

Charity registration number: 1133699

Poynton Methodist Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

Poynton Methodist Church

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chair	Rev R Watson
Trustees	S Bradley, Secretary J Robson, Treasurer N Hood, Steward J Ridgway, ex-Steward J Gibbons, Steward S Hughes, Steward J Profitt, Steward C Ding, Steward E Evans, Steward D Dippie, Circuit Steward J Turner, Pastoral Secretary R Drinkwater, Finance Committee G Freeman, Safeguarding officer S Holmes, Young Church I Hall, Young Church D Holmes, Property M Hawkyard, Worship C Hawkyard, worship J Drinkwater H Parry G Oldham P Maltby
Other Officers	A Price, Circuit Steward

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Reference and Administrative Details

Principal Office	The Civic Hall car park Park Lane Poynton Cheshire SK12 1RB
Charity Registration Number	1133699
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland
Independent Examiner	JP Roper McKellens Chartered Accountants 11 Riverview The Embankment Business Park Vale Road, Heaton Mersey Stockport Sk4 3GN

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020.

During the year covered by this report the work of Poynton Methodist Church was severely hampered by the outbreak of the Coronavirus known as Covid-19. This disease spread throughout the whole world, causing much loss of life, and great financial hardship. From March the Church building was closed, and much of the work was done remotely as will be referred to later in this report. This pandemic affected all of our members and all those connected to the Church in many different ways.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Church has a Mission Statement which states that our Church Family encourages everyone:

- to come to worship God who loves us
- to follow Jesus Christ our Saviour
- to grow in fellowship, joy and love, and
- to go out, share the Good News and serve in the World

The Objects of the Charity:

To provide a place of worship, learning and caring, service, and evangelism in the town of Poynton, in accordance with the general purposes of the Methodist Church.

To maintain a suite of premises suitable for the spiritual, educational and social needs of the congregation and the wider community.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Staffing:

During the year Poynton Methodist Church employed three staff on a part time basis.

There is a Children and Family Worker who was appointed in January 2017 and is contracted for 18 hours per week. Her salary is funded partly by members of the Church and partly by grant from the Macclesfield Methodist Circuit.

There is a cleaner who works 15 hours per week and a church administrator/secretary who works 8 hours per week. Their salaries are paid from general church funds. The cleaner was placed on furlough for periods from 18th March under the government furlough scheme because of closure of the Church owing to Covid-19 restrictions.

The Church relies on an army of volunteers for day-to-day operations. Many of these are highly skilled and knowledgeable. Much of the Church maintenance is carried out by some of those volunteers. If a financial value were to be placed on the time given freely by the many volunteers it would amount to a significant sum.

Provision of Facilities:

Room hire is managed by the Room Bookings Secretary, who also assists the many users of the premises. In normal times (up to 1st March 2020) room hire provides a significant proportion of the Church's income, as well as providing a venue for many local organisations, including:- 1st and 3rd Poynton Guides, 2nd Poynton Brownies, 2nd Poynton Rainbows, Epiphany music group, Just Sing, Kids Zone (after school and school holiday provision for children), Open Hands, Cheshire Carers, Peak Pony Club, Poynton Male Voice Choir, Poynton Youth Brass band, Kidslingo and Cantata Music Education.

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Working with Children and Young People:

Sadly during the year, the Trustees had to make the very painful decision to close the Preschool, which had been affiliated to the Church for many years. The Preschool had been an excellent centre of learning and care, as evidenced by obtaining an "Outstanding" classification from Ofsted. Despite this, and despite a lot of hard work by the dedicated staff, supported by the management committee, various factors led to the conclusion that the Preschool was unlikely to continue to be viable into the foreseeable future.

Our Children and Families Worker continued to develop and extend links between the families and children attending our child friendly worship-based events together with helping to develop links with the numerous children's-based groups and organisations that use our premises. These would include various uniformed groups eg. Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Preschool, and local primary schools. This work has been supported and augmented by a dedicated team of volunteers who have helped to run several very successful holiday sessions. Again, these groups were unable to meet from mid-March owing to the Coronavirus lockdown.

The Toddlers' Group is run under the auspices of the Church, and the Minister and Children and Families Worker are involved with that group.

On Sunday mornings there was a creche available for the youngest members, up to approximately 2 ½ years. The rear of the Church has been rearranged to provide a space for families with young children to stay together in Church.

From August 2019, and in line with falling numbers and changing age ranges, it was decided not to provide formal teaching across the age ranges at the morning service. Though not an easy decision to make, it was decided that, in order to move forward, Young Church would concentrate on delivering a Sunday afternoon "Messy Church" at regular intervals, which combines play with structured learning. It was felt that this may well appeal to younger families, which in time might lead to greater attendance at the more formal services.

'Evolve' is our older group for secondary and sixth form aged young people where they are encouraged to discuss and explore their Christian faith through various contemporary or biblical topics. That group was unable to meet during the second half of the year. Up until then Evolve met with several members of the congregation at the Acoustic Lounge in Poynton on some Sunday mornings.

"Who let the Dad's Out" ran throughout the first half of the year. Run by men for men and their children / grandchildren, it offered a monthly opportunity to enjoy fun, craft, games, a story, healthy snack and an outdoor play area in a safe and secure environment.

Safeguarding

Many people within the church work with, or regularly come into contact with, those who might be considered vulnerable. These groups include children, the elderly and those who have problems and come to church for help, perhaps in a weakened emotional state. The church has stringent Safeguarding policies and training in place to ensure that all those who have contact with the church may be treated with dignity and respect, in a safe and caring environment.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Achievements and performance

Place in the Community:

In normal times, the church is involved with Christian education, welfare and fellowship for all ages within the Church family and offers a wide variety of programmes and activities centred on the premises. The church stewards and various committees monitor the activities of the groups, which meet both off and on the premises.

Visiting speakers are arranged for special events and services during the year.

The Church supports the Churches Together in Poynton group which organises ecumenical worship (Christmas and Easter) and activities within the village of Poynton, including, in the past 12 months, an annual visit to the local High School to discuss issues of faith.

We seek to engage with all non-church-based groups who use our premises, and for those groups using them on a regular basis, a “buddy” system has been introduced so that each group has a first point of contact.

Membership:

The Church membership has reduced during the past year and at 31st August 2020 stood at 126. Six members died during the year. 1 person transferred membership to another church, 1 person was accepted into membership and 1 had their membership reinstated between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

Pastoral:

The pastoral care within the church is a joint undertaking between ordained ministry and lay members. There is a dedicated group of pastoral visitors, under the leadership of a pastoral secretary and (currently) 2 pastoral co-ordinators. The co-ordinators each work with a team of 7 to 10 pastoral visitors. Their role is to maintain a link between the church, its members and close friends and others who may no longer be able to attend worship, and to bring to the notice of the minister any who may need ministerial visits.

Pastoral care was made difficult in the periods when we were in lockdown, and personal visits were not allowed. However, the pastoral team did their best to maintain contact via telephone, email and weekly notices. The notices were posted to those not online.

Opportunities for Worship and study:

2019/2020 divided clearly into 2 halves – the period from 1st September 2019 to the middle of March 2020, and the remainder of the year to the end of August 2020.

During the 1st half there was a regular pattern of worship and study, the main act of worship taking place on Sunday at 10.30am. There was a crèche for very young children, which enabled parents to participate in the service knowing that their children were being well cared for. On the 3rd Sunday in the month there would be a communion service at 9.00am.

There were 2 mid-week worship services held once a month. On the 1st Tuesday there was an informal 30-minute service followed by a community lunch. On the 3rd Thursday of each month there was a 30-minute service of Holy Communion and once again a meal was offered afterwards.

Different styles of worship were offered periodically at the main Sunday service. There was a Café Church which is quite informal and set around tables to enable discussion over refreshments. Messy Church is particularly aimed at families and young children.

There were a number of small groups, including bible study, prayer and social groups meeting the needs of members of both the church and community.

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The church also played host to the fellowship from Green Close Methodist Church at Pott Shrigley, whose chapel there was severely damaged by the floods in the summer of 2018. They held their service at Poynton at 2.30pm on Sundays. It is hoped that Green Close will reopen as soon as Covid-19 restrictions allow.

That was all before places of worship were ordered to be closed by the government in a drive to restrict the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The restrictions placed severe limits on what you could do and with whom. Unfortunately, all activity within the church buildings had to stop. (We would not be able to meet again until mid-September 2020, and even then, only until the end of November when a second wave of the virus spread rapidly throughout the country.)

With churches closed, it was important that ministry in both worship and pastoral care should continue. The weekly Sunday service was moved on line via pre-recorded link, and those who did not have internet connection could listen by telephone. Regular bible study was held by Zoom, as was a weekly evening prayer service. All of these were available to everyone throughout the Macclesfield Methodist circuit, the circuit ministers taking it in turn to lead the morning worship.

There was a regular “virtual” coffee morning every Wednesday, giving the members the chance to socialise on line.

It is planned to have an online presence for worship and study after restrictions on meeting together are lifted

Financial review

The Charity recorded a surplus of £11,155 (2019: £16,438) on its unrestricted funds for the year.

The church is aware of its need to increase the income it receives from both donations and room lettings if the church is to meet its continuing and future ministry and maintenance of the facilities over the coming years. The fact that there is little rental income and reduced donations whilst the church premises are closed will have an adverse effect on revenues.

Unrestricted funds have increased to £154,667 (2019: £143,512)

Restricted Funds

Restricted reserves amounted to £15,221 (2019: £24,042), specifically to assist with the salary of the Children and Families Worker (£5,211), the Flower Fund (£452) and bequests for specific purposes (£9558)

During the year grants were received from Allchurches Trust (£1500), Poynton Area Community Partnership (£1000) and a donation of £200 from Epiphany.

Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the church to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the church, at a level which equates to at least six months unrestricted expenditure in order to provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs in the immediate future. We therefore aim to have no less than £50,000 in reserves at any time. The reserves policy is based on Methodist guidelines, and is reviewed from time to time.

Principal funding sources

Donations from the congregation, room hire fees and bequests.

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Investment policy and objectives

The Charity invests surplus funds with the Methodist Church investment scheme

Plans for future periods

Activities planned to achieve aims

Welcome

At the Annual Church meeting each year there is an agenda item entitled "Conversation on the work of God." One of the subjects discussed in 2019 was how we might engage better with the community, and make our premises more welcoming. It was hoped that the plans which emanated from that meeting would encourage people to come in for coffee and that the coffee lounge would provide a space for people with young children to come in and relax. This area would be extended into the back of the church, where there is now a play area.

New chairs and tables would be provided in the coffee area, and new chairs would be purchased for the worship area, the present ones having been in use since 1982. The building would have a lighter, more welcoming feel, with an open doors policy when the weather permits. There is already a new welcome sign outside each day.

Progress with those plans was put on hold owing to the Covid-19 restrictions on access to the church. The new chairs for the worship area have been purchased and are currently in storage until the congregation can meet again without restrictions.

The church is situated in the corner of a civic car park, and so it is felt that we need to make our presence known more visibly to improve "footfall" to our part of Poynton. There are now plans to make the frontage of the church more welcoming, and to provide a relaxed outdoor space for use by the community. There will be seating available for use by members of the public, and a community garden between the church and the hall.

It is hoped that this may make us more attractive to regular and casual visitors, with whom we can share our faith.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Methodist Church is constituted under the Methodist Church Act 1976. The local church is part of the national Methodist Church. The local church's property is held on the Model Trusts by the Custodian Trustee, The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. Management of that property, and responsibility for the local church's spiritual financial affairs, is delegated to the local Church Council to act as Managing Trustees.

Poynton Methodist Church was granted charitable status on 30 December 2008 under Charity Number 1133699, and registered on 22 January 2010.

The Trustees are aware that these are challenging times for churches of most denominations. We live in a secular society where people live busy lives, and there is little interest in matters of faith. However, the Trustees believe that Poynton Methodist Church is well equipped both financially and spiritually to meet that challenge.

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Some members are appointed to Church Council by virtue of the office they hold within the life of the church. The Church Council is responsible for making such appointments. The Church Stewards and representatives of the congregation are appointed at the Annual Church Meeting held in the summer each year.

Induction and training of trustees

Trustees are periodically reminded of their legal obligations under charity law.

Organisational structure

The Church Council as Managing Trustees administer the Charity. They meet at least twice a year. There is a Finance Committee which has delegated powers to deal with finance and audit, plus other sub-committees which meet regularly. A proportion of the Trustees are appointed each year by those attending the Annual Church Meeting, held usually in July, and at which all members are entitled to attend and vote. According to the rules and regulations of the Methodist Church such Trustees normally serve for a period not exceeding 6 years.

Major risks and management of those risks

The Church Council has a range of policies, which are updated regularly, covering the following areas:
Safeguarding, and working with children and vulnerable adults.

Health & Safety

Financial & Office systems

Hazards - fire etc.

These policies are reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis.

Financial instruments

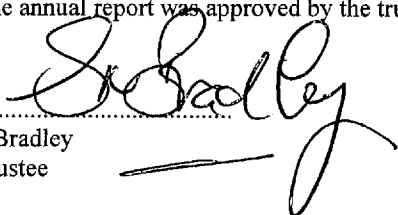
Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


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S Bradley
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

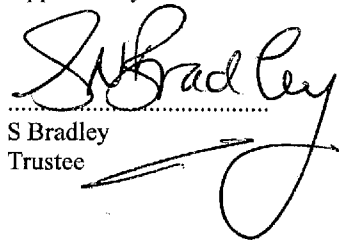
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


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S Bradley
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Poynton Methodist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 11 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Poynton Methodist Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

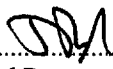
I report in respect of my examination of the Poynton Methodist Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Poynton Methodist Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.


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Independent Examiner
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The Embankment Business Park
Vale Road, Heaton Mersey
Stockport
Sk4 3GN

31 March 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

2020	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		100,204	5,140	-	105,344	75,561
Other trading activities		5,501	-	-	5,501	9,721
Investment income	4	749	25	94	868	978
Other income		<u>108,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,293</u>	<u>86,564</u>
Total Income		<u>214,747</u>	<u>5,165</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>220,006</u>	<u>172,824</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities		(169,732)	(13,961)	-	(183,693)	(130,480)
Other expenditure	7	<u>(33,957)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>(33,979)</u>	<u>(26,299)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(203,689)</u>	<u>(13,966)</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>(217,672)</u>	<u>(156,779)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		11,058	(8,801)	77	2,334	16,045
Gross transfers between funds		<u>97</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(77)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		11,155	(8,821)	-	2,334	16,045
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		<u>143,512</u>	<u>24,042</u>	<u>1,327</u>	<u>168,881</u>	<u>152,835</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>154,667</u>	<u>15,221</u>	<u>1,327</u>	<u>171,215</u>	<u>168,880</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

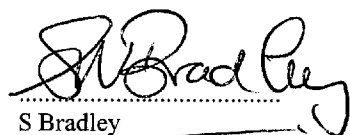
2019	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		62,067	13,494	-	75,561	72,454
Other trading activities		9,721	-	-	9,721	13,701
Investment income	4	881	81	16	978	553
Other income		<u>86,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,564</u>	<u>71,121</u>
Total Income		<u>159,233</u>	<u>13,575</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>172,824</u>	<u>157,829</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities		(116,518)	(13,962)	-	(130,480)	(132,213)
Other expenditure	7	<u>(26,277)</u>	<u>(19)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(26,299)</u>	<u>(21,512)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(142,795)</u>	<u>(13,981)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(156,779)</u>	<u>(153,725)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		16,438	(406)	13	16,045	4,104
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(511)</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>(24)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		15,927	129	(11)	16,045	4,104
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		<u>127,585</u>	<u>23,913</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>152,835</u>	<u>148,732</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>143,512</u>	<u>24,042</u>	<u>1,326</u>	<u>168,880</u>	<u>152,836</u>

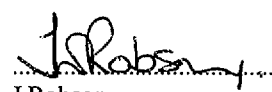
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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(Registration number: 1133699)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	23,568	19,382
Investments	12	10,885	10,885
Cash at bank and in hand	13	<u>148,531</u>	<u>163,402</u>
		182,984	193,669
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(11,769)</u>	<u>(24,789)</u>
Net assets		<u>171,215</u>	<u>168,880</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment		1,327	1,326
Restricted		15,221	24,042
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted		<u>154,667</u>	<u>143,512</u>
Total funds	15	<u>171,215</u>	<u>168,880</u>

The financial statements on pages 11 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 9 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by:


 S Bradley
 Trustee


 J Robson
 Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Poynton Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed and are recognised at the transaction price.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

The church has a permanent endowment fund which it is entitled to spend the income arising but not to reduce the capital amount held.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations and legacies;					
Donations from individuals	2,500	77,131	4,190	83,821	56,194
Donations from community groups	200	-	-	200	-
Gift aid reclaimed	-	10,044	950	10,994	10,297
Grants, including capital grants;					
Government grants	-	1,298	-	1,298	-
Grants from other charities	-	9,031	-	9,031	9,070
	<u>2,700</u>	<u>97,504</u>	<u>5,140</u>	<u>105,344</u>	<u>75,561</u>

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Sales of goods and services	-	-	841
Fundraising	<u>5,501</u>	<u>5,501</u>	<u>8,880</u>
	<u>5,501</u>	<u>5,501</u>	<u>9,721</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Endowment Permanent £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Bank Interest	749	-	-	749	881
TMCP Funds interest	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>97</u>
	<u>749</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>978</u>

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5 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	General	2020	2019
	£	£	£
Fees	83,217	83,217	51,857
Rental income	14,413	14,413	30,468
Feed in tariff	4,613	4,613	4,238
Proceeds of sale of equipment	400	400	-
Miscellaneous income	5,650	5,650	1
	<u>108,293</u>	<u>108,293</u>	<u>86,564</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted		Total	Total
	Note	General	Restricted	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Payments to Circuit		52,608	-	52,608	39,456
Employment costs		11,504	13,602	25,106	24,617
Pension costs		1,186	-	1,186	1,327
Materials		851	359	1,210	2,374
Youth Work		166	-	166	281
Music		474	-	474	450
Outreach & Ministry		2,226	-	2,226	944
PA & Equipment		12,535	-	12,535	870
Office Expenses		70	-	70	-
Printing, postage & stationery		57	-	57	-
Charitable Donations		1,467	-	1,467	1,715
Wages		77,747	-	77,747	56,500
Materials		460	-	460	431
Redundancy		6,816	-	6,816	-
Telephone		441	-	441	472
Printing, Postage & stationery		74	-	74	23
Governance costs	8	<u>1,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,020</u>
		<u>169,732</u>	<u>13,961</u>	<u>183,693</u>	<u>130,480</u>

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7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted		Endowment		Total 2020	Total 2019
	Designated £	General £	Restricted £	Permanent £	£	£
Charitable donations	-	-	-	-	-	775
Sundry expenses	-	1,441	-	-	1,441	729
Administration of investments	-	-	5	17	22	22
Repairs and maintenance	14,860	3,514	-	-	18,374	6,385
Equipment	-	308	-	-	308	458
Telephone and fax	-	790	-	-	790	334
Computer software and maintenance costs	-	231	-	-	231	-
District Partnership Fund	-	1,729	-	-	1,729	1,703
Redundancy costs	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Light, heat and power	-	3,687	-	-	3,687	4,159
Insurance	-	2,674	-	-	2,674	2,637
Printing, postage and stationery	-	1,234	-	-	1,234	2,327
CTIP	-	432	-	-	432	794
Cleaning	-	1,758	-	-	1,758	2,340
Gardening	-	1,170	-	-	1,170	1,170
Legal and professional fees	-	129	-	-	129	159
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	307
	<u>14,860</u>	<u>19,097</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>33,979</u>	<u>26,299</u>

8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,020</u>
	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,020</u>

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9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	423	790
Prepayments	13,813	13,152
Other debtors	9,332	5,440
	<u>23,568</u>	<u>19,382</u>

12 Current asset investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash deposits	<u>10,885</u>	<u>10,885</u>

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash on hand	285	237
Cash at bank	66,706	41,503
Short-term deposits	81,541	121,662
	<u>148,532</u>	<u>163,402</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other taxation and social security	971	1,113
Other creditors	1,053	3,382
Pension scheme creditor	543	924
Accruals	9,202	6,426
Deferred income	-	12,944
	<u>11,769</u>	<u>24,789</u>

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15 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General funds</i>					
General Fund	125,656	120,679	(100,214)	(3,488)	142,633
Preschool	118	88,900	(87,764)	(300)	954
Parent & Toddler group	917	754	(236)	(730)	705
Ladies Fellowship	490	1,714	(615)	(385)	1,204
Total General Funds	127,181	212,047	(188,829)	(4,903)	145,496
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Property Fund	16,331	2,700	(14,860)	5,000	9,171
Total Designated Funds	16,331	2,700	(14,860)	5,000	9,171
Total unrestricted	143,512	214,747	(203,689)	97	154,667
Restricted Funds					
Church and Family Worker	14,063	4,750	(13,602)	-	5,211
Bequests	9,558	25	(5)	(20)	9,558
Flower Fund	421	390	(359)	-	452
Restricted	24,042	5,165	(13,966)	(20)	15,221
Endowment					
Permanent	1,327	94	(17)	(77)	1,327
Total funds	168,881	220,006	(217,672)	-	171,215

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	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General funds</i>					
General Fund	115,311	101,033	(80,177)	(10,485)	125,682
Preschool	(874)	53,905	(59,738)	6,800	93
Parent & Toddler group	950	1,275	(288)	(1,020)	917
Ladies Fellowship	508	2,179	(1,662)	(535)	490
Traidcraft	227	841	(930)	(139)	(1)
Flower Team	132	-	-	(132)	-
Total General Funds	116,254	159,233	(142,795)	(5,511)	127,181
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Property Fund	11,331	-	-	5,000	16,331
Total Designated Funds	11,331	-	-	5,000	16,331
Total unrestricted	127,585	159,233	(142,795)	(511)	143,512
Restricted Funds					
Church and Family Worker	14,316	13,113	(13,366)	-	14,063
Bequests	9,597	81	(19)	(101)	9,558
Flower Fund	-	381	(596)	636	421
Restricted	23,913	13,575	(13,981)	535	24,042
Endowment					
Permanent	1,337	16	(3)	(24)	1,326
Total funds	152,835	172,824	(156,779)	-	168,880

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds			Endowment funds	Total funds
	General	Designated	Other	Permanent	at 31 August
	£	£	£	£	2020
Current assets	157,265	9,171	15,221	1,327	182,984
Current liabilities	(11,769)	-	-	-	(11,769)
Total net assets	<u>145,496</u>	<u>9,171</u>	<u>15,221</u>	<u>1,327</u>	<u>171,215</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	General	Designated		Permanent	at 31 August
	£	£	£	£	2019
Current assets	151,970	16,331	24,042	1,326	193,669
Current liabilities	(24,789)	-	-	-	(24,789)
Total net assets	<u>127,181</u>	<u>16,331</u>	<u>24,042</u>	<u>1,326</u>	<u>168,880</u>