

Penarth Methodist Church Annual Report

1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

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 Rev. 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 April 2024

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

Rev Catherine Lewis
Angela Davison
Ceri-Lou Newman
Ruth Young
Carl Brace
Rachel Burge
Mary Farmer
John Jevons
Margaret Pryde
Janet Pedwell
Chris Arnold
John Young

Tony Farmer
Judith Lanning
David Young
Ian Severn
Alison Norris
Jenny Corbett
John Hines
Sheila James
David Pedwell
Charles Twining
Ro Newman
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

There have been no new appointments during the reporting period.

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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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133512

**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 Catherine Lewis

Church Stewards:

Angela Davison	Anthony Farmer
Judith Lanning	Ceri-Lou Newman
David Young	Ruth Young

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					
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					
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	(d1+d2-d3)		2 of 5

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 2023 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)	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)
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	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 

Name of independent examiner John C. Hexren

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 7 Coldbrook Road West

..... Cadroxton Barry, Post Code CF63 1LF

Date 3/10/2023

* delete or circle as appropriate