



Penarth Methodist Church

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1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

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: 04 May 2025

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

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	John Young

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

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

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

VALE OF GLAMORGAN	Circuit	Circuit no.	02/27
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133512

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

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

Minister:

Rev Catherine Lewis

Church Stewards:

Angela Davison	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
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
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			
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)		

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						
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)	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
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)

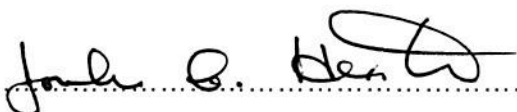
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Hexter

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Date 30-Sep-24

* delete or circle as appropriate