

SHERWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133934

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-02-01

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

Contact

Address 26 Melbury Road
Woodthorpe
Nottingham
NG5 4PG

Phone 01159262483

Website www.sherwoodmethodist.org.uk

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: 72 services of public worship are held each year.3 groups for children and young people run regularly. 4 groups for adults meet weekly for discussion, study and prayer. Fund raising events held to help local and national charities.Premises are made available for a wide range of local community groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£94,309	£105,593	-	-
2023-08-31	£119,371	£91,860	-	-
2022-08-31	£106,760	£91,987	-	-
2021-08-31	£86,677	£81,424	-	-
2020-08-31	£131,623	£102,915	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev RICHARD JOHN BYASS	Chair	2022-10-01
Alice McGregor		2018-04-22
Anthony Richard Farr		2021-09-29
BRIAN SHAW		2022-09-01
Dave Maware		2023-06-18
Gregory Alan White		2016-05-01
Helen Snowball		2023-06-18
Jane Florence Whiting		2021-09-29
Jane Lewis		2017-05-01
Jane Rachael Edwards		2019-05-12
Josephine Anne Williams		2019-05-12
Julie Compton		2020-07-28
MARGARET RUTH JONES		2025-10-14
Marguerite Rosemary Carter		
Paul Osborne		2022-09-29
Rachel Helen Tavener		2023-10-04
Robert John Chandler		2014-02-12
Susan Elizabeth Cooper		2021-09-29

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**Sherwood Methodist Church
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

Full name Sherwood Methodist Church

Registered charity number 1133934

Principal address

Sherwood Methodist Church, Devon Drive, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EN

Trustees

Rev Richard Byass
Helen Snowball, from 18/06/2023
Anthony Farr
Susan Cooper
Josephine Williams
Alice McGregor
Jane Lewis
Paul Lewis
Robert Rattigan
Paul Osborne

Rachel Tavener, from 04/10/2023
Dave Maware, from 18/06/2023
Brian Shaw
Jane Whiting
Julie Compton
Jane Edwards
Gregory White
Robert Chandler
Marguerite Carter

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Deed of Union (1932) and The Methodist Church Act (1976).

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Sherwood Methodist Church

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

As one of the largest Christian faith congregations within the community of Sherwood, SMC provides a significant focal point in the local community for the spiritual needs and social development of local people.

By actively promoting values of inclusiveness and welcome, SMC encourages the local community and seeks to minimise conflict.

By making its building available to the wider public and local groups, SMC enables community groups to function and flourish and provides a base for community activities.

By its support for people in need, such as through the Food Bank and the Nourish Community food program, it helps reduce the impact of poverty in the neighbourhood.

Central to our existence is our offer of a wide variety of acts of public worship. These include, traditional, contemporary, reflective, all age, communion services, and worship associated with our Messy Church, at various times during the week. The main service is at 10.30am on Sunday mornings each week attracting a congregation of approximately 60-80 people.

As a Christian body we encourage and embrace diversity. This is demonstrated by the wide range of our community in terms of age (1yr-100yrs), physical ability and ethnic background (Ghanaian Fellowship) who regularly attend activities and worship at our church.

The church relies on and receives tremendous levels of voluntary support from members and friends so that its ministry and service to the community can be delivered.

A number of church members are actively involved in the meetings and work of Nottingham Citizens, a multi-faith and multi-agency group that campaigns on subjects and issues of social justice on behalf of the residents of Nottingham.

Through the provision of training to appropriate volunteers and staff, the church is able to maintain its high level of commitment to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Events are organised to focus on specific needs and charities, operating locally or world-wide, and money raised to support their work. The church provides for a wide variety of local needs, including; Sharing Sherwood, healthy eating group, a Methodist Ghanaian Fellowship, various choirs, several health-based initiatives, an after-school education program, Guides and Scouts groups, craft groups, knit and natter (including making prayer shawls for distribution to those in pastoral need). In addition to these we have new bookings from other user groups and external organisations.

Sherwood Methodist Church

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The Mission plan for the church, continues to be developed and implemented. This has been based in part on the Our Calling statement of the Methodist Church and also the Methodist Way of Life material from the national denomination.

Our church continues to act as a drop-off point for collections for our local food bank. This has helped to maintain our link with the local community and also to assist those struggling with food poverty. Together with several other local churches members of our community continues to support and run a food initiative called Nourish which provided freshly cooked meals to those in the community who were struggling with isolation/food poverty. As the cost of living crisis hits many people, this remains a much needed resource within the local community.

As part of our creative outreach we have continued to improve our award winning Quiet Garden to offer a space of refuge and reflection for members of the church, user groups and local community. We have continued to use and develop our roadside notice boards to offer messages of hope for all.

As a church we continue to reach out into a community to be a visible sign of God's grace and love. We are an active part of Nottingham Citizens with members of our congregation participating in their current work plan.

Our church also has Fairtrade status and it is important that all church based groups use Fairtrade products, other users of the building are also encouraged to comply. We know from previous experience that producer groups in developing countries benefit immensely from the Fairtrade premium.

The church has maintained a place of confidence in its presence in the community and the activities offered. This has been evidenced in the range of ventures that have been supported by members and wider community both on-site and beyond over the last 12 months, which has allowed us to feel established in our worship and social action as well as in our fellowship and shared faith. We have also established a new Well-being drop in, and we have continued to refresh our understanding of being an Eco Church.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'

Sherwood Methodist Church

The charity's policy on reserves

The church's policy on reserves is to aim to hold a level of uncommitted free reserves equating to six months of General Fund expenditure. These reserves are held in case of unbudgeted expenditure on repairs to property, replacement of damaged or faulty equipment, or additional investment in church activities and initiatives. Reserves are also required in case of a short term shortfall in income. The policy is reviewed annually.

Financial risks

Reduction in income due to members leaving or having reduced circumstances, or an increase in outgoings which are most likely to be due to unexpected repairs to buildings or equipment

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Rev. Richard Byass, Trustee

Date 12/2/25

Sherwood Methodist Church
Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
for the year ended 31 August 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Methodist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

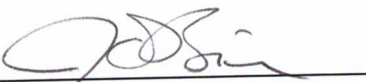
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed  Date 20/2/25
John O'Brien MSc, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

2023			2024
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted
Funds		Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£
	Receipts		
82455	Grants & donations	2 65851	50 65901
5000	Gifts & legacies	-	-
4865	Fundraising & events	10	10
17692	Lettings	18653	18653
291	Coffee bar	456	456
3914	Bank interest	6633	6633
5154	Sundry income	2656	2656
<u>119371</u>	Total receipts	<u>94259</u>	<u>50 94309</u>
	Payments		
8885	Cleaner's wages	14346	14346
1738	Cleaning materials	1905	1905
7195	Donations	6847	6847
520	Encounter groups	440	440
1201	Equipment, repairs & renewals	1858	1858
4169	Events & fundraising	-	-
371	Hospitality & coffee bar	406	406
726	Independent examination	726	726
2997	Insurance	3071	3071
996	Licences & music, worship resources	903	903
-	Messy & junior church activities	108	108
38769	Nottingham North East Circuit Contribution	53688	53688
8434	Premises maintenance & improvements	6263	6263
487	Publicity	427	427
2216	Stationery/photocopying/IT	2227	2227
660	Sundry expenditure	350	350
-	Training	230	230
12496	Utilities	11758	11758
-	Benevolence fund expenditure	-	40 40
<u>91860</u>	Total payments	<u>105553</u>	<u>40 105593</u>
27511	Net receipts/(payments)	(11294)	10 (11284)
115199	Cash funds at start of this period	137450	5260 142710
<u>142710</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>126156</u>	<u>5270 131426</u>

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 August 2024**

2023		Note	2024
£			£
	Cash assets		
142710	Bank accounts		131426
<u>142710</u>			<u>131426</u>
	Other monetary assets		
10840	Debtors & prepayments	4	9177
<u>10840</u>			<u>9177</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Land & buildings at insured value, £2,350,000		
	Chairs purchased January 2019, cost £534		
	Storage units purchased September 2020, cost £1,300		
	Liabilities		
(5495)	Creditors	5	(5139)
<u>(5495)</u>			<u>(5139)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 
 Brian Shaw, Trustee

Dated 12th FEB/25

Sherwood Methodist Church
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Gift aid	12434	-	12434
Sundry grants & donations	53417	50	53467
	65851	50	65901

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Benevolence fund	205	50	(40)	215
Church weekend	(26)	-	-	(26)
Family worker	4401	-	-	4401
Ladies Fellowship	680	-	-	680
	5260	50	(40)	5270
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	45861	88971	(105440)	29392
Gifts & legacies	91589	5288	(113)	96764
	137450	94259	(105553)	126156

The Benevolence Fund is for the purpose of holding funds given or designated to be used for the benefit of people in financial need.

The Church weekend fund is for the purpose of holding funds paid for attending the church weekend away.

The Family worker fund is for the purpose of holding funds designated to support the family worker.

The Ladies Fellowship fund is for the purpose of holding funds raised by members of the Church Ladies Fellowship to be spent on events and other items for their meetings.

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4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Grants & donations - Gift Aid	5471
Sundry income	634
Insurance	1843
Licences & music, worship resources	437
Premises maintenance & improvements	765
Utilities	27
	<u>9177</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	726
Utilities	784
Charity Donations	3369
Premises maintenance	81
Cleaning materials	179
	<u>5139</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

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Trustees

Rev. Richard Byass, from 01/10/22	Susan Cooper
Rev John Wiseman, until 30/09/22	Jane Whiting
Brian Shaw, Treasurer, from 01/09/22	Anthony Farr
Robert Thomas, Treasurer, until 08/11/22	Julie Compton
Paul Lewis, Secretary	Paul Osborne
Marguerite Carter	Jennifer Turner
Robert Chandler	Maurice Turner
Josephine Williams	Gregory White
Jane Smithson, from 30/07/23	David Slinger
David Mawere, from 18/06/23	Jane Lewis
Helen Snowball, from 18/06/23	Robert Rattigan
Rachel Tavener, from 04/10/23	Jane Edwards
Richard Cooper, until 18/06/23	Alice McGregor
Stephen Paling, until 18/06/23	

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

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Sherwood Methodist Church

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

As one of the largest Christian faith congregations within the community of Sherwood, SMC provides the major focus in the local community for the spiritual needs and development of local people.

- By actively promoting values of inclusiveness and tolerance, SMC encourages the enhancement of integration within the local community and the minimisation of conflict;
- By making its building available at modest cost to the wider public and local groups, SMC enables community groups to function and flourish and provides a centre for community activities;
- By its support for people in need, such as through the Food Bank and the Nourish Community food program, it helps reduce the impact of poverty in the neighbourhood;
- We offer a wide variety of acts of public worship. These include, traditional, contemporary, reflective, All Age, communion services and worship associated with our Messy Church at various times during the week, with the main 10.30am worship attracting a congregation of approximately 60-70 people;
- Events are organised to focus on specific needs and charities, operating locally or world-wide, and money raised to support their work;
- The church provides for a wide variety of local needs, e.g. Sharing Sherwood, healthy eating group, Ghanaian Fellowship, various choirs, several health-based initiatives, an after-school education program, craft group, knit and natter (making prayer shawls). In addition to these we have some new bookings from other user groups;
- The church premises are made available for the local community to hire at modest rates for social gatherings, with children's birthday parties being the most popular;
- As a Christian body we encourage and embrace diversity. This is demonstrated by the wide range of our community in terms of age (1yr-100yrs), physical ability and ethnic background (Ghanaian Fellowship) who regularly attend activities and worship at our church;
The church relies on and receives tremendous levels of voluntary support from members and friends so that its ministry and service to the community can be delivered at the level that it is;
- A number of church members are actively involved in the meetings and work of Nottingham Citizens, a multi-faith and multi-agency group that campaigns on subjects and issues of social justice on behalf of the residents of Nottingham;
- Through the provision of training to appropriate volunteers and staff, the church is able to maintain its high level of commitment to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

We have continued to be a driving force in providing worship materials specific to Advent and Lent across the circuit which have been very well received.

Sherwood Methodist Church

The new Mission plan for the church, originating out of an extended house group that met on Zoom throughout the pandemic, was launched and continued to be developed and implemented. This has been based in part on the calling of the Methodist Church and also the Methodist Way of Life.

Our church continues to act as a drop-off point for collections for our local food bank. This has helped to maintain our link with the local community and also to assist those struggling with food poverty. Together with several other local churches members of our community set up and ran a food initiative called Nourish which provided freshly cooked meals to those in the community who were struggling with isolation/food poverty. As the cost of living crisis hits many people, this continues to be a much needed resource within the local community.

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As a church we continue to reach out into a community to be a visible sign of God's grace and love. We are an active part of Nottingham Citizens with members of our congregation participating in their three current areas of concern.

The church has continued to 'build back' after the pandemic, and, though that has challenged us for a longer time than some community organizations, SMC has reached a place of confidence in its presence in the community and the activities offered. This has been evidenced in the range of ventures that have been supported by members and wider community both on-site and beyond over the last 12 months, which has allowed us to feel established again in our worship and social action as well as in our fellowship and shared faith. We have also established a new Well-being drop in, we have continued to refresh our understanding of being an Eco Church, and have registered for Same-Sex marriages as a result of the Methodist Church nationally making that possible.

It is now just over a year since the sad demise of Traidcraft plc, but our Fairtrade stall continues to function. It means that we have to use a range of suppliers rather than just one, but we persevere.

Our church does have Fairtrade status so it is important that all church based groups use Fairtrade tea and coffee, other users of the building are also being encouraged to comply. We know from previous experience that producer groups in developing countries benefit immensely from the Fairtrade premium.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Financial Review

Surplus made due to some generous donations after it was announced that we were expecting to make a loss of over £10,000 in the year. I believe these were one off and will not be repeated in future years. We are in a strong financial position and have now almost recovered from the lockdown situation in regards to offerings and room lettings. The Church's reserves are at a healthy level.

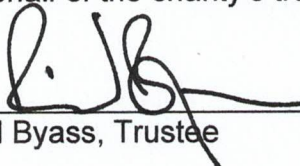
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Rev. Richard Byass, Trustee

Date 6/6/24

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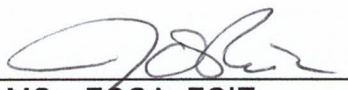
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Signed  Date 14/6/24
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

2022			Unrestricted	Restricted	2023
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
Receipts					
64951	Grants & donations	2	82405	50	82455
20414	Gifts & legacies		5000	-	5000
1339	Fundraising & events		42	4823	4865
15110	Lettings		17692	-	17692
322	Coffee bar		291	-	291
498	Bank interest		3914	-	3914
4126	Sundry income		5154	-	5154
<u>106760</u>	Total receipts		<u>114498</u>	<u>4873</u>	<u>119371</u>
Payments					
7646	Cleaner's wages		8885	-	8885
797	Cleaning materials		1738	-	1738
4760	Donations		7195	-	7195
120	Encounter groups		520	-	520
-	Equipment, repairs & renewals		1201	-	1201
1376	Events & fundraising		-	4169	4169
326	Hospitality & coffee bar		371	-	371
708	Independent examination		726	-	726
2725	Insurance		2997	-	2997
827	Licences & music, worship resources		996	-	996
23	Messy & junior church activities		-	-	-
51131	Nottingham North East Circuit Contribution		38769	-	38769
63	Outreach		-	-	-
6617	Premises maintenance & improvements		8434	-	8434
647	Publicity		487	-	487
2935	Stationery/photocopying/IT		2216	-	2216
539	Sundry expenditure		660	-	660
40	Training		-	-	-
10707	Utilities		12496	-	12496
<u>91987</u>	Total payments		<u>87691</u>	<u>4169</u>	<u>91860</u>
14773	Net receipts/(payments)		26807	704	27511
100426	Cash funds at start of this period		110643	4556	115199
<u>115199</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>137450</u>	<u>5260</u>	<u>142710</u>

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 August 2023**

2022		Note	2023
£	Cash assets		£
115199	Bank accounts		142710
<u>115199</u>			<u>142710</u>
	Other monetary assets		
21736	Debtors & prepayments	4	10840
<u>21736</u>			<u>10840</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Land & buildings at insured value, £2,350,000		
	Other assets at cost of £152,430		
	Chairs purchased June 2016, cost £5,747		
	Data projector purchased October 2016, cost £1,494		
	Defibrillator purchased August 2017, cost £780		
	Seating purchased May 2018, cost £1,489		
	Chairs purchased January 2019, cost £534		
	Storage units purchased September 2020, cost £1,300		
	Liabilities		
(1450)	Creditors	5	(5495)
<u>(1450)</u>			<u>(5495)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 
 Brian Shaw, Trustee

Dated 28th MAY 2024

Sherwood Methodist Church
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Gift aid	12104	-	12104
Sundry donations	70301	50	70351
	<u>82405</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>82455</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments)		Closing balance £
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	26990	106466	(87595)	45861
Gifts & legacies	83653	8032	(96)	91589
	<u>110643</u>	<u>114498</u>	<u>(87691)</u>	<u>137450</u>
Restricted funds				
Benevolence fund	155	50	-	205
Church weekend	(1200)	4823	(3649)	(26)
Family worker	4401	-	-	4401
Ladies Fellowship	1200	-	(520)	680
	<u>4556</u>	<u>4873</u>	<u>(4169)</u>	<u>5260</u>

The Benevolence Fund is for the purpose of holding funds given or designated to be used for the benefit of people in financial need.

The Church weekend fund is for the purpose of holding funds paid for attending the church weekend away.

The Family worker fund is for the purpose of holding funds designated to support the family worker.

The Ladies Fellowship fund is for the purpose of holding funds raised by members of the Church Ladies Fellowship to be spent on events and other items for their meetings.

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4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Grants & donations - Gift Aid	6424
Sundry income	1529
Insurance	1798
Licences & music, worship resources	419
Premises maintenance & improvements	493
Equipment, repairs & renewals	147
Utilities	30
	<u>10840</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	726
Charitable donations	3628
Utilities	1141
	<u>5495</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

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**Sherwood Methodist Church
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

Full name Sherwood Methodist Church

Registered charity number 1133934

Principal address

Sherwood Methodist Church, Devon Drive, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EN

Trustees

Rev. Richard Byass, from 01/10/22
Brian Shaw, Treasurer, from 08/11/22
Paul Lewis, Secretary
Marguerite Carter
Robert Chandler
Julie Compton
Richard Cooper
Jane Edwards
Jane Lewis
Alice McGregor
Stephen Paling
Robert Rattigan
David Slinger
Gregory White
Josephine Williams

Susan Cooper, from 29/09/21
Anthony Farr, from 29/09/21
Paul Osborne, from 29/09/21
Jennifer Turner, from 29/09/21
Maurice Turner, from 29/09/21
Jane Whiting, from 29/09/21
Thomas Boakye, until 29/09/21
Anthony Brunt, until 29/09/21
Brenda Nix, until 29/09/21
John Saxton, until 29/09/21
Colin Wignall, until 29/09/21
Rachel Tavener, until 24/07/22
Katherine Thomas, until 24/07/22
Rev. John Wiseman, until 01/10/22
Robert Thomas, until 08/11/22

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Deed of Union (1932) and The Methodist Church Act (1976).

Some trustees are appointed by being approved into specific positions of office by either the General Church Meeting or the Church Council; other trustees are elected from the church membership at the General Church Meeting.

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist church;
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary to the Methodist church.

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

As one of the largest Christian faith congregations within the community of Sherwood, SMC provides the major focus in the local community for the spiritual needs and development of local people.

- By actively promoting values of inclusiveness and tolerance, SMC encourages the enhancement of integration within the local community and the minimisation of conflict;
 - By making its building available at modest cost to the wider public and local groups, SMC enables community groups to function and flourish and provides a centre for community activities;
 - By its support for people in need, such as through the Food Bank and the Nourish Community food program, it helps reduce the impact of poverty in the neighbourhood;
 - We offer a wide variety of acts of public worship. These include, traditional, contemporary, reflective, All Age, communion services and worship associated with our Messy Church at various times during the week, with the main 10.30am worship attracting a congregation of approximately 50-60 people. This is compared to an average of 85 before the pandemic;
 - Pre-pandemic, more than 12 different groups for children and young people met regularly (almost all weekly) at the church, providing for their spiritual and developmental needs. Whilst the uniformed organisations have restarted, together with our church run groups (albeit at reduced numbers), many of our former bookings from user groups offering services for local children have not returned;
 - Events were organised to focus on specific needs and charities, operating locally or world-wide, and money raised to support their work;
 - Pre-pandemic, more than 45 groups were hosted at the church providing for a wide variety of local needs, e.g. Sharing Sherwood, guide dog trainers, healthy eating group, ME support group, Ghanaian Fellowship, various choirs, several health-based initiatives, an after-school education program, craft group, knit and natter (making prayer shawls). A large percentage of these have returned together with some new booking from user groups;
 - The church premises are made available for the local community to hire at modest rates for social gatherings, with children's birthday parties being the most popular;
 - As a Christian body we encourage and embrace diversity. This is demonstrated by the wide range of our community in terms of age (1yr-100yrs), physical ability and ethnic background (Ghanaian Fellowship) who regularly attend activities and worship at our church;
- The church relies on and receives tremendous levels of voluntary support from members and friends so that its ministry and service to the community can be delivered at the level that it is;

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- A number of church members are actively involved in the meetings and work of Nottingham Citizens, a multi-faith and multi-agency group that campaigns on subjects and issues of social justice on behalf of the residents of Nottingham;
- Through the provision of training to appropriate volunteers and staff, the church is able to maintain its high level of commitment to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Like all churches our activities during the past 12 months have continued to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Although our church buildings have reopened for worship and use by community groups, this has been a gradual process with people still understandably hesitant about returning for a variety of reasons.

The church has played a central role in providing paper worship material not just for our own members but also across the circuit. This has included 350 printed acts of worship each week that have been delivered or posted to our members. These acts of worship have also been available on our circuit website as well as being distributed by our extensive email links. This written worship material is still being provided but only to those who are housebound and unable to access worship services in person.

Zoom worship that had been used extensively to allow people to worship and enjoy fellowship together in a virtual space has now been stopped in an attempt to encourage people to return to worship in person. This online medium is still used by at least one house group that has found it easier to continue to meet in this way.

Due to a decreased number of active local preachers available post-pandemic, the church has seen an increased number of local arrangements taking place. This has helped to broaden the scope of worship styles available, empowered members of the congregation to use their gifts and talents, and resulted in one of our congregation members asking for a note to preach, the first steps in becoming an accredited local preacher within the Methodist Church.

Our pre-pandemic series of 10 weekly house groups has struggled to restart again. This provided not just a source of people being able to share faith and fellowship but also provided an invaluable pastoral link within our church. As a result of realising that this was no longer a viable way to assist with our pastoral care, we have revised the way in which this is now carried out and a new pastoral care system has just been launched.

A large amount of work has been undertaken to ensure that the church complies with all the regulations regarding data protection and safeguarding. This is a continuing process.

Our Junior Church/Messy Church team have continued to work tirelessly to provide a safe space in which our children/teenagers could meet to continue their faith journey and also to maintain friendship links. Numbers are much less than pre pandemic levels but there are signs of new growth appearing.

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We have continued to be a driving force in providing worship materials specific to Advent and Lent across the circuit which have been very well received.

The new Mission plan for the church, originating out of an extended house group that met on Zoom throughout the pandemic, was launched and continued to be developed and implemented. This has been based in part on the calling of the Methodist Church and also the Methodist Way of Life.

Our church continues to act as a drop-off point for collections for our local food bank. This has helped to maintain our link with the local community and also to assist those struggling with food poverty. Together with several other local churches members of our community set up and ran a food initiative called Nourish which provided freshly cooked meals to those in the community who were struggling with isolation/food poverty. As the cost of living crisis hits many people, this continues to be a much needed resource within the local community.

Work has been progressing within the church to try and achieved the Gold standard Eco church award with an audit and assessment of the use of our building together with a promotion of ecologically friendly ways that our individual members can help to reduce their carbon footprint.

As part of our creative outreach we have continued to improve our Quiet Garden to offer a space of refuge and reflection for members of the church, user groups and local community. We have continued to use and develop our roadside notice boards to offer messages of hope and light during what have been dark and difficult times for all.

As a church we continue to reach out into a community to be a visible sign of God's grace and love. We are an active part of Nottingham Citizens with members of our congregation participating in their three current areas of concern.

Financial review

The financial position appears to be strong, even though the outgoings exceeded income during the period. Income from church members dropped during the latter months of lockdown. Income from lettings, which had been stopped by the closure of the building during lockdown, is recovering well. Expenditure has increased, especially due to the rise in the cost of utilities and the increase in the Circuit Assessment. The Church's reserves are still at a healthy level.

The charity's policy on reserves

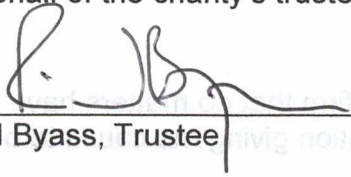
The church's policy on reserves is to aim to hold a level of uncommitted free reserves equating to six months of General Fund expenditure. These reserves are held in case of unbudgeted expenditure on repairs to property, replacement of damaged or faulty equipment, or additional investment in church activities and initiatives. Reserves are also required in case of a short term shortfall in income. The policy is reviewed annually.

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Financial risks

Reduction in income due to members leaving or having reduced circumstances, or an increase in outgoings which are most likely to be due to unexpected repairs to buildings or equipment.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Rev. Richard Byass, Trustee

Date 19 | 2 | 23

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sherwood Methodist Church
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Methodist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed  Date 21/2/23
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

2021 Total Funds £		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
	Note			
	Receipts			
76396	Grants & donations	64901	50	64951
4000	Gifts & legacies	20414	-	20414
20	Fundraising & events	139	1200	1339
2025	Lettings	15110	-	15110
6	Coffee bar	322	-	322
219	Bank interest	498	-	498
4011	Sundry income	4126	-	4126
<u>86677</u>	Total receipts	<u>105510</u>	<u>1250</u>	<u>106760</u>
	Payments			
708	Accountancy fees	708	-	708
5897	Cleaner's wages	7646	-	7646
119	Cleaning materials	797	-	797
6480	Donations	4760	-	4760
44	Encounter groups	120	-	120
1300	Equipment, repairs & renewals	-	-	-
-	Events & fundraising	176	1200	1376
-	Hospitality & coffee bar	326	-	326
2458	Insurance	2725	-	2725
728	Licences & music, worship resources	827	-	827
38	Messy & junior church activities	23	-	23
44492	Nottingham East Circuit Contribution	51131	-	51131
110	Outreach	63	-	63
3323	Premises maintenance & improvements	6617	-	6617
197	Publicity	647	-	647
3644	Stationery/photocopying/IT	2935	-	2935
215	Sundry expenditure	539	-	539
40	Training	40	-	40
4631	Utilities	10707	-	10707
7000	VFX Project	-	-	-
<u>81424</u>	Total payments	<u>90787</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>91987</u>
5253	Net receipts/(payments)	14723	50	14773
95173	Cash funds at start of this period	95920	4506	100426
<u>100426</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>110643</u>	<u>4556</u>	<u>115199</u>

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 August 2022**

2021		2022
£	Note	£
<u>100426</u>	Cash assets	
<u>100426</u>	Bank accounts	<u>115199</u>
		<u>115199</u>
	Other monetary assets	
<u>18709</u>	Debtors & prepayments	<u>21736</u>
<u>18709</u>		<u>21736</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	Land & buildings at insured value £2,350,000.	
	Other assets at a cost of £152,430.	
	Chairs purchased June 2016, cost £5,747.	
	Data projector purchased October 2016, cost £1,494.	
	Defibrillator purchased August 2017, cost £780.	
	Seating purchased May 2018, cost £1,489.	
	Chairs purchased January 2019, cost £534.	
	Storage units purchased September 2020, cost £1,300.	
	Liabilities	
<u>(1032)</u>	Creditors	<u>(1450)</u>
<u>(1032)</u>		<u>(1450)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 
Brian Shaw, Trustee

Dated 19th FEB/23

Sherwood Methodist Church
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Gift Aid	9586	-	9586
Sundry donations	55315	50	55365
	64901	50	64951

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	33059	84598	(90667)	26990
Gifts & legacies	62861	20912	(120)	83653
	95920	105510	(90787)	110643
Restricted				
Benevolence fund	105	50	-	155
Church weekend	-	-	(1200)	(1200)
Family worker	4401	-	-	4401
Ladies Fellowship	-	1200	-	1200
	4506	1250	(1200)	4556

The Benevolence Fund is for the purpose of holding funds given or designated to be used for the benefit of people in financial need.

The Church weekend fund is for the purpose of holding funds paid for attending the church weekend away. The fund is in deficit due to the venue deposit being paid and this will be recouped from attending members in the following year.

The Family worker fund is for the purpose of holding funds designated to support the family worker.

The Ladies Fellowship fund is for the purpose of holding funds raised by members of the Church Ladies Fellowship to be spent on events and other items for their meetings.

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4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Grants & donations - Gift Aid	4876
Insurance	1530
Licences & music, worship resources	500
Nottingham East Circuit contribution	13268
Premises maintenance & improvements	188
Stationery/photocopying/IT	63
Sundry income	1311
	<u>21736</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	726
Cleaning materials	278
Utilities	446
	<u>1450</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

8. Glossary of terms

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**Sherwood Methodist Church
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

Full name Sherwood Methodist Church

Registered charity number 1133934

Principal address

Sherwood Methodist Church, Devon Drive, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EN

Trustees

Rev. John Wiseman
Robert Thomas, Treasurer
Paul Lewis, Secretary
Anthony Brunt
Marguerite Carter
Robert Chandler
Jane Lewis
Alice McGregor
Brenda Nix
Stephen Paling
Robert Rattigan

John Saxton
David Slinger
Rachel Tavener
Katherine Thomas
Gregory White
Colin Wignall
Richard Cooper
Jane Edwards
Josephine Williams
Julie Compton
Thomas Boakye

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Deed of Union (1932) and The Methodist Church Act (1976).

Some trustees are appointed by being approved into specific positions of office by either the General Church Meeting or the Church Council; other trustees are elected from the church membership at the General Church Meeting.

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist church;
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- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary to the Methodist church.

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

- Offer a wide variety of acts of public worship. These include; traditional, contemporary, reflective, All Age, communion services and worship associated with our Messy Church at various times during the week, with the main 10.30am worship attracting a congregation of approx. 85;
- Pre pandemic more than 12 different groups for children and young people met regularly (almost all weekly) at the church, providing for their spiritual and developmental needs. We are hopeful that many of these groups will restart in the New Year, restrictions permitting;
- At least 10 groups comprising of over 70 adults met regularly (almost all weekly) for discussion, prayer and fellowship;
- Events were organised to focus on specific needs and charities, operating locally or world-wide, and money raised to support their work;
- Pre pandemic more than 45 groups were hosted at the church, providing for a wide variety of local needs, e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous, Sharing Sherwood, guide dog trainers, healthy eating group, ME support group, Congolese congregation, Ghanaian Fellowship, 2 parent & toddler groups, craft group, knit and natter (making prayer shawls). Again it is hoped that many of these groups will restart in the New Year, restrictions permitting;
- The church premises are made available for the local community to hire at modest rates for social gatherings, with children's birthday parties being the most popular;
- As a Christian body we encourage and embrace diversity. This is demonstrated by the wide range of our community in terms of age (1yr-100yrs), physical ability and ethnic background (Congolese Congregation and Ghanaian Fellowship) who regularly attend activities and worship at our church;
- The church relies on and receives tremendous levels of voluntary support from members and friends so that its ministry and service to the community can be delivered at the level that it is;
- A number of church members are actively involved in the meetings and work of Nottingham Citizens, a multi faith and multi-agency group that campaigns on subjects and issues of social justice on behalf of the residents of Nottingham;
- Through the provision of training to appropriate volunteers and staff, the church is able to maintain its high level of commitment to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

These activities benefit the public as follows:

This section has been completed to give a picture of the church life pre-pandemic. At present some of these activities are suspended due to Covid-19 restriction but it is hoped that many will recommence once the situation returns more to normal:

As one of the largest Christian faith congregation within the community of Sherwood, SMC provides the major focus in the local community for the spiritual needs and development of local people;

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- By actively promoting values of inclusiveness and tolerance, SMC encourages the enhancement of integration within the local community and the minimisation of conflict;
- By making its building available at modest cost to the wider public and local groups SMC enables community groups to function and flourish and provides a centre for community activities;
- By its support for people in need, such as through the Food Bank, it helps reduce the impact of poverty in the neighbourhood.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

- Like all churches our activities during the past 12 months have been dramatically affected by the Covid-19 pandemic which has forced the closure of our building for worship and use by community groups for a large part of this period;
- The church has played a central role in providing paper worship material not just for our own members but also across the circuit. This has included 350 printed acts of worship each week that have been delivered/posted to our members. These acts of worship have also been available on our circuit website as well as being distributed by our extensive email links;
- Zoom worship has also been used extensively, not just to allow people to worship together in a virtual space but also to share fellowship and keep in touch with each other. This has also been used for House groups and to offer various quizzes during lockdowns;
- Our Junior Church team worked tirelessly to provide a safe space in which our children/teenagers could meet to continue their faith journey and also to maintain friendship links;
- We provided worship material specific to Advent and Lent across the circuit including a guided walk for Holy Week in the local Woodthorpe Park that was used by six ecumenical partners in the Sherwood/Carrington area;
- The church has devised and begun to implement a new Mission plan for the church, originating out of an extended house group that met on Zoom throughout the summer. This has been launched and implemented;
- Our church has been used throughout the pandemic as a drop-off point for collections for our local food bank. This has helped to maintain our link with the local community and also to assist those struggling with food poverty;
- Together with several other local churches, members of our community set up and ran a food initiative called Nourish which provided freshly cooked meals to those in the community who were struggling with isolation/food poverty;
- As we have been able to open up, we have done so in a safe and Covid secure way, enabling several of our groups to recommence their activities back in the building;
- As a church, we continue to reach out into a community to be a visible sign of God's grace and love. We are an active part of Nottingham Citizens and are currently engaging with their three areas of concern;
As part of our creative outreach we have continued to improve our Quiet Garden to offer a space of refuge and reflection for members of the local community and have attempted to utilise our roadside notice boards to offer messages of hope and light during what have been dark and difficult times for all.

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Financial review

The financial position appears to be strong, even though the income from lettings has been greatly reduced since March 2020 by the closure of the building following Government restrictions due to Covid-19. This has been offset by a reduction in building maintenance costs during the closure.

The charity's policy on reserves

The church's policy on reserves is to aim to hold a level of uncommitted free reserves equating to six months of General Fund expenditure. These reserves are held in case of unbudgeted expenditure on repairs to property, replacement of damaged or faulty equipment, or additional investment in church activities and initiatives. Reserves are also required in case of a short term shortfall in income. The policy is reviewed annually.

Financial risks

Reduction in income due to members leaving or having reduced circumstances, or an increase in outgoings which are most likely to be due to unexpected repairs to buildings or equipment. Income from letting the building to community groups normally forms a large proportion of income, but this will be greatly reduced for an unknown period of time due to user groups ending or finding other premises during the closure of the building during the Covid-19 lockdown period.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
John Wiseman, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sherwood Methodist Church
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Methodist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed _____ Date _____

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

2020 Total Funds £		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	
	Note				
	Receipts				
93084	Grants & donations	2	76281	115	76396
16000	Gifts & legacies		4000	-	4000
27	Fundraising & events		20	-	20
16529	Lettings		2025	-	2025
372	Coffee bar		6	-	6
901	Bank interest		219	-	219
4710	Sundry income		3861	150	4011
<u>131623</u>	Total receipts		<u>86412</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>86677</u>
	Payments				
696	Accountancy fees		708	-	708
150	Benevolence fund expenditure		-	-	-
5756	Cleaner's wages		5897	-	5897
924	Cleaning materials		119	-	119
10405	Donations		6470	10	6480
-	Encounter groups		44	-	44
-	Equipment, repairs & renewals		1300	-	1300
33	Family worker expenses		-	-	-
6166	Family worker wages		-	-	-
228	Hospitality & coffee bar		-	-	-
2452	Insurance		2458	-	2458
709	Licences & music, worship resources		728	-	728
381	Messy & junior church activities		38	-	38
49000	Nottingham East Circuit Contribution		44492	-	44492
-	Outreach		110	-	110
8064	Premises maintenance & improvements		3323	-	3323
286	Publicity		197	-	197
3854	Stationery/photocopying/IT		3644	-	3644
413	Sundry expenditure		215	-	215
390	Training		40	-	40
6508	Utilities		4631	-	4631
6500	VFX Project		7000	-	7000
<u>102915</u>	Total payments		<u>81414</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>81424</u>
28708	Net receipts/(payments)		4998	255	5253
66465	Cash funds at start of this period		90922	4251	95173
<u>95173</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>95920</u>	<u>4506</u>	<u>100426</u>

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 August 2021**

<i>2020</i> £	Cash assets	Note	<i>2021</i> £
<u>95173</u> 95173	Bank accounts		<u>100426</u> 100426
Other monetary assets			
<u>27461</u> 27461	Debtors & prepayments	4	<u>18709</u> 18709
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Land & buildings at insured value £2,350,000.			
Other assets at a cost of £152,430.			
Chairs purchased June 2016, cost £5,747.			
Data projector purchased October 2016, cost £1,494.			
Defibrillator purchased August 2017, cost £780.			
Seating purchased May 2018, cost £1,489.			
Chairs purchased January 2019, cost £534.			
Storage units purchased September 2020, cost £1,300.			
Liabilities			
<u>(2935)</u> (2935)	Creditors	5	<u>(1032)</u> (1032)

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Dated _____
Robert Thomas, Trustee

Sherwood Methodist Church
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2021

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Gift Aid	18228	-	18228
Sundry donations	58053	115	58168
	<u>76281</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>76396</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	23818	82271	(73030)	33059
Gifts & legacies	67104	4141	(8384)	62861
	<u>90922</u>	<u>86412</u>	<u>(81414)</u>	<u>95920</u>
Restricted				
Benevolence fund	-	105	-	105
Collections for external funds	-	10	(10)	-
Family worker	4251	150	-	4401
	<u>4251</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>4506</u>

The Benevolence Fund is for the purpose of holding funds given or designated to be used for the benefit of people in financial need.

The Collections for external funds are funds collected by us specifically for other bodies until we have sent those funds on to those bodies.

The Family worker fund is for the purpose of holding funds designated to support the family worker.

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4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Grants & donations - Gift Aid	3934
Insurance	1380
Licences & music, worship resources	476
Nottingham East Circuit contribution	11018
Premises maintenance & improvements	384
Stationery/photocopying/IT	63
Sundry income	1104
Utilities	350
	<u>18709</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	708
Premises maintenance & improvements	135
Utilities	189
	<u>1032</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

SHERWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133934

Accounts

Sherwood Methodist Church
(Registered charity, number 1133934)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 August 2020

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**Sherwood Methodist Church
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 August 2020**

Full name Sherwood Methodist Church

Registered charity number 1133934

Principal address

Sherwood Methodist Church, Devon Drive, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EN

Trustees

Rev. John Wiseman	Katherine Thomas
Robert Thomas, Treasurer	Gregory White
Paul Lewis, Secretary	Colin Wignall
Anthony Brunt	Richard Cooper
Marguerite Carter	Jane Edwards
Robert Chandler	Josephine Williams
Jane Lewis	Julie Compton, from 28/07/20
Alice McGregor	Thomas Boakye, from 28/07/20
Brenda Nix	John Hardiman, until 03/05/20
Stephen Paling	Helen Lewis, until 03/05/20
Robert Rattigan	Jennifer Turner, until 03/05/20
John Saxton	Maurice Turner, until 03/05/20
David Slinger	Margaret Jones, until 15/09/20
Rachel Tavener	Peter Jackson, until 30/09/20

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Deed of Union (1932) and The Methodist Church Act (1976).

Some trustees are appointed by being approved into specific positions of office by either the General Church Meeting or the Church Council; other trustees are elected from the church membership at the General Church Meeting.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist church;
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary to the Methodist church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

- Acts of public worship have continued to be held on Sundays and during the week throughout the year. These have utilised a variety of different styles in order to provide an eclectic worship experience. These services were attended by congregations of varying sizes, with an average attendance in the mid 80's attending the main 10.30am Sunday service;
- More than 12 different groups for children and young people met regularly (almost all weekly) at the church, providing for their spiritual and developmental needs;
- At least 10 groups comprising of over 70 adults met regularly (almost all weekly) for discussion, prayer and fellowship;
- Events have been organised to increase awareness, focus on specific needs and raise funds for local, national and global charities and natural disasters;
- More than 45 groups were hosted at the church, providing for a wide variety of local needs, e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous, Sharing Sherwood, guide dog trainers, healthy eating group, ME support group, Congolese congregation, 2 parent & toddler groups, craft group, knit and natter (making prayer shawls);
- The church premises are made available for the local community to hire at modest rates for social gatherings, with children's birthday parties being the most popular;
- As a Christian body we encourage and embrace diversity. This is demonstrated by the wide range of our community in terms of age (1yr-100yrs), physical ability and ethnic background (Congolese Congregation and Ghanaian Fellowship) who regularly attend activities and worship at our church;
- We promote the use of fairly traded goods with a weekly TraidCraft stall operating after the Sunday 10.30am worship;
- The church relies on and receives tremendous levels of voluntary support from members and friends so that its ministry and service to the community can be delivered at the level that it is;
- A number of church members are actively involved in the meetings and work of Nottingham Citizens, a multi faith and multi agency group that campaigns on subjects and issues of social justice on behalf of the residents of Nottingham;
- Through the provision of training to appropriate volunteers and staff, the church is able to maintain its high level of commitment to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults;

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- From the end of March 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the building has been closed but the church has continued to be active. We have operated a weekly Food Bank collection as well as coordinating with Share Sherwood to act as a distribution point for their Fareshare food allocation.

These activities benefit the public as follows:

- As one of the largest Christian faith congregations within the community of Sherwood, SMC provides the major focus in the local community for the spiritual needs and development of local people. In doing so we work alongside our ecumenical partners within the Christian faith as well as those of other faiths;
- By actively promoting values of inclusiveness and tolerance, SMC encourages the enhancement of integration within the local community and the minimisation of conflict;
- By making its building available at modest cost to the wider public and local groups SMC enables community groups to function and flourish and provides a centre for community activities;
- By its support for people in need, such as through the Food Bank and the Winter Shelter for the homeless, it helps reduce the impact of poverty in the neighbourhood.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

- The church has continued to work with and support several asylum seekers both during their applications and also once residency has been granted in order to ensure a smooth transition;
- The church continues to expand its links with the community by offering safe, secure and affordable places for a wide variety of groups to meet both to host their groups on a regular basis but also in the case of the various choirs we host to enable them to perform to a wider audience. We are currently exploring ways in which we can be seen as a fresh expression of church within our local community;
- As a church we continue to reach out into a community to be a visible sign of God's grace and love. We are an active part of Nottingham Citizens and are currently engaging with their three areas of concern: mental health, low wages, education for children;
- As part of our creative outreach we actively engage with the Sherwood Arts week by hosting art exhibitions as well as encouraging the work of artists from within the church family especially via our Quiet Garden resource;
- The monthly Messy Church activity continued to thrive, attracting an average attendance of 70 people with over 120 different people, nearly all from the local community, attending in the year. We have also started an ecumenical venture called Connect@4 with one of our partner churches in the community aimed at 8-12yr olds with the hope of creating a new worshipping community for them and their families;
- The church's monthly magazine, The Message, continues to win awards with the latest one being a Certificate of Excellence especially for creativity of headlines;
- We continue in our aim to be an Eco church, with our latest progress resulting in the church receiving a silver award;

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- The church's Family Worker has developed its work with families and children. This continued to reach new families through our toddler groups, outreach into schools, prayer groups and liaising with other users groups catering for this age range who use our premises. The contract for this position came to an end in January 2020 and the church is in the process of finding a suitable replacement to carry on this valuable work as soon as Covid restrictions allow;
- Our Pioneer FX worker continues, via his Nomad podcast, to reach a worldwide audience far beyond the scope of our local outreach and mission;
- We have successfully developed an expanding online ministry involving Zoom worship services, coffee & chat gatherings, online house groups, and Messy Church online. We have also been responsible for the production of paper format home worship material that has been distributed not just within our own faith family but used widely across the Nottingham North East Circuit. Whilst our Toddlers group has not been able to meet, we have regularly telephoned the parents/carers to keep them informed about possible reopening, as has been the case with our other multiple user groups.

Financial review

The financial position appears to be strong, even though the income from lettings has been greatly reduced since March 2020 by the closure of the building following Government restrictions due to Covid-19. This has been offset by receiving Gift Aid from previous years, and legacies.

The charity's policy on reserves

The church's policy on reserves is to aim to hold a level of uncommitted free reserves equating to six months of General Fund expenditure. These reserves are held in case of unbudgeted expenditure on repairs to property, replacement of damaged or faulty equipment, or additional investment in church activities and initiatives. Reserves are also required in case of a short term shortfall in income. The policy is reviewed annually.

Financial risks

Reduction in income due to members leaving or having reduced circumstances, or an increase in outgoings which are most likely to be due to unexpected repairs to buildings or equipment. Income from letting the building to community groups normally forms a large proportion of income but this will be greatly reduced for an unknown period of time due to the closure of the building and restrictions on the groups using it as a result of the Government restrictions due to Covid-19.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
John Wiseman, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sherwood Methodist Church
for the year ended 31 August 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Methodist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed _____ Date _____

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sherwood Methodist Church
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 August 2020**

2019		Note	2020
£	Cash assets		£
66465	Bank accounts		95173
<u>66465</u>			<u>95173</u>
	 Other monetary assets		
16027	Debtors & prepayments	4	27461
<u>16027</u>			<u>27461</u>
	 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Land & buildings at insured value £2,350,000.		
	Other assets at a cost of £152,430.		
	Notice Board purchased January 2015, cost £1,804.		
	Sound desk purchased May 2015, cost £1,712.		
	Chairs purchased June 2016, cost £5,747.		
	Data projector purchased October 2016, cost £1,494.		
	Defibrillator purchased August 2017, cost £780.		
	Seating purchased May 2018, cost £1,489.		
	Chairs purchased January 2019, cost £534.		
	 Liabilities		
(9614)	Creditors	5	(2935)
<u>(9614)</u>			<u>(2935)</u>

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Signed _____ Dated _____
Robert Thomas, Trustee

Sherwood Methodist Church
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2020

1. Receipts & payments accounts

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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Gift Aid	35243	-	35243
Sundry donations	56994	847	57841
	92237	847	93084

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	1598	113381	(91086)	(75)	23818
Gifts & legacies	61936	16374	(11206)	-	67104
	63534	129755	(102292)	(75)	90922
Restricted					
Benevolence fund	-	75	(150)	75	-
Collections for external funds	27	422	(449)	-	-
Family worker	2904	1371	(24)	-	4251
	2931	1868	(623)	75	4251

The transfer from the General fund to the Benevolence fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

The Benevolence Fund is for the purpose of holding funds given or designated to be used for the benefit of people in financial need.

The Collections for external funds are funds collected by us specifically for other bodies until we have sent those funds on to those bodies.

The Family worker fund is for the purpose of holding funds designated to support the family worker.

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4. Debtors & prepayments

	£
Grants & donations - Gift Aid	10721
Insurance	1377
Lettings	500
Licences & music, worship resources	464
Nottingham East Circuit contribution	12250
Premises maintenance & improvements	381
Stationery/photocopying/IT	106
Sundry income	1636
Utilities	26
	<u>27461</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Donations	1980
Independent examination	708
Utilities	247
	<u>2935</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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