's drama groups. Our 'Singing for Fun' group for people living with memory loss and their carers is very popular and much appreciated. However, these groups have not been able to meet during the last year, but we look forward to being able to welcome them back.

We also host the 'Beacon Cafe' which is a community orientated hospitality project, where food and drinks are affordable, and there are people who are willing to pray with people or be a listening ear. This project also helps rough sleepers, etc. on a frequent basis. We were able to open the Beacon for a period of time over the last year, but we were forced to close again after further lockdowns. We look to open the Beacon again at the end of May.

We maintain our commitment to the work we do, which is centred in a Christian ethos, in these challenging times. We have continued whatever work has been possible, while also being committed to our duty of care in keeping people as safe as we can.

**CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNTS**

**CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST AUGUST 2020**

**Circuit:**

**Name:** Newport & Lower Wye

**Number:** 02/19

**Charity Commission Registration Number:** 1130776

**Minister during the year (with breaks):**

Rev. Rachel Frank

**Church Stewards during the year :**

Julian Barthram (to August 2020)

Margaret Bishop

Kevin Brewer (to August 2020)

Sharon Brewer

Elizabeth Gardner

Sue Lewis

Stuart Nuttall

Hazel Williams (to February 2020)

**Treasurer during the year:**

Sue Chimes

**CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	71,277		71,277	74,081
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	228	137	365	342
a4	Lettings	6,310		6,310	13,506
a5	Other receipts	28,126	34,864	62,990	51,821
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>105,941</b>	<b>35,001</b>	<b>140,942 (a7)</b>	<b>139,750</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	51,276		51,276	60,429
b3	Donations	700	27,156	27,856	21,188
b4	Repairs, Maintenance & Renewals	4,507		4,507	3,979
b5	Utilities (Insces, water rates, heating & lighting)	5,700		5,700	6,641
b6	Payroll	27,096	9,038	36,134	30,601
b7	Other payments	6,791	7,938	14,729	25,023
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>96,070</b>	<b>44,132</b>	<b>140,202 (b9)</b>	<b>147,861</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS I (a6-b8)</b>	<b>9,871</b>	<b>(9,131)</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>(8,111)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	47,818	23,957	71,775 (c6)	59,750
c3	<b>Sub total (c1+c2)</b>	<b>57,689</b>	<b>14,826</b>	<b>72,515</b>	<b>51,639</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	904	(904)	(c8)	20,136
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF (c3+c4)</b>	<b>58,593</b>	<b>13,922</b>	<b>72,515 (c7)</b>	<b>71,775 (c6)</b>

SECTION D				
d	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,152		3,623
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	3,152		3,623
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)</b>			

**CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH**

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

**SECTION E**

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Transfers	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Beacon Coffee Shop		100	(100)		100	
e2	Boys & Girls Brigade	3,875	4,365	(490)		3,049	2,559
e3	Children's/Youth Work	840	87	753		369	1,122
e4	Wesley Guild	359		359		20	379
e5	Women's Fellowship	253	2	251		6,399	6,650
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,327	4,554	773		9,937 (e11)	10,710 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	140,942 (a7)	140,202 (b9)	740	(c8)	71,775 (c6)	72,515 (c7)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>146,269</b>	<b>144,756</b>	<b>1,513</b>		<b>81,712 (x)</b>	<b>83,225 (y)</b>
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	60	207
f2	Bank Current Accounts	7,087	14,063
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	52,183	48,718
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	12,445	9,527
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>71,775 (c6)</b>	<b>72,515 (c7)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>9,937 (e11)</b>	<b>10,710 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>81,712 (x)</b>	<b>83,225 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,754,672	2,796,027
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

**CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**  
**DECLARATIONS AND SCRUTINY**

**Treasurer**

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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

S. T. Chimes

Name

MRS SUSAN CHIMES

Address

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CHEPSTOW  
NP16 5NF

Date

4.2.21

**Presentation to the Church trustees**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on.....25/02/21.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Rachel L Frank

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Rachel L Frank

Date

23/04/2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH  
Charity Number 1130776**

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Chepstow Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

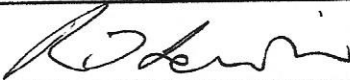
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have 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



Name

RAYMOND LEWIN

Relevant professional  
qualification or body

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Date

25th MARCH 2021.