

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, accessible via our website, 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. 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 using Zoom during this time and are looking forward to meeting again. Our Parent and Toddler groups have also been unable to meet for most of the year, 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, Girl Guide “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 run the ‘Beacon Cafe’ which is a community orientated hospitality project run by our church, 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 by providing refreshments and essential clothing etc. We were able to open the Beacon for a period of time over the last year, but we were forced to close during various lockdowns.

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 during this pandemic.

**CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2021**

Circuit:

Name:	Newport & Lower Wye	Number:	02/19
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Charity Commission Registration Number:

1130776

Minister during the year (with breaks):

Rev. Rachel Frank (to June 2021) and Rev. Gordon Gresswell (from June 2021)

Church Stewards during the year :

Enid Kee (from May 2021)
Margaret Bishop
Sharon Brewer (until Mar 2021)
Elizabeth Gardner
Sue Lewis
Stuart Nuttall

Treasurer during the year:

Jason Yapp

CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH

S FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		64,836	626	65,462	71,277
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		52	18	70	365
a4	Lettings		2,321		2,321	6,310
a5	Other receipts		18,593	27,739	46,332	62,990
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		85,803	28,382	114,185 (a7)	140,942

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		56,292		56,292	51,276
b3	Donations		640	21,253	21,893	27,856
b4	Repairs, Maintenance & Renewals		2,149		2,149	4,507
b5	Utilities (Inscs, water rates, heating & lighting)		6,744		6,744	5,700
b6	Payroll		24,370		24,370	36,134
b7	Other payments		3,716	7,571	11,287	14,729
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		93,912	28,824	122,736 (b9)	140,202

SECTION C			(8,109)			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR (a6-b8)		(8,109)	(441)	(8,550)	740
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		58,593	13,922	72,515 (c6)	71,775
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)		50,484	13,481	63,965	72,515
c4	Transfers and adjustments				671 (c8)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEA (c3+c4)		50,484	13,481	64,636 (c7)	72,515 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,031	3,152
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,031	3,152
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)				

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 - no longer an internal organisation						
e2	Boys & Girls Brigade	650	1,742	(1,092)		2,559	1,467
e3	Children's/Youth Work	1,801		1,801		1,122	2,923
e4	Wesley Guild		379	(379)		379.0	0
e5	Women's Fellowship	9	150	(141)		6,650	6,509
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,460	2,271	188		10,710 (e11)	10,899 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	114,185 (a7)	122,736 (b9)	(8,550)	671 (c8)	72,515 (c6)	64,636 (c7)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	116,645	125,007	(8,362)	671	83,225 (x)	75,534 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD

f1	Cash in hand
f2	Bank Current Accounts
f3	Bank Deposit Account
f4	Central Finance Board
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
f6	Other funds
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH

OPENING BALANCES	
207	
14,063	
48,718	
9,527	
72,515 (c6)	
10,710 (e11)	
83,225 (x)	

CLOSING BALANCES	
128	
24,757	
30,210	
9,540	
64,635 (c7)	
10,899 (e12)	
75,534 (y)	

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

g1	Investments (include Endowments)
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)
g3	Other Assets
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end
g5	Other Liabilities

At 1 September 2020	
2,796,027	

At 31 August 2021	
2,770,855	

CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021
DECLARATIONS AND SCRUTINY

Treasurer

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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



Name

JASON YAPP

Address

23 Meadow Walk
Chepstow NP16 5AA


Date

8 MAY 2022

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 21ST OCTOBER 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

GORDON GRESSWELL

Date

21/10/2022

**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 2021 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

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Date

5th MAY 2022