

Walsall Central Hall Methodist Church

Trustees Annual Report 1/9/23 to 31/8/24

Charity Number 1132418

Address Ablewell Street Walsall WS1 2EQ

A Trustees are as filed

B Type Of Governing Document- Act of Parliament

How the Charity is Constituted - Trust

Trustee Selection Method - Appointed by Church Council some ex officio

Additional Governance Issues

Policies and Procedures- Range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion. Leaflet role of Trustees made available to each trustee.

Structure -Part of Walsall Methodist Circuit 28/04

Trustees Consideration of Major risks and the system and procedures to manage them-

All matters concerning the life of the Church are under the authority of the Church Council which is responsible for safeguarding and all other Statutory matters . There is a regular review process.

C Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

As set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976 clause 4-synopsis

The advancement of religion and charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or Church Organization

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Religious Activities for the benefit of the General Public/ Mankind By

Providing buildings, facilities, open space

Provides Debt Advice and foodbank via Ablewell Advice

Other charitable activities

Additional details

Local Churches, Districts and Circuits are not defined as external grant making bodies.

Funds for our purposes are invested with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as required by Standing Orders.

The main part of our church activities is undertaken by lay people

D Achievements and Performance

Sunday services remain the focus of our church week but with also an emphasis on service to our local community

We continue to run the established Ladies Circle and offer a Warm Space to members of the Community

Our ties with fellow Christian Churches is developing

We continue to manage and support our Church based Advice Centre, Ablewell Advice Services. which also runs a foodbank in partnership with the Black County Food Bank.

Played a full part in Walsall Town Centre Ministry, a local ecumenical Group,

E Financial Review

Reserve Policy

To maintain reserves at least equal to six months expenditure.

To hold in reserves sufficient funds to adequately maintain the premises as a place of worship and maintain our witness to the surrounding community

We have a separate Finance and Property meeting which reports twice a year to Church Council

F Optional Information

G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SUSAN LORRAINE SMITH	ALAN OWEN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY	TREASURER

Date 24/06/2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Central Hall Methodist, Walsall	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Circuit	Circuit no	28/04
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1132418

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

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

Minister:

Rev Jeremy Hawkins

Church Stewards:

D Buchanan	G Huckfield
B Reilly	J Farmer
J Yarnall	P Jackson
S Flukes	A Owen

Treasurer:

Alan Owen

Alan Owen

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Central Hall
Methodist, Walsall Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	34,951		34,951	36,046
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	84	647	731	645
a4	Lettings	24,753		24,753	19,324
a5	Other receipts	5,307		5,307	2,975
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	65,095	647	65,742 (a7)	58,990

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	24,960		24,960	24,960
b3	Donations				510
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,928		7,928	8,481
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	14,823		14,823	16,164
b6					
b7	Other payments	18,977	32	19,009	18,726
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	66,688	32	66,720 (b9)	68,841

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(1,593)	615	(978)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		10,639	13,312	23,951 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	9,046	13,927	22,973
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	9,046	13,927	22,973 (c8)
					23,951 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	226	397
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	864	228
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	693	541
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	397	84
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Ablewell Advice	132,481	111,961	20,520		70,419	90,939
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	132,481	111,961	20,520		70,419 (e11)	90,939 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	65,742 (a7)	66,720 (b9)	(978)	(c7)	23,951 (c6)	22,973 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	198,223	178,681	19,542		94,370 (x)	113,912 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	123	121
f2 Bank Current Account	10,013	4,013
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	2,540	6,986
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	11,275	11,853
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	23,951 (c6)	22,973 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	70,419 (e11)	90,939 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	94,370 (x)	113,912 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	980,000	980,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church .. Central Hall Methodist Church Walsall, Charity Number 1132418

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 9/6/25

Name and address of treasurer Alan Owen

Cherry Tree Avenue Walsall Post Code WS 5 4JL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 15.10.2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting J. Hawkins Date 9.6.2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Central Hall Methodist Church

Charity Number 1132418

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church .. Central Hall Methodist Church Walsall, Charity Number 1132418

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner RICHARD DAVIS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACMA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 10 WITTON STREET

..... STOUBRIDGE Post Code D48 3YE

Date 9/6/25

* delete or circle as appropriate

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM

This form should be used in conjunction with the STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS (Church, Circuit & District)

A separate Report Form should be prepared for each Internal Organisation

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

SECTION H

RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations		44852
h2	Other receipts		87,629.00
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)		132481

SECTION I

PAYMENTS

i1	Donations		
i2	Other payments		111,961.00
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)		111961

SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	20520
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		70419
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page 3 in the main accounts)	(j1+j2+/-j3)	90939

SECTION K

HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		90,939.00
k3	Other accounts		
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 above)	(k1+k2+k3)	90939

SECTION M

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(These amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)

m1	Balance brought forward from last year		
m2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
m3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
m4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(m1+m2-m3)	

THE METHODIST CHURCH

INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORT FORM

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Each year every organisation connected with a local Church, Circuit or District is required by Standing Orders to present its accounts to the Church Council/Circuit Meeting/Synod.

The Managing Trustees are annually required to complete the Annual Accounts setting out the financial affairs of the Church/Circuit/District including all its connected internal organisations.

This form (which can be used for a Church/Circuit, District organisation) requires details of the accounts of your organisation so that all responsibilities can be fulfilled. We ask for your co-operation which will ensure proper public accountability and the protection of those who willingly act as treasurers.

Central Hall Methodist Church Walsall		
Circuit/District	<u>Church Cen Walsall</u>	DISTRICT: <u>Wolverhpton And Shrewsbury</u>
Group/Organisation	<u>Ablewell Advice Services</u>	

Signatures section

I confirm that I have prepared the information overleaf from the accounts and records of the above named Group or Organisation


Alan Owen
Treasurer of Group or Organisation
9/6/25
Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the

ABLEWELL ADVICE

and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.


Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor
9/6/25
Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited* accounts which were/will be* presented to

Church Council

at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on

15.10.24
Date


Signature of Chair of Meeting

9.6.2025
Date

This form can be used by Church, Circuit and District Internal Organisations who report to their respective Methodist bodies.