

Trustees Annual Report for Chepstow Methodist Church to Charity Commission.

Reg no 1130776 2023-2024

CMC continues to develop its mission, moving forwards in areas we have identified as specific 'gifting' of our church community. We spent much of the previous year assessing our strengths and weaknesses, and into 2023-24 have moved that forward into focussing on how we can put our gifts into better missional practice.

Zoom services continue, enabling those unable to attend on a Sunday to take part. The Beacon Café becomes ever more popular, and Toddlers, whilst struggling with attendance has begun to gain some traction and a greater sense of purpose.

During 2023-24 we have developed two Management Support Groups, one for Beacon and one for Toddlers, each with a about six members including the leaders of the groups. The idea is to support and encourage, but also challenge and push, so that those ministries don't stagnate but rather keep moving forward into new initiatives and greater viability, not least in the intention to make each of them financially self-supporting rather than needing to rely on wider church funds. This work has begun over the summer of 2024 and a new sense of hope and excitement is already evident.

Sunday worship has continued to grow, if only slightly. Alongside increasing age and infirmity we have seen a couple of new attendees from a (slightly) younger age group which is encouraging. We continue to address the need to develop our worship style.

Last year we established 'hospitality' as one of our key gifts at CMC and we are seeking to develop this generic ministry. We have begun the 'Connect Programme' in an attempt to move all areas of church life into a more missional focus (with hospitality at the heart) whilst remaining connected to each other as a cohesive unit, rather than just having lots of disconnected activities. We hope this will give us a greater sense of unity and purpose.

Warm & Cosy (winter) and Cool & Chilled (summer) have gone from strength to strength and continue to be a magnet for members of the community who need practical help or just a good chat and a cuppa.

Wednesday Fellowship continues to be an important fortnightly event for a good number of mainly (though not exclusively) elderly members.

CMC is a worshipping church with a real heart for its community. We try to be open to all and always aim to be a place of welcome, friendship and support.

Rev Paul Chesworth

CHEPSTOW METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

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| Newport & Lower Wye | Circuit | Circuit no. | 02/19 |
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| John Giles |
| Russell Collins |
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Treasurer:

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| Allan Strange |
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| SECTION A | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| a1 | RECEIPTS | Note | | | |
| a2 | Offerings and Tax recovered | 63,188 | | 63,188 | 67,351 |
| a3 | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 1,732 | | 1,732 | 1,142 |
| a4 | Lettings | 6,078 | | 6,078 | 6,601 |
| a5 | Other receipts | 28,581 | 10,000 | 38,581 | 50,879 |
| a6 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 99,579 | 10,000 | 109,579 (a7) | 125,973 |

| SECTION B | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| b1 | PAYMENTS | | | | |
| b2 | Circuit Assessment or Share | 48,932 | | 48,932 | 46,487 |
| b3 | Donations | 600 | | 600 | 640 |
| b4 | Repairs and Maintenance | 4,856 | | 4,856 | 4,275 |
| b5 | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 8,695 | | 8,695 | 4,661 |
| b6 | Payroll | 26,643 | 3,000 | 29,643 | 27,929 |
| b7 | Other payments | 3,895 | 1,985 | 5,880 | 64,012 |
| b8 | TOTAL PAYMENTS | 93,621 | 4,985 | 98,606 (b9) | 148,004 |

| SECTION C | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|---------|--------|-------|--------|------|-------------|
| c1 | NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR | (a6-b8) | 5,958 | 5,015 | 10,974 | | (22,031) |
| c2 | Total funds brought forward from last year | | 45,274 | 2,914 | 48,188 | (c6) | 70,219 |
| c3 | Sub total | (c1+c2) | 51,232 | 7,929 | 59,162 | | 48,188 |
| c4 | Transfers and adjustments | | 372 | (372) | | (c7) | |
| c5 | TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR | (c3+c4) | 51,604 | 7,557 | 59,162 | (c8) | 48,188 (c6) |

| SECTION D | | £ | £ |
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| 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 | 0 | 200 |
| d2 | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations | 4,232 | 3,455 |
| d3 | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations | 4,232 | 3,655 |
| d4 | BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID | 0 | 0 |
| | (d1+d2-d3) | | |

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS | | Receipts | Payments | Net Receipts/ Payments | Adjustments | Opening balances | Closing balances |
|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| e1 | 1st Chepstow Boys Brigade | 5,348 | 5,308 | 40 | | 1,008 | 1,048 |
| e2 | Wednesday Fellowship | 765 | 1,113 | (348) | | 5,818 | 5,470 |
| e3 | | | | | | | |
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| e6 | | | | | | | |
| e7 | | | | | | | |
| e8 | Sub total of Internal Organisations funds | 6,113 | 6,421 | (308) | | 6,826 (e11) | 6,518 (e12) |
| e9 | Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 109,579 (a7) | 98,606 (b9) | 10,974 | (c7) | 48,188 (c6) | 59,162 (c8) |
| e10 | TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH | 115,692 | 105,027 | 10,666 | | 55,014 (x) | 65,680 (y) |
| Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward | | TOTAL RECEIPTS | TOTAL PAYMENTS | | | | |

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

| | OPENING BALANCES | CLOSING BALANCES |
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| f1 Cash in hand | 336 | 261 |
| f2 Bank Current Account | 13,219 | 7,801 |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account | | |
| f4 Central Finance Board | 24,796 | 40,759 |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes | 9,837 | 10,341 |
| f6 Other funds | | |
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| g2 Land & Buildings (Insurance valuation) | 3,000,500 | 3,300,000 |
| g3 Other Assets | | |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end | | |
| g5 Other Liabilities (Toddlers Grant) | | 5,500 |

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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

5/1/25

Name and address of treasurer : 8 Tregarn Close, Langstone, NEWPORT NP18 2JL.

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 17th October 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chepstow Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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:

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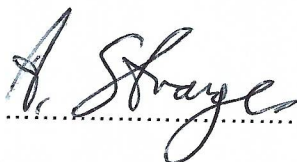
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