



Penarth Methodist Church



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Charity Number 1133512

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

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 in four ways: through worship, (increasing awareness of God's presence and celebrating God's love); through Learning and Caring, (enabling people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care); through service, (being a good neighbour to those in need and challenging injustice); through evangelism, (making more followers of Jesus Christ). Penarth Methodist Church localises the reality 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: 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

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Vale of Glamorgan	Circuit no.	2/27
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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 Andrew Charlesworth

Church Stewards:

Tony Farmer - Senior Steward

Angela Davison

Ceri-Lou Newman

Judith Lanning

Ruth Young

David Young

Treasurer:

Dr Ian Dvid Severn

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
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					
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					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(13,794)	(13,794)	(12,082)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	90,470		90,470 (c6)	102,458
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	76,676	76,676	90,376
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	76,676	76,676 (c8)	90,376 (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)		

PENARTH METHODIST CHURCH

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)
	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 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 ..

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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 

Name of independent examiner John C. Hexter

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 7 CORONATION ROAD WEST

..... BARRY Post Code CF63 1LF

Date 01/10/2025

CLOSING BALANCE DIFFERS BY £192

* delete or circle as appropriate