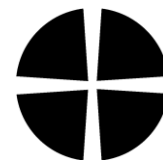


Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre



Trustees Report for 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 (agreed 4 November 2025)
Charity Number 1132238

Organisation – Our present minister is the Rev Alexandra Terrett who also cares for 3 other local Methodist churches. Our only other employee, now part time, is Vicki Clarke - our Community Centre Manager - who runs our Community Centre and homeless programme. Our governance consists of a Church Council (trustees) below which sits a Leadership Team to take day to day decisions and a number of committees and working groups.

Changes for 2024/2025 – We have now put our “Daytime Hub”, (working with homeless and vulnerable people), on a more stable and sustainable financial footing. As a result, we have changed its structure and re-employed the Community Centre Manager on a part-time basis. We have been encouraging our members to take a more active role in running the church so that the more elderly may step down from positions of responsibility.

Worship – We are encouraging our Sunday congregation to take a more active role in services and the number and diversity of people attending worship is slowly growing. In the summer we had a number of joint services with our group churches and had one Sunday at the seaside.

Personal growth – We need to put a greater emphasis in this area of church life and have been looking at what courses and fellowship groups are needed.

Children’s work – Our “Explorers” children’s/youth group meets on Sunday mornings and following steady growth in numbers attending we are now at a plateau. A group of our youth attended the Methodist ‘3Generate’, Youth event in October at the NEC in Birmingham.

Pastoral – We are always looking for experienced and appropriate people to join our Pastoral Visitors who give pastoral support to our church community. This vital work includes visiting the sick, keeping contact with housebound members and dealing with other pastoral matters. Our Pastoral Committee meets when necessary to assess our community’s needs.

Helping the needy – an important part of our calling is “helping the needy in our town and community”. We continue to work with partner organisations in our area with an emphasis on helping local homeless people. Our project “The Daytime Hub” provides cooked breakfasts, showers, new clothes, laundering peoples clothing, dealing with health issues and helping signpost them to outside help. This important work is continually being recognised by the local community and is now seen as a “warm spaces” project. Under the Warm Spaces “banner” we also offer coffee and appropriate activities for elderly and vulnerable people within the local community in our foyer twice a week.

Home and Overseas Support - We continue to support a number of other charities including Action for Children, Christian Aid, Samaritans Purse Shoe box appeal amongst others. We try to react positively to one off world events, and local situations as they arise.

Property – This year we have refurbished both our community centre kitchen to keep it at local authority 5star standards, but have also completely renovated our community centre main toilets. We are committed to taking forward a number of maintenance issues identified by inspections and produce future maintenance programmes. Where possible we use members DIY skills to keep costs down.

Use of premises – We now share use of the premises with “The Grand”; a healthy living charity with a range of community-based programmes. Our policies for Risk Assessment, Fire Risk Assessment, Safeguarding and Positive Working Together etc. are regularly reviewed and our two kitchens have been awarded the highest hygiene rating by the Council. Key staff have Food Hygiene certificates and attend catering hygiene courses wherever possible.

Working with other churches and charities- We continue to play an active role in “Churches Together in Gravesham” and help other churches and Christian groups. We could not do our important community work without our wonderful volunteers, who come from a variety of backgrounds. Our partner organisations include Gravesham Borough Council, Gravesham Foodbank, Gravesham Sanctuary, Gravesend Street Pastors, Kent County Council, the N.H.S. Porchlight, Serveco, and The Gr@nd, amongst others.

The future – We are endeavouring to diversify our governance and include a more representative range of our members in key positions and as trustees.

“Your local Town Centre Church bringing God’s love to the heart of the community”.

Finance – please see separate report.

GRAVESEND METHODIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS				
Sept 2024- Aug 2025				
INCOME				
Cottage Rent	8937.35			
Hall / Church Rent	2415.00			
Rental from The Grand	24000.00			
Gift Aid	13076.55			
Gift Day	5562.94			
Collections/Donations - Lloyds	13965.30			
Collections/Donations - CFB	34638.00			
Autumn Market	1558.83			
Interest	5423.54			
Coffee Mornings at Church	819.86			
From Hub towards kitchen	8000.00			
Grant from circuit for toilets	15000.00			
Warm Spaces Grant	1000.00			
Grant and Donations 3Generate	1125.00			
Grants for CC Manager	5000.00			
Other Income	5975.78			
Donations towards summer coach trip	280.00			
Donation	13000.00			
TOTAL INCOME	159778.15			
EXPENSE				
Circuit Assessment	59920.00			
Cleaner	14047.60			
Gas	6106.02			
Electricity	4547.19			
Telephone	559.63			
Insurance	5733.74			
Water	1446.97			
Maintenance/Repairs	20093.31			
Kitchen refurbishment	20103.29			
Toilet refurbishment (half paid)	13221.67			
Community Centre Manager Salary	12597.18			
Donations	1234.21			
TMCP Admin Charge	3.92			
Other Expenses	4005.73			
Summer coach trip	600.00			
3Generate	2157.55			
TOTAL EXPENSE	166378.01			
BALANCE	-6599.86			
Cash			0	
At Bank - Lloyds			12897.66	
CFB - General			60152.24	
CFB -Planned Maintenance			59217.34	Restricted
CFB - 21st Fundraising			3370.21	Restricted
CFB - Builders Fund			950.45	Restricted
CFB - Youth Fund			751.29	Restricted
CFB - Benevolent Fund			36.6	Restricted
TMCP			1260.68	Restricted

TOTAL AT BANK - 31st August 2025			138636.47	
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**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

GRAVESEND METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

NORTH KENT	Circuit	Circuit no.	36/21
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1132238

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV ALEXANDRA TERRETT

Church Stewards:

SHEILA ALLISON	EMMANUEL ESHUN
MARY ONISIMO	VELMA WILLIAMS
STEPHEN BRERETON	

Treasurer:

KATHRYN HARDY

**GRAVESEND
METHODIST**

Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	67,776		67,776	67,767
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,576	2,848	5,424	5,937
a4	Lettings	35,534		35,534	41,013
a5	Other receipts	22,617	29,000	51,617	41,031
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	128,503	31,848	160,351 (a7)	155,748

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	59,920		59,920	56,000
b3	Donations	1,130		1,130	958
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	35,626	33,116	68,742	29,764
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,393	1,000	18,393	15,248
b6					
b7	Other payments	13,761	5,004	18,765	30,427
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	127,830	39,120	166,950 (b9)	132,397

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	673	(7,272)	(6,599)	23,351
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	72,377	72,859	145,236 (c6)	121,885
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	73,050	65,587	138,637	145,236
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	73,050	65,587	138,637 (c8)	145,236 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	341	494
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	341	494
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

GRAVESEND METHODIST Church

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
c1 Sisterhood	141	150	(9)		31	22
c2 Badminton Club	799	816	(17)		23	6
c3 Daytime Hub	7,413	9,696	(2,283)		12,662	10,379
c4						
c5						
c6						
e7						
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	8,353	10,662	(2,309)		12,716 (e11)	10,407 (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	160,351 (a7)	166,950 (b9)	(6,599)	(c7)	145,236 (c6)	138,637 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	168,704	177,612	(8,908)		157,952 (x)	149,044 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,519	12,898
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	134,510	124,478
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,207	1,261
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	145,236 (c6)	138,637 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	12,716 (e11)	10,407 (e12)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	157,952 (x)	149,044 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,591,250	5,870,812
g3 Other Assets	171,152	179,710
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church Gravesend Methodist No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer K. Hardy Date 4th Nov '25

Name and address of treasurer KATHRYN A. HARDY,
16, FAIRFIELDS, GRAVESEND, KENT. Post Code DA12 4QG

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 4th Nov 25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting A. Terrett

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev A.J. Terrett Date 4/11/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

GRAVESEND METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number . 1132238

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gravesend Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 2 to 3 As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Name of Church GRAVESEND METHODIST CHURCH


Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Keith Scudder

Address 42 Frobisher Way, Gravesend, Kent DA12 4RA

Date 4th November 2025