

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1131502

Details

Other names	SBMC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-09-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Knowle Methodist Church Redcatch Road Bristol BS4 2EP
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Activities

Objects: 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 the 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.

Activities: Religious Activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£264,250	£180,730	-	-
2024-08-31	£216,076	£162,164	-	-
2023-08-31	£188,961	£169,923	-	-
2022-08-31	£162,369	£154,535	-	-
2021-08-31	£138,219	£125,987	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sally Spencer	Chair	2019-09-01
ADRIAN JOHN WESTLAKE		
ANN REES		2025-05-21
DEREK ROBERT REES		2022-09-01
Edna Kissi		2024-04-17
Frances Marian Bullas BA		2020-02-11
JANICE ANN LEE		2018-05-01
Janet MacGregor		2018-05-01
Julia Blackmore		2019-06-01
KEVIN RICHARD SOULSBY MEng CEng		2024-04-17
Lynne Naylor		2025-09-01
MARY ELISABETH HUDSON BSc		2018-05-01
Mercy Cavicchioni		2023-05-01
RICHARD ALLAN HILLS		2018-05-01
ROYSTON CLIVE ROOKE MBE, KStJ		2022-09-01
RUTH ALICE PRICE		2018-05-01
Rachel Joanna Spencer		2025-02-11
Rev Teddy Kalongo		2022-09-01
Robert Paul Bennett		1984-10-15
SUSAN MARY GILCHRIST		2018-05-01
SUSAN ROOKE		2014-11-05

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

BRISTOL & SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CIRCUIT

Circuit No. 7 / 2

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number - 1131502

Minister:

Rev'd Sally Spencer

Church Stewards:

Mr Robert Bennett

Mrs Sue Gilchrist

Miss Kavita Bhalarao

Mrs Ann Rees

Mrs Susan Rooke

Mr Adrian Westlake

Treasurer:

Mr Richards Hills

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Accounts Examiner

Mr H G Nash FCA



SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Section A

Reference and Administration Details

Name of Charity	South Bristol Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1131502
Charity's Principal Address	Knowle Methodist Church
	Redcatch Road
	Bristol
Post Code	BS4 2EP

Name of body entitled to appoint trustee: SBMC Church Council

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mrs Jean Abbott		
Mr Robert Bennett		
Miss Julia Blackmore		
Mrs Frances Bullas	Secretary	
Mrs Mercy Cavicchioni		
Mrs Sue Gilchrist		
Mr Richard Hills	Treasurer	
Miss Mary Hudson		
Rev Prof Teddy Kalongo		
Ms Edna Kissi		
Mrs Janice Lee		
Mrs Janet MacGregor		
Mrs Ruth Price		
Mrs Anne Rees		From 21 May 2025
Mr Derek Rees		
Mr Clive Rooke		
Mrs Susan Rooke		
Mr John Seward		Until 15 October 2024
Mrs Rachel Joanna Spencer		From 11 February 2025
Revd Sally Spencer	Chairperson	
Mr Kevin Richard Soulsby	Contact Person	
Mrs Aroona Smith		Until 15 October 2024
Mr Adrian Westlake		

Section B

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document	South Bristol Methodist Church uses an approved governing document issued by the Methodist Conference (as detailed below) and have not altered or changed the objects clause of this document.
Wording of Governing Document	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church: (2) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church: (3) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church: (4) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
Trustee Selection Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Each of the four congregations that make up South Bristol Methodist Church shall appoint annually three members of their congregation to sit on Church council plus the two congregational stewards who sit on the leadership team. All will be trustees of the church. (2) Such persons, if any, as the Church Council judges it appropriate to appoint from among those employed by the council, or by the Circuit Meeting in work in the local church will be trustees of the church. (3) The Superintendent Minister and one listed ministerial staff of the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Methodist circuit will be a trustee of the church (4) Other trustees for the time being members of church council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church treasurer • The Church MWiB representative • The Church Council Secretary • Circuit stewards as appointed by the circuit stewards meeting <p>Note:- Each trustee MUST be a member of the Methodist Church.</p>
South Bristol Methodist Church Structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) South Bristol Methodist Church is made up of the congregations of Bedminster, Knowle, and St. Peter's churches. (2) There are three worship centres within SBMC. (3) There will be an annual meeting of the whole church which will be open to all and will be an opportunity to

discuss the whole life of the church.

- (4) Each congregation will hold quarterly, an open meeting to which everyone is welcome and which will discuss any issues the members of the meeting raise. The calling of these meetings and the voting at them will be in accordance with the constitution, practice, and discipline of the Methodist Church.
- (5) The guidelines for the working of South Bristol Methodist Church is aligned to the constitution, practice, and discipline of the Methodist Church and can only be amended with the trustees voting 75% in favour of any amendment.

Section C**Objectives and Activities**

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.(2) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.(3) Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.(4) Taking religious assemblies in schools.(5) Promoting the whole mission of the church and aiding social cohesion through activities for older people, parents and toddlers, and other specific needs groups.(6) Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.
Contribution made by Church Members and friends of SBMC	<p>The trustees would like to acknowledge the work carried out in all of its congregations in leading worship, providing pastoral care and maintaining the premises, especially during the cost of living increases.</p> <p>Generous giving by congregation members has continued in all four worship centres and in these difficult times the trustees are also grateful for all the work carried out by congregation members in their communities.</p>

Summary of the main achievements of SBMC

Whoever you are, whatever your journey, welcome.

We are your neighbourhood Methodist Church. We seek to bring our community into the all-encompassing ways of Jesus Christ, and take his love out into the world. We seek to offer hope and encouragement as we serve each other and the wider area, travelling together in faith.

As part of God's church in South Bristol, our aim is to grow in the spiritual depth of our faith, in the difference we can make to the communities around us, and in the numbers of people who can discover and grow in the love of God in our congregations. This year there have been significant signs of growth in our church community.

We have grown in spiritual depth, through regular worship and Bible study and for some, by holding on to faith through illness and other difficulties in life. Weekly worship continues to equip people to practise their faith in daily life, and small group discussions take place to nurture people in their faith and discuss subjects of topical interest. SBMC supports monthly services in local care homes, where we can provide a message of hope. Pastoral care is important and is led by teams of volunteers from within the congregations.

We have welcomed a new employee focusing on the church's work in the community, and have grown in our community impact through continuing Warm Welcome Spaces at St Peter's and Knowle, links with Monica Wills House in Bedminster and a new project hosting South Bristol Grace Network in Bedminster, which offers social enterprises benefitting the local community. We continue to host Citizen's Advice at Knowle and have welcomed the Food Pantry at St Peter's in partnership with Oasis Community Hub.

Although always respectful of the beliefs of others, we are not apologetic for wanting to share the good news of the Gospel message of forgiveness, love and hope through Jesus Christ with those who are interested and we are happy to be welcoming new faces, in small numbers, to our congregations over the last year. We continue to baptise small numbers of children and adults, and to carry out funerals for much loved members of our congregation as well as people from our local communities. This year we have also been delighted to welcome new members and to encourage those who are learning to lead worship in our services.

We have increased the work we are doing with children and

	<p>teenagers, recognising the importance of supporting and encouraging young people. We continue to work with schools in Broomhill and to run our own Junior Church at Knowle. We have joined this year with other churches in Knowle and Totterdown to run a Youth Alpha course.</p> <p>We continue to represent, in our congregations and in our leadership teams, sections of our community from a variety of ethnic, generational and social backgrounds and see this as one of our strengths. We meet regularly for Church Council and other meetings to discuss and make decisions about church life. Thanks go to people who have stepped down from church activities after many years of service, and to people who have taken on new responsibilities.</p> <p><i>“Be thankful in all circumstances”. From 1 Thessalonians 5.18</i></p>
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Section E Financial review	
SBMC Policy on Reserves	The policy is to maintain a general reserve equivalent to three months routine expenditure.
Any Funds in Deficit	There are no funds in deficit

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

SECTION A	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Offerings and Tax recovered	65,594		65,594	66,823
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,699		2,699	2,961
Lettings	64,551		64,551	77,662
Fund Raising Activities	10,186		10,186	9,640
Donations and Bequests	13,554		13,554	7,899
Grant for Warm Space		4,920	4,920	6,000
Other Grants	7,128	52,000	59,128	2,881
Mission work funding from the sale of premises		43,500	43,500	41,500
Other receipts	118		118	710
TOTAL RECEIPTS	163,830	100,420	264,250 (a7)	216,076

SECTION B				
PAYMENTS				
Circuit Assessment or Share	81,954		81,954	84,313
Donations	2,055		2,055	1,351
Repairs and Maintenance	18,698		18,698	18,541
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	27,038		27,038	34,095
Other payments	37,509	13,476	50,985	23,864
TOTAL PAYMENTS	167,254	13,476	180,730 (b9)	162,164

SECTION C				
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR	(3,424)	86,944	83,520	53,912
Total funds brought forward from last year	131,457	47,692	179,149 (c6)	125,237
Sub total	128,033	134,636	262,669	179,149
Transfers and adjustments	5,788	(5,788)	0 (c7)	0
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	133,821	128,848	262,669 (c8)	179,149

SECTION D				
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
(these amounts are not included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
			£	£
Balance brought forward from last year			0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,117	834
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,117	834
BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID			0	0

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH
SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
Bedminster	418	420	-2		238	236
Knowle	414	902	-488		736	248
St Peters, Brislington	577	538	39		142	181
			0.00		0.00	0.00
			0.00		0.00	0.00
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,409	1,860	-451	0.00	1,116(e11)	665
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	264,250(a7)	180,730(b9)	83,520	(c7)	179,149(c6)	262,669
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	265,659	182,590	83,069	0.00	180,265(x)	263,334
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		171
Bank Current Account	120,457	201,144
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	58,692	61,354
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	0	
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	179,149(c6)	262,669
Total funds held by Internal Organisations	1,116(e11)	665
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	180,265(x)	263,334

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 31 August 2024	At 31 August 2025
Investments (include Endowments)	1,325	1,278
Land & Buildings (Insurance value)	10,044,303	10,305,489
Other Assets	0	0
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
Other Liabilities	0	0

Address

16 Norton Road, Knowle, Bristol, BS4 2JG

Presentation to the South Bristol Methodist Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Report and Accounts were presented for approved by the Church Council on 24th February 2026.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev'd Sally Spencer

Date

24/02/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for 1 under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have been met;
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature

H G Nash

Hilary Gordon Nash, FCA
75 Manor Road
Keynsham
Bristol, BS31 1RE

Date

16/02/2026

Section F Other Information

Not Applicable

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

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Full Names

Revd Sally Spencer	Mrs Frances Bullas
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair etc)

Chairperson	Secretary
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Date

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Section F

Other Information

Not Applicable

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures



F.M. Bullas

Full Names

Revd Sally Spencer

Mrs Frances Bullas

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair etc)

Chairperson

Secretary

Date

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Miss Mary Hudson			
Rev Prof Teddy Kalongo			
Ms Edna Kissi		from 17 April 2024	
Mrs Janice Lee			
Mrs Janet MacGregor			
Mrs Ruth Price			
Mr Derek Rees			
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Mrs Susan Rooke			
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Mr Kevin Richard Soulsby	Contact Person	from 17 April 2024	
Mr Adrian Westlake			
Miss Kavita Bhalerao		to 17 April 2024	
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Contribution made by Church Members and friends of SBMC	<p>The trustees would like to acknowledge the work carried out in all of its congregations in leading worship, providing pastoral care and maintaining the premises, especially during the cost of living increases.</p> <p>Generous giving by congregation members has continued in all three worship centres and in these difficult times the trustees are also grateful for all the work carried out by congregation members in their communities.</p>
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Section D		Achievements and Performance
Summary of the main achievements of SBMC	<p>As part of God's church in South Bristol, our aim is to grow in the spiritual depth of our faith, in the difference we can make to the communities around us, and in the numbers of people who can discover and grow in the love of God in our congregations. This year there have been various signs of growth in our church community</p> <p>We have grown in spiritual depth, through regular worship and Bible study and for some, by holding on to faith through illness and other difficulties in life. Bedminster and Knowle congregations experienced the <i>People's Passion</i> on Palm Sunday. Weekly worship continues to equip people to practise their faith in daily life, and small group discussions have taken place on prayer. SBMC supports monthly services in local care homes, where we can provide a message of hope.</p> <p>We have grown in our impact on the community through continuing Welcome Spaces at St Peter's and Knowle, and links with Monica Wills House in Bedminster. We now host the Citizen's Advice Centre at Knowle, and are happy to welcome the Food Club and the Repair Cafe to Bedminster following the closure of the URC in West Street, while the Food Club continues at St Peter's. We have worked with schools in Broomhill and to support Nativity and Easter trails in Knowle for families and young people. Knowle and St Peter's congregations carried out community audits this year to inform future work.</p>	

Section D (Continued)	Achievements and Performance
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Section E	Financial Review
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SBMC Policy on Reserves	The policy is to maintain a general reserve equivalent to three months routine expenditure
Any Funds in Deficit	There are no funds in deficit

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS	Note				
Offerings and Tax recovered		66,823		66,823	69,570
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,961		2,961	1,908
Lettings		77,662		77,662	97,358
Fund Raising Activities		9,640		9,640	5,574
Donations and Bequests		7,899		7,899	8,586
Grant for Warm Space		1,525	4,475	6,000	5,690
Other Grants		2,881		2,881	0
Mission work funding from the sale of premises			41,500	41,500	0
Other receipts		710		710	275
TOTAL RECEIPTS		170,101	45,975	216,076 (a7)	188,961

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
PAYMENTS					
Circuit Assessment or Share		84,313		84,313	80,356
Donations		1,351		1,351	1,367
Repairs and Maintenance		18,541		18,541	21,792
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		34,095		34,095	33,525
Other payments		23,161	703	23,864	32,883
TOTAL PAYMENTS		161,461	703	162,164 (b9)	169,923

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		8,640	45,272	53,912	19,038
Total funds brought forward from last year		122,817	2,420	125,237 (c6)	106,199
Sub total		131,457	47,692	179,149	125,237
Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		131,457	47,692	179,149 (c8)	125,237

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
Balance brought forward from last year		0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		834	1,968
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		834	1,968
BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		0	0

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH

SECTION E

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
Bedminster	592	810	(218)		456	238
Knowle	467	907	(440)		1,176	736
St Peters, Brislington	483	454	29		113	142
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,542	2,171	(629)		1,745 (e11)	1,116
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	216,076 (a7)	162,164 (b9)	53,912	(c7)	125,237 (c6)	179,149
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	217,618	164,335	53,283		126,982 (x)	180,265
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	69,471	120,457
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	55,766	58,692
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	125,237 (c6)	179,149
Total funds held by Internal Organisations	1,745 (e11)	1,116
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	126,982 (x)	180,265

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 31 August 2023	At 31 August 2024
Investments (include Endowments)	1,225	1,325
Land & Buildings (Insurance value)	16,573,649	10,044,303
Other Assets	0	0
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
Other Liabilities	0	0

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

R Hills

Date

11/10/2024

Name

Richard Hills

Address

16 Norton Road, Knowle, Bristol, BS4 2JG

Presentation to the South Bristol Methodist Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Report and Accounts will be presented for approval by the Church Council on 11th February 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

S Spencer

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev'd Sally Spencer

Date

15/10/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature

H G Nash

Hilary Gordon Nash, FCA
75 Manor Road
Keynsham
Bristol, BS31 1RE

Date

17/11/2024

Section F Other Information

Not Applicable

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

Sally Spencer

F.M. Bullas

Full Names

Revd Sally Spencer

Mrs Frances Bullas

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair etc)

Chairperson

Secretary

Date

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Jan

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January

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SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1131502

Accounts



THE METHODIST CHURCH

BRISTOL & SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CIRCUIT

Circuit No. 7 / 2

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number - 1131502

Minister:

Rev'd Sally Spencer

Church Stewards:

Mr Robert Bennett

Mrs Sue Gilchrist

Mr Robert Wallace

Rachel Spencer

Mrs Susan Rooke

Mr Adrian Westlake

Treasurer:

Mr Richards Hills

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Accounts Examiner

Mr H G Nash FCA



SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Section A Reference and Administration Details

Name of Charity	South Bristol Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1131502
Charity's Principal Address	Bedminster Methodist Church
	British Road
	Bristol
Post Code	BS3 3BW

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
			South Bristol Methodist Church Council
Revd Prof Teddy Kalongo			
Revd Sally Spencer	Chair Person		
Mr John Seward	Contact Person		
Mr Robert Bennett			
Mrs Frances Bullas	Secretary		
Mrs Aroona Smith		1 Sept - 27 Sept 22	
Mrs Ann Rees			
Mrs Yvonne Powell		1 Sept - 27 Sept 22	
Miss Ruth Watkinson		1 Sept - 27 Sept 22	
Mr Robert Wallace			
Mr Adrian Westlake			
Miss Julia Blackmore			
Mr Clive Rooke			
Mrs Susan Rooke			
Mr Philip Carter		1 Sept - 27 Sept 22	
Mr Richard Hills	Treasurer		
Mrs Janet MacGregor			
Mrs Janice Lee			
Miss Kavita Bhalerao			
Miss Mary Hudson			
Mrs Ruth Price			
Mrs Sue Gilchrist			
Mrs Valerie Davey			
Mrs Dipti Kiran Bhalerao		1 Sept - 27 Sept 22	
Mrs Jean Abbott			
Mrs Carol Payne		1 Sept - 27 Sept 22	
Mrs Mercy Cavicchioni		1 Sept - 27 Sept 22	
Mr Derek Rees			

Section B Structure, Governance and Management	
Governing Document	South Bristol Methodist Church uses an approved governing document issued by the Methodist Conference (as detailed below) and have not altered or changed the objects clause of this document.
Wording of Governing Document	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the 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.
Trustee Selection Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Each of the three congregations that make up South Bristol Methodist Church shall appoint annually three members of their congregation to sit on Church Council plus the two congregational stewards who sit on the leadership team. All will be trustees of the church. (b) Such persons, if any, as the Church Council judges it appropriate to appoint from among those employed by the Council, or by the Circuit Meeting in work in the local church will be trustees of the church. (c) The Superintendent Minister and the one listed ministerial staff of the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Methodist circuit will be a trustee of the church (d) Other trustees for the time being members of church council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church treasurer • The Church MWiB representative • The Church Council Secretary • Circuit stewards as appointed by the circuit stewards meeting. <p>Note:- Each trustee MUST be a member of the Methodist Church</p>
South Bristol Methodist Church Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) South Bristol Methodist Church is made up of the congregations of Bedminster, Knowle and St.Peter's churches. (b) There are three worship centres within SBMC. (c) There will be an annual meeting of the whole church which will be open to all and will be an opportunity to discuss the whole life of the church. (d) Each congregation will hold quarterly, an open meeting to which everyone is welcome and which will discuss any issues the members of the meeting raise. The calling of these meetings and the voting at them will be in accordance with the constitution, practice, and discipline of the Methodist Church. (e) The guidelines for the working of South Bristol Methodist Church is aligned to the constitution, practice, and discipline of the Methodist Church and can only be amended with the trustees voting 75% in favour of any amendment.

Section C Objectives and Activities	
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Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. (b) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. (c) Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. (d) Taking religious assemblies in schools. (e) Promoting the whole mission of the church and aiding social cohesion through activities for older people, parents and toddlers, and other specific needs groups. (f) Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.
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Contribution made by Church Members and friends of SBMC	<p>The trustees would like to acknowledge the work carried out in all of its congregations in leading worship, providing pastoral care and maintaining the premises, especially during the cost of living increases.</p> <p>Generous giving by congregation members has continued in all three worship centres and in these difficult times the trustees are also grateful for all the work carried out by congregation members in their communities.</p>
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Section D Achievements and Performance	
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Summary of the main achievements of SBMC	<p>2022/23 has been another year of great change and challenges for South Bristol Methodist Church operating on three different premises, as our churches opened for worship every week once more. Congregation numbers are fairly static except at Knowle where the congregation numbers have grown as previously Totterdown members joined the Knowle congregation and there are signs that lettings have increased.</p> <p>Our congregation at Totterdown ceased to meet at the end of the last financial year and a church of another denomination has agreed to purchase the building so that a Christian presence will continue in the Totterdown building.</p> <p>Despite all this, common resource sharing continued across all three congregations as the minister and members worked together. SBMC is working to enable groups to come together once again and meet the challenges of the future and have continued to support a number of charities working in the UK to provide support for families in need, both locally and in the wider community of Bristol and we thank God for this part of our mission.</p> <p>Over the winter months two of our congregations opened their premises as warm spaces offering a welcome space for warmth and food and activities for those who may be feeling the effects of the cost of living issues. So successful has this been , and so welcome by so many of our community that we are to continue this activity into 2023/24.</p> <p>There have been enormous challenges for all our congregations to keep in touch with their friends and members and we are grateful to all who keep in touch with those who are vulnerable and need support. We thank God for His mercies and look forward to the future with confidence.</p> <p>SBMC membership of the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Circuit is moving forward with SBMC forming part of the South and Central mission cluster which includes Parkway, Bethesda and Victoria Methodist Churches, the Withywood Centre and Faithspace. With the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit we move on in faith.</p>
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Section E Financial Review	
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SBMC Policy on Reserves	The policy is to maintain a general reserve equivalent to three months routine expenditure
Any Funds in Deficit	There are no funds in deficit

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS	Note				
Offerings and Tax recovered		69,570		69,570	76,739
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,908		1,908	269
Lettings		97,358		97,358	70,027
Fund Raising Activities		5,574		5,574	4,090
Donations and Bequests		11,969		11,969	10,665
Grant for Warm Space			2,307	2,307	
Other receipts		275		275	579
TOTAL RECEIPTS		186,654	2,307	188,961 (a7)	162,369

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
PAYMENTS					
Circuit Assessment or Share		80,356		80,356	83,373
Donations		1,367		1,367	1,041
Repairs and Maintenance		21,792		21,792	14,800
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		33,525		33,525	26,971
Other payments		32,481	402	32,883	28,350
TOTAL PAYMENTS		169,521	402	169,923 (b9)	154,535

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		17,133	1,905	19,038	7,834
Total funds brought forward from last year		105,684	515	106,199 (c6)	98,365
Sub total		122,817	2,420	125,237	106,199
Transfers and adjustments					
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		122,817	2,420	125,237 (c8)	106,199

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
Balance brought forward from last year		0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,968	2,328
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,968	2,328
BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		0	0

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH
SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH

SECTION E						
Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting.						
INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
Bedminster	568	630	(62)		518	456
Knowle	876	1,134	(258)		1,434	1,176
St Peters, Brislington	332	545	(213)		326	113
Totterdown	0	2,219	(2,219)		2,219	0
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,776	4,528	(2,752)		4,497 (e11)	1,745
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	188,961 (a7)	169,923 (b9)	19,038	(c7)	106,199 (c6)	125,237
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	190,737	174,451	16,286		110,696 (x)	126,982
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F		
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	52,306	69,471
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	53,893	55,766
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	106,199 (c6)	125,237
Total funds held by Internal Organisations	4,497 (e11)	1,745
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	110,696 (x)	126,982

SECTION G		
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 31 August 2022	At 31 August 2023
Investments (include Endowments)	1,249	1,225
Land & Buildings (Insurance value)	15,512,394	16,573,649
Other Assets	0	0
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
Other Liabilities	0	0

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

Date

01/10/2023

Name

Address

Presentation to the South Bristol Methodist Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Report and Accounts were presented and approved by the Church Council on 18th October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature

Hilary Gordon Nash, FCA
75 Manor Road
Keynsham
Bristol, BS31 1RE

Date

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1131502

Accounts



THE METHODIST CHURCH

BRISTOL & SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CIRCUIT

Circuit No. 7 / 2

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number - 1131502

Minister:

Rev'd Sally Spencer

Church Stewards:

Mr Robert Bennett

Mr Keith Workman to 30 May 22

Miss Kavita Bhalerao

Mrs Susan Rooke

Mr Adrian Westlake

Mrs Dipti Kiran Bhalerao

Mr Robert Wallace

Treasurer:

Mr Richards Hills

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Accounts Examiner

Mr H G Nash FCA



SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Section A Reference and Administration Details

Name of Charity	South Bristol Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1131502
Charity's Principal Address	Bedminster Methodist Church
	British Road
	Bristol
Post Code	BS3 3BW

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
			South Bristol Methodist Church Council
Revd Novette Headley			
Revd Sally Spencer	Chair Person		
Mr John Seward	Contact Person		
Mrs Christine Seward			
Mr Robert Bennett			
Mrs Frances Bullas	Secretary		
Mrs Aroona Smith			
Mrs Ann Rees			
Mr Keith Workman		1 Sept - 30 May 22	
Mrs Yvonne Powell			
Miss Ruth Watkinson			
Mr Robert Wallace			
Mr Adrian Westlake			
Miss Julia Blackmore			
Mrs Susan Rooke			
Mr Philip Carter			
Mr Richard Hills	Treasurer		
Mrs Janet MacGregor			
Mrs Janice Lee			
Miss Kavita Bhalerao			
Miss Mary Hudson			
Mrs Ruth Price			
Mrs Sue Gilchrist			
Mrs Valerie Davey			
Mrs Dipti Kiran Bhalerao			
Mrs Jean Abbott			
Mrs Carol Payne			
Mrs Mercy Cavicchioni			

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

<p>Governing Document</p>	<p>South Bristol Methodist Church uses an approved governing document issued by the Methodist Conference (as detailed below) and have not altered or changed the objects clause of this document</p>
<p>Wording of Governing Document</p>	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the 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.
<p>Trustee Selection Method</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Each of the four congregations that make up South Bristol Methodist Church shall appoint annually three members of their congregation to sit on Church Council plus the two congregational stewards who sit on the leadership team. All will be trustees of the church. (b) Such persons, if any, as the Church Council judges it appropriate to appoint from among those employed by the Council, or by the Circuit Meeting in work in the local church will be trustees of the church. (c) The Superintendent Minister and the one listed ministerial staff of the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Methodist circuit will be a trustee of the church (d) Other trustees for the time being members of church council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church treasurer • The Church MWiB representative • The Church Council secretary • Circuit stewards as appointed by the circuit stewards meeting <p>Note:- Each trustee MUST be a member of the Methodist Church</p>
<p>South Bristol Methodist Church Structure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) South Bristol Methodist Church is made up of the congregations of Bedminster, Knowle, Totterdown and St.Peter's churches. (b) There are four worship centres within SBMC. (c) There will be an annual meeting of the whole church which will be open to all and will be an opportunity to discuss the whole life of the church. (d) Each congregation will hold quarterly, an open meeting to which everyone is welcome and which will discuss any issues the members of the meeting raise. The calling of these meetings and the voting at them will be in accordance with the constitution, practice, and discipline of the Methodist Church. (e) The guidelines for the working of South Bristol Methodist Church is aligned to the constitution, practice, and discipline of the Methodist Church and can only be amended with the trustees voting 75% in favour of any amendment.

Section C Objectives and Activities	
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. (b) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. (c) Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. (d) Taking religious assemblies in schools. (e) Promoting the whole mission of the church and aiding social cohesion through activities for older people, parents and toddlers, and other specific needs groups. (f) Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Contribution made by Church Members and friends of SBMC	<p>The trustees would like to acknowledge the work carried out in all of its congregations in leading worship, providing pastoral care and maintaining the premises, especially during the covid19 epidemic.</p> <p>Generous giving by congregation members has continued in all four worship centres and in these difficult times the trustees are also grateful for all the work carried out by congregation members in their communities.</p>
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Section D Achievements and Performance	
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Summary of the main achievements of SBMC	<p>2021/22 has been a year of great change and challenges for South Bristol Methodist Church operating on four different premises, as our churches opened for worship every week once more. Congregation numbers are down on pre covid times and the lack of lettings has affected the finances of all our congregations, however there are signs that this is now picking up. Unfortunately our congregation at Totterdown has, with great sorrow decided to cease to meet, meaning it will close to services on 31st August 2022. It is hoped that a church of another denomination will ultimately purchase the building so that a Christian presence will continue in the Totterdown building. Despite all this, common resource sharing continued across all four congregations as the minister and members worked together. SBMC is working to enable groups to come together once again and meet the challenges of the future and have continued to support a number of charities working in the UK to provide support for families in need, both locally and in the wider community of Bristol and we thank God for this part of our mission. There have been enormous challenges for all our congregations to keep in touch with their friends and members and we are grateful to all who keep in touch with those who are vulnerable and need support. We are particularly grateful to our minister Rev Sally Spencer who has spent many hours creating and leading on line worship and developing newsletters which have been distributed via emails and post and for those who also hand delivered these newsletters. The whole church family is looking forward to September when we hope to combine worshippers from Totterdown into our other three congregations. We thank God for His mercies and look forward to the future with confidence.</p> <p>SBMC membership of the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Circuit is moving forward with SBMC forming part of the South and Central mission cluster which includes Eastville Park, Parkway, Bethesda and Victoria Methodist Churches, the Witherwood Centre and Faithspace. With the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit we move on in faith.</p>
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Section E Financial Review	
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SBMC Policy on Reserves	The policy is to maintain a general reserve equivalent to three months routine expenditure
Any Funds in Deficit	There are no funds in deficit

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS	Note				
Offerings and Tax recovered		76,739		76,739	82,223
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		269	3	272	114
Lettings		70,024		70,024	34,532
Fund Raising Activities		4,090		4,090	570
Donations and Bequests		10,665		10,665	20,332
Grant for Building Repairs					
Other receipts		579		579	448
TOTAL RECEIPTS		162,366	3	162,369 (a7)	138,219

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
PAYMENTS					
Circuit Assessment or Share		83,373		83,373	83,608
Donations		1,041		1,041	1,271
Repairs and Maintenance		14,800		14,800	7,598
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		26,971		26,971	15,884
Other payments		28,284	66	28,350	17,626
TOTAL PAYMENTS		154,469	66	154,535 (b9)	125,987

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		7,897	(63)	7,834	12,232
Total funds brought forward from last year		97,787	578	98,365 (c6)	86,133
Sub total		105,684	515	106,199	98,365
Transfers and adjustments					
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		105,684	515	106,199 (c8)	98,365

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
Balance brought forward from last year		0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,328	751
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,328	751
BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		0	0

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH
SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH

SECTION E						
Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting.						
INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
Bedminster	317	130	187		331	518
Knowle	722	303	419		1,015	1,434
St Peters, Brislington	324	658	(334)		660	326
Totterdown	822	1,692	(870)		3,089	2,219
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,185	2,783	(598)		5,095 (e11)	4,497
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	162,369 (a7)	154,535 (b9)	7,834	(c7)	98,365 (c6)	106,199
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	164,554	157,318	7,236		103,460 (x)	110,696
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	44,696	52,306
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	53,669	53,893
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	98,365 (c6)	106,199
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	5,095 (e11)	4,497
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	103,460 (x)	110,696

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 31 August 2021	At 31 August 2022
Investments (include Endowments)	1,309	1,249
Land & Buildings (Insurance value)	14,456,932	15,512,394
Other Assets	0	0
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
Other Liabilities	0	0

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

R Hills

Date

20/09/2022

Name

Richard Hills

Address

16 Norton Road, Knowle, Bristol, BS4 2HA

Presentation to the South Bristol Methodist Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Report and Accounts were presented and approved by the Church Council on 27th September 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

S Spencer

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev'd Sally Spencer

Date

27/09/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature

H G Nash

Hilary Gordon Nash, FCA
75 Manor Road
Keynsham
Bristol, BS31 1RE

Date

11 November 2022

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1131502

Accounts



THE METHODIST CHURCH

BRISTOL & SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CIRCUIT

Circuit No. 7 / 2

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number - 1131502

Minister:

Rev'd Sally Spencer

Church Stewards:

Mr Robert Bennett

Mr Keith Workman

Miss Kavita Bhalerao

Mr Christopher Gummer to 31 Dec 20

Mrs Susan Rooke

Mr Adrian Westlake

Mrs Dipti Kiran Bhalerao

Mr Robert Wallace

Treasurer:

Mr Allen Hosking

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Accounts Examiner

Mr H G Nash FCA



SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Section A Reference and Administration Details

Name of Charity	South Bristol Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1131502
Charity's Principal Address	Bedminster Methodist Church
	British Road
	Bristol
Post Code	BS3 3BW

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
			South Bristol Methodist Church Council
Revd David Alderman		1 Sep 20 - 31 Aug 21	
Revd Sally Spencer	Chair Person		
Mr John Seward	Contact Person		
Mrs Christine Seward			
Mrs Margaret Matthews		1 Sep 20 - 24 Sep 20	
Mr Robert Bennett			
Mrs Frances Bullas	Secretary		
Mrs Aroona Smith		1 Jun - 31 Aug 21	
Mrs Ann Rees			
Mr Keith Workman			
Mrs Yvonne Powell			
Miss Ruth Watkinson		1 Jun 21 - 31 Aug 21	
Mr Robert Wallace			
Mr Adrian Westlake			
Miss Julia Blackmore			
Mr Allen Hosking	Treasurer		
Mr Christopher Gummer		1 Sep - 31 Dec 20	
Mrs Susan Rooke			
Mr Philip Carter			
Mr Richard Hills			
Mrs Jean Piper		1 Sep - 30 Apr 21	
Mrs Janet MacGregor			
Mrs Janice Lee			
Miss Kavita Bhalerao			
Miss Mary Hudson			
Mrs Ruth Price			
Mrs Sue Gilchrist			
Mrs Valerie Davey			
Mrs Dipti Kiran Bhalerao			
Mrs Jean Abbott			
Mrs Carol Payne			
Mrs Mercy Cavicchioni			

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

<p>Governing Document</p>	<p>South Bristol Methodist Church uses an approved governing document issued by the Methodist Conference (as detailed below) and have not altered or changed the objects clause of this document</p>
<p>Wording of Governing Document</p>	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the 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.
<p>Trustee Selection Method</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Each of the four congregations that make up South Bristol Methodist Church shall appoint annually three members of their congregation to sit on Church Council plus the two congregational stewards who sit on the leadership team. All will be trustees of the church. (b) Such persons, if any, as the Church Council judges it appropriate to appoint from among those employed by the Council, or by the Circuit Meeting in work in the local church will be trustees of the church. (c) The Superintendent Minister and the one listed ministerial staff of the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Methodist circuit will be a trustee of the church (d) Other trustees for the time being members of church council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church treasurer • The Church MWiB representative • The Church Council secretary • Circuit stewards as appointed by the circuit stewards meeting <p>Note:- Each trustee MUST be a member of the Methodist Church</p>
<p>South Bristol Methodist Church Structure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) South Bristol Methodist Church is made up of the congregations of Bedminster, Knowle, Totterdown and St.Peters churches. (b) There are four worship centres within SBMC. (c) There will be an annual meeting of the whole church which will be open to all and will be an opportunity to discuss the whole life of the church. (d) Each congregation will hold quarterly, an open meeting to which everyone is welcome and which will discuss any issues the members of the meeting raise. The calling of these meetings and the voting at them will be in accordance with the constitution, practice, and discipline of the Methodist Church. (e) The guidelines for the working of South Bristol Methodist Church is aligned to the constitution, practice, and discipline of the Methodist Church and can only be amended with the trustees voting 75% in favour of any amendment.

Section C Objectives and Activities	
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. (b) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. (c) Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. (d) Taking religious assemblies in schools. (e) Promoting the whole mission of the church and aiding social cohesion through activities for older people, parents and toddlers, and other specific needs groups. (f) Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Contribution made by Church Members and friends of SBMC	<p>The trustees would like to acknowledge the work carried out in all of its congregations in leading worship, providing pastoral care and maintaining the premises, especially during the covid19 epidemic.</p> <p>Generous giving by congregation members has continued in all four worship centres and in these difficult times the trustees are also grateful for all the work carried out by congregation members in their communities.</p>
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Section D Achievements and Performance	
Summary of the main achievements of SBMC	<p>2020/21 has been a year of many challenges for South Bristol Methodist Church operating on four different premises, as the Covid19 has meant all of our church premises were closed from time to time then one of our churches opened for worship once a month, one opened once every two weeks and two opened every week to limited congregational attendance keeping within Covid 19 regulations. This has however enabled common resource sharing across all four congregations as the minister and members worked together to keep in touch through electronic means. Although worship has restarted, other activities within church buildings had ceased and did not recommence until July 19th 2021 but SBMC is working to enable groups to come together once again and meet the challenges of the future. However they have continued to support a number of charities working in the UK to provide support for families in need, both locally and in the wider community of Bristol and we thank God for this part of our mission.</p> <p>There have been enormous challenges for all our congregations to keep in touch with their friends and members and we are grateful to all who keep in touch with those who are vulnerable and need support. We are particularly grateful to our minister Rev Sally Spencer who has spent many hours creating and leading on line worship and developing newsletters which have been distributed via emails and post and for those who also hand delivered these newsletters. The whole church family is looking forward to September when we hope to return to weekly worship in all our congregations and some resemblance of a new normal. We thank God for His mercies and look forward to the future with confidence</p> <p>SBMC membership of the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Circuit is moving forward with SBMC forming part of the South and Central mission cluster which includes Eastville Park, Parkway, Bethesda and Victoria Methodist Churches, the Witherwood Centre and Faithspace. With the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit we move on in faith.</p>

Section E Financial Review	
SBMC Policy on Reserves	The policy is to maintain a general reserve equivalent to three months routine expenditure
Any Funds in Deficit	There are no funds in deficit

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Offerings and Tax recovered		82,217	6	82,223	62,102
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		113	1	114	466
Lettings		34,532		34,532	35,097
Fund Raising Activities		570		570	6,725
Donations and Bequests		20,332		20,332	12,395
Grant for Building Repairs					
Other receipts		448		448	1,161
TOTAL RECEIPTS		138,212	7	138,219 (a7)	117,946

SECTION B					
PAYMENTS					
Circuit Assessment or Share		83,608		83,608	81,968
Donations		1,271		1,271	1,734
Repairs and Maintenance		7,598		7,598	13,246
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,884		15,884	20,822
Other payments		17,618	8	17,626	15,770
TOTAL PAYMENTS		125,979	8	125,987 (b9)	133,540

SECTION C					
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		12,233	(1)	12,232	(15,594)
Total funds brought forward from last year		84,702	1,431	86,133 (c6)	101,727
Sub total		96,935	1,430	98,365	86,133
Transfers and adjustments		852	(852)	(c7)	
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		97,787	578	98,365 (c8)	86,133

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
Balance brought forward from last year		0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		751	1,298
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		751	1,298
BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		0	0

SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH
SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH

SECTION E						
Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting.						
INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
Bedminster	20	146	(126)		457	331
Knowle	288	764	(476)		1,491	1,015
St Peters, Brislington		200	(200)		860	660
Totterdown	9	150	(141)		3,230	3,089
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	317	1,260	(943)		6,038 (e11)	5,095
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	138,219 (a7)	125,987 (b9)	12,232	(c7)	86,133 (c6)	98,365
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	138,536	127,247	11,289		92,171 (x)	103,460
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	29,035	44,696
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	53,591	53,669
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	3,507	
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	86,133 (c6)	98,365
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	6,038 (e11)	5,095
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	92,171 (x)	103,460

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 31 August 2020	At 31 August 2021
Investments (include Endowments)	1,112	1,309
Land & Buildings (Insurance value)	14,456,932	14,456,932
Other Assets	0	0
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
Other Liabilities	0	0

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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Signature of Treasurer

Date

08/09/2021

Name

Allen Edwin Hosking

Address

25 Maxse Road, Knowle, Bristol, BS4 2JG

Presentation to the South Bristol Methodist Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Report and Accounts were presented and approved by the Church Council on 15th September 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev'd Sally Spencer

Date

15/09/2021

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Signature

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75 Manor Road
Keynsham
Bristol, BS31 1RE

Date

30 September 2021