



# 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



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## 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> 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"> <li>(a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church:</li> <li>(b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church:</li> <li>(c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church:</li> <li>(d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.</li> </ul>
Trustee Selection Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(c) The Superintendent Minister and the one listed ministerial staff of the Bristol &amp; South Gloucestershire Methodist circuit will be a trustee of the church</li> <li>(d) Other trustees for the time being members of church council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church treasurer</li> <li>• The Church MWiB representative</li> <li>• The Church Council Secretary</li> <li>• Circuit stewards as appointed by the circuit stewards meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note:- Each trustee MUST be a member of the Methodist Church</p>
South Bristol Methodist Church Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) South Bristol Methodist Church is made up of the congregations of Bedminster, Knowle and St.Peter's churches.</li> <li>(b) There are three worship centres within SBMC.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>

Section C Objectives and Activities	
Activities	<p>(a) The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.</p> <p>(b) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.</p> <p>(c) Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.</p> <p>(d) Taking religious assemblies in schools.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(f) Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.</p>

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>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 &amp; 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>

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 2023

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

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

<b>SECTION C</b>					
<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		17,133	1,905	<b>19,038</b>	7,834
Total funds brought forward from last year		105,684	515	<b>106,199 (c6)</b>	<b>98,365</b>
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>122,817</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>125,237</b>	<b>106,199</b>
Transfers and adjustments					<b>(c7)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>		<b>122,817</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>125,237 (c8)</b>	<b>106,199</b>

<b>SECTION D</b>					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
<b>(these amounts are not included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>					
		£		£	
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	
<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	

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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 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
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>190,737</b>	<b>174,451</b>	<b>16,286</b>		<b>110,696 (x)</b>	<b>126,982</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

### 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		
<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>106,199 (c6)</b>	<b>125,237</b>
Total funds held by Internal Organisations	<b>4,497 (e11)</b>	<b>1,745</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>110,696 (x)</b>	<b>126,982</b>

### 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  
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Bristol, BS31 1RE

Date