

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1133512

Details

Other names TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, PENARTH, N/A

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-01-12

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

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Methodist Church for the town of Penarth

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE VALE OF GLAMORGAN.
- Vale Of Glamorgan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£142,615	£156,409	-	-
2024-08-31	£187,839	£199,921	-	-
2023-08-31	£175,822	£148,828	-	-
2022-08-31	£137,758	£180,270	-	-
2021-08-31	£128,583	£138,962	-	-
2020-08-31	£104,277	£102,829	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Norris		2021-05-30
Angela Joan Davison		2021-05-30
Ceri-Lou Newman		2012-10-18
David John Edward Young		2021-05-30
Diana Mary Farmer		2021-05-30
Dr Ian David Severn		2019-10-30
Dr Timothy Charles Twining O.B.E.		2021-05-30
Jenifer Corbett		2021-05-30
John Albert Young		2021-05-30
John Christopher Jevons		2021-05-30
Judith Mary Lanning		2021-05-30
MR TONY FARMER		
MRS JANET PEDWELL		
Malcolm James Hallewell		2025-10-16
Margaret Pryde		2021-05-30
PROF JOHN HINES		
Rachel Burge		
Rev Margaret PRESDEE		2025-08-01
Ruth Young		2021-05-30
SHEILA MARY JAMES		

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Penarth Methodist Church



Woodland Place, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan, CF64 2EX

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Rev. Marty Presdee Tel: 01446 730814

Charity Number 1133512

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Aim and Purpose

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***The Principal Officer of the Charity during this period was Revd. Catherine Lewis
Number of employees during the year was 1.***

All volunteers are either trustees of the church or other members.

Date report approved: 31 May 2026

The Trustees, responsible for all decisions made including appointments, were as follows on 31 August 2025:-

Rev Catherine Lewis (Chair of Trustees)

Tony Farmer	Angela Davison	Judith Lanning	Ceri-Lou Newman
David Young	Ruth Young	Ian Svern	Carl Brace
Alison Norris	Rachel Burge	Jenny Corbett	Mary Farmer
John Hines	John Jevons	Sheila James	Margaet Pryde
David Pedwell	Janet Pedwell	Charles Twinning	Chris Arnold

John Young

The Chair of Trustees resigned on 1st September 2025 and was replaced by the Rev Marty Presdee, all other Trustees remained in post

Governance

The church is committed to enabling worship and service and to the wider pastoral care of those within its membership and beyond in Penarth and the surrounding area. An overview of these activities is undertaken by the Church Council that meets two or three times a year and which delegates the day-to-day responsibilities for running the church to its Stewards, who are elected annually by the General Church Meeting. The Church Council comprises members of the local church and a representative from the Circuit. All are elected annually by the General Church Meeting, some by virtue of their office, others to ensure that the Council is as fully representative of the congregation as possible.

Being a Methodist Church, we function under the “Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church”, which is revised and published annually by our national governing body, the Methodist Conference. Throughout the year the guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion have been observed.

Review of the year.

Appointments

There have been no new appointments during the reporting period.

Activities

Church membership was 125 on 31 August 2025

During the year, the church continued to operate and grow its own Parents and Toddler group called Trinity Tots. Run by church members, this group had an average attendance of 35 children accompanied by 27 mothers, fathers and grandparents.

The church continued to operate a community café one morning per week. Called The Meeting Place and run by a group of --- volunteers offering refreshments and fellowship both to church members and others in the community, it serves on average 25 individuals each week.

Junior Church, Boys’ Brigade and other uniformed organizations continued to operate from within the premises providing support, care and activities for children and young people.

Pastoral visitors continued to maintain a valuable link with members and others linked to the church, particularly to those who are unable to worship regularly due to health conditions.

The church continues to provide a meeting space for a variety of local community groups through the provision of large and small meeting rooms available for hire.

During the year the Safeguarding policy has continued to be implemented, GDPR regulations followed and appropriate Health and Safety regulations have been observed.

Property

Trustees continued to exercise their responsibilities for the proper upkeep of the church as a Grade II listed building. Regular planned maintenance was conducted and works identified in the previous Quinquennial Inspection of the property were undertaken. The continuation of work was undertaken for the future improvement of the thermal efficiency of the premises, with the aim of becoming recognized as an Eco-church with a Silver Award.

Finance and Reserves

The Trustees reviewed the reserves policy to ensure that monies were spent appropriately and wisely on mission and property maintenance and improvements. Falling membership numbers through deaths and pressures on personal finances due to the overall economic situation both impacted negatively on giving, resulting in larger than anticipated financial losses during the year.

Throughout the year staff and the volunteers of the church have given unstintingly of their time, energy and money.

Signed: Rev Marty Presdee - Chair of Trustees – 31 May 2026

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STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Vale of Glamorgan

Circuit no.

2/27

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133512

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

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Minister:

Rev Andrew Charlesworth

Church Stewards:

Tony Farmer - Senior Steward

Angela Davison

Ceri-Lou Newman

Judith Lanning

Ruth Young

David Young

Treasurer:

Dr Ian Dvid Severn

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	63,773		63,773	65,914
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,892		2,892	3,075
a4	Lettings	60,873		60,873	56,552
a5	Other receipts	15,077		15,077	62,298
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	142,615		142,615 (a7)	187,839

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	56,103		56,103	59,230
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	48,239		48,239	97,040
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,006		19,006	18,565
b6					
b7	Other payments	33,061		33,061	25,086
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	156,409		156,409 (b9)	199,921

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(13,794)		(13,794)	(12,082)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	90,470		90,470 (c6)	102,458
c3	Sub total	76,676		76,676	90,376
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	76,676		76,676 (c8)	90,376 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 BB - CfB Account	204	500	(296)		4,211	3,915
e2 BB - Nat West Account	934	1,467	(533)		1,361	828
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,138	1,967	(829)		5,572 (e11)	4,743 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	142,615 (a7)	156,409 (b9)	(13,794)	(192) (c7)	90,470 (c6)	76,484 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	143,753	158,376	(14,623)	(192)	96,042 (x)	81,227 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand (Stamps)		
f2 Bank Current Account	7,396	7,252
f3 Bank Deposit Account	22	22
f4 Central Finance Board	82,959	69,210
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	56	56
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	90,433 (c6)	76,540 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	5,572 (e11)	4,743 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	96,005 (x)	81,283 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer  Date 16/10/25

Name and address of treasurer, Dr Ian D. SEVERN, 3 Larkwood Avenue, PENARTH, CF64 3JJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 16 October 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting M. Presdee

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Marty PRESDEE Date 16/10/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number . 1133512

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Penarth Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 4. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Name of Church ..

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner *John C. Hexter*

Name of independent examiner *John C. Hexter*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *7 Cowbrook Row West*

..... *Barny* Post Code *CF63 1LF*

Date *01/10/2025*

CLOSING BALANCE DIFFERS BY £192

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Penarth Methodist Church

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Rev. Catherine Lewis Tel: 02920 704896



1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

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The Principal Officer of the Charity during this period was Revd. Catherine Lewis Number of employees during the year was 1. All volunteers are either trustees of the church or other members.

Date report approved: 04 May 2025

The Trustees, responsible for all decisions made including appointments, were as follows on 31 August 2024:-

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Angela Davison	Judith Lanning
Ceri-Lou Newman	David Young
Ruth Young	Ian Severn
Carl Brace	Alison Norris
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Governance

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Being a Methodist Church, we function under the "Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church" revised and published annually by our national governing body, the Conference. Throughout the year the guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion have been observed.

Review of the year.

Appointments

There have been no new appointments during the reporting period.

Activities

A Gift Day was held in June which raised nearly £13,000, of which £3,500 was specifically for Organ Repairs. Church membership was 129 on 31 Aug 2024

During the year, the church continued to operate and grow its own Parents and Toddler group called Trinity Tots. Run by church members, this group had an average attendance of 40 children accompanied by 30 Mothers, Fathers and Grandparents!

The church continued to operate a community café one morning per week. Called The Meeting Place and run by a group of 15 volunteers offering refreshments and fellowship both to church members and others in the community, it serves on average 25 individuals each week.

Junior Church, "Brigade" and other uniformed organizations continued to operate from within the premises providing support, care and activities for children and young people. An After-School Club was started which is attended by about 10 secondary school children.

Pastoral visitors continued to maintain a valuable link with members and others linked to the church, particularly to those who are unable to worship regularly due to health conditions.

The church continues to provide meeting space for a variety of local community groups through the provision of large and small meeting rooms available for hire.

During the year Safeguarding policy has continued to be implemented, GDPR regulations followed and appropriate Health and Safety observed.

Property

Trustees continued to exercise their responsibilities for the proper upkeep of the church as a Grade II listed building. Regular planned maintenance was conducted and works identified in the previous Quinquennial Inspection of the property was undertaken. Continuation of work was undertaken for the future improvement of the thermal efficiency of the premises, with the aim of becoming recognized as an eco-church. We also installed Solar Panels and a Storage Battery System. Work allowing easier access to and within the property for people with mobility difficulties was also undertaken.

Finance and Reserves

Trustees reviewed the reserves policy to ensure that monies were spent appropriately yet prudently on mission and property maintenance and improvements. Falling membership numbers through deaths and pressures on personal finances due to the overall economic situation both impacted negatively on giving resulting in larger than anticipated financial losses during the year.

Throughout the year staff and the volunteers of the church have given of time, energy and money unstintingly.

Rev Catherine Lewis - Chair of Trustees

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PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

VALE OF GLAMORGAN

Circuit

Circuit no.

02/27

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133512

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Minister:

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Church Stewards:

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Anthony Farmer

Judith Lanning

Ceri-Lou Newman

David Young

Ruth Young

Treasurer:

Dr. Ian D. Severn

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered				65,914	48,918
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income				3,075	1,978
a4	Lettings				56,552	49,126
a5	Other receipts				62,298	75,800
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS				187,839 (a7)	175,822

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share				59,230	58,025
b3	Donations					872
b4	Repairs and Maintenance				97,040	49,411
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)				18,565	18,773
b6						
b7	Other payments				25,086	21,747
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS				199,921 (b9)	148,828

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)			(12,082)	26,994
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year					(c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)			(12,082)	26,994
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)			(12,082) (c8)	26,994 (c6)

SECTION D				
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e3						
e4						
e5						
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e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	187,839 (a7)	199,921 (b9)	(12,082)	(c7)	(c6)	75,910 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	187,839	199,921	(12,082)		(x)	75,910 (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 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	29	
f2 Bank Current Account	31,909	7,396
f3 Bank Deposit Account	5,025	22
f4 Central Finance Board	68,856	82,959
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	12,954	56
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	118,773 (c6)	90,433 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	118,773 (x)	90,433 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
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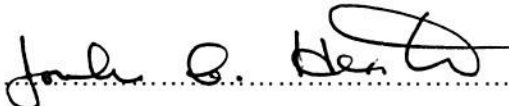
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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner **John C Hexter**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address **7 Coldbrook Road West, Cadoxton, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan**

..... Post Code **CF63 1LF**

Date **30-Sep-24**

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Penarth Methodist Church Annual Report

1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Charity Number 1133512

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Review of the year

Appointments

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Activities

This year showed the return to more normal ways of meeting and worship, without the need for and restrictions related to Covid, such as mask wearing and a more interactivity between members and visitors. We began the connexional year with an art exhibition, by the Welsh artist, Jeremy Thomas, which saw members of the church and local community spend time in the main church with art work depicting the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. A Bible study class is also being planned.

Church membership was 129 at 31 Aug 2023

During the year the church continued to operate and grow its own mother and toddler group called Trinity Tots which had started the previous year. Run by church members, this group had an average attendance of 35 children accompanied by parents/carers.

A Messy church event was also held once per academic term and saw between 40 and 50 attendees.

The church continued to operate a community café one morning per week which had started the previous year. Called The Meeting Place and run by a group of 14 volunteers offering refreshments and fellowship both to church members and others in the community it served on average 24 individuals each week. During the winter months, we opened as a 'warm space' to assist those struggling with the cost of living crisis, with soup and a roll introduced, along with extended opening times.

Junior Church, Boys Brigade and other uniformed organisations continued to operate from within the premises providing support, care and activities for children and young people.

Pastoral visitors continued to maintain a valuable link with members and others linked to the church, particularly to those who are unable to worship regularly due to health conditions.

The church continues to provide meeting space for a variety of local community groups through the provision of large and small meeting rooms available for hire .

During the year Safeguarding policy has continued to be implemented, GDPR regulations followed and appropriate Health and Safety observed.

Property

Trustees continued to exercise their responsibilities for the proper upkeep of the church as a Grade II listed building. Regular planned maintenance was carried out and works identified in the previous Quinquennial Inspection of the property was undertaken. Continuation of work was undertaken for the future improvement of the thermal efficiency of the premises, with the aim of becoming recognized as an eco-church. Works allowing easier access to and within the property for people with mobility difficulties was also undertaken.

Finance and Reserves

The reserves policy was reviewed by Trustees to ensure that monies were spent appropriately yet prudently on mission and property maintenance and improvements. Falling membership numbers through deaths and pressures on personal finances due to the overall economic situation both impacted negatively on giving resulting in larger than anticipated financial losses during the year.

Throughout the year staff and the volunteers of the church have given of time energy and money unstintingly.

Rev Catherine Lewis - Chair of Trustees

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Penarth Methodist Church	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

VALE OF GLAMORGAN	Circuit	Circuit no.	02/27
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Treasurer:

Ian D. Severn

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	48,918		48,918	51,357
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,978		1,978	267
a4	Lettings	49,126		49,126	43,268
a5	Other receipts	75,800		75,800	42,866
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	175,822		175,822 (a7)	137,758

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	58,025		58,025	44,089
b3	Donations	872		872	173
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	49,411		49,411	91,197
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	18,773		18,773	19,446
b6					
b7	Other payments	21,747		21,747	25,537
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	148,828		148,828 (b9)	180,442

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	26,994	26,994	(42,684)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year				(c6) 118,594
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	26,994	26,994	75,910
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	26,994	26,994 (c8)	75,910 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		2 of 5
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	137,689 (a7)	148,828 (b9)	(11,139)	75,910 (c6)	64,771 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	137,689	148,828	(11,139)	75,910 (x)	64,771 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	29
f2	Bank Current Account	31,909
f3	Bank Deposit Account	5,025
f4	Central Finance Board	68,856
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	12,954
f6	Other funds	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	118,773 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	118,773 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

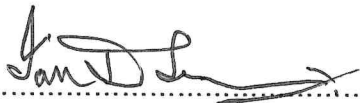
f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 3rd October 2023

Name and address of treasurer: Dr. Ian David Severn

3 Larkwood Avenue, PENARTH, CF64 3JJ

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 11th October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting DR. TIMOTHY CHARLES TWINING Date 11th October 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Penarth Methodist Church

Charity Number 1133512

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PENARTH METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

I have/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 *John C. Hexren*

Name of independent examiner *John C. Hexren*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *7 Coldbrook Road West*

..... *Cadoxton Barry* Post Code *CF63 1LF*

Date *3/10/2023*

* delete or circle as appropriate

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133512

Accounts

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

PENARTH METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Treasurer:

Ian D. Severn

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	51,357		51,357	65,810
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	267		267	366
a4	Lettings	43,268		43,268	22,414
a5	Other receipts	42,866		42,866	39,991
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	137,758		137,758 (a7)	128,581

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	£44,090		44,090	59,085
b3	Donations				172
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	91,197		91,197	57,464
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,446		19,446	7,526
b6					
b7	Other payments	25,537		25,537	14,712
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	180,270		180,270 (b9)	138,959

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(42,512)		(42,512)	(10,378)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year			118,594 (c6)	
c3	Sub total	(42,512)		76,082	(10,378)
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(42,512)		76,082 (c8)	(10,378) (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
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d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
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e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	137,758 (a7)	180,270 (b9)	(42,512)	(c7)	118,594 (c6)	76,082 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH					
	137,758	180,270	(42,512)		118,594 (x)	76,082 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	29	9
f2	31,909	8,136
f3	5,025	ZERO
f4	68,856	60,174
f5	12,954	6,340
f6		
f7	118,773 (c6)	74,659 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	118,773 (x)	74,659 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1		
g2		
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
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PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH NO: 2/27

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Signature of treasurer  Date 25/10/22

Name and address of treasurer Dr IAN DAVID SEVERN

3 Larkwood Avenue, PENARTH, CF64 3JJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 25TH OCTOBER 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Dr CHARLES TWINING Date 25/10/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1133512

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner John C Hexter

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 7 Coldbrook Road West

..... Cadoxton, Barry CF63 1LF

Date 22/10/2022

Penarth Methodist Church Annual Report

1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

Charity Number 1133512

Aim and Purpose

The calling of the Methodist Church of Great Britain is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship(increasing awareness of God's presence and celebrating God's love), Learning and Caring (enabling people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care), service (being a good neighbour to those in need and challenging injustice) and evangelism (making more followers of Jesus Christ). Penarth Methodist Church makes local the outworking of this calling in Penarth and the surrounding area. Included in this is the upkeep and maintenance of the Trinity buildings on the corner of Stanwell Road and Woodlands Place which are Grade II listed.

***The Principal Officer of the Charity during this period was Revd Catherine Lewis
Number of employees during the year was 1 . All volunteers are either trustees
of the church or other members***

Date report approved: 28 March 2023

The Trustees, responsible for all decisions made including appointments, were as follows at 31 August 2022:-

Rev. Catherine Lewis

Tony Farmer

Angela Davison

Judith Lanning

Ceri-Lou Newman

David Young

Ruth Young

Ian Severn

Carl Brace

Alison Norris

Rachel Burge

Jenny Corbett

Mary Farmer

John Hines

John Jevons

Sheila James

Margaret Pryde

David Pedwell

Janet Pedwell

Charles Twinning

Chris Arnold

Ro Newman

John Young

Graham Illingworth

Governance

The church is committed to enabling worship and service and to wider pastoral care of those within its membership and beyond in Penarth and the surrounding area. An overview of these activities is undertaken by the Church Council that meets 2/3 times a year and delegates the day to day responsibilities for running the church to its Stewards who are elected annually by the General Church Meeting. The Church Council comprises members of the local church and a rep from the Circuit. All are elected annually by the General Church Meeting, some by virtue of their office others to ensure that the Council is as representative of the congregation as possible. Being a Methodist Church we function under the "Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church" revised and published annually by our national governing body the Conference. Throughout the year the guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion have been observed.

Review of the year.

Appointments Naomi Lewis was appointed by the Vale of Glamorgan Methodist Circuit as Children and Families worker attached to Penarth Methodist Church in November 2021 to assist work there with young families and children.

Jayne Kolano was appointed as Church Administrator in September 2021 replacing Sarah Westmore who had resigned the previous summer.

Judith Lanning joined the team of Church Stewards during the year

Activities Following the relaxation of mixing rules during the Covid pandemic services of worship were held in person throughout the year while for those who were still isolating or anxious about a return to mixing those services were streamed so that those individuals could join in on-line. Church membership was 142 at 31 Aug 2022 plus many with a more tenuous connection to the church being included on our contact list.

During the year the church continued to operate and grow its own mother and toddler group called Trinity Tots which had started the previous year. Run by church members this group had an average attendance of 30 children accompanied by 27 mothers.

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PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133512

Accounts

Minister's report. Penarth Methodist Church 2022. GCM.

I would like to begin this report by thanking everyone for their warm welcome to Jason and I to Penarth.

We joined you in what was a difficult time, during the Covid19 pandemic. This period has not been without its challenges. It has taken me longer than I would perhaps have liked to get to know people, as we have only recently been able to have tea / coffee after services and of course we were all wearing masks for my first six months here.

It is a joy to note how well the two church communities of Trinity and Albert Road have joined together to become the church we now are: Penarth Methodist Church - I cannot see the join!

Although we have all been through a difficult time, I am pleased to report that much has been going on. Many things have restarted, for example Women's fellowship and choir and some new things have begun.

The pastoral team, the church stewards and all office holders have all continued to work tirelessly in a wide variety of ways for the church during the last year. Some in visible ways others in unseen ways.

You may have noticed that we have sorted and cleared up the entrance on Woodland Place, and inside the church building, including this worship space as restrictions have eased.

We see the building being well used, although more bookings are always welcome.

There has been much completed on the fabric of the building as we will hear in the property report.

We have welcomed two new members to the staff team, our community centre and church administrator Jayne, who has also become the circuit administrator and our children and families worker Naomi. Both are already valued members of the team and are full of ideas and get really stuck into the work.

The gathering Place Coffee morning has begun. Yesterday a Christian Aid Fair! We have held a Messy Church, and Trinity Tots is thriving. A new prayer time is being held on a Monday morning and Naomi and I have reclaimed the Chapel as a space for people to use for quiet prayer throughout the week. Boys Brigade continues and Youth work ideas abound. There are lots of ideas about!

We have welcomed two new members by transfer to PMC, Alan Redpath and Jason Lewis. We have had a baptism, and have a few more booked. We have had a wedding and have quite a lot of these booked. We have joined a majority of Methodist Churches in this area and across the Connexion to begin to host equal marriages, same-sex marriages. I await the paperwork - but believe it will arrive this week.

We have also sadly had a number of funerals and loses. We are grateful to Rev Catherine Brobbey and Rev Marty Presdee for officiating at some funerals for us. Catherine, before I began here and Marty will this week, take a service, as I was away when the request came in.

We also remember with fondness the late Jill Fanning and continue to pray for Phyl and the family at this time.

Yes, although we have been through a difficult time - God is good - all the time - and we see new life and the move of the Holy Spirit in this place. I am excited to see what else God is inspiring the people of Penarth Methodist Church to do. I am also sure I will have missed mentioning many good and valuable things that are going on in this church at this time - but - I want to tell you that every small action is appreciated - visible or not - God knows and we celebrate together. God Spirit is in the hearts of many here and is moving us to action.

Rev Cath Lewis

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Circuit no

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	65,810		65,810	47,009
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	366		366	1,470
a4	Lettings	22,414		22,414	41,226
a5	Other receipts	39,991		39,991	14,571
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	128,581		128,581 (a7)	104,277

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	59,085		59,085	50,084
b3	Donations	172		172	2,050
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	57,464		57,464	16,421
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,526		7,526	17,293
b6					
b7	Other payments	14,712		14,712	16,980
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	138,959		138,959 (b9)	102,828

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(10,378)	(10,378)	1,449
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year				(c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(10,378)	(10,378)	1,449
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	(10,378)	(10,378) (c8)	1,449 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
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SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	128,581 (a7)	138,959 (b9)	(10,378)	(c7)	(c6)	(10,378) (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	128,581	138,959	(10,378)		(x)	(10,378) (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		29
f2 Bank Current Account	10,025	31,909
f3 Bank Deposit Account	14,778	5,025
f4 Central Finance Board	91,353	68,856
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	12,967	12,954
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	129,123 (c6)	118,773 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	918 (e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	130,041 (x)	118,773 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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)

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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  28th September 2021

Name and address of treasurer

Dr.Ian David Severn, 3 Larkwood Avenue, PENARTH, CF64 3JJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 28th septmeber 2021.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd, Catherine Lewis 28th September 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Penarth Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1133512

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Penarth Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Annice Parker

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Date 25th September 2021

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133512

Accounts

Trinity Methodist Church (becoming Penarth Methodist Church), Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan

Trustees Annual Report for Year ending August 2020.

Aim and Purpose

The calling of the Methodist Church of Great Britain is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship (increasing awareness of God's presence and celebrating God's love), Learning and Caring (enabling people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care), service (being a good neighbour to those in need and challenging injustice) and evangelism (making more followers of Jesus Christ). Our church makes local the outworking of this calling in Penarth and the surrounding area. Included in this is the upkeep and maintenance of the Trinity buildings on the corner of Stanwell Road and Woodlands Place which are Grade II listed.

Objectives and Activities

The church is committed to enabling worship and service (as above) and to wider pastoral care of those within its membership and beyond in Penarth and the surrounding area. An overview of these activities is undertaken by the Church Council that meets 2/3 times a year and delegates the day to day responsibilities for running the church to its Stewards who are elected annually by the General Church Meeting. The Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions since March 2020 have significantly impacted on all areas of the church's life and activities. Since that date church life has been a mix of online and on site, depending on the restrictions current at the time. Throughout the unusual year the guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion have been observed.

Review of the year.

At the end of the previous year (see Report for year ending August 2019) Albert Road Methodist Church made the decision to close following the failure of its building. Much energy was expended by the Presbyter in charge of both churches and their lay leadership to enable a growing together of two congregations into one. The formal closure of Albert Road had to take place under the significant Covid restrictions in place during July 2020. To enable activities deemed permissible and safe considerable time and energy was expended by church members and particularly by the Church Lay Administrator producing and implementing Risk Assessments. This was made more complex by the constantly changing nature of the guidance. For significant periods the community use of the buildings had to cease. This reduced the "service" aspect of the Church's life and had a major impact on the finances of the church. The Presbyter in charge did magnificent work creating online worship materials, so that the worshiping life of those in the congregation who were able to access these was both enabled and enhanced. Telephone and online communication enabled the continued pastoral care of the congregation as well as continued (but reduced) support for Penarth Foodbank, Penarth Cytun and other projects the church supports in pursuing its calling (see above).

Due to the restrictions limiting physical access to the buildings maintenance work was much reduced and Occasional Offices other than funerals off site ceased.

In July the Presbyter in charge retired, and in August two part-time Presbyters (from the Barry part of the Vale of Glamorgan Circuit) were appointed to oversee the church during the 2020-2021 year. A major review of the pastoral care and membership lists of the united church, now termed "Penarth Methodist Church" began in August, giving the following statistics: Membership 162; many with a more tenuous connection to the church have agreed to their inclusion on our contact list.

During the year Safeguarding policy has continued to be implemented, GDPR regulations followed and appropriate Health and Safety observed. In all this the volunteers of the church have given of time energy and money unstintingly.

Finance and Reserves Policy

The reserves policy has continued to be observed. Finance was negatively impacted by the pandemic and associated restrictions (see the accounts posted separately)

Structure Governance and Management

The Church Council comprises members of the local church and a rep from the Circuit. All are elected annually by the General Church Meeting, some by virtue of their office others to ensure that the Council is as representative of the congregation as possible.

Being a Methodist Church we function under the "Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church" revised and published annually by our national governing body the Conference.

Signed:



Phil Challis



Catherine Brobbey

Joint Presbyters in Pastoral Charge of Penarth Methodist Church

23 June 2021