



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	
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 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>
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, 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 Withywood 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

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS	Note				
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	

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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

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

08/09/2021

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 15th September 2021

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 2021

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
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Date