

# HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132405

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2009-10-29

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:-4.1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES (ACTING ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD AS DISCERNED BY THE CHURCH MEMBERS) FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;4.2 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES (ACTING AS AFORESAID) FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; AND4.3 TO ADVANCE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PURSUE AND PROMOTE GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES (ACTING AS AFORESAID) FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

**Activities:** Sunday Sunday Worship 10.30amMondayPrayer Meeting 10.00amWednesday Wednesday Fellowship 2.30pm (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)Tea and Cakes in the Afternoon 2.30pm (2nd Wednesday)ThursdayWhat does the Bible say about? 7.30pmSaturdayMen's Breakfast 7.45am ( Last Saturday of the month)

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Buckinghamshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£66,648	£75,495	-	-
2023-12-31	£71,551	£55,360	-	-
2022-12-31	£71,226	£65,337	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,426	£65,409	-	-
2020-12-31	£69,644	£51,558	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>NIGEL WILLIAM GEORGE CARPENTER</b>	Chair	
Deborah Christine Carpenter		2015-10-12
Dr Joanna Karen Morton		
Kathryn Anne Dawkings		
Michelle Yvette Rouyer Guillet		2016-08-16
Stephen Patrick Cossins		2016-08-16

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# Accounts

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## **Pastor's Report**

It is always good to look back and recognise the journey we have travelled together in our Lord's service, and how He has richly blessed us as we seek to serve Him both from our building, and in our community. We continue to worship and pray together, share Bible studies together, and fellowship together – which usually involves food and/or cake!

Our weekly Bible studies were enhanced by the introduction of 'Active August' and 'Active Advent,' which involved a short talk on a suggested topic, followed by a craft activity.

Thank you to all who helped lead those sessions.

Pastoral visiting continues to be a major part of my time both responding to those who are in care or hospital, and being invited into your homes; as well as meeting new friends and being involved in organisations beyond our congregation.

Our numerical attendance remains consistent, and as always it is a joy to welcome friends into membership, as we did in February. However, my focus remains on spiritual growth, and sharing God's love and hope as we grow together. During the year it was a privilege to lead the funeral services for two of our friends.

It is always a pleasure to be asked to speak at various activities within our church. I always enjoy being invited to speak to our Pre-school children and their adults at Easter, Harvest, and Christmas; the children are so young, but a joy, and one never knows quite what is going to happen! Please pray for the staff for all their continued hard work.

It was lovely to meet with friends at Wednesday Fellowship and talk about 'Days,' and God's faithfulness 'New every morning...' And, then, later in the year, sharing my holiday snaps, as we looked at things from God's Perspective – from the mountain tops and big hills of various walks I have done.

In June, we welcomed Rev Ian Fall from Flame International, and as he had recently returned from Mission, we got both an Overseas and Home Mission talk. Please continue to pray for them, and their vision of setting people free from the conflict of trauma.

How awesome it was to attend Love Wycombe 2024 with hundreds of our sisters and brothers in Christ on The Rye. Wonderful worship, catching up with friends from around the town, and a real blessing to all, judging from the feedback we received.

We concluded our year by leading Carol services at Hanover and Hughenden Courts and Trinity Place. What a blessing and thank you to all for your welcome. Our own Advent, Carol, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day services were well attended as we celebrated the birth of our Saviour together.

We go into the New Year encouraged by the past, but looking forward to the future together.

As The Body of Christ, we should journey with the expectation that God is moving, and equipping us to join in with His plans. So, we step out with hope and expectancy, confident in the promises of God; and I continue to pray that we would seek to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We all have a part to play in our Church Family here.

God bless,

Pastor Sharon

## **Charity Trustees Report**

A number of repairs to the Church building and the manse were completed this year.

Roof moss was removed from the Church and manse roofs as well as replacing damaged roof tiles, also part of one wall at the manse was repointed.

Radiators for both the ladies and gents toilets were replaced.

A new computer was purchased to upgrade the audio visual in Church and continue streaming the Sunday morning service via Zoom.

Security of the manse was improved by installing a burglar alarm and security camera, this is proving very effective.

Pre-School License renewed for the next five years.

Discussed becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO), however it was decided not to proceed.

Nigel Carpenter

### **Treasurers Report for Financial Year 1st January to 31st December 2024 For Church AGM 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Inc / Dec</b>
<b>Bank Balances 31st Dec</b>			
Community Account (Current)	4,786.16	5,787.45	1,001.29
Business Premium (Deposit)	12,401.78	12,588.34	186.56
Nationwide Business Savings	40,027.74	41,862.94	1,835.20
Total	57,215.68	60,238.73	3,023.05

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Inc / Dec</b>
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>			
Income	71,551.53	69,345.12	-2,206.41
Expenditure	55,360.39	65,141.69	9,781.30
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>16,191</b>	<b>4,203.43</b>	<b>-11,987.71</b>

Nationwide and Bank Interest	398.23	2,021.00	1,622.71
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#### **Main sources of income**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Inc / Dec</b>
Offering without Gift Aid	18,640	18,112	-528
Offering with Gift Aid	22,301	23,956	1,655
Hall Use	11,936	13,183	1,247
Gift Aid Return from HMRC	8,824	8,181	-643
Donations received	5,250	205	-5,045
WRU Manse Repair %	115	1,452	1337
Wednesday Fellowship Offering	538	514	-24

#### **Examples of Expenditure**

	<b>2024</b>
<b>Donations Church Lunch Surplus</b>	
Wycombe Homeless Connection	200
Wycombe Women's Aid	200
Wycombe Food Hub	100
Total	500

	<b>2024</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
Love Wycombe	300
Lighthouse	300
Missions Sunday - Flame International	500
Total	1100

<b>Tithe Church Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	
Income to tithe	61,701	64,400	
10%	6,170	6,440	
Donations from Church Income	753	1,100	
Amount to allocate at May AGM	5,417	5,300	
<b>Manse Expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Inc / Dec</b>
Including Council Tax, Water Rate Broadband and Telephone			
Repairs and Renewals	3,529	7,073	3,544
60/40 WRU Refund on Repairs		1,452	
Actual Increase			2,092
<b>Staff Costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Inc / Dec</b>
Stipend	21,571	22,865	1,294
Ministers Expenses	230	207	-23
Visiting Preachers	325	300	-25
<b>Church Repairs and Renewals</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>4,161</b>	<b>201</b>
Two toilet radiators replaced, both church hoovers replaced. Kitchen decorated Roof moss removed and roof repairs. Kitchen water boiler repaired			
<b>Energy</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>-55</b>

I thank everyone for their financial contribution towards the running of the Church.  
We continue to thank our Lord for his guidance and support in all aspects of the Church's finances.

Nigel Carpenter

### Wednesday Fellowship Report

Our Wednesday Fellowship continues to meet twice a month on a Wednesday afternoon in the Church Hall and the Good Neighbours bus provides transport for these afternoon sessions. We have a short, informal service with hymns, prayers, a Bible reading and a thought. We usually have an interactive activity, so everyone can join in and share their thoughts and experiences.

We have a few outside speakers that come periodically throughout the year, but mostly our team of Sallie, Gill, Bryan and Debbie come up with themes for our afternoons and contribute poems, readings and activities to share God's love with our community. We usually have about 20 people attending and what is so important is the time to sit and chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit, as we get to know each other better and share each other's stories.

This year we donated to the Tearfund Toilet Twinning Initiative, that provides toilets to communities. This support improves the lives of families, as with a safe place for them to go, the family are less likely to contract diseases, and then are able to work more because of their improved health and wellbeing, and lift the family out of poverty.

Debbie Carpenter

### Roast Dinner Report

This year the team served Roast Dinner on 9 occasions throughout the year, enabling the Church Family and their invited friends to share a meal together on the first Sunday of the month. We have a great team of vegetable peelers, that come on a Saturday afternoon and prepare the vegetables. We have a good chat while we are doing the task, and then always finish up with a cup of tea afterwards! Another team come in to prepare the tables, and serve the food as well as wash up after the meal. Many thanks to everyone who helps to make this happen. It is such a time of fellowship to share together over a meal, and for so many that eat alone for most of the time, it is a chance to share God's love in a practical way for our community. We have a donation box for the meal and any surplus is sent to local charities, Wycombe Women's Aid, The Food Hub and The Homeless Connection all in Wycombe.

Debbie Carpenter

### **Tea and Cake in the Afternoon Report**

We hold our Tea Party on the second Wednesday of the month, meeting in the Church Hall, usually from February until the summer, and then from September until Christmas.

We serve tea and coffee, and an array of cakes, tea breads and scones, always making sure we cater for anyone who is gluten free. We averaged 34 people during the year and there's always a lovely atmosphere and a buzz of conversation throughout the afternoon. It's lovely to see our regulars, plus new friends who come to join us. Some of our ladies and gentlemen are picked up and taken home again by the Hazlemere Good Neighbours Bus – this makes a huge difference to them and we are grateful both to Debbie for arranging this every year, and to the lovely couple who operate the bus, helping them on and off and looking after them so well.

We have an amazing team. As well as me and Michael, we have Michelle, Antoine, Dot, Sallie, Gill, Diana and Susan. And of course, Sharon! We have cake makers, tea and coffee servers – as well as everyone who arrives to help set up and move the chairs and tables before we start and of course, put everything away at the end! We are grateful to everyone who comes and lends a hand.

But we do have a problem. The Church Insurance stipulates that church organised meetings taking place on the premises should have a minimum of two church members there throughout the whole meeting, taking responsibility for the meeting, setting it up and checking the building at the end. So, although we have a brilliant team, there will be times when we simply have to cancel, if we don't have two church members available to be responsible for running the afternoon.

We held our usual MacMillan Tea Party in September. Forty-two guests came on the day and after late donations had been collected in, we were able to send off £382.75. This is always an amazing amount and we are so grateful to everyone who donated – it's such a privilege to be able to take part in the MacMillan Coffee Morning each year. Even though ours is a Tea Party in the afternoon.

So, as ever, if you like cake and would like to meet up with old friends or make new ones, please join us. We'd love to see you!

Pippa Wood

### **Men's Breakfast Report**

Men's Breakfast is a monthly event where we always enjoy mouth-watering bacon rolls, tea, coffee and orange juice.

After breakfast (and light-hearted banter!) we settle down to the serious business of watching and then discussing interesting and topical DVDs.

We have just completed a DVD by Max Lucado entitled 'Anxious for Nothing' which dealt with situations that can cause anxiety. We have had some interesting debate on things that can make us anxious.

We are currently viewing a new DVD by Patrick Regan – 'When Faith Gets Shaken'. This DVD brings alive honest reflections on how we can focus on God and keep going when our faith gets shaken. The course consists of 6 sessions for small groups. It is already generating interesting thoughts and opinions.

We extend a very warm welcome to any gentleman to join us at 8.30am on the last Saturday morning of each month (to be advised).

Tony Child

### **Art and Craft Report**

We meet once a month on a Wednesday afternoon and around twelve people attend. We share our craft projects often learning new skills having a good chat as well. Cups of tea and biscuits help us along.

Kathy Dawkings

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**  
**for**  
**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

Taxassist Accountants  
13 The Highway  
Station Road  
Beaconsfield  
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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Contents of the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**Structure, governance and management**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

**Reference and administrative details**

**Registered Charity number**

1132405

**Principal address**

43  
Penn Road  
Hazlemere  
Hight Wycombe  
HP157LS

**Trustees**

Nigel W.G. Carpenter  
Michelle Y. Rouyer Guillet  
Stephen P. Cossins  
Joanna K. Morton  
Kathryn A. Dawkins  
Deborah C. Carpenter

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages three to eight.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Taxassist Accountants  
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Date: .....

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>fund</b>	<b>funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming resources and generated funds from</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Voluntary income		64,626	67,736
Investment income	2	2,022	398
<b>Total</b>		<u>66,648</u>	<u>68,134</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity		75,495	64,528
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(8,847)	3,606
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		203,293	199,687
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>

**Continuing operations**

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31st December 2024**

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		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>fund</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	367,117	378,945
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank		60,238	57,216
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(232,909)	(232,868)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>(172,671)</u>	<u>(175,652)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		194,446	203,293
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>
<b>Funds</b>	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Property - 50 years  
Improvements to Property - 20 years  
Computer Equipments - 3 Years

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. Investment income**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment income	2,022	398

**3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2024 nor for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2024 nor for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

**4. Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1st January 2024	361,181	107,231	-	468,412
Additions	-	-	1,135	1,135
At 31st December 2024	<u>361,181</u>	<u>107,231</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>469,547</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1st January 2024	50,568	38,899	-	89,467
Charge for year	7,224	5,361	378	12,963
At 31st December 2024	<u>57,792</u>	<u>44,260</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>102,430</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31st December 2024	<u>303,389</u>	<u>62,971</u>	<u>757</u>	<u>367,117</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>310,613</u>	<u>68,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>378,945</u>

**5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	720	719
Other creditors	232,189	232,149
	<u>232,909</u>	<u>232,868</u>

**6. Movement in funds**

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	203,293	(8,847)	194,446
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>203,293</u>	<u>(8,847)</u>	<u>194,446</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	66,648	(75,495)	(8,847)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>66,648</u>	<u>(75,495)</u>	<u>(8,847)</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

**6. Movement in funds - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/23 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/23 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	199,687	3,606	203,293
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>199,687</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>203,293</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,134	(64,528)	3,606
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,134</u>	<u>(64,528)</u>	<u>3,606</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/1/23 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/24 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	199,687	(5,241)	194,446
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>199,687</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>	<u>194,446</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	134,782	(140,023)	(5,241)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>134,782</u>	<u>(140,023)</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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**7. Related party disclosures**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming resources and generated funds</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donation & legacies	51,443	55,800
Hall Rental	13,183	11,936
	<u>64,626</u>	<u>67,736</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Investment income	2,022	398
	<u>66,648</u>	<u>68,134</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>66,648</b>	<b>68,134</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Running cost of the church	11,680	11,141
Minister and visiting preacher	23,987	22,983
Church services and Sunday Sch	327	170
Donation paid	7,590	1,303
Governance Cost	30,574	25,957
General administration costs	1,337	2,974
	<u>75,495</u>	<u>64,528</u>
Total resources expended	<u>75,495</u>	<u>64,528</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u><u>(8,847)</u></u>	<u><u>3,606</u></u>

## VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Account	Description	Final	Comparative Year Ended 31/12/23	Variance	% Change
1	Donation & legacies GENERAL	(51,442.79)	(55,798.50)	4,355.71	-7.81
2	Hall Rental GENERAL	(13,183.00)	(11,936.00)	(1,247.00)	10.45
24	Investment income GENERAL	(2,021.76)	(398.23)	(1,623.53)	407.69
169	Running cost of the church GENERAL	11,679.98	11,140.93	539.05	4.84
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**VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE**

**Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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**Funds**

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# Signatures


Date: May 29 2025

Signature: *Nigel Carpenter*  
Nigel

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**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**  
**for**  
**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

Taxassist Accountants  
13 The Highway  
Station Road  
Beaconsfield  
Buckinghamshire  
HP91QQ

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**Structure, governance and management**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

**Reference and administrative details**

**Registered Charity number**

1132405

**Principal address**

43  
Penn Road  
Hazlemere  
Hight Wycombe  
HP157LS

**Trustees**

Nigel W.G. Carpenter  
Michelle Y. Rouyer Guillet  
Stephen P. Cossins  
Joanna K. Morton  
Kathryn A. Dawkings  
Deborah C. Carpenter

**Independent Examiner**

Taxassist Accountants  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages three to eight.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Date: .....

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>fund</b>	<b>funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming resources and generated funds from</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Voluntary income		64,626	67,736
Investment income	2	2,022	398
<b>Total</b>		<u>66,648</u>	<u>68,134</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity		75,495	64,528
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(8,847)	3,606
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		203,293	199,687
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>

**Continuing operations**

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31st December 2024**

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		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>fund</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	367,117	378,945
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank		60,238	57,216
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(232,909)	(232,868)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>(172,671)</u>	<u>(175,652)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		194,446	203,293
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>
<b>Funds</b>	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

- Freehold Property - 50 years
- Improvements to Property - 20 years
- Computer Equipments - 3 Years

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. Investment income**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment income	2,022	398

**3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2024 nor for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2024 nor for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

**4. Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1st January 2024	361,181	107,231	-	468,412
Additions	-	-	1,135	1,135
At 31st December 2024	<u>361,181</u>	<u>107,231</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>469,547</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1st January 2024	50,568	38,899	-	89,467
Charge for year	7,224	5,361	378	12,963
At 31st December 2024	<u>57,792</u>	<u>44,260</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>102,430</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31st December 2024	<u>303,389</u>	<u>62,971</u>	<u>757</u>	<u>367,117</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>310,613</u>	<u>68,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>378,945</u>

**5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	720	719
Other creditors	232,189	232,149
	<u>232,909</u>	<u>232,868</u>

**6. Movement in funds**

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	203,293	(8,847)	194,446
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>203,293</u>	<u>(8,847)</u>	<u>194,446</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	66,648	(75,495)	(8,847)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>66,648</u>	<u>(75,495)</u>	<u>(8,847)</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

**6. Movement in funds - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/23 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/23 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	199,687	3,606	203,293
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>199,687</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>203,293</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,134	(64,528)	3,606
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,134</u>	<u>(64,528)</u>	<u>3,606</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/1/23 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/24 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	199,687	(5,241)	194,446
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>199,687</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>	<u>194,446</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	134,782	(140,023)	(5,241)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>134,782</u>	<u>(140,023)</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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**7. Related party disclosures**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming resources and generated funds</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donation & legacies	51,443	55,800
Hall Rental	13,183	11,936
	<u>64,626</u>	<u>67,736</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Investment income	2,022	398
	<u>66,648</u>	<u>68,134</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>66,648</b>	<b>68,134</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Running cost of the church	11,680	11,141
Minister and visiting preacher	23,987	22,983
Church services and Sunday Sch	327	170
Donation paid	7,590	1,303
Governance Cost	30,574	25,957
General administration costs	1,337	2,974
	<u>75,495</u>	<u>64,528</u>
Total resources expended	<u>75,495</u>	<u>64,528</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u><u>(8,847)</u></u>	<u><u>3,606</u></u>

## VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Account	Description	Final	Comparative Year Ended 31/12/23	Variance	% Change
1	Donation & legacies GENERAL	(51,442.79)	(55,798.50)	4,355.71	-7.81
2	Hall Rental GENERAL	(13,183.00)	(11,936.00)	(1,247.00)	10.45
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**VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE**

**Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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**Funds**

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General fund

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Date: May 29 2025

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Nigel

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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## Pastor's Report 2023

Yet again, it has been my privilege and responsibility to lead you spiritually and pastorally in worship, study, and prayer each week as we continue to stand firm on the rock-solid foundations of God's Word.

God continued to bless us richly, as we delved into His Word and shared series on 'The Four Servant Songs, The Holy Spirit, various Old Testament Characters, and The Lord's Prayer,' to name but a few.

Our weekly Bible studies at Hanover Court continued to thrive, as we grow both spiritually and numerically. Our Lent Studies on 'Magnificent Jesus' prepared us individually and corporately, for a wonderful time of worship over the Easter period. Further series on the Holy Spirit, and The Lord's Prayer, challenged us, I believe, to reflect on our own individual faith journeys. Our Advent study, on 'Mary's Voice,' was encouraging as so many of you wanted to read the same book at (almost) the same time and be so blessed as we discussed each chapter alongside the videos and questions provided.

We often talk about our faith being a journey, and it was that heading we chose to reflect on at our Quiet Day in August, entitled 'Come, Journey with Jesus,' complete with a massive labyrinth to follow and reflect on, without getting lost! God is awesome, and it was an amazing day as we are reassured, we do not journey alone.

We centre everything we do on prayer, and we have much to praise God and be thankful for, as we meet God in the ordinary and extra-ordinary of our lives each Monday. Being able to pray for one another builds trust and confidence in our community, and to offer those words 'can I pray for you,' is love in action.

Pastoral visiting continues to be a major part of my time both responding to those who are in care or hospital, and being invited into your homes; as well as meeting new friends and being involved in organisations beyond our congregation. In that, we have seen growth in attendance and fellowship. It was so encouraging to welcome six friends into Church Membership during the year. It was both a joy and a privilege to lead the service at church, in April, for two of our friends celebrating 50 years of marriage by renewing their vows in front of their family and friends, in person, and on Zoom from around the world. What a blessed and happy time was shared. Quite a few of you celebrated significant '0' birthdays too, and it was lovely to share in those with you.

It is always a pleasure to be asked to speak at various activities within our church. I always enjoy being invited to speak to our Pre-school children at Easter and Harvest, and this year at Christmas too; they are so enthusiastic and inquisitive, and one never knows quite what is going to happen! Please pray for the staff for all their continued hard work.

It was lovely to share with friends at Wednesday Fellowship as I dug out my 'treasure,' old money, and they attempted (unsuccessfully) to teach me about the pre-decimal currency system! Hopefully, hearing about treasure in heaven will remain with us all... Later in the year, we shared 'Standing Firm in the Lord.'

In May, we welcomed a speaker from MAF – Mission Aviation Fellowship and he explained how their planes deliver help, hope and healing to remote and inaccessible areas. Please continue to pray for their work and the communities they serve.

During the year it was a privilege to lead the funeral services for three of our friends, and

the burial of the ashes of one of our members.

Five of us travelled to Greece in October to follow Paul's second missionary journey (Acts 16-18). I for one, now have a better understanding of what Paul encountered, and it has spiritually enhanced my thoughts and teaching in an amazing way.

We concluded our year by leading Carol services at both Hanover and then Hughenden Courts; and being encouraged by an invitation to Trinity Place for the first time. What a blessing and thank you to you all for your welcome. Our own Advent, Carol, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day services were well attended as we celebrated our Lord's birth together.

As we look forward to another year, seeking and serving our Lord, we do so by being reassured by the strength of what God has blessed us with this year, which has caused us to reflect on our own faith journeys and grow spiritually together. We do not journey alone; we stand firm on the promises of God; and I pray that we would seek to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We each have a voice, do not be afraid to speak the truth.

God bless,  
Pastor Sharon

### **Charity Trustees Report**

Maintaining the Church and the manse continues throughout every year. This year included replacing double glazed sealed window units in the church hall and new hand dryers in the toilets.

A full electrical inspection was completed of the complete building.

The Church constitution was updated. We began to review the Pre-school license and the trustees continue to work closely with the Pre-school committee.

The Church / manse legal documents were obtained from the Church's solicitors and an up-to-date list produced for future reference.

Nigel Carpenter

### **Treasurers Report for Financial Year 1st January to 31st December 2023 for Church AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Inc / Dec</b>
<b>Bank Balances 31st Dec 2023</b>			
Community Account (Current)	14,895.63	4,786.16	-10,109.47
Business Premium (Deposit)	26,031.29	12,401.78	-13,629.51
Nationwide Business Savings		40,027.74	40,027.74
Total	40,926.92	57,215.68	16,288.76
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>			
Income	71,225	71,551.53	326.53
Expenditure	55,152	55,360.39	208.39
Surplus / Deficit	16,073	16,191.14	118.14

2022 figures, do not include the WRU Manse Mortgage and Personal Loan Purchase of £232,000

## Main sources of income

	2022	2023	Inc / Dec
Offering without Gift Aid	17,900	18,640	740
Offering with Gift Aid	15,659	22,301	6,642
Hall Use	12,137	11,936	-201
Gift Aid Return from HMRC	7,154	8,824	1,670
Donations received	16,356	5,250	-11,106
Wednesday Fellowship Offering	475	538	63

## Examples of Expenditure

Donations	2023
DEC Turkey (cash received)	469
From Wednesday Fellowship Income	200
Church Lunch Surplus	350
Missions Sunday	500
WRU Hot Meal Project	253

Donations in blue to be taken from church income

Tithe Church Income	2023	10%
Weekly Income	40,941	
Gift Aid	8,824	
Hall Rent	11,936	
Total	61701	6,170

Amount to allocate at May AGM 5,417

Manse Expenses	2022	2023	Inc / Dec
Including Council Tax, Water Rate Broadband and Telephone Repairs and Renewals	2,872	3,529	657

## Staff Costs

Including Stipend, Ministers Expenses, Visiting Preachers	20,759	21,896	1,137
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<b>Church Repairs and Renewals</b>	5,734	3,960	-1,774
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Replaced faulty sealed units in hall windows and the hand dryers in the toilets.  
Cost of work required to comply with regulations after the Electrical Inspection  
in August was £1,856.

<b>Energy</b>	1,912	2,274	362
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2022 donations received £16,356. End of year surplus was £16,703. Taking out donations resulted in a deficit of £283

2023 donations received £5,250. End of year surplus £16,289. taking out donations results results in a surplus of £11,039

## Budget for 2024

Factors taken into account in calculating the budget for 2024

Increased figures where necessary by three to four percent.

The amount we pay the WRU for the manse is 60% of the monthly rental value for a similar house. This has remained at 60% of £1300. Rental value has dramatically increased over the past 12 months.

Therefore, the figure used from April 24 could be 60% of £1600, which is £960 an increase of £180 per month

WRU increase on minimum stipend

Tithe 2023 church income

Estimate for 2024 surplus of £4000

We continue to thank our Lord for his guidance and support in all aspects of the church's finances. I thank everyone for their financial contribution towards the running of the church.

Nigel Carpenter

### **Wednesday Fellowship Report**

Our Wednesday Fellowship Team of Debbie, Sallie, Gill and Bryan plan and organize the meetings with occasional speakers, but mostly creating our own programme of short services. Since Kathy retired, she has been a regular contributor to our afternoons, as well as other members of the group with prayers, readings and poems. We usually have an interactive activity, so that everyone can join in, and we also sing a couple of hymns, have a time of prayer as well as a Bible Reading, a Poem and a Thought. The other half of the meeting is spent chatting over a cup of tea and a biscuit, as having time to share with each other is so important in our fellowship. We have welcomed new members this year as they have moved in the Housing complexes around the Church, and have been invited by Church members. We regularly have between 18 – 20 men and women attending and this year we have given donations of £100 to Wycliffe Bible Translators and The Bible Society. We find as we plan and share in the meetings that God is blessing us as we use our gifts to serve him in our community. Jack and Chris do a wonderful job picking up people in the Good Neighbour's Community Bus, so that they can attend our Wednesday afternoons.

Debbie Carpenter

### **Sunday Lunch Report**

We created a new format for Roast Dinners at Church on a Sunday, once a month after Covid. We made it available for all the Church family and people are able to invite friends from their Courts who would appreciate the company and fellowship of sharing a roast dinner together. This has proved extremely popular, with numbers almost reaching 50 each month, and we have now reached our capacity. The weekend starts with vegetable preparation on a Saturday afternoon when people come to prepare the vegetables – we have a mountain to peel, but while we are chatting the job is soon completed, and we always end up with a cup of tea! On Sunday there is a different team who help to set the tables up, serve the lunch and wash up afterwards. There is plenty of time for people to chat together before, during and after the meal sharing a cup of tea or coffee. Slowly over the months, we have seen some of the people attend church before lunch, and they can see Christian love shown in such a practical way as we eat together as a large Church family. We have a donation box for lunch, and any surplus is given to local charities in High Wycombe, namely Wycombe Women's Aid, The Homeless Connection and The Food Hub.

Debbie Carpenter

## **Tea and Cake in the Afternoon Report**

One of the cards I received for my birthday just this week featured an olde worlde tea shoppe. The sign above the door read Café Pippa. Tea and Cake isn't a café, but with our white table cloths, coloured paper napkins and flowers on the tables, we do try to make coming to tea with us a little like having afternoon tea in the prettiest of tea shops. Tea at the Ritz, perhaps?

2023 was a good year for us. Our numbers are growing and our average for the year was 32. In May we blew up balloons, hung bunting, brought out the Union Jacks and celebrated with the rest of the country the coronation of our new King, Charles III, and in December we had a Christmas Party with Christmas cake, stollen and mince pies. In between we had our usual array of homemade cakes, cheese scones, meringues, tea, coffee, and always gluten free cakes for those who want them.

In September we held our Macmillan Tea Party, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Care. This year we raised an amazing £382.75. As ever we are humbled by the generosity of our guests and so grateful to everyone who came, donated, ate cakes and, in many cases, couldn't come, but made a donation anyway.

Many thanks are due to the 'team' who help every month, making cakes, making and serving tea and coffee, setting up tables and chairs, clearing away afterwards, loading and unloading the dishwasher – the list is endless. We're grateful to you all. Thanks too, to the ladies who arrive with an unexpected cake to add to those on the tables – everything is welcome! – and to Jack who drives the Community Bus, which transports those of our guests who would otherwise be unable to come – and to Debbie who organises that bit for us. Tea and Cake couldn't operate without any of these things – you make it what it is.

So, if you like cake, meeting friends and making new ones, Tea and Cake is the place for you. Second Wednesday of the month, 2.30 in the afternoon, in the Church Hall.

See you!  
Pippa Wood

## **Men's Breakfast Report**

We regularly have 6 to 8 for men's breakfast, where we always enjoy mouth-watering bacon rolls, tea and coffee. After breakfast (and light-hearted banter!) and then we settle down to the serious business of watching and then discussing interesting and topical DVDs.

During the last year we have watched DVDs by Jeff Lucas, namely "There are no ordinary people", which is a poignant reflection on how we can live life as everyday heroes. Having completed that DVD we are now following another further publication by Jeff Lucas, "There are no strong people", which looks at the life of Samson.

We extend a welcome to any gentleman to join us at 8.30am on the last Saturday morning of each month (to be advised).

Tony

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132405**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
FOR  
HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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# HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

### Reference and administrative details

#### Registered Charity number

1132405

#### Principal address

43

Penn Road

Hazlemere

High Wycombe

HP157LS

#### Trustees

Nigel W.G. Carpenter

Michelle Y. Rouyer Guillet

Stephen P. Cossins

Joanna K. Morton

Kathryn A. Dawkings

Deborah C. Carpenter

#### Independent examiner

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### Structure, governance and management

#### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages three to eight.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Date: .....

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	<b>2023 Unrestricted fund £</b>	<b>2022 Total funds £</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income		67,736	70,205
Investment income	2	<u>398</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		68,134	70,230
<b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity		<u>64,528</u>	<u>64,342</u>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		3,606	5,888
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>199,687</u>	<u>193,799</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>203,293</u></u>	<u><u>199,687</u></u>

**Continuing operations**

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>Unrestricted fund</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	Notes	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	378,945	391,531
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank		57,216	40,927
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(232,868)	(232,771)
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>(175,652)</u>	<u>(191,844)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		203,293	199,687
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>203,293</u>	<u>199,687</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	6	<u>203,293</u>	<u>199,687</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>203,293</u>	<u>199,687</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

## HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 1. Accounting policies

##### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Property - 50 years  
Improvements to Property - 20 years

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 2. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Investment income	<u>398</u>	<u>25</u>

#### 3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

##### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**4. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold property</b>	<b>Improvements to property</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>361,181</u>	<u>107,231</u>	<u>468,412</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2023	43,344	33,537	76,881
Charge for year	<u>7,224</u>	<u>5,362</u>	<u>12,586</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>50,568</u>	<u>38,899</u>	<u>89,467</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>310,613</u>	<u>68,332</u>	<u>378,945</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>317,837</u>	<u>73,694</u>	<u>391,531</u>

**5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	719	622
Other creditors	<u>232,149</u>	<u>232,149</u>
	<u>232,868</u>	<u>232,771</u>

**6. Movement in funds**

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	199,687	3,606	203,293
	<u>199,687</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>203,293</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>199,687</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>203,293</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**6. Movement in funds - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,134	(64,528)	3,606
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,134</u>	<u>(64,528)</u>	<u>3,606</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/22 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/22 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	193,799	5,888	199,687
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,799</u>	<u>5,888</u>	<u>199,687</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	70,230	(64,342)	5,888
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>70,230</u>	<u>(64,342)</u>	<u>5,888</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/1/22 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/23 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	193,799	9,494	203,293
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,799</u>	<u>9,494</u>	<u>203,293</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**6. Movement in funds - continued**

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	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<u>138,364</u>	<u>(128,870)</u>	<u>9,494</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>138,364</u></u>	<u><u>(128,870)</u></u>	<u><u>9,494</u></u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donation & legacies	55,800	58,067
Hall Rental	<u>11,936</u>	<u>12,138</u>
	67,736	70,205
<b>Investment income</b>		
Investment income	<u>398</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	68,134	70,230
 <b>Resources expended</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Running cost of the church	11,141	11,052
Minister and visiting preacher	22,983	19,616
Church services and Sunday Sch	170	975
Donation paid	1,303	995
Governance Cost	25,957	29,187
General administration costs	<u>2,974</u>	<u>2,517</u>
	<u>64,528</u>	<u>64,342</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	64,528	64,342
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<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>3,606</u></u>	<u><u>5,888</u></u>

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132405**

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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<b>Funds</b>	6			
Unrestricted funds		<u>203,293</u>		<u>199,687</u>
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Trustee

## HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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##### Trustees' expenses

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**4. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold property</b>	<b>Improvements to property</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
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<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2023	43,344	33,537	76,881
Charge for year	<u>7,224</u>	<u>5,362</u>	<u>12,586</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>50,568</u>	<u>38,899</u>	<u>89,467</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>310,613</u>	<u>68,332</u>	<u>378,945</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>317,837</u>	<u>73,694</u>	<u>391,531</u>

**5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2023 £	2022 £
Taxation and social security	719	622
Other creditors	<u>232,149</u>	<u>232,149</u>
	<u>232,868</u>	<u>232,771</u>

**6. Movement in funds**

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	199,687	3,606	203,293
	<u>199,687</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>203,293</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>199,687</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>203,293</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**6. Movement in funds - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,134	(64,528)	3,606
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,134</u>	<u>(64,528)</u>	<u>3,606</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/22 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/22 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	193,799	5,888	199,687
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,799</u>	<u>5,888</u>	<u>199,687</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	70,230	(64,342)	5,888
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>70,230</u>	<u>(64,342)</u>	<u>5,888</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/1/22 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/23 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	193,799	9,494	203,293
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,799</u>	<u>9,494</u>	<u>203,293</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**6. Movement in funds - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<u>138,364</u>	<u>(128,870)</u>	<u>9,494</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>138,364</u></u>	<u><u>(128,870)</u></u>	<u><u>9,494</u></u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donation & legacies	55,800	58,067
Hall Rental	<u>11,936</u>	<u>12,138</u>
	67,736	70,205
<b>Investment income</b>		
Investment income	<u>398</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	68,134	70,230
 <b>Resources expended</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Running cost of the church	11,141	11,052
Minister and visiting preacher	22,983	19,616
Church services and Sunday Sch	170	975
Donation paid	1,303	995
Governance Cost	25,957	29,187
General administration costs	<u>2,974</u>	<u>2,517</u>
	<u>64,528</u>	<u>64,342</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	64,528	64,342
	_____	_____
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>3,606</u></u>	<u><u>5,888</u></u>

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1132405

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# Accounts

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## **Pastor's Report 2022**

As we started the new year, we continued to 'shake off' the uncertainty of the previous two years, and moved forward in hope and expectation of what our Lord had planned for us in 2022. We enjoyed the freedom of being able to meet for our usual weekly and monthly meetings with many conversations and much fellowship, and many involving eating!!

It has been a privilege as ever to lead you in worship each week, and that is where I see most of you. God blessed us richly, as during the year we studied series on Jesus' High Priestly Prayer and followed the early believers as God's Church was being formed in the Acts of the Apostles.

I was so pleased and encouraged by you all, as I shared that God had told me that for Lent, I was to embark on a 'Sunrise challenge' based on Mark 1:35! As you know, I was so pleased I did despite the early starts!

We held our weekly Bible studies at Hanover Court; sharing a Lent Study and then a series, which combined friends' requests, on the Fruits of The Spirit: Growing More Like Jesus. We finished the year with a shorter Advent study than usual. We also tried something different, by joining in with 'The Big Church Read - How to Hear God.' It was encouraging that so many of you wanted to read the same book at (almost) the same time and be so blessed as we discussed each chapter alongside the videos and questions provided.

It was with pure joy that we could again, hold a Quiet Day in April - entitled 'Forgiven' - Praise God, it was amazing!

Prayer continues to be our central focus; they say a praying church is a growing church and we can testify to that, but also there is power in prayer and we continue onwards in the strength of our Lord. We meet faithfully most Mondays to give thanks for blessings and for prayers of intercession. What a privilege to pray for people beyond our congregation as we reach out and into the lives of those important to yourselves.

Pastoral visiting continues to be a major part of my time both responding to those who are in care or hospital, and being invited into your homes; as well as meeting new friends and being involved in organisations beyond our congregation. In that, we have seen growth in attendance and fellowship.

Having attempted to shed the 'covid' calories, it was impossible, as our Men's breakfast continued to provide excellent bacon rolls, and fellowship of course! Also, attending Tea and Cakes most months, and being able to support Macmillan Cancer Support as always.

It is always a privilege to be asked to speak at various activities within our church. There was much hilarity with the 'Busy Bee' at Wednesday Fellowship as we thought about 'The Bee-attitudes;' and then returning in December for 'The Christmas Quiz' cunningly disguised as Pass the Parcel - nobody wanted the Charades!

I always enjoy being invited to speak to our Pre-school children at Easter and Harvest; they are so enthusiastic and engaging. And attending their Christmas Play is a joyful event for all watching; thank you and prayers for the staff for all their continued hard work.

I know from experience that working with young people takes commitment and a lot of preparation; and at this point I would like to thank our Young People's leaders for

all they have done over the years. Although currently, we can no longer provide an offering for young people, we continue to hold them in prayer that they will continue to grow in Christ alongside their families. And we look to God for guidance and wisdom in this situation.

As we looked beyond ourselves and joined with our community and town; in June, we joined with many other churches in the town centre for Love Wycombe. It was a wonderful morning of worship and witness, and a blessing to all who attended. We welcomed Wycombe Prayer in September, and I again attended the bi-monthly Church Leaders Breakfasts. In July, we welcomed two speakers from Christians Against Poverty and were enlightened by the reality of living with poverty and then being supported this organisation – continued prayer for their work and clients.

As a nation and a community, we joined together and enjoyed the official Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in June; sharing food, fun and an awesome String Quartet – it was very special time and became more poignant with the death of Her Majesty in September. Then, we were able to open our church for prayer for all who needed it and mourn together.

During the year it was a privilege to lead the services for the burial of the ashes of one of our members and, also, another friend of our fellowship; and the thanksgiving service for another one of our members.

Four of us were finally able to undertake a Tour of the Holy Land that was originally booked for 2020 with members of other congregations in our area and beyond! What an amazing experience to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in such a reflective and spiritual way.

We concluded our year by resuming Carol services at both Hanover and then Hughenden Courts; it was good to be back and be blessed to be a blessing. Our own Advent, Carol, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day services were well attended as we celebrated our Lord's birth together.

I am reminded as I write this report of the words of Malachi (3:6), 'I am the Lord, and I do not change...' After two years of enforced change and a world around us that continues to try and find its way... We end this year with continued hope and expectation as grow together both spiritually and numerically, knowing that we can depend on our Loving God continually showing us His grace, mercy, love, and compassion to each one of us.

God bless,  
Pastor Sharon

## **Charity Trustees Report for 2022**

The year began with the trustee's still in discussion with Barclays Bank Mortgage Department over the renewal of the mortgage on the manse for a further fixed term for five years.

However, for several reasons the trustees could not continue along this path. The Church belongs to a wider group of churches, "The Wesleyan Reform Union of Church's" and the trustees were extremely grateful that the Wesleyan Reform Union agreed to cover the mortgage amount and in due course place a second charge on the manse.

Removing the monthly mortgage payments has given the Church financial stability for the future.

The minister's contract of employment with the Church was discussed at the Church Members meeting in July and this contract of employment was extended for a further five years.

Maintaining the building continued throughout the year, with a large project during August of decorating the hall, to give a light, airy and up to date appearance. This was completed before the end of the school holiday and new carpet and window blinds were installed.

The trustees continue to express their thanks for your prayers and continuing financial support for our Church and the Lord's work.

Nigel Carpenter

### Treasurer's Report Financial Year 1st January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

	2021	2022	Inc / Dec
<b>Bank Balances 31st Dec 2022</b>			
Community Account (Current)	£8,687.26	£14,895.63	£6208.37
Business Premium (Deposit)	16,006.35	26,031.29	10024.94
Total	24,693.61	40,926.92	16233.31
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>			
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Inc / Dec</b>
Income	59,425.68	303,225.93	243,800.25
Expenditure	65,409.52	287,152.85	221,743.33
Surplus / Deficit	-5,983.84	16,073.08	

The figures above include the WRU Manse Mortgage and Personal Loan Purchase of £232,000 in total.

Taking this figure out gives the following:

Income	71,225
Expenditure	55,152
Surplus / Deficit	16,073

#### Main sources of income

	2021	2022	Inc / Dec
Offering without Gift Aid	16,349	17,900	1,551
Offering with Gift Aid	17,932	15,659	-2,273
Hall Use	11,740	12,137	397
Gift Aid Return from HMRC	6,663	7,154	491
Donations received	5,000	16,356	11,356
Wednesday Fellowship Offering	137	475	338

Barclays Bank mortgage for the manse, last payment December 2021.

The first four months of the year, January to April with not having to pay the £1915 mortgage per month

but only the interest of £2279 and with the first WRU Manse monthly rental payment in May of £780 has been beneficial.

Examples of Expenditure	2021	2022
<b>Donations</b>		
Love Wycombe		200
Ukraine Appeal		125
Wycombe Women's Aid (Harvest)	104	50
Christians Against Poverty (Missions Sunday)	400	400

Mission Aviation Fellowship		100
Operation Christmas Child	100	120
Church Lunch Surplus		90

### Legal Expenses

Blazer Mills Law fees for manse mortgage, Update Charity Trustee's Deed and change Land Registry Tile on the church and manse		4,791
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### Manse Expenses

	2021	2022	Inc / Dec
Including Council Tax, Water Rate Broadband and Telephone Repairs and Renewals	3338	2,872	-466

### Staff Costs

Including Stipend, Ministers Expenses, Visiting Preachers	20,040	20,759	719
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<b>Church Repairs and Renewals</b>	6,663	5,734	-929
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<b>Energy</b>	1,787	1,912	125
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Money received from WRU to buy out mortgage and personal loan		232,000
Payment to Barclays Mortgage Department		192,000
Payment to pay off Personal Loan		40,000
January to April Interest payment on mortgage from Church funds		2279

If you take the figure of donations received this year (£16,356) away from the total surplus (£16,073)

gives minus £283. This is the figure of normal day to day income against expenditure for the year.

Therefore, even with all this year's additional expenditure the balance sheet shows a deficit of £283.

Nigel Carpenter

## Wednesday Fellowship Report 2022

Our Wednesday Fellowship continues to meet twice a month, on a Wednesday afternoon in the Church Hall and the Good Neighbours bus provides transport for these afternoon sessions. We have a short, informal service with hymns, prayers, a Bible reading and a thought. We usually have an interactive activity, so everyone can join in and share their thoughts and experiences.

We have a number of speakers that come periodically throughout the year, but mostly our team of Sallie, Gill, Bryan and Debbie come up with themes for our afternoons and contribute poems, readings and activities to share God's love with our community. We usually have about 18 people attending and what is so important is the time to sit and chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit, as we get to know each other better. We also had a talk from Mission Aviation Fellowship to learn more about the important and vital work this charity does and were able to contribute financially to their work.

Debbie Carpenter

## **Tea and Cake Report 2022**

It was good to restart Tea and Cake again in March 2022 after a two year break due to Covid 19!

We decided on a new layout for the Hall and laid out three small tables decorated with flowers and a selection of cakes on each table, rather than one large cake table as we'd always done previously. Our 35 guests were pleased to be back and appreciated the new way of doing things - we stuck to that layout for the rest of the year.

After helping for several years, Debbie decided to take a break and step down from Tea and Cake - we miss her, and thank her. Our team is now me and Michael, Michelle, Antoine, Dot, Sallie, Gill, Diana and Susan and her husband John, who helps Michael set out the tables and chairs. And of course Sharon! We are grateful to them all, and to everyone else who comes and lends a hand when they can see a need.

As we usually do, we held a Tea Party in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care in September. Forty people came that afternoon and we raised an amazing £416.94 on the day, plus donations that were made online. We are so grateful to everyone who donated - it's such a privilege to be able to take part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning each year - even though ours is in the afternoon...

Our numbers average 27, and our aim remains the same - the opportunity for people to meet up, catch up with old friends, make new friends, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, a slice - or several - of delicious home-made cake, and generally have a nice afternoon.

We meet on - usually - the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m., taking a break for August - details are always on the church calendar.

So - if you like cake and would like to meet up with friends or make new ones, please join us. We'd love to see you!

Pippa Wood

## **Men's Breakfast Report 2022**

We meet regularly on the last Saturday of the month and enjoy a delicious bacon roll together.

Our numbers have been consistent throughout the year, but we have plenty of room for more!

After breakfast we watch a topical video and informally discuss the content.

Tony Child

# Hazlemere Free Methodist Church

## Profit and Loss Report

01 January, 2022 - 31 December, 2022

Sales		
Cash offerings no gift aid (10002)	17,900.80	
Christmas Donations to OpChChild (10041)	100.00	
Church Lunches (10020)	225.50	
Donations (10023)	16,356.00	
HMRC Gift Aid (4011)	7,154.76	
Hall rental (10004)	12,137.50	
Harvest Donation for WWA (10040)	50.00	
Licence April Cottage (10034)	318.17	
Offerings with Gift Aid (10000)	15,659.00	
Ukraine Appeal (10044)	130.00	
WRU Pension Contribution (10026)	719.20	
Wednesday Fellowship (10021)	475.00	
	<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>£71,225.93</b>
Direct Expenses		
Church Presentation Costs (10007)	210.77	
Donations (10005)	995.00	
Legal Expenses (10048)	4,791.60	
Men's Breakfast (10047)	59.02	
Sunday School Expenses (10006)	10.50	
WRU Assessment (10030)	1,054.50	
WRU Pension Contribution to NEST (10039)	539.40	
Wednesday Fellowship (10033)	76.00	
	<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>£7,736.79</b>

	<b>GROSS PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>£63,489.14</b>
<b>Overheads</b>		
Accountancy Fees (7611)	24.00	
Bank charges & interest (7900)	-24.94	
Catering (10027)	302.78	
Church Lunches (10017)	135.15	
Cleaning (7810)	602.00	
Cleaning Materials (10024)	357.25	
Employer's Pension (7007)	604.68	
Employers NI contributions (7006)	-300.18	
Energy (7200)	1,912.76	
General expenses (8200)	79.23	
Insurance (7610)	1,399.63	
Interest on Loan (7910)	8,543.77	
Manse Expenses (10019)	2,872.64	
Marketing (6200)	215.00	
Ministers Expenses (10025)	-665.36	
Motor (7300)	240.00	
Office costs (7500)	2,025.88	
Professional fees (7600)	393.35	
Property Depreciation (8010)	12,585.57	
Quiet Day (10038)	47.12	
Repairs and renewals (7800)	5,734.03	
Staff (7000)	20,157.12	
Visiting Preachers Expenses (10028)	150.00	
Water Rates (7110)	209.76	
	<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>£57,601.24</b>
	<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>£5,887.90</b>

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132405**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**FOR**  
**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

Tax assist Accountants  
13 The Highway  
Station Road  
Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire  
HP91QQ

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1132405

**Principal address**

43

Penn Road

Hazlemere

High Wycombe

HP157LS

**Trustees**

Nigel W.G. Carpenter

Michelle Y. Rouyer Guillet

Stephen P. Cossins

Joanna K. Morton

Kathryn A. Dawkings

Deborah C. Carpenter

**Independent examiner**

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....27-4-23..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....

Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages three to eight.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Tax assist Accountants  
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Date: .....12-5-23.....

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>fund</b>	<b>funds</b>
	Notes	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income		70,205	58,736
Investment income	2	25	2
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>70,230</u>	<u>58,738</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity		64,342	57,154
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		5,888	1,584
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		193,799	192,215
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>199,687</u></u>	<u><u>193,799</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**ACCOUNTING CONVENTION**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**RESOURCES EXPENDED**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Property - 50 years  
Improvements to Property - 20 years

**TAXATION**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Investment income	25	2

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**TRUSTEES' EXPENSES**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold property £</b>	<b>Improvements to property £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	361,181	107,231	468,412
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2022	36,120	28,175	64,295
Charge for year	7,224	5,362	12,586
At 31 December 2022	43,344	33,537	76,881
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2022	317,837	73,694	391,531
At 31 December 2021	325,061	79,056	404,117

**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Trade creditors	-	41,117
Taxation and social security	622	762
Other creditors	232,149	24,139
	232,771	66,018

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Bank loans	-	168,993

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/1/22 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/22 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	193,799	5,888	199,687
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	193,799	5,888	199,687

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

7. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	70,230	(64,342)	5,888
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>70,230</u>	<u>(64,342)</u>	<u>5,888</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/21 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/21 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	192,215	1,584	193,799
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>192,215</u>	<u>1,584</u>	<u>193,799</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	58,738	(57,154)	1,584
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>58,738</u>	<u>(57,154)</u>	<u>1,584</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/1/21 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/12/22 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	192,215	7,472	199,687
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>192,215</u>	<u>7,472</u>	<u>199,687</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	128,968	(121,496)	7,472
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>128,968</u>	<u>(121,496)</u>	<u>7,472</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donation & legacies	58,067	46,996
Hall Rental	12,138	11,740
	<u>70,205</u>	<u>58,736</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Investment income	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>70,230</b>	<b>58,738</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Running cost of the church	11,052	6,940
Minister and visiting preacher	19,616	20,200
Church services and Sunday Sch	975	1,203
Donation paid	995	604
Governance Cost	29,187	25,285
General administration costs	2,517	2,922
	<u>64,342</u>	<u>57,154</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>64,342</b>	<b>57,154</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>5,888</u></u>	<u><u>1,584</u></u>

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## VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE

Year Ended 31 December 2022

Account	Description	Final	Comparative Year Ended 31/12/21	Variance	% Change
1	Donation & legacies	(58,067.73)	(46,995.30)	(11,072.43)	23.56
2	Hall Rental	(12,137.50)	(11,740.38)	(397.12)	3.38
24	Investment income	(24.94)	(1.72)	(23.22)	1,350.00
169	Running cost of the church	11,052.00	6,939.55	4,112.45	59.26
171	Minister and visiting preacher	19,616.46	20,200.13	(583.67)	-2.89
172	Church services and Sunday S	974.65	1,202.50	(227.85)	-18.95
173	Donation paid	995.00	604.00	391.00	64.74
174	Governance Cost	29,186.93	25,284.59	3,902.34	15.43
175	General administration costs	2,517.23	2,922.13	(404.90)	-13.86
	(Profit) / Loss	(£5,887.90)	(£1,584.50)	(£4,303.40)	271.59
512	Freehold prop				
/ 1	Freehold prop Cost/valuation	361,181.09	361,181.09	0.00	0.00
/ 21	Freehold prop Depreciation b	(36,119.62)	(28,895.62)	(7,224.00)	25.00
/ 22	Freehold prop Charge for yea	(7,224.00)	(7,224.00)	0.00	0.00
522	Improvmts to prop				
/ 1	Improvmts to prop Cost/valua	107,231.48	102,924.49	4,306.99	4.18
/ 2	Improvmts to prop Additions	-	4,306.99	(4,306.99)	-100.00
/ 21	Improvmts to prop Depreciati	(28,175.47)	(22,813.95)	(5,361.52)	23.50
/ 22	Improvmts to prop Charge fo	(5,361.57)	(5,361.52)	(0.05)	0.00
692	Bank account no. 1	14,895.63	8,687.26	6,208.37	71.47
694	Bank account no. 3	26,031.29	16,006.35	10,024.94	62.63
737	Trade creditors	-	(1,116.95)	1,116.95	-100.00
739	Carpenter Loan	-	(40,000.00)	40,000.00	-100.00
755	Social security and other tax	(621.83)	(761.78)	139.95	-18.37
768	Bank Loan	-	(22,982.16)	22,982.16	-100.00
769	WRU Loan	(232,000.00)	-	(232,000.00)	-
785	Accruals and deferred income	(150.00)	(1,158.00)	1,008.00	-87.05
857	Bank loans - 2-5 years	-	(168,993.10)	168,993.10	-100.00
968	Surplus and deficit account				
/ 1	Brought forward	(193,799.10)	(192,214.60)	(1,584.50)	0.82
	Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	-

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1132405

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# Accounts

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## **Minister's Report 2021**

As I reflect on 2021, it feels like a year of two halves, almost!

We started the first quarter, as we finished 2020, in lockdown. Then, like the rest of the nation, we navigated the necessary 'roadmaps' as we began planning, albeit cautiously, the 'new reality.'

Continuing to worship on Zoom served us well, but I believe we were all yearning the fellowship of being together, especially I felt, being apart for Easter again was disappointing.

With much discussion and preparation, we resumed 'in-person' worship on 1<sup>st</sup> August; this was preceded by a Week of Prayer in our church building. It was important to pray for our return, for all affected by the pandemic, and also loss of a loved one in other circumstances; and for our community and beyond.

Over the year, we lost seven members and friends through age and illness; we give thanks for their lives and faithful service and continue to hold their loved ones in prayer.

Thanks to the patience and technical 'know-how' of some of our members, we are now able to offer Zoom from church as an option for those who require it for various reasons and this has proved very beneficial.

Our midweek Wednesday Fellowship resumed in October, with the leaders' preparing talks and activities for the group, and a welcome cuppa and an opportunity for a chat, which so many had missed.

We had a fabulous Harvest Festival and Church Anniversary weekend commencing with a Beetle Drive - still as competitive as ever!! Our Family service on Sunday, and the opportunity to share with our Pre-school on Monday.

Thank you to all who prepared, and those who supported our MacMillan Tea and Cakes event in October; it was wonderful to be together again and give generously towards their work.

Our Lent Bible studies on the 'Prayers of Jesus,' were held on Zoom; but I was thrilled to resume in-person studies on the Letter to the Hebrews in October. Unfortunately, our Advent studies were cut short as I finally got caught by the virus!

Thankfully, the excitement of being able to worship together over Advent and Christmas was the 'boost' I needed. We were able to share Carol services with our friends at both Hanover and Hughenden Courts. We held both Christingle and Carol services, Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve into Christmas Day, when we returned a little later for our family worship.

Many conversations have been had, and will continue to be, regarding the effects of the last two years. As I write, it is with much more optimism than last year, as we learn to live with the virus and continue to focus our attentions on serving our Lord and our community, both within and

beyond our building. Freedom and fellowship have returned for many, but each of us has a mandate to 'love our neighbour' and share the gospel; and so, we prayerfully commit ourselves to that purpose, equipped in new ways through this shared experience.

God bless, Pastor Sharon

### **Trustees Report for 2021.**

Once again, I begin this report in expressing the Trustees thanks for your prayer and financial support through another exceptional year.

We began the year still in the grips of the pandemic, with Pre-School the only people using the building. Sunday Services continued to be on Zoom or the printed version either going out on email or being delivered.

It was not until the end of July that prayer meetings resumed, with church services starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. Weekly meetings gradually restarted over the autumn.

Zoom has been such a success we therefore managed to install this on the church computer enabling those who are housebound to continue to be part of Sunday worship.

During the year we were able to continue to maintain the building. The three new external doors were at last fitted and the Vestry / Store, stairs to the upper classroom and Green Room have all been decorated.

During October negotiations started on renewing the mortgage on The Manse for a further five-year fixed term. In readiness for the beginning of January 2022 when we reach the end of the first five years fixed term.

# Hazlemere Free Methodist Church

## Profit and Loss Report

01 January, 2021 - 31 December, 2021

### Sales

Cash offerings no gift aid (10002)	16,349.40	
Christmas Donations to OpChChild (10041)	100.00	
Church Social Events / Meals (10043)	175.00	
Donations (10023)	5,000.00	
Funeral Fees (10042)	230.00	
HMRC Gift Aid (4011)	6,663.50	
Hall rental (10004)	11,740.38	
Harvest Donation for WWA (10040)	104.00	
Licence April Cottage (10034)	303.60	
Offerings with Gift Aid (10000)	17,932.70	
WRU Pension Contribution (10026)	690.00	
Wednesday Fellowship (10021)	137.10	
	<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>£59,425.68</b>

### Direct Expenses

Church Presentation Costs (10007)	80.00	
Donations (10005)	604.00	
WRU Assessment (10030)	1,202.50	
WRU Pension Contribution to NEST (10039)	690.00	
	<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>£2,576.50</b>

**GROSS PROFIT / LOSS** **£56,849.18**

### Overheads

Accountancy Fees (7611)	946.00
Bank charges & interest (7900)	-1.72

Catering (10027)	61.13	
Cleaning (7810)	602.80	
Cleaning Materials (10024)	185.56	
Employer's Pension (7007)	587.04	
Energy (7200)	1,787.20	
General expenses (8200)	77.17	
Insurance (7610)	831.61	
Kitchen Running costs (10022)	101.00	
Manse Expenses (10019)	3,338.36	
Manse Purchase (10014)	24,287.16	
Marketing (6200)	233.00	
Ministers Expenses (10025)	370.72	
Office costs (7500)	2,489.96	
Professional fees (7600)	416.22	
Repairs and renewals (7800)	6,663.04	
Staff (7000)	19,569.96	
Visiting Preachers Expenses (10028)	100.00	
Water Rates (7110)	186.81	
	<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>£62,833.02</b>
	<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>-£5,983.84</b>

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132405**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**FOR**  
**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

Taxassists Accountants  
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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1132405

**Principal address**

67 Ashfield Way  
Hazlemere  
High Wycombe  
HP15 7RL

**Trustees**

Nigel Carpenter  
Kathy Dawkins  
Stephen P Cossins  
Michelle Y Rouyer -Guillet  
Jo Morton  
Debbie Carpenter

**Independent examiner**

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages three to eight.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Date: .....

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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	Notes	31.12.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income		58,736	68,597
Investment income	2	2	6
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>58,738</u>	<u>68,603</u>
 <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity		<u>57,154</u>	<u>56,580</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		1,584	12,023
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		192,215	180,192
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>193,799</u></u>	<u><u>192,215</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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	Notes	31.12.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	4	404,117	412,395
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		24,693	30,807
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(66,018)	(65,793)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>(41,325)</u>	<u>(34,986)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		362,792	377,409
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	6	(168,993)	(185,194)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>193,799</u>	<u>192,215</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	7	193,799	192,215
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>193,799</u>	<u>192,215</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **ACCOUNTING CONVENTION**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

##### **INCOMING RESOURCES**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### **RESOURCES EXPENDED**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Property - 50 years

Improvements to Property - 20 years

##### **TAXATION**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Investment income	2	6
	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

#### **3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

##### **TRUSTEES' EXPENSES**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold property £</b>	<b>Improvements to property £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2021	361,181	102,924	464,105
Additions	-	4,307	4,307
At 31 December 2021	<u>361,181</u>	<u>107,231</u>	<u>468,412</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2021	28,896	22,814	51,710
Charge for year	7,224	5,361	12,585
At 31 December 2021	<u>36,120</u>	<u>28,175</u>	<u>64,295</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2021	<u>325,061</u>	<u>79,056</u>	<u>404,117</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>332,285</u>	<u>80,110</u>	<u>412,395</u>

**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	41,116	41,630
Taxation and social security	762	893
Other creditors	24,140	23,270
	<u>66,018</u>	<u>65,793</u>

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>168,993</u>	<u>185,194</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

7. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/1/21</b>	<b>Net movement</b>	<b>At 31/12/21</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>in funds</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>£</b>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	192,215	1,584	193,799
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>192,215</u>	<u>1,584</u>	<u>193,799</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Movement in</b>
	<b>resources</b>	<b>expended</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	58,738	(57,154)	1,584
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>58,738</u>	<u>(57,154)</u>	<u>1,584</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/20</b>	<b>Net movement</b>	<b>At 31/12/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>in funds</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>£</b>	
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	180,192	12,023	192,215
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>180,192</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>192,215</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Movement in</b>
	<b>resources</b>	<b>expended</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,603	(56,580)	12,023
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,603</u>	<u>(56,580)</u>	<u>12,023</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/1/20</b>	<b>Net movement</b>	<b>At 31/12/21</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>in funds</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>£</b>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	180,192	13,607	193,799
	<u>180,192</u>	<u>13,607</u>	<u>193,799</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>180,192</u>	<u>13,607</u>	<u>193,799</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Movement in</b>
	<b>resources</b>	<b>expended</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	127,341	(113,734)	13,607
	<u>127,341</u>	<u>(113,734)</u>	<u>13,607</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>127,341</u>	<u>(113,734)</u>	<u>13,607</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donation & legacies	46,996	68,597
Hall Rental	11,740	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	58,736	68,597
<b>Investment income</b>		
Investment income	2	6
	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	58,738	68,603
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Running cost of the church	6,940	6,417
Minister and visiting preacher	20,200	20,276
Church services and Sunday Sch	1,203	944
Donation paid	604	910
Governance Cost	25,285	24,451
General administration costs	2,922	3,582
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	57,154	56,580
<b>Total resources expended</b>	57,154	56,580
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<b>Net income</b>	1,584	12,023
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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1132405

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# Accounts

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## Hazlemere Free Methodist Church Reports for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

### Minister's Report for 2020.

2020 started much like previous years as we looked forward to where Our Lord would lead us and what He would do with us, and us for Him.

We began by prayerfully planning activities and for nearly the first quarter we met together for worship, prayer meetings, Bible studies, Fellowship, Tea and Cake and Men's Breakfast. We were able to hold a Lent Reflective Day with the theme 'Passion' – 'The Passion of Christ and A Passion for Christ.' We now realise how incredibly blessed we were during that day and how it sustained us for what was to come! And then it happened... COVID! There is no doubt that in the early days there was a lot of fear and uncertainty as to what that meant to each one of us and as I met with our trustees to discuss the news, impact and the way forward; it felt overwhelming and I felt unprepared and inadequate. With the benefit of hindsight that was the best thing, because as we prayed individually and together, throughout the next 16 months, our Lord showed us the way and we took one step at a time by His grace.

Having written last year of being reminded that 'the Church' is the people and not the building; we were now thinking about how we could adapt to be 'church' without the 'security' of our building. How we could be church family without physical contact and how we could care for one another and the community we serve, at a distance.

And we did adapt.

Initially I recorded preached for our website and started emailing and printing the 'Pastor's Ponder.' I was introduced to 'Zoom' by a colleague; for people of a certain age, you will know it as a song by Fat Larry's Band! But it proved vital to maintaining contact and 'seeing' each other on a weekly basis as we started a full worship service, Bible studies, coffee and chat, tea and fellowship and even held our Macmillan tea and cakes and quiz on it. Our trustees and myself used it to meet regularly to discuss developments on the Covid situation and updates on guidelines as they happened, so we could consider when it was going to be 'safe' to return to worship together physically.

I was so encouraged by all those who took this new way of doing things in their stride and to those who provided technical assistance to those who needed it. As life began to return to some sort of 'normality' attendance at the midweek events dwindled, but we sustained a good attendance on Sundays.

For those unable to access 'technology,' the service which I had typed out in full was then taken by members and photocopied and delivered to them.

Doorstep chats and a few through open windows became normal.

There have been other positives: as I divided up our members and attenders, to all our activities, between our trustees who had agreed to regularly calling them; communication was maintained and relationships were built or enhanced, which have continued since we returned in 2021.

Our Young People did an awesome job writing letters to everybody full of cheery news and pictures of what they had been doing and how they were coping with lockdowns. They made and delivered Christmas cards and craft (and for Mother's Day 2021).

We continue emailing prayer requests, so we could pray alongside those who needed it during their journey. Sadly, we lost three of our members to age and some of our families were affected by covid, but have recovered/recovering; and we continue to hold them in prayer.

And there were other things done too, both known and unknown, and I want to thank everybody who took our Biblical mandate to 'love your neighbour' and to live it out.

As I conclude my report for 2020, we were by the end of the year in 'lockdown 3' and all feeling a bit weary of it as it felt like there was no end in sight; yet grateful that we were still 'together' virtually and being blessed in ways we couldn't have imaged by our Gracious God.

We have learnt so much this year, about ourselves and each other. We know now, more than ever, how much we value community, being in worship and fellowship with one another, as we continue our journey of faith.

I believe that it has been good that we have been 'shaken' and challenged; we have been given time 'to be,' to reflect on what is important to God and consider why and how we do what we do.

Whether we are ready to admit it yet, we have been changed! As we enter 2021 and discover the 'new reality,' I pray that each one of us will prayerfully consider the way forward for ourselves, our activities and who we are as a worshipping community of God.

God bless,

Pastor Sharon

### **Trustee's Report for 2020.**

Once again, I begin this report in expressing the Trustee's even greater thanks for your prayer and financial support through this exceptional year.

We began the year looking forward to what and how we could continue to expand our Lord's work in our church. Also to repair and maintain the building as issues arise.

Sufficient funds were given on Gift Day in the first week of March, for renewing the three side doors to the premises. Within days this project was put on hold as we entered the first period of lockdown from Covid 19.

The use of the building by the church immediately ceased for all activities apart from funerals.

We kept the Pre-School running from after the first lockdown, by giving them sole use of the hall etc. Thereby providing Pre-School with a Covid Secure Environment.

The Trustee's and the whole congregation expressed their thanks to the Pre-School Staff, who took on the task of keeping the rear half of the building safe by taking over the cleaning etc to enable the Covid Secure environment they required to keep Pre-School running Covid free during the rest of the year.

The finances at the end of the year appear to be in a very healthy state, partly due to receiving a very generous donation in memory of one of our past Church Members. Also due to the uncertainty in receiving income from weekly offering and hall use, we received a six month mortgage holiday on The Manse only paying interest on the loan for that period.

But mainly due to the value of weekly offering being maintained, by the vast majority of our congregation now using electronic banking for payments into the church's bank account.

At the start of the pandemic we used different and unknown ways to communicate within the congregation.

Who would have thought you could hold virtual meetings and more importantly continue to gather together for prayer and worship over the wonders of Zoom.

## Treasurers Report for Financial Year to 31st December 2020

	2019	2020	Inc / Dec
<b>Bank Balances 31st Dec 2020</b>			
Community Account (Current)	4167.22	10,801.82	6634.60
Business Premium (Deposit)	8317.3	20,004.63	11687.33
Total	12484.52	30806.45	18321.93

### Business Premium Account

The £20,000 is made up of the following, £6000 Minimum amount to be held in church accounts as set by the trustees, £4000 Gift Day Money for new doors, which will be installed in February 2021, £10,000 donation in memory of one of our past members.

<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	2019	2020	Inc / Dec
Income	63,572.49	£69,643.59	6,071.10
Expenditure	63,017.78	51,610.72	-11,407.06
Deficit / Surplus	554.71	18,032.87	17,478.16
Minus New Doors and £10,000 Donation			4,032.87

Surplus of £554.71 in 2019 received donations of £5,300.

For 2020 taking Donation of £10,000 and £4,000 set aside for new doors out of calculations.

Surplus of £4,032.87 in 2020 is due to £7,615.21 reduction in mortgage payments for 6 months of the year. If mortgage had been paid for all the year there would have been a deficit of £3,582.34.

### Main sources of income

	2019	2020	Inc / Dec
Offering without Gift Aid	16,281	13,388	-2,893
Offering with Gift Aid	19,096	20,019	923
Hall Use	12,315	11,744	-571
Gift Aid Return from HMRC	6,904	7,874	970

Offering without Gift Aid decrease would have been even greater if it were not for cheques received. Offering with Gift Aid increase mainly due to giving transferring to the envelope scheme and or changing to standing order, when I asked if I could claim Gift Aid.

Reduction in Hall income, in 2019 Pre-School, Brownies and Rainbows used the hall.

In September 2019 Brownie Pack closed and from March 2020 Pre-School given sole use of hall due to Covid 19 Bubble Regulations.

HMRC Gift Aid increase due mainly to Gift Day money that Gift Aid could be claimed on.

### Manse Purchase January 2017

#### Barclays Bank Mortgage

January 2017 Mortgage of £251,800 for purchase of the church manse

Balance remaining at end of December 2020 (fourth year of five year term) £207,317

	2019	2020	Inc / Dec
Interest and Repayment Amount	22,124	14,508	-7,616
Total Remaining figure	213,758	207,317	-6,441

Six months of 2020 the church had a Mortgage Holiday because of the uncertainty of our income due to the Covid Restrictions. This meant that for the six months only interest and no repayment, was paid.

on the mortgage. Resulting in £7,616 in reduced mortgage payments.

With the Fixed Term Mortgage on the Manse ending at the end of 2021, the mortgage will need to be renegotiated later this year.

### **Interest Free Loan for Purchase of the Manse**

There is also the £40,000 interest free loan from one of the church members to be repaid.

### **Examples of Expenditure**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	
<b>Donations</b>			
Lighthouse	500		
Missions Sunday Leprosy Mission	385		
Missions Sunday Transitions UK		400	
Hazlemere Widmer End Good Neighbours	660	660	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Inc / Dec</b>
<b>Manse Expenses</b>			
Including Council Tax, Water Rate Broadband and Telephone Repairs and Renewals	2,897	3,314	417
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	
<b>Staff Costs</b>			
Including Stipend, Ministers Expenses, Visiting Preachers	19,721	20,510	789
<b>Church Repairs and Renewals</b>	2,935	1,325	-1,610

# Hazlemere Free Methodist Church

## Profit and Loss Report

01 January, 2020 - 31 December, 2020

Sales		
Cash offerings no gift aid (10002)	13,388.90	
Christmas Donations to OpChChild (10041)	140.00	
Church Lunches (10020)	183.00	
Donations (10023)	10,440.09	
Donations Gift Aid (10035)	1,000.00	
Gift Day (Not Gift Aid) (10036)	1,079.91	
Gift Day (GIFT AID (10037)	2,201.00	
HMRC Gift Aid (4011)	7,874.43	
Hall rental (10004)	11,744.00	
Harvest Donation for WWA (10040)	220.00	
Insurance Claims (4930)	287.12	
Licence April Cottage (10034)	300.00	
Offerings with Gift Aid (10000)	20,019.00	
Other income (4900)	13.94	
WRU Pension Contribution (10026)	680.00	
Wednesday Fellowship (10021)	72.20	
	<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>£69,643.59</b>
Direct Expenses		
Church Presentation Costs (10007)	308.97	
Donations (10005)	910.00	
Pension Costs (10018)	-36.25	
Sunday School Expenses (10006)	26.68	
WRU Assessment (10030)	943.50	

WRU Pension Contribution to NEST (10039)	680.00	
Wednesday Fellowship (10033)	20.00	
	<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>£2,852.90</b>
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	<b>GROSS PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>£66,790.69</b>
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<b>Overheads</b>		
Accountancy Fees (7611)	915.00	
Bank charges & interest (7900)	-6.33	
Catering (10027)	142.38	
Cleaning (7810)	792.88	
Cleaning Materials (10024)	301.36	
Contact Magazine (10029)	7.72	
Employer's Pension (7007)	587.05	
Energy (7200)	1,725.63	
General expenses (8200)	97.03	
Insurance (7610)	854.19	
Kitchen Running costs (10022)	116.71	
Manse Expenses (10019)	3,601.00	
Manse Purchase (10014)	14,508.95	
Marketing (6200)	215.00	
Ministers Expenses (10025)	118.84	
Motor (7300)	660.00	
Office costs (7500)	2,385.67	
Professional fees (7600)	411.22	
Quiet Day (10038)	66.95	
Repairs and renewals (7800)	1,325.22	
Staff (7000)	19,569.96	
Visiting Preachers Expenses (10028)	150.00	
Water Rates (7110)	158.63	
	<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>£48,705.06</b>
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**NET PROFIT / LOSS**

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**£18,085.63**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132405**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**  
**FOR**  
**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

TaxAssist Accountants  
126 Southdown Road  
Harpenden  
Herefordshire  
AL5 1QQ

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1132405

**Principal address**

67 Ashfield Way  
Hazlemere  
High Wycombe  
HP15 7RL

**Trustees**

Nigel Carpenter  
Kathy Dawkins  
Stephen P Cossins  
Michelle Y Rouyer -Guillet  
Jo Morton  
Clive Glithero  
Debbie Carpenter

**Independent examiner**

TaxAssist Accountants  
126 Southdown Road  
Harpenden  
Herefordshire  
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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages three to eight.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

TaxAssist Accountants  
126 Southdown Road  
Harpenden  
Herefordshire  
AL5 1QQ

Date: .....

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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		<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>fund</b>	<b>funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	Notes		
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income		68,597	61,874
Investment income	2	6	10
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>68,603</u>	<u>61,884</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity		56,580	56,352
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		12,023	5,532
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		180,192	174,660
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>192,215</u></u>	<u><u>180,192</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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	Notes	2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	4	412,395	424,765
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		30,807	12,484
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(65,793)	(65,423)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>(34,986)</u>	<u>(52,939)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		377,409	371,826
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	6	(185,194)	(191,634)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>192,215</u>	<u>180,192</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>192,215</u>	<u>180,192</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>192,215</u>	<u>180,192</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **ACCOUNTING CONVENTION**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

##### **INCOMING RESOURCES**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### **RESOURCES EXPENDED**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Property - 50 years

Improvements to Property - 20 years

##### **TAXATION**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Investment income	6	10
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

#### **3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019 .

##### **TRUSTEES' EXPENSES**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019 .

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold property £</b>	<b>Improvements to property £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	<u>361,181</u>	<u>102,924</u>	<u>464,105</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2020	21,672	17,668	39,340
Charge for year	<u>7,224</u>	<u>5,146</u>	<u>12,370</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>28,896</u>	<u>22,814</u>	<u>51,710</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2020	<u>332,285</u>	<u>80,110</u>	<u>412,395</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>339,509</u>	<u>85,256</u>	<u>424,765</u>

**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
Trade creditors	41,630	41,541
Taxation and social security	893	648
Other creditors	<u>23,270</u>	<u>23,234</u>
	<u>65,793</u>	<u>65,423</u>

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
Bank loans	<u>185,194</u>	<u>191,634</u>

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1.1.20 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31.12.20 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	180,192	12,023	192,215
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>180,192</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>192,215</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,603	(56,580)	12,023
	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,603</u>	<u>(56,580)</u>	<u>12,023</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1.1.19 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31.12.19 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	174,660	5,532	180,192
	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>174,660</u>	<u>5,532</u>	<u>180,192</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	61,884	(56,352)	5,532
	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>61,884</u>	<u>(56,352)</u>	<u>5,532</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1.1.19 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31.12.20 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	174,660	17,555	192,215
	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>174,660</u>	<u>17,555</u>	<u>192,215</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	130,487	(112,932)	17,555
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>130,487</u>	<u>(112,932)</u>	<u>17,555</u>

**HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donation & legacies	68,597	61,874
<b>Investment income</b>		
Investment income	6	10
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	68,603	61,884
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Running cost of the church	6,417	8,762
Minister and visiting preacher	20,276	16,317
Church services and Sunday Sch	944	2,802
Donation paid	910	825
Manse expenditure	24,451	24,039
General administration costs	3,582	3,607
	<u>56,580</u>	<u>56,352</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	56,580	56,352
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>12,023</u></u>	<u><u>5,532</u></u>

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Nigel Carpenter's e-mail address is: [officerhfmchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officerhfmchurch@gmail.com).

Nigel Carpenter added the following comments:

"Signed electronically by N Carpenter 14th September 2021"