

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1134031

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-02-03

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

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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: Religious Activities in Putney, London.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Wandsworth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£176,010	£171,169	-	-
2024-08-31	£143,487	£214,519	-	-
2023-08-31	£148,502	£152,312	-	-
2022-08-31	£164,810	£151,457	-	-
2021-08-31	£142,019	£111,679	-	-
2020-08-31	£111,449	£109,422	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BEN WATERHOUSE		
DAVID ARMSTRONG		
Dr Clive Norris		
Hannah Odukwa		2025-07-06
JANE FAWCETT		
JENNY DREWE		
Jean Butcher		2025-07-06
Jessica Dalton		2019-09-01
Jill Larmer		2025-07-06
Kojo Keigya Amoasi		2024-01-22
Lesley Murray		2017-09-01
REV GEOFFREY FARRAR		2017-09-01
Rev Kathy Johnson		2021-06-09
Ruth Kelly		2019-09-01
Sarah Mtonga		2019-09-01

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1134031 (England and Wales)

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity number	1134031
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Independent Examiner	Sam Thomas FCA Azets Audit Services Gladstone House 77-79 High Street Egham Surrey
Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church 9 Bonhill Street London United Kingdom EC2A 4PE Metro Bank 1 Southampton Row London United Kingdom WC1B 5HA CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Investment advisors	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 from 1 January 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the Legal and Administrative Information page of the financial statements.

Objectives and activities

The objective and policy of the trustees, both long term and short term, is to enable the church to function successfully at a local level and, through The Connexion, at a national and international level as well. The Methodist Church's calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The church is concerned with helping the wider community, which it does so through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes both in the UK and overseas. It raises money at regular church services and through occasional fund raising activities. The church services are at the heart of local life, but church life extends further. The central four objectives are worship, learning and care, service and evangelism. The church provides facilities to Lion House School (now Hurlingham Nursery School), from which it receives rental income. Putney Methodist Church also hosts a range of children's activities, including a monthly Messy Church, a school holiday club (Surrey Explorers), and special events such as carol services for local schools. The church also engages in outreach with other local schools and groups, runs a meditation group for local people, and has long-established links with Wandsworth Prison. When gifts and legacies are received they are usually invested for long term benefit, in line with the principles of the Methodist Church. The church is used regularly to host community events, for example concerts and fundraising for charities such as Christian Aid, and also serves as a polling station.

Putney is now responsible for the finances and management of Roehampton, which serves the Alton Estate in Roehampton. In addition to its weekly services, it hosts a wide range of community activities including the Roehampton Community Shed (part of the national network of Men's Sheds).

The church has also put strategies in place regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, a Fire Risk Assessment and a Health and Safety Assessment.

The church is of the opinion that it fulfils the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as a result of its work in the community.

The church relies heavily on volunteer work. Trustees do not receive formal training, other than in Methodist Church requirements and practices on safeguarding and on equality, diversity and inclusion. However they are under the guidance of the Circuit and the Minister who is employed directly by the Circuit. Regular meetings are held to ensure that any issues arising are discussed properly. There were no employees during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Putney Methodist Church has continued to maintain its activities of Christian witness and service to the community both from its Putney building and at Roehampton. At Putney, in addition to Sunday worship, the church hosts weekly Christian meditation, rehearsals of the PMC Singers, and a range of other community uses. Regular activities at Roehampton include a parent and toddler group, Sixty Plus café, and a foodbank, as well as Tuesday worship. Putney Methodist Church has also continued to maintain the Church and school buildings for which it is responsible. Expenditure and donations have been maintained at a level to keep sufficient funds and reserves have been in line with its overall objectives of helping the Church and wider community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Income has primarily been in the form of voluntary donations and the letting of part of the buildings to Hurlingham Nursery School; there is also income from other users of the buildings in both Putney and Roehampton. Both congregational collections and other donations are increasingly made electronically. The Church's investments have retained their value, due to the Church's cautious portfolio, which was creditable given the current economic conditions. This was in line with the long-term objective to keep the church on a solid financial footing. The Putney Methodist Church, Roehampton Methodist Church and Putney School buildings were valued at a total of £8,827,691 (2024 - £8,593,929) by Methodist Insurance.

Financial review

This reserves policy relates to our General Fund and Restricted Fund. The assets of the Church are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). This helps to ensure regular and reliable returns.

It is the policy of the church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level in excess of three month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the end of the financial year, general unrestricted funds amounted to £277,284 (2024 - £269,749). Our total unrestricted expenditure for the last financial year amounted to £171,158 (2024 - £214,510) and therefore the trustees consider the reserves level as it stands is sufficient to meet the minimum three months expenditure as stated in the policy. This policy is reviewed annually.

Reserves held in the designated fund are for use in the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and ancillary buildings. Designated fund reserves have decreased during the year to £174,774 (2024 - £199,738).

Plans are now well in hand to redevelop the Putney Methodist Church building in three important ways. First, to improve the accessibility of the church building for those with mobility issues such as wheelchair users or child-carers with push chairs, by installing an external ramp and a larger disabled toilet. Second, to improve the internal configuration of the building, for example to modernise and extend the kitchen and to facilitate use of the building for more than one activity at a time. Third, to replace the roof, which has leaked frequently, and add solar panels. Planning permission for all three projects has now been obtained and fund-raising is under way. The church's current plan is to begin with the accessibility project as soon as possible. These three projects should both reduce the running costs of the building and enhance its value to the community. Discussions are also under way about how better to use the Roehampton property to support the church's mission to the Alton Estate

Restricted funds comprise of Benevolent funds of £698 (2024 - £668) and Church redevelopment funds of £25,000 (2024 - £nil). These represent unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes. The endowment funds are held by the trustees for Methodist Church Purposes and have unrestricted income but the capital is restricted. The balance of the endowments at the end of the year was £3,229 (2024 - £3,305).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

Structure, governance and management

The church completed registration with the Charity Commission in 2010 and is largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

The trustees who served during the year are listed in note 24 to these financial statements.

All members of the Church Council are trustees and the minister is automatically appointed. The General Church council meet annually and elect the Church Stewards and representatives to sit on the Church Council. Other designated members such as the Church Council Secretary are elected by the Church Council.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the charity's contractual and other legal obligations.

The charity had no trade creditors at the end of the year.

The Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches, which is part of the larger London District. The Circuit administers people, property and finance, and acts through central Circuit meetings, which representatives of each of the local churches attend. Putney Methodist Church pays a quarterly assessment to the Circuit to cover the Circuit's costs. All districts are related to each other through The Connexion, which is a network of support for all the churches in Great Britain. The Methodist Church's activities are governed largely by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

Putney Methodist Church has its own Church Council, which includes Roehampton representatives, which makes decisions affecting the Church at a local level. There are no formal training procedures involved in membership of the Church Council, which is ultimately the decision making body for Putney Methodist Church. The Church tries hard to ensure that people on the Church Council and various committees have a combination of relevant skills. Members are from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions. All office holders receive regular training in specific areas prioritised by the Methodist Church nationally, notably safeguarding, and equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

On a national level, the on going work of the Methodist Conference is undertaken throughout the year by the Connexional Council (formerly the Methodist Council), which meets four times annually.

Plans for the future

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Trustee

20/5/26

Dated

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Putney Methodist Church (the church) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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

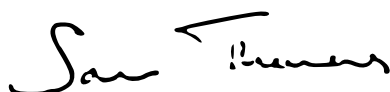
Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 church as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Sam Thomas FCA
Independent Examiner
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29 May 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	3	33,335	-	25,000	58,335	31,175	-	-	31,175
Investment Income	4	117,538	107	30	117,675	112,144	135	33	112,312
Total income		150,873	107	25,030	176,010	143,319	135	33	143,487
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	5	965	11	-	976	781	9	-	790
Charitable activities	6	170,193	-	-	170,193	213,729	-	-	213,729
Total resources expended		171,158	11	-	171,169	214,510	9	-	214,519
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	2,759	(75)	-	2,684	22,939	174	-	23,113
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(17,526)	21	25,030	7,525	(48,252)	300	33	(47,919)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(17,526)	21	25,030	7,525	(48,252)	300	33	(47,919)
Gross transfers between funds	97	(97)	-	-	126	(126)	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(17,429)	(76)	25,030	7,525	(48,126)	174	33	(47,919)
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	280,966	-	-	280,966	209,541	-	-	209,541
Net movement in funds	263,537	(76)	25,030	288,491	161,415	174	33	161,622
Fund balances at 1 September 2024	9,063,416	3,305	668	9,067,389	8,902,001	3,131	635	8,905,767
Fund balances at 31 August 2025	9,326,953	3,229	25,698	9,355,880	9,063,416	3,305	668	9,067,389

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15	8,975,835		8,704,853	
Investments	14	302,911		300,227	
		<u>9,278,746</u>		<u>9,005,080</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	16	18,103		26,104	
Cash at bank and in hand		164,345		41,025	
		<u>182,448</u>		<u>67,129</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(105,314)</u>		<u>(4,820)</u>	
Net current assets			77,134		62,309
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>9,355,880</u>		<u>9,067,389</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	25,698		668	
Endowment funds	20	3,229		3,305	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	21	174,774		199,738	
General unrestricted funds		277,284		269,749	
Revaluation reserve		<u>8,874,895</u>		<u>8,593,929</u>	
			9,326,953		9,063,416
		<u>9,355,880</u>		<u>9,067,389</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20/5/26

Clive M Norris

C Norris
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches whose activities are largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are accounted for on the basis of when the monies are received by The Central Finance Board.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs have been allocated to activities for which they directly relate. Any governance costs have been allocated on the proportion of other costs incurred for the activities.

Resources expended are recognised as Charitable activities under the following headings:

Church events - costs directly associated with running Church Services and events

Gifts to charity - donations made to registered charities

Ecumenical services - donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church

Assessment by circuit - contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	3-30 years
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The Church building is included in the balance sheet at its insured value as determined by Methodist Insurance Plc. An adjustment is made every year (where material) as an unrealised gain or loss.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Tangible assets with a cost of below £500 are not included in fixed assets.

1.12 Property

After taking advice from the Charities Commission, in conjunction with the Property Methodist Office, the Church buildings and the school property need to be included on the balance sheet, at their insured value according to Methodist Insurance plc. An adjustment is made every year where material as an unrealised gain or loss. It has been identified from the SORP (paragraph 18.3) that historic churches are unlikely to meet the heritage asset definition as the preservation of the buildings they occupy is unlikely to be the primary objective of the charity. Churches therefore do not qualify as a heritage asset and so cannot be included at nil cost.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Judgement has been used in the allocation of support and governance costs to each of the three activities. The useful economic life fixtures, fittings and equipment has been estimated in order to determine the appropriate depreciation policy. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	26,104	-	26,104	29,175	-	29,175
Grants	7,231	25,000	32,231	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>33,335</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>58,335</u>	<u>31,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,175</u>
Donations and gifts						
Envelopes	14,868	-	14,868	13,370	-	13,370
Collections	11,236	-	11,236	9,812	-	9,812
Gift aid reclaimed	-	-	-	5,994	-	5,994
	<u>26,104</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,104</u>	<u>29,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,175</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

4 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Rental income	109,420	-	-	109,420	101,743	-	-	101,743
Other interest receivable	5,219	-	-	5,219	6,645	-	-	6,645
Interest receivable	2,899	107	30	3,036	3,756	135	33	3,924
	<u>117,538</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>117,675</u>	<u>112,144</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>112,312</u>

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5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management	965	11	976	781	9	790
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Gifts to charity 2025 £	Ecumenical services 2025 £	Assessment by circuit 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Gifts to charity 2024 £	Ecumenical services 2024 £	Assessment by circuit 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs								
Depreciation and impairment	-	16,803	-	16,803	-	12,198	-	12,198
Direct costs	7,931	-	59,861	67,792	5,015	3,284	69,798	78,097
Advertising	-	612	-	612	-	3,079	-	3,079
	<u>7,931</u>	<u>17,415</u>	<u>59,861</u>	<u>85,207</u>	<u>5,015</u>	<u>18,561</u>	<u>69,798</u>	<u>93,374</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)								
Support	-	65,446	-	65,446	-	116,562	-	116,562
Governance	1,937	2,980	14,623	19,540	211	643	2,939	3,793
	<u>9,868</u>	<u>85,841</u>	<u>74,484</u>	<u>170,193</u>	<u>5,226</u>	<u>135,766</u>	<u>72,737</u>	<u>213,729</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	<u>9,868</u>	<u>85,841</u>	<u>74,484</u>	<u>170,193</u>	<u>5,226</u>	<u>135,766</u>	<u>72,737</u>	<u>213,729</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

7 Description of charitable activities

Gifts to charity

Donations made to registered charities.

Ecumenical services

Donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church.

Assessment by circuit

Contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Rates, Light & Heat	14,483	17,127
Insurance	8,599	7,558
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,139	1,115
Repairs & Renewals	12,420	68,849
Cleaning	2,097	3,141
Sundry expenses	8,214	4,980
Bank charges	60	15
Administrative support	18,434	13,777
Governance costs	19,540	3,793
	<u>84,986</u>	<u>120,355</u>
Analysed between:		
Gifts to charity	1,937	211
Ecumenical services	68,426	117,205
Assessment by circuit	14,623	2,939
	<u>84,986</u>	<u>120,355</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	4,460	3,460
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	16,803	12,198

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) (2024 - £nil) received any remuneration during the year. No trustees (2024 - £nil) received reimbursement for any reason other than making purchases on the Church's behalf.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	-	-

Remuneration of key management personnel

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Revaluation of investments	2,759	(75)	2,684	22,939	174	23,113

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2024	300,227
Valuation changes	2,684
At 31 August 2025	302,911
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2025	302,911
At 31 August 2024	300,227

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15 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2024	8,593,929	268,870	8,862,799
Additions	-	6,819	6,819
Revaluation	280,966	-	280,966
At 31 August 2025	8,874,895	275,689	9,150,584
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 September 2024	-	157,946	157,946
Depreciation charged in the year	-	16,803	16,803
At 31 August 2025	-	174,749	174,749
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2025	8,874,895	100,940	8,975,835
At 31 August 2024	8,593,929	110,924	8,704,853

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £8,874,895 (2024 - £8,593,929) were revalued during the year by the Methodist Insurance. This is inline with the Methodist Church policy to recognise the value of land and buildings at the insured value, considered to be the fair value.

16 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	3,528
Prepayments and accrued income	18,103	22,576
	18,103	26,104

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Deferred income	18	100,000	-
Accruals		5,314	4,820
		105,314	4,820

Deferred income of £1,234 (2024 – £1,360) has been recognised in relation to rent received in advance for the school area. In addition, £100,000 has been deferred in respect of funding received by Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit for major building works.

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18 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Other deferred income	100,000	-

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	100,000	-
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 September 2024	-	-
Resources deferred in the year	100,000	-
Deferred income at 31 August 2025	100,000	-

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2024 £	Incoming resources £	At 31 August 2025 £
Benevolent fund	668	30	698
Church redevelopment fund	-	25,000	25,000
	668	25,030	25,698
Previous year:	At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	At 31 August 2024 £
Benevolent fund	635	33	668

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20 Endowment funds - Endowment

These are endowment funds which are material to the church's activities.

	At 1 September 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 August 2025 £
Endowment funds	3,305	107	(11)	(97)	(75)	3,229
Previous year:	At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 August 2024 £
Endowment funds	3,131	135	(9)	(126)	174	3,305

21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 August 2025 £
General property	120,456	61,573	(86,537)	-	-	95,492
Lion House lease	79,282	-	-	-	-	79,282
General funds	269,749	89,300	(84,621)	97	2,759	277,284
	469,487	150,873	(171,158)	97	2,759	452,058
Revaluation reserve	8,593,929	-	-	-	280,966	8,874,895
	9,063,416	150,873	(171,158)	97	283,725	9,326,953

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

21 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General property	127,944	38,419	(45,907)	-	-	120,456
Lion House lease	79,282	-	-	-	-	79,282
General funds	310,387	104,900	(168,603)	126	22,939	269,749
	517,613	143,319	(214,510)	126	22,939	469,487
Revaluation reserve	8,384,388	-	-	-	209,541	8,593,929
	8,902,001	143,319	(214,510)	126	232,480	9,063,416

The Property fund is a designated fund relating to the buildings at Gwendolen Avenue, which forms the Church and ancillary buildings used for letting to Hurlingham Nursery School, and income and expenditure relating to the same. Part of this fund is set aside to meet the ongoing obligations arising from the lease on Lion House School. Income from the fund is also used to meet the Assessment by circuit expense, which requires transfer to the unrestricted fund.

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds general	Restricted funds	Endowment funds other	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
At 31 August 2025:					
Tangible assets	8,975,835	-	-	-	8,975,835
Investments	299,682	3,229	-	-	302,911
Current assets/(liabilities)	51,436	-	25,698	-	77,134
	9,326,953	3,229	25,698	-	9,355,880

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds general	Restricted funds	Endowment funds other	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
At 31 August 2024:					
Tangible assets	8,704,853	-	-	-	8,704,853
Investments	296,922	3,305	-	-	300,227
Current assets/(liabilities)	61,641	-	668	-	62,309
	<u>9,063,416</u>	<u>3,305</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,067,389</u>

23 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

No remuneration was paid to key management personnel during the year.

24 List of Trustees

Minister	Rev Geoffrey Farrar	
Deacon, ex officio member	Rev Kathy Johnson	
Senior Steward - Administration	Clive Norris	
Stewards	Jenny Drewe	
	Jane Fawcett	
	Ruth Kelly	
	Jessica Dalton	
	Sarah Mtonga	
Pastoral Committee	Jane Fawcett	
	Sarah Mtonga	
Church Meeting	David Armstrong	
	Ben Waterhouse	
	Lesley Murray	
	Kojo Keigya Amoasi	
	Geoff Waterhouse	(resigned on 6 July 2025)
	Lisa Armstrong	(resigned on 6 July 2025)
	Anna Mayers	(resigned on 6 July 2025)
	Jean Butcher	(appointed on 6 July 2025)
	Jill Larmer	(appointed on 6 July 2025)
	Hanna Odukwah	(appointed on 6 July 2025)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	The Members of the Church Council
Charity number	1134031
Principal address	Gwendolen Avenue Putney London SW15 6SN
Independent Examiner	Sam Thomas Azets Audit Services Trinity Court 34 West Street Sutton Surrey SM1 1SH
Investment advisors	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 from 1 January 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the Legal and Administrative Information page of the financial statements.

Objectives and activities

The objective and policy of the trustees, both long term and short term, is to enable the church to function successfully at a local level and, through The Connexion, at a national and international level as well. The Methodist Church's calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The Church is concerned with helping the wider community, which it does so through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes both in the UK and overseas. It raises money at regular Church services and through occasional fund raising activities. The Church services are at the heart of local life, but Church life extends further. The central four objectives are worship, learning and care, service and evangelism. The Church provides facilities to Lion House School (now Hurlingham Nursery School), from which it receives rental income. Putney Methodist Church also hosts a range of children's activities, including a monthly Messy Church, a school holiday club (Surrey Explorers), and special events such as carol services for local schools. The Church also engages in outreach with other local schools and groups, runs a meditation group for local people, and has long-established links with Wandsworth Prison. When gifts and legacies are received they are usually invested for long term benefit, in line with the principles of the Methodist Church. The church is used regularly to host community events, for example concerts and fundraising for charities such as Christian Aid, and also serves as a polling station.

Putney became responsible for the finances and management of Roehampton, which serves the Alton Estate in Roehampton. In addition to its weekly services, it hosts a wide range of community activities including the Roehampton Community Shed (part of the national network of Men's Sheds).

The Church has also put strategies in place regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, a Fire Risk Assessment and a Health and Safety Assessment.

The Church is of the opinion that it fulfils the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as a result of its work in the community.

The Church relies heavily on volunteer work. Trustees do not receive formal training, other than in Methodist Church requirements and practices on safeguarding and on equality, diversity and inclusion. However they are under the guidance of the Circuit and the Minister who is employed directly by the Circuit. Regular meetings are held to ensure that any issues arising are discussed properly. There were no employees during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Putney Methodist Church has continued to maintain its activities of Christian witness and service to the community both from its Putney building and at Roehampton. At Putney, in addition to Sunday worship, the church hosts weekly Christian meditation, rehearsals of the PMC Singers, and a range of other community uses. Regular activities at Roehampton include a parent and toddler group, Sixty Plus café, and a foodbank, as well as Tuesday worship. Putney Methodist Church has also continued to maintain the Church and school buildings for which it is responsible. Expenditure and donations have been maintained at a level to keep sufficient funds and reserves have been in line with its overall objectives of helping the Church and wider community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Income has primarily been in the form of voluntary donations and the letting of part of the buildings to Hurlingham Nursery School; there is also income from other users of the buildings in both Putney and Roehampton. Both congregational collections and other donations are increasingly made electronically. The Church's investments have retained their value, due to the Church's cautious portfolio, which was creditable given the current economic conditions. This was in line with the long-term objective to keep the church on a solid financial footing. The Putney Methodist Church, Roehampton Methodist Church and Putney school buildings were valued at a total of £8,593,929 (2023 - £8,384,388) by Methodist Insurance.

Financial review

This reserves policy relates to our General Fund and Restricted Fund. The assets of the Church are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). This helps to ensure regular and reliable returns.

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level in excess of three month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the end of the financial year, general unrestricted funds amounted to £272,328 (2023 - £310,387). Our total unrestricted expenditure for the last financial year amounted to £213,682 (2023 - £152,302) and therefore the trustees consider the reserves level as it stands is sufficient to meet the minimum three months expenditure as stated in the policy. This policy is reviewed annually.

Reserves held in the designated fund are for use in the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and ancillary buildings. Designated fund reserves have decreased during the year to £199,738 (2023 - £207,226). While there are no specific major plans that require additional funding in the foreseeable future, the Trustees are now moving forward with three linked projects to (i) improve the accessibility of the Putney Church building for those with mobility issues, such as wheelchair users or child-carers with pushchairs, by installing an external ramp and a larger disabled toilet (ii) change the internal configuration of the building, for example to modernise and extend the kitchen, and facilitate use of the building for more than one activity at a time (iii) replace the roof, which has leaked frequently, and add solar panels. The timing depends upon the planning process and upon progress with fund-raising, both of which are under way. Meanwhile, however, the Trustees consider that these reserves are sufficient. The reserves are reviewed annually, in the context of the need for a continuing programme of repair and maintenance of the large and historic church building.

Restricted funds comprise of Benevolent funds of £668 (2023 - £635) unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes. The endowment funds are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes and have unrestricted income but the capital is restricted. The balance of the endowments at the end of the year was £3,411 (2023 - £3,131).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

Structure, governance and management

The Church completed registration with the Charity Commission in 2010 and is largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

The trustees who served during the year are listed in note 21 to these financial statements.

All members of the Church Council are trustees and the minister is automatically appointed. The General Church council meet annually and elect the Church Stewards and representatives to sit on the Church Council. Other designated members such as the Church Council Secretary are elected by the Church Council.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the charity's contractual and other legal obligations.

The charity had no trade creditors at the end of the year.

The Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches, which is part of the larger London District. The Circuit administers people, property and finance, and acts through central Circuit meetings, which representatives of each of the local churches attend. Putney Methodist Church pays a quarterly assessment to the Circuit to cover the Circuit's costs. All districts are related to each other through The Connexion, which is a network of support for all the churches in Great Britain. The Methodist Church's activities are governed largely by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

Putney Methodist Church has its own Church Council, which includes Roehampton representatives, which makes decisions affecting the Church at a local level. There are no formal training procedures involved in membership of the Church Council, which is ultimately the decision making body for Putney Methodist Church. The Church tries hard to ensure that people on the Church Council and various committees have a combination of relevant skills. Members are from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions. All office holders receive regular training in specific areas prioritised by the Methodist Church nationally, notably safeguarding, and equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

On a national level, the on going work of the Methodist Conference is undertaken throughout the year by the Connexional Council (formerly the Methodist Council), which meets four times annually.

Plans for the future

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Church for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

C. Norris

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C Norris
Trustee

5/3/25
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Dated

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Putney Methodist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

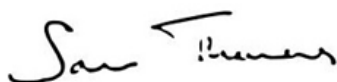
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable 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 financial statements to be reached.



Sam Thomas
Azets Audit Services
Independent Examiner
ICAEW

01/04/2025
Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	3	31,175	-	-	31,175	20,720	-	-	20,720
Investment Income	4	112,144	135	33	112,312	127,694	67	21	127,782
Total income		143,319	135	33	143,487	148,414	67	21	148,502
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	781	9	-	790	795	10	-	805
Charitable activities	5	213,729	-	-	213,729	151,507	-	-	151,507
Total resources expended		214,510	9	-	214,519	152,302	10	-	152,312
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	22,939	174	-	23,113	(5,206)	(246)	-	(5,452)
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(48,252)	300	33	(47,919)	(9,094)	(189)	21	(9,262)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(48,252)	300	33	(47,919)	(9,094)	(189)	21	(9,262)
Gross transfers between funds	126	(126)	-	-	57	(57)	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(48,126)	174	33	(47,919)	(9,037)	(246)	21	(9,262)
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	209,541	-	-	209,541	769,228	-	-	769,228
Net movement in funds	161,415	174	33	161,622	760,191	(246)	21	759,966
Fund balances at 1 September 2023	8,902,001	3,131	635	8,905,767	8,141,810	3,377	614	8,145,801
Fund balances at 31 August 2024	9,063,416	3,305	668	9,067,389	8,902,001	3,131	635	8,905,767

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	8,704,853		8,507,509	
Investments	14	300,227		277,135	
		<u>9,005,080</u>		<u>8,784,644</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	15	26,104		29,214	
Cash at bank and in hand		41,025		96,763	
		<u>67,129</u>		<u>125,977</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(4,820)		(4,854)	
Net current assets			62,309		121,123
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>9,067,389</u>		<u>8,905,767</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17	668		635	
Endowment funds		3,305		3,131	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	199,738		207,226	
General unrestricted funds		269,749		310,387	
Revaluation reserve		<u>8,593,929</u>		<u>8,384,388</u>	
			9,063,416		8,902,001
			<u>9,067,389</u>		<u>8,905,767</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5/3/25

Chloe M. Norris

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Trustee

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches whose activities are largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are accounted for on the basis of when the monies are received by The Central Finance Board.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs have been allocated to activities for which they directly relate. Any governance costs have been allocated on the proportion of other costs incurred for the activities.

Resources expended are recognised as Charitable activities under the following headings:

Church events - costs directly associated with running Church Services and events

Gifts to charity - donations made to registered charities

Ecumenical services - donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church

Assessment by circuit - contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	3-30 years
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The Church building is included in the balance sheet at its insured value as determined by Methodist Insurance Plc. An adjustment is made every year (where material) as an unrealised gain or loss.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Tangible assets with a cost of below £500 are not included in fixed assets.

1.12 Property

After taking advice from the Charities Commission, in conjunction with the Property Methodist Office, the Church buildings and the school property need to be included on the balance sheet, at their insured value according to Methodist Insurance plc. An adjustment is made every year where material as an unrealised gain or loss. It has been identified from the SORP (paragraph 18.3) that historic churches are unlikely to meet the heritage asset definition as the preservation of the buildings they occupy is unlikely to be the primary objective of the charity. Churches therefore do not qualify as a heritage asset and so cannot be included at nil cost.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Judgement has been used in the allocation of support and governance costs to each of the three activities. The useful economic life fixtures, fittings and equipment has been estimated in order to determine the appropriate depreciation policy. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	29,175	16,457
Grants receivable	2,000	4,263
	<u>31,175</u>	<u>20,720</u>
Donations and gifts		
Envelopes	13,370	8,125
Collections	9,812	5,716
Gift aid reclaimed	5,994	2,616
	<u>29,175</u>	<u>16,457</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

4 Investment Income	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£
Rental income	101,743		-		-		101,743		118,070		-		-		118,070	
Other interest receivable	6,645		-		-		6,645		7,009		-		-		7,009	
Interest receivable	3,756		135		33		3,924		2,615		67		21		2,703	
	112,144		135		33		112,312		127,694		67		21		127,782	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

5 Charitable activities	Gifts to charity 2024 £	Ecumenical services 2024 £	Assessment by circuit 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Gifts to charity 2023 £	Ecumenical services 2023 £	Assessment by circuit 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Depreciation and impairment	-	12,198	-	12,198	-	23,352	-	23,352
Direct costs	5,015	3,284	69,798	78,097	4,563	3,463	48,846	56,872
Advertising	-	3,079	-	3,079	-	3,079	-	3,079
	5,015	18,561	69,798	93,374	4,563	29,894	48,846	83,303
Share of support costs (see note 8)	-	116,562	-	116,562	-	64,779	-	64,779
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	211	643	2,939	3,793	188	1,229	2,008	3,425
	5,226	135,766	72,737	213,729	4,751	95,902	50,854	151,507

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024*

6 Description of charitable activities

Gifts to charity

Donations made to registered charities.

Ecumenical services

Donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church.

Assessment by circuit

Contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rates, Light & Heat	17,127	-	17,127	13,285	-	13,285
Insurance	7,558	-	7,558	6,720	-	6,720
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,115	-	1,115	81	-	81
Repairs & Renewals	68,849	-	68,849	29,343	-	29,343
Cleaning	3,141	-	3,141	2,179	-	2,179
Sundry expenses	4,980	-	4,980	3,038	-	3,038
Bank charges	15	-	15	-	-	-
Administrative support	13,777	-	13,777	10,133	-	10,133
Audit fees	-	3,460	3,460	-	3,120	3,120
Legal and professional	-	333	333	-	305	305
	<u>116,562</u>	<u>3,793</u>	<u>120,355</u>	<u>64,779</u>	<u>3,425</u>	<u>68,204</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>116,562</u>	<u>3,793</u>	<u>120,355</u>	<u>64,779</u>	<u>3,425</u>	<u>68,204</u>

Accountancy costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £3,460 (2023- £3,360) for independent examination fees.

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) (2023 - £nil) received any remuneration during the year. No trustees (2023 - £nil) received reimbursement for any reason other than making purchases on the Church's behalf.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Revaluation of investments	22,939	174	23,113	(5,206)	(246)	(5,452)

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2023	8,384,388	268,870	8,653,258
Revaluation	209,541	-	209,541
At 31 August 2024	8,593,929	268,870	8,862,799
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 September 2023	-	145,748	145,748
Depreciation charged in the year	-	12,198	12,198
At 31 August 2024	-	157,946	157,946
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2024	8,593,929	110,924	8,704,853
At 31 August 2023	8,384,388	123,121	8,507,509

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £8,593,929 (2023 - £8,384,388) were revalued during the year by the Methodist Insurance. This is inline with the Methodist Church policy to recognise the value of land and buildings at the insured value, considered to be the fair value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2023	277,135
Valuation changes	23,092
At 31 August 2024	300,227
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2024	300,227
At 31 August 2023	277,135

15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	3,528	6,233
Prepayments and accrued income	22,576	22,981
	26,104	29,214

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	4,820	4,854

Deferred income of £1,360 (2023 - £1,494) has been recognised in relation to rent received in advance for the school area.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 September 2022	Net incoming resources	Balance at 1 September 2023	Net incoming resources	Balance at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Benevolent fund	614	21	635	33	668
	<u>614</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>668</u>

£668 (2023: £635) is held as a restricted fund in bank accounts as a benevolent fund in order to help those in need.

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 September 2022	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 1 September 2023	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General property	136,985	73,070	(82,111)	127,944	38,419	(45,907)	120,456
Lion House lease	79,282	-	-	79,282	-	-	79,282
	<u>216,267</u>	<u>73,070</u>	<u>(82,111)</u>	<u>207,226</u>	<u>38,419</u>	<u>(45,907)</u>	<u>199,738</u>

The Property fund is a designated fund relating to the buildings at Gwendolen Avenue, which forms the Church and ancillary buildings used for letting to Hurlingham Nursery School, and income and expenditure relating to the same. Part of this fund is set aside to meet the ongoing obligations arising from the lease on Lion House School. Income from the fund is also used to meet the Assessment by circuit expense, which requires transfer to the unrestricted fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

19 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted fund		Total Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted fund		Total	
	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:														
Tangible assets	8,704,853		-		-		8,704,853		-		-		8,507,509	
Investments	296,922		3,305		-		300,227		3,131		-		277,135	
Current assets/(liabilities)	61,641		-		-		62,309		-		635		121,123	
	9,063,416		3,305				9,067,389		3,131		635		8,905,767	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

No remuneration was paid to key management personnel during the year.

21 List of Trustees

Minister	Rev Geoffrey Farrar	
Deacon, ex officio member	Rev Kathy Johnson	
Senior Steward - Administration	Clive Norris	
Stewards	Jenny Drewe	
	Jane Fawcett	
	Ruth Kelly	
	Jessica Dalton	
	Sarah Mtonga	
Pastoral Committee	Jane Fawcett	
	Sarah Mtonga	
Church Meeting	David Armstrong	
	Ben Waterhouse	
	Lesley Murray	
	Geoff Waterhouse	
	Kojo Keigya Amoasi	(Appointed on 22 January 2024)
	Anna Mayers	(Appointed on 22 January 2024)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	The Members of the Church Council
Charity number	1134031
Principal address	Gwendolen Avenue Putney London SW15 6SN
Independent Examiner	Sam Thomas Azets Audit Services Trinity Court 34 West Street Sutton Surrey SM1 1SH
Investment advisors	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 from 1 January 2015.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the Legal and Administrative Information page of the financial statements.

Objectives and activities

The objective and policy of the trustees, both long term and short term, is to enable the church to function successfully at a local level and, through The Connexion, at a national and international level as well. The Methodist Church's calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The Church is concerned with helping the wider community, which it does so through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes both in the UK and overseas. It raises money at regular Church services and through occasional fund raising activities. The Church services are at the heart of local life, but Church life extends further. The central four objectives are worship, learning and care, service and evangelism. The Church provides facilities to Lion House School (now Hurlingham Nursery School), from which it receives rental income. Putney Methodist Church also hosts a range of children's activities, including a monthly Messy Church, a school holiday club (Surrey Explorers), and special events such as carol services for local schools. The Church also engages in outreach with other local schools and groups, runs a meditation group for local people, and has long-established links with Wandsworth Prison. When gifts and legacies are received they are usually invested for long term benefit, in line with the principles of the Methodist Church. The church is used regularly to host community events, for example concerts and fundraising for charities such as Christian Aid, and also serves as a polling station.

Putney became responsible for the finances and management of Roehampton, which serves the Alton Estate in Roehampton. In addition to its weekly services, it hosts a wide range of community activities including the Roehampton Community Shed (part of the national network of Men's Sheds).

The Church has also put strategies in place regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, a Fire Risk Assessment and a Health and Safety Assessment.

The Church is of the opinion that it fulfils the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as a result of its work in the community.

The Church relies heavily on volunteer work. Trustees do not receive formal training, other than in Methodist Church requirements and practices on safeguarding and on equality, diversity and inclusion. However they are under the guidance of the Circuit and the Minister who is employed directly by the Circuit. Regular meetings are held to ensure that any issues arising are discussed properly. There were no employees during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Putney Methodist Church has continued to maintain its activities of Christian witness and service to the community both from its Putney building and at Roehampton. At Putney, in addition to Sunday worship, the church hosts weekly Christian meditation, rehearsals of the PMC Singers, and a range of other community uses. Regular activities at Roehampton include a parent and toddler group, Sixty Plus café, and a foodbank, as well as Tuesday worship. Putney Methodist Church has also continued to maintain the Church and school buildings for which it is responsible. Expenditure and donations have been maintained at a level to keep sufficient funds and reserves have been in line with its overall objectives of helping the Church and wider community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Income has primarily been in the form of voluntary donations and the letting of part of the buildings to Hurlingham Nursery School; there is also income from other users of the buildings in both Putney and Roehampton. Both congregational collections and other donations are increasingly made electronically. The Church's investments have retained their value, due to the Church's cautious portfolio, which was creditable given the current economic conditions. This was in line with the long-term objective to keep the church on a solid financial footing. The Putney Methodist Church, Roehampton Methodist Church and Putney school buildings were valued at a total of £8,384,388 (2022 - £7,615,160) by Methodist Insurance.

Financial review

This reserves policy relates to our General Fund and Restricted Fund. The assets of the Church are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). This helps to ensure regular and reliable returns.

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level in excess of three month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the end of the financial year, general unrestricted funds amounted to £310,387 (2022 - £310,383). Our total unrestricted expenditure for the last financial year amounted to £152,302 (2022 - £151,398) and therefore the trustees consider the reserves level as it stands is sufficient to meet the minimum three months expenditure as stated in the policy. This policy is reviewed annually.

Reserves held in the designated fund are for use in the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and ancillary buildings. Designated fund reserves have decreased during the year to £207,226 (2022 - £216,267). While there are no specific major plans that require additional funding in the foreseeable future, the Trustees are hoping to improve the accessibility of the Putney church buildings for those with mobility issues, such as wheelchair users or parents with pushchairs. It is likely that this will involve significant alterations to the present configuration of the premises, for which additional funding would be required. In this eventuality the Trustees would review the church's financial capacity and seek to raise additional funds as needed. Meanwhile, however, the Trustees consider that these reserves are sufficient. The reserves are reviewed annually, in the context of the need for a continuing programme of repair and maintenance of the large and historic church building.

Restricted funds comprise of Benevolent funds of £635 (2022 - £614) unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes. The endowment funds are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes and have unrestricted income but the capital is restricted. The balance of the endowments at the end of the year was £3,131 (2022 - £3,377).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

Structure, governance and management

The Church completed registration with the Charity Commission in 2010 and is largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

The trustees who served during the year are listed in note 21 to these financial statements.

All members of the Church Council are trustees and the minister is automatically appointed. The General Church council meet annually and elect the Church Stewards and representatives to sit on the Church Council. Other designated members such as the Church Council Secretary are elected by the Church Council.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the charity's contractual and other legal obligations.

The charity had no trade creditors at the end of the year.

The Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches, which is part of the larger London District. The Circuit administers people, property and finance, and acts through central Circuit meetings, which representatives of each of the local churches attend. Putney Methodist Church pays a quarterly assessment to the Circuit to cover the Circuit's costs. All districts are related to each other through The Connexion, which is a network of support for all the churches in Great Britain. The Methodist Church's activities are governed largely by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

Putney Methodist Church has its own Church Council which makes decisions affecting the Church at a local level. There are no formal training procedures involved in membership of the Church Council, which is ultimately the decision making body for Putney Methodist Church. The Church tries hard to ensure that people on the Church Council and various committees have a combination of relevant skills. Members are from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions.

On a national level, the on going work of the Methodist Conference is undertaken throughout the year by the Methodist Council, which meets four times annually.

Plans for the future

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Church for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

C M Norris

C Norris
Trustee

8/5/24

Dated

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Putney Methodist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

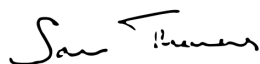
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable 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 financial statements to be reached.



Sam Thomas
Azets Audit Services
Independent Examiner
ICAEW

Dated: 13 May 2024

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PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes								
<u>Income from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	3	20,720	-	-	20,720	61,832	-	-	61,832
Investment Income	4	127,694	67	21	127,782	102,940	35	3	102,978
Total income		148,414	67	21	148,502	164,772	35	3	164,810
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	795	10	-	805	941	11	-	952
Charitable activities	5	151,507	-	-	151,507	150,457	-	48	150,505
Total resources expended		152,302	10	-	152,312	151,398	11	48	151,457
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	(5,206)	(246)	-	(5,452)	(20,942)	(615)	-	(21,557)
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(9,094)	(189)	21	(9,262)	(7,568)	(591)	(45)	(8,204)

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(9,094)	(189)	21	(9,262)	(7,568)	(591)	(45)	(8,204)
Gross transfers between funds	57	(57)	-	-	24	(24)	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(9,037)	(246)	21	(9,262)	(7,544)	(615)	(45)	(8,204)
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	769,228	-	-	769,228	1,723,034	-	-	1,723,034
Net movement in funds	760,191	(246)	21	759,966	1,715,490	(615)	(45)	1,714,830
Fund balances at 1 September 2022	8,141,810	3,377	614	8,145,801	6,426,320	3,992	659	6,430,971
Fund balances at 31 August 2023	<u>8,902,001</u>	<u>3,131</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>8,905,767</u>	<u>8,141,810</u>	<u>3,377</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>8,145,801</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	8,507,509		7,751,685	
Investments	14	277,135		282,586	
		<u>8,784,644</u>		<u>8,034,271</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	15	29,214		28,342	
Cash at bank and in hand		96,763		92,798	
		<u>125,977</u>		<u>121,140</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(4,854)		(9,610)	
Net current assets			121,123		111,530
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>8,905,767</u>		<u>8,145,801</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17	635		614	
Endowment funds		3,131		3,377	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	207,226		216,267	
General unrestricted funds		310,387		310,383	
Revaluation reserve		<u>8,384,388</u>		<u>7,615,160</u>	
			8,902,001		8,141,810
			<u>8,905,767</u>		<u>8,145,801</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8/5/24

C M Norris
C Norris
Trustee

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Judgement has been used in the allocation of support and governance costs to each of the three activities. The useful economic life fixtures, fittings and equipment has been estimated in order to determine the appropriate depreciation policy. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches whose activities are largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

2.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

2.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are accounted for on the basis of when the monies are received by The Central Finance Board.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs have been allocated to activities for which they directly relate. Any governance costs have been allocated on the proportion of other costs incurred for the activities.

Resources expended are recognised as Charitable activities under the following headings:

Church events - costs directly associated with running Church Services and events

Gifts to charity - donations made to registered charities

Ecumenical services - donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church

Assessment by circuit - contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	3-30 years
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The Church building is included in the balance sheet at its insured value as determined by Methodist Insurance Plc. An adjustment is made every year (where material) as an unrealised gain or loss.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

2.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2.11 Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Tangible assets with a cost of below £500 are not included in fixed assets.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.12 Property

After taking advice from the Charities Commission, in conjunction with the Property Methodist Office, the Church buildings and the school property need to be included on the balance sheet, at their insured value according to Methodist Insurance plc. An adjustment is made every year where material as an unrealised gain or loss. It has been identified from the SORP (paragraph 18.3) that historic churches are unlikely to meet the heritage asset definition as the preservation of the buildings they occupy is unlikely to be the primary objective of the charity. Churches therefore do not qualify as a heritage asset and so cannot be included at nil cost.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	16,457	42,282
Grants receivable	4,263	19,550
	<u>20,720</u>	<u>61,832</u>
Donations and gifts		
Envelopes	8,125	6,731
Collections	5,716	16,051
Gift aid reclaimed	2,616	2,000
Roehampton Church income	-	17,500
	<u>16,457</u>	<u>42,282</u>

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

4 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	118,070	-	-	118,070	95,976	-	-	95,976
Other interest receivable	7,009	-	-	7,009	6,621	-	-	6,621
Interest receivable	2,615	67	21	2,703	343	35	3	381
	<u>127,694</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>127,782</u>	<u>102,940</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>102,978</u>

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

5 Charitable activities

	Gifts to charity 2023 £	Ecumenical services 2023 £	Assessment by circuit 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Gifts to charity 2022 £	Ecumenical services 2022 £	Assessment by circuit 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Depreciation and impairment	-	23,352	-	23,352	-	18,824	-	18,824
Direct costs	4,563	3,463	48,846	56,872	4,768	2,764	43,308	50,840
Advertising	-	3,079	-	3,079	-	1,662	-	1,662
	<u>4,563</u>	<u>29,894</u>	<u>48,846</u>	<u>83,303</u>	<u>4,768</u>	<u>23,250</u>	<u>43,308</u>	<u>71,326</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	-	64,779	-	64,779	-	75,333	-	75,333
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	188	1,229	2,008	3,425	257	1,254	2,335	3,846
	<u>4,751</u>	<u>95,902</u>	<u>50,854</u>	<u>151,507</u>	<u>5,025</u>	<u>99,837</u>	<u>45,643</u>	<u>150,505</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	4,751	95,902	50,854	151,507	5,025	99,789	45,643	150,457
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	48
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48</u>

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023*

6 Description of charitable activities

Gifts to charity

Donations made to registered charities.

Ecumenical services

Donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church.

Assessment by circuit

Contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Investment management</u>	795	10	805	941	11	952
	<u>795</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>941</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>952</u>

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rates, Light & Heat	13,285	-	13,285	7,426	-	7,426
Insurance	6,720	-	6,720	6,288	-	6,288
Printing, Postage & Stationery	81	-	81	1,061	-	1,061
Repairs & Renewals	29,343	-	29,343	37,300	-	37,300
Cleaning	2,179	-	2,179	3,218	-	3,218
Sundry expenses	3,038	-	3,038	4,420	-	4,420
Administrative support	10,133	-	10,133	15,620	-	15,620
Audit fees	-	3,120	3,120	-	3,360	3,360
Legal and professional	-	305	305	-	486	486
	<u>64,779</u>	<u>3,425</u>	<u>68,204</u>	<u>75,333</u>	<u>3,846</u>	<u>79,179</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>64,779</u>	<u>3,425</u>	<u>68,204</u>	<u>75,333</u>	<u>3,846</u>	<u>79,179</u>

Accountancy costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £3,360 (2022- £3,360) for independent examination fees.

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) (2022 - £nil) received any remuneration during the year. No trustees (2022 - £nil) received reimbursement for any reason other than making purchases on the Church's behalf.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Revaluation of investments	(5,206)	(246)	(5,452)	(20,942)	(615)	(21,557)

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2022	7,615,160	258,921	7,874,081
Additions	-	9,949	9,949
Revaluation	769,228	-	769,228
At 31 August 2023	8,384,388	268,870	8,653,258
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 September 2022	-	122,397	122,397
Depreciation charged in the year	-	23,352	23,352
At 31 August 2023	-	145,749	145,749
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2023	8,384,388	123,121	8,507,509
At 31 August 2022	7,615,160	136,525	7,751,685

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £8,384,388 (2022 - £7,615,160) were revalued during the year by the Methodist Insurance. This is inline with the Methodist Church policy to recognise the value of land and buildings at the insured value, considered to be the fair value.

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2022	282,586
Valuation changes	(5,451)
At 31 August 2023	277,135
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2023	277,135
At 31 August 2022	282,586

15 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	6,233	3,656
Prepayments and accrued income	22,981	24,686
	29,214	28,342

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	4,854	9,610

Deferred income of £1,494 (2022 - £6,250) has been recognised in relation to rent received in advance for the school area.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 September 2021	Net incoming resources	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 1 September 2022	Net incoming resources	Balance at 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Benevolent fund	659	3	(48)	614	21	635
	<u>659</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>(48)</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>635</u>

£635 (2022: £614) is held as a restricted fund in bank accounts as a benevolent fund in order to help those in need.

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 September 2021	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 1 September 2022	Net incoming resources	Transfers
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General property	66,626	63,563	6,796	136,985	73,070	(82,111)
Lion House lease	79,282	-	-	79,282	-	-
	<u>145,908</u>	<u>63,563</u>	<u>6,796</u>	<u>216,267</u>	<u>73,070</u>	<u>(82,111)</u>
	<u>145,908</u>	<u>63,563</u>	<u>6,796</u>	<u>216,267</u>	<u>73,070</u>	<u>(82,111)</u>

The Property fund is a designated fund relating to the buildings at Gwendolen Avenue, which forms the Church and ancillary buildings used for letting to Lion House School, and income and expenditure relating to the same. Part of this fund is set aside to meet the ongoing obligations arising from the lease on Lion House School. Income from the fund is also used to meet the Assessment by circuit expense, which requires transfer to the unrestricted fund.

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Restricted fund 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Restricted fund 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:							
Tangible assets	8,507,509	-	-	8,507,509	7,751,685	-	7,751,685
Investments	274,004	3,131	-	277,135	278,595	3,377	282,586
Current assets/(liabilities)	120,488	-	635	121,123	111,530	-	111,530
	<u>8,902,001</u>	<u>3,131</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>8,905,767</u>	<u>8,141,810</u>	<u>3,377</u>	<u>8,145,801</u>

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20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

No remuneration was paid to key management personnel during the year.

21 List of Trustees

Minister	Rev Geoffrey Farrar	
Deacon, ex officio member	Rev Kathy Johnson	
Senior Steward - Administration	Clive Norris	
Stewards	Jenny Drewe	
	Jane Fawcett	
	Ruth Kelly	
	Jessica Dalton	
	Sarah Mtonga	
	Jean Butcher	Appointed on 6th October 2022
Pastorial Committee	Jane Fawcett	
	Sarah Mtonga	
Church Meeting	David Armstrong	
	Ben Waterhouse	
	Lesley Murray	
	Hannah Odukwa	Appointed on 6th October 2022
	Geoff Waterhouse	

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	The Members of the Church Council
Charity number	1134031
Principal address	Gwendolen Avenue Putney London SW15 6SN
Independent Examiner	Sam Thomas Azets Audit Services Trinity Court 34 West Street Sutton Surrey SM1 1SH
Investment advisors	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 from 1 January 2015.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the Legal and Administrative Information page of the financial statements.

Objectives and activities

The objective and policy of the trustees, both long term and short term, is to enable the church to function successfully at a local level and, through The Connexion, at a national and international level as well. The Methodist Church's calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The Church is concerned with helping the wider community, which it does so through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes both in the UK and overseas. It raises money at regular Church services and through occasional fund raising activities. The Church services are at the heart of local life, but Church life extends further. The central four objectives are worship, learning and care, service and evangelism. The Church provides facilities to Lion House School (now Hurlingham Nursery School), from which it receives rental income. Putney Methodist Church also has a Sunday School. The Church also engages in outreach with other local schools and groups, runs a meditation group for local people, and has long-established links with Wandsworth Prison. When gifts and legacies are received they are usually invested for long term benefit, in line with the principles of the Methodist Church. The church is used regularly to host community events, for example concerts and fundraising for charities such as Christian Aid, and also serves as a polling station.

During the year the Church took the decision to assume responsibility for Roehampton Methodist Church, which from next year will become a 'class' of Putney Methodist Church. Putney will from next year be responsible for the finances and management of Roehampton, which serves the Alton Estate in Roehampton.

The Church has also put strategies in place regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, a Fire Risk Assessment and a Health and Safety Assessment.

The Church is of the opinion that it fulfils the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as a result of its work in the community.

The Church relies heavily on volunteer work. Trustees do not receive formal training, other than in safeguarding, but are under the guidance of the Circuit and the Minister who is employed directly by the Circuit. Regular meetings are held to ensure that any issues arising are discussed properly. There were no employees during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Putney Methodist Church has continued to maintain its activities of Christian witness and service to the community both from its Putney building and at Roehampton. At Putney, in addition to Sunday worship, the church hosts weekly Christian meditation, rehearsals of the PMC Singers, and a range of other community uses. Regular activities at Roehampton include a parent and toddler group, Sixty Plus café, and a foodbank, as well as Tuesday worship. Putney Methodist Church has also continued to maintain the Church and school buildings for which it is responsible. Expenditure and donations have been maintained at a level to keep sufficient funds and reserves have been in line with its overall objectives of helping the Church and wider community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Income has primarily been in the form of voluntary donations and the letting of part of the buildings to Hurlingham Nursery School; there is also income from other users of the buildings in both Putney and Roehampton. Both congregational collections and other donations are increasingly made electronically. The Church's investments have retained their value, due to the Church's cautious portfolio, which was creditable given the current economic conditions. This was in line with the long-term objective to keep the church on a solid financial footing. The Putney Methodist Church, Roehampton Methodist Church and Putney school buildings were valued at a total of £7,751,685 by Methodist Insurance.

Financial review

This reserves policy relates to our General Fund and Restricted Fund. The assets of the Church are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). This helps to ensure regular and reliable returns.

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level in excess of three month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the end of the financial year, general unrestricted funds amounted to £310,384 (2021 - £388,286). Our total unrestricted expenditure for the last financial year amounted to £151,397 (2021 - £111,671) and therefore the trustees consider the reserves level as it stands is sufficient to meet the minimum three months expenditure as stated in the policy. This policy is reviewed annually.

Reserves held in the designated fund are for use in the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and ancillary buildings. Designated fund reserves have increased during the year to £216,267 (2021 - £145,908). There are no major plans that require additional funding in the foreseeable future, therefore the Trustees consider these reserves sufficient. If for any reason additional funding were to be required, the Trustees would review the fundraising methods required to raise more funds. The reserves are reviewed annually, in the context of the need for a continuing programme of repair and maintenance of the large and historic church building.

Restricted funds comprise of Benevolent funds of £614 (2021 - £659) unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes. The endowment funds are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes and have unrestricted income but the capital is restricted. The balance of the endowments at the end of the year was £3,377 (2021 - £3,992).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

Structure, governance and management

The Church completed registration with the Charity Commission in 2010 and is largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

The trustees who served during the year are listed in note 21 to these financial statements.

All members of the Church Council are trustees and the minister is automatically appointed. The General Church council meet annually and elect the Church Stewards and representatives to sit on the Church Council. Other designated members such as the Church Council Secretary are elected by the Church Council.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the charity's contractual and other legal obligations.

The charity had no trade creditors at the end of the year.

The Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches, which is part of the larger London District. The Circuit administers people, property and finance, and acts through central Circuit meetings, which representatives of each of the local churches attend. Putney Methodist Church pays a quarterly assessment to the Circuit to cover the Circuit's costs. All districts are related to each other through The Connexion, which is a network of support for all the churches in Great Britain. The Methodist Church's activities are governed largely by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

Putney Methodist Church has its own Church Council which makes decisions affecting the Church at a local level. There are no formal training procedures involved in membership of the Church Council, which is ultimately the decision making body for Putney Methodist Church. The Church tries hard to ensure that people on the Church Council and various committees have a combination of relevant skills. Members are from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions.

On a national level, the on going work of the Methodist Conference is undertaken throughout the year by the Methodist Council, which meets four times annually.

Plans for the future

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Church for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

C M Norris

C Norris
Trustee

28/6/23

Dated

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Putney Methodist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

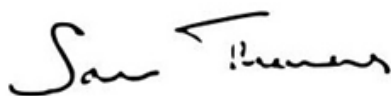
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable 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 financial statements to be reached.



Sam Thomas
Azets Audit Services
Independent Examiner
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Dated: 28/06/2023

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PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	3	61,832	-	-	61,832	51,794	-	-	51,794
Investment Income	4	102,940	35	3	102,978	90,197	26	2	90,225
Total income		164,772	35	3	164,810	141,991	26	2	142,019
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	941	11	-	952	566	8	-	574
Charitable activities	5	150,457	-	48	150,505	111,105	-	-	111,105
Total resources expended		151,398	11	48	151,457	111,671	8	-	111,679
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	(20,942)	(615)	-	(21,557)	46,826	(77)	-	46,749
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(7,568)	(591)	(45)	(8,204)	77,146	(59)	2	77,089

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(7,568)	(591)	(45)	(8,204)	77,146	(59)	2	77,089
Gross transfers between funds	24	(24)	-	-	19	(19)	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(7,544)	(615)	(45)	(8,204)	77,165	(78)	2	77,089
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	1,723,034	-	-	1,723,034	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,715,490	(615)	(45)	1,714,830	77,165	(78)	2	77,089
Fund balances at 1 September 2021	6,426,320	3,992	659	6,430,971	6,349,155	4,070	657	6,353,882
Fund balances at 31 August 2022	8,141,810	3,377	614	8,145,801	6,426,320	3,992	659	6,430,971

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12	7,751,685		5,968,760	
Investments	13	282,586		334,152	
		<u>8,034,271</u>		<u>6,302,912</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	14	28,342		28,991	
Cash at bank and in hand		92,798		117,147	
		<u>121,140</u>		<u>146,138</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(9,610)		(18,079)	
Net current assets			111,530		128,059
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>8,145,801</u>		<u>6,430,971</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16	614		659	
Endowment funds		3,377		3,992	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	216,267		145,908	
General unrestricted funds		310,383		388,286	
Revaluation reserve		<u>7,615,160</u>		<u>5,892,126</u>	
		<u>8,141,810</u>		<u>6,426,320</u>	
		<u>8,145,801</u>		<u>6,430,971</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28/6/23

C. M. Norris
C Norris
Trustee

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Judgement has been used in the allocation of support and governance costs to each of the three activities. The useful economic life fixtures, fittings and equipment has been estimated in order to determine the appropriate depreciation policy. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches whose activities are largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

2.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

2.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are accounted for on the basis of when the monies are received by The Central Finance Board.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs have been allocated to activities for which they directly relate. Any governance costs have been allocated on the proportion of other costs incurred for the activities.

Resources expended are recognised as Charitable activities under the following headings:

Church events - costs directly associated with running Church Services and events

Gifts to charity - donations made to registered charities

Ecumenical services - donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church

Assessment by circuit - contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	3-30 years
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The Church building is included in the balance sheet at its insured value as determined by Methodist Insurance Plc. An adjustment is made every year (where material) as an unrealised gain or loss.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

2.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2.11 Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Tangible assets with a cost of below £500 are not included in fixed assets.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.12 Property

After taking advice from the Charities Commission, in conjunction with the Property Methodist Office, the Church buildings and the school property need to be included on the balance sheet, at their insured value according to Methodist Insurance plc. An adjustment is made every year where material as an unrealised gain or loss. It has been identified from the SORP (paragraph 18.3) that historic churches are unlikely to meet the heritage asset definition as the preservation of the buildings they occupy is unlikely to be the primary objective of the charity. Churches therefore do not qualify as a heritage asset and so cannot be included at nil cost.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	42,282	14,473
Grants receivable	19,550	37,321
	<u>61,832</u>	<u>51,794</u>
Donations and gifts		
Envelopes	6,731	10,940
Collections	16,051	3,397
Gift aid reclaimed	2,000	136
Roehampton Church income	17,500	-
	<u>42,282</u>	<u>14,473</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

4 Investment Income	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£
Rental income	95,976		-		-		95,976		85,208		-		-		85,208	
Other interest receivable	6,621		-		-		6,621		4,679		-		-		4,679	
Interest receivable	343		35		3		381		310		26		2		338	
	102,940		35		3		102,978		90,197		26		2		90,225	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

5 Charitable activities		Gifts to charity		Ecumenical services		Assessment by circuit		Total	Gifts to charity		Ecumenical services		Assessment by circuit		Total
		2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2022	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021
	Depreciation and impairment	-		18,824		-		18,824	-		13,241		-		13,241
	Direct costs	4,768		2,764		43,308		50,840	3,136		395		55,529		59,060
	Advertising	-		1,662		-		1,662	-		188		-		188
		4,768		23,250		43,308		71,326	3,136		13,824		55,529		72,489
	Share of support costs (see note 8)	-		75,333		-		75,333	-		34,738		-		34,738
	Share of governance costs (see note 8)	257		1,254		2,335		3,846	168		727		2,983		3,878
		5,025		99,837		45,643		150,505	3,304		49,289		58,512		111,105
	Analysis by fund														
	Unrestricted funds	5,025		99,789		45,643		150,457	3,304		49,289		58,512		111,105
	Restricted funds	-		48		-		48	-		-		-		-
		5,025		99,837		45,643		150,505	3,304		49,289		58,512		111,105

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

6 Description of charitable activities

Gifts to charity

Donations made to registered charities.

Ecumenical services

Donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church.

Assessment by circuit

Contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Investment management</u>	941	11	952	566	8	574
	941	11	952	566	8	574

8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Rates, Light & Heat	7,426	-	7,426	9,833	-	9,833
Insurance	6,288	-	6,288	6,349	-	6,349
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,061	-	1,061	828	-	828
Repairs & Renewals	37,300	-	37,300	7,024	-	7,024
Cleaning	3,218	-	3,218	1,718	-	1,718
Sundry expenses	4,420	-	4,420	2,219	-	2,219
Administrative support	15,620	-	15,620	6,767	-	6,767
Audit fees	-	3,360	3,360	-	2,835	2,835
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	744	744
Legal and professional	-	486	486	-	299	299
	75,333	3,846	79,179	34,738	3,878	38,616
Analysed between Charitable activities	75,333	3,846	79,179	34,738	3,878	38,616

Accountancy costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £3,360 (2021- £2,700) for independent examination fees.

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9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) (2021 - £nil) received any remuneration during the year. No trustees (2021 - £nil) received reimbursement for any reason other than making purchases on the Church's behalf.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Revaluation of investments	(20,942)	(615)	(21,557)	46,826	(77)	46,749

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2021	5,892,126	180,206	6,072,332
Additions	711,048	78,715	789,763
Revaluation	1,011,986	-	1,011,986
At 31 August 2022	7,615,160	258,921	7,874,081
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 September 2021	-	103,572	103,572
Depreciation charged in the year	-	18,824	18,824
At 31 August 2022	-	122,396	122,396
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2022	7,615,160	136,525	7,751,685
At 31 August 2021	5,892,126	76,634	5,968,760

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12 Tangible fixed assets

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Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £7,615,160 (2021 - £5,892,126) were revalued during the year by the Methodist Insurance. This is inline with the Methodist Church policy to recognise the value of land and buildings at the insured value, considered to be the fair value.

13 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2021	334,152
Valuation changes	(51,566)
At 31 August 2022	282,586
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2022	282,586
At 31 August 2021	334,152

14 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	3,656	1,656
Prepayments and accrued income	24,686	27,335
	28,342	28,991

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	-	6,000
Accruals and deferred income	9,610	12,079
	9,610	18,079

Deferred income of £6,250 (2021 - £6,250) has been recognised in relation to rent received in advance for the school and play area.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 September 2020	Net incoming resources	Balance at 1 September 2021	Net incoming resources	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Benevolent fund	657	2	659	3	(48)	614

£614 (2021: £659) is held as a restricted fund in bank accounts as a benevolent fund in order to help those in need.

17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 August 2022
	Balance at 1 September 2020	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 1 September 2021	Net incoming resources	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
General property	41,471	69,037	(43,882)	66,626	63,563	6,796	136,985
Lion House lease	79,282	-	-	79,282	-	-	79,282
	120,753	69,037	(43,882)	145,908	63,563	6,796	216,267

The Property fund is a designated fund relating to the buildings at Gwendolen Avenue, which forms the Church and ancillary buildings used for letting to Lion House School, and income and expenditure relating to the same. Part of this fund is set aside to meet the ongoing obligations arising from the lease on Lion House School. Income from the fund is also used to meet the Assessment by circuit expense, which requires transfer to the unrestricted fund.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted fund		Total		Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted fund		Total	
	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:																
Tangible assets	7,751,685		-		-		7,751,685		5,968,760		-		-		5,968,760	
Investments	278,595		3,377		614		282,586		329,501		3,992		659		334,152	
Current assets/(liabilities)	111,530		-		-		111,530		128,059		-		-		128,059	
	8,141,810		3,377		614		8,145,801		6,426,320		3,992		659		6,430,971	

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19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

No remuneration was paid to key management personnel during the year.

20 List of Trustees

Minister	Rev Geoffrey Farrar
Deacon, ex officio member	Rev Kathy Johnson
Senior Steward - Administration	Clive Norris
Stewards	Jenny Drewe
	Jane Fawcett
	Sarah Mtonga
Council Secretary	Geoff Waterhouse
Church Council Secretary	Lisa Armstrong
Sunday School	Ruth Kelly
Safeguarding	Jane Fawcett
Church Meeting	David Armstrong
	Ben Waterhouse
	Lesley Murray
	Jessica Dalton

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	The Members of the Church Council
Charity number	1134031
Principal address	Gwendolen Avenue Putney London SW15 6SN
Independent Examiner	Sam Thomas Azets Audit Services Trinity Court 34 West Street Sutton Surrey SM1 1SH
Investment advisors	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 from 1 January 2015.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the Legal and Administrative Information page of the financial statements.

Objectives and activities

The objective and policy of the trustees, both long term and short term, is to enable the church to function successfully at a local level and, through The Connexion, at a national and international level as well. The Methodist Church's calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The Church is concerned with helping the wider community, which it does so through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes both in the UK and overseas. It raises money at regular Church services and through occasional fund raising activities. The Church services are at the heart of local life, but Church life extends further. The central four objectives are worship, learning and care, service and evangelism. The Church provides facilities to Lion House School (now Hurlingham Nursery School), from which it receives rental income. Putney Methodist Church also has a Sunday School. The Church also engages in outreach with other local schools and groups, runs a meditation group for local people, and has long-established links with Wandsworth Prison. When gifts and legacies are received they are usually invested for long term benefit, in line with the principles of the Methodist Church. The church is used regularly to host community events, for example concerts and fundraising for charities such as Christian Aid, and also serves as a polling station.

During the year the Church took the decision to assume responsibility for Roehampton Methodist Church, which from next year will become a 'class' of Putney Methodist Church. Putney will from next year be responsible for the finances and management of Roehampton, which serves the Alton Estate in Roehampton.

The Church has also put strategies in place regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, a Fire Risk Assessment and a Health and Safety Assessment.

The Church is of the opinion that it fulfils the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as a result of its work in the community.

The Church relies heavily on volunteer work. Trustees do not receive formal training, other than in safeguarding, but are under the guidance of the Circuit and the Minister who is employed directly by the Circuit. Regular meetings are held to ensure that any issues arising are discussed properly. There were no employees during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The COVID-19 pandemic severely affected the life and work of the church in many ways. Church services were restricted and at times suspended, as were other activities in the building. However the Church Council made arrangements to continue as much work as possible, for example, by organising online services and other activities, and maintaining key pastoral contacts by telephone. Putney Methodist Church has continued to maintain the Church and school building. Expenditure and donations have been maintained at a level to keep sufficient funds and reserves have been in line with its overall objectives of helping the Church and wider community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Income has been in the form of voluntary donations and the letting of part of the buildings to Hurlingham Nursery School. The COVID-19 pandemic reduced the church's income from congregational collections and from its other users, but this was mitigated as far as possible, for example, by encouraging online donations, and the loss has been manageable. The investments have retained their value, due to the church's cautious portfolio, which was creditable given the current economic conditions. This was in line with the long term objective to keep the church on a solid financial footing. The church and school buildings were valued at £5,892,126 by Methodist Insurance.

Late in the year, and arising from the pandemic, a breakdown in communication with HSBC led to the sudden and unexpected closure of the Church's bank accounts. While this caused serious inconvenience, disrupting both income and the payment of suppliers, the Church had adequate reserves and its operations were largely unaffected. The Church Council decided on 11 July 2021 that the Church should move its business to Metro Bank and this has been done.

Financial review

This reserves policy relates to our General Fund and Restricted Fund. The assets of the Church are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). This helps to ensure regular and reliable returns.

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level in excess of three month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the end of the financial year, general unrestricted funds amounted to £388,286 (2020 - £336,276). Our total unrestricted expenditure for the last financial year amounted to £111,671 (2020 - £107,370) and therefore the trustees consider the reserves level as it stands is sufficient to meet the minimum three months expenditure as stated in the policy. This policy is reviewed annually.

Reserves held in the designated fund are for use in the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and ancillary buildings. Designated fund reserves have increased during the year to £145,908 (2020 - £120,753). There are no major plans that require additional funding in the foreseeable future, therefore the Trustees consider these reserves sufficient. If for any reason additional funding were to be required, the Trustees would review the fundraising methods required to raise more funds. The reserves are reviewed annually, in the context of the need for a continuing programme of repair and maintenance of the large and historic church building.

Restricted funds comprise of Benevolent funds of £659 (2020 - £657) unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes. The endowment funds are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes and have unrestricted income but the capital is restricted. The balance of the endowments at the end of the year was £3,992 (2020 - £4,070).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

Structure, governance and management

The Church completed registration with the Charity Commission in 2010 and is largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

The trustees who served during the year are listed in note 21 to these financial statements.

All members of the Church Council are trustees and the minister is automatically appointed. The General Church council meet annually and elect the Church Stewards and representatives to sit on the Church Council. Other designated members such as the Church Council Secretary are elected by the Church Council.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the charity's contractual and other legal obligations.

The charity had no trade creditors at the end of the year.

The Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches, which is part of the larger London District. The Circuit administers people, property and finance, and acts through central Circuit meetings, which representatives of each of the local churches attend. Putney Methodist Church pays a quarterly assessment to the Circuit to cover the Circuit's costs. All districts are related to each other through The Connexion, which is a network of support for all the churches in Great Britain. The Methodist Church's activities are governed largely by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

Putney Methodist Church has its own Church Council which makes decisions affecting the Church at a local level. There are no formal training procedures involved in membership of the Church Council, which is ultimately the decision making body for Putney Methodist Church. The Church tries hard to ensure that people on the Church Council and various committees have a combination of relevant skills. Members are from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions.

On a national level, the on going work of the Methodist Conference is undertaken throughout the year by the Methodist Council, which meets four times annually.

Plans for the future

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Church for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

C. M. Norris

C Norris
Trustee

28/6/22

Dated

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Putney Methodist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

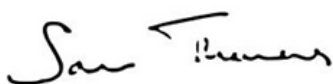
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable 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 financial statements to be reached.



Sam Thomas
Azets Audit Services
Independent Examiner
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Dated: 29/06/2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	3	51,794	-	-	51,794	18,019	-	2,044	20,063
Investment Income	4	90,197	26	2	90,225	89,796	34	4	89,834
Other income	5	-	-	-	-	1,552	-	-	1,552
Total income		141,991	26	2	142,019	109,367	34	2,048	111,449
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	566	8	-	574	587	8	-	595
Charitable activities	6	111,105	-	-	111,105	106,783	-	2,044	108,827
Total resources expended		111,671	8	-	111,679	107,370	8	2,044	109,422
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	46,826	(77)	-	46,749	(10,479)	38	-	(10,441)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		77,146	(59)	2	77,089	(8,482)	64	4	(8,414)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	77,146	(59)	2	77,089	(8,482)	64	4	(8,414)
Gross transfers between funds	19	(19)	-	-	26	(26)	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	77,165	(78)	2	77,089	(8,456)	38	4	(8,414)
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-	143,874	-	-	143,874
Net movement in funds	77,165	(78)	2	77,089	135,418	38	4	135,460
Fund balances at 1 September 2020	6,349,155	4,070	657	6,353,882	6,213,737	4,032	653	6,218,422
Fund balances at 31 August 2021	6,426,320	3,992	659	6,430,971	6,349,155	4,070	657	6,353,882

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	5,968,760		5,944,820	
Investments	14	334,152		287,394	
		<u>6,302,912</u>		<u>6,232,214</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	15	28,991		30,342	
Cash at bank and in hand		117,147		102,526	
		<u>146,138</u>		<u>132,868</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(18,079)		(11,200)	
Net current assets			128,059		121,668
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>6,430,971</u>		<u>6,353,882</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17	659		657	
Endowment funds		3,992		4,070	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	145,908		120,753	
General unrestricted funds		388,286		336,276	
Revaluation reserve		<u>5,892,126</u>		<u>5,892,126</u>	
			6,426,320		6,349,155
			<u>6,430,971</u>		<u>6,353,882</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24/6/22

C. M. Norris

C Norris
Trustee

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches whose activities are largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are accounted for on the basis of when the monies are received by The Central Finance Board.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Support costs have been allocated to activities for which they directly relate. Any governance costs have been allocated on the proportion of other costs incurred for the activities.

Resources expended are recognised as Charitable activities under the following headings:

Church events - costs directly associated with running Church Services and events

Gifts to charity - donations made to registered charities

Ecumenical services - donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church

Assessment by circuit - contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	3-30 years
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The Church building is included in the balance sheet at its insured value as determined by Methodist Insurance Plc. An adjustment is made every year (where material) as an unrealised gain or loss.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Tangible assets with a cost of below £500 are not included in fixed assets.

1.12 Property

After taking advice from the Charities Commission, in conjunction with the Property Methodist Office, the Church building and the school property need to be included on the balance sheet, at their insured value according to Methodist Insurance plc. An adjustment is made every year where material as an unrealised gain or loss. It has been identified from the SORP (paragraph 18.3) that historic churches are unlikely to meet the heritage asset definition as the preservation of the buildings they occupy is unlikely to be the primary objective of the charity. Churches therefore do not qualify as a heritage asset and so cannot be included at nil cost.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Judgement has been used in the allocation of support and governance costs to each of the three activities. The useful economic life fixtures, fittings and equipment has been estimated in order to determine the appropriate depreciation policy. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	14,473	18,019	2,044	20,063
Grants receivable	37,321	-	-	-
	<u>51,794</u>	<u>18,019</u>	<u>2,044</u>	<u>20,063</u>
Donations and gifts				
Envelopes	10,940	9,860	-	9,860
Collections	209	5,192	-	5,192
Gift aid reclaimed	136	2,070	-	2,070
Local collections	1,532	897	-	897
Other donations	-	-	2,044	2,044
Other	1,656	-	-	-
	<u>14,473</u>	<u>18,019</u>	<u>2,044</u>	<u>20,063</u>

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4 Investment Income	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£
Rental income	85,208		-		-		85,208		84,202		-		-		84,202	
Other interest receivable	4,679		-		-		4,679		5,129		-		-		5,129	
Interest receivable	310		26		2		338		465		34		4		503	
	90,197		26		2		90,225		89,796		34		4		89,834	

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5 Other income

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Other income	-	1,552
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6 Charitable activities

	Gifts to Ecumenical/Assessment charity 2021		services 2021		by circuit 2021		Total 2021	Gifts to Ecumenical/Assessment charity 2020		services 2020		by circuit 2020		Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	-	13,241	-	13,241	-	13,241	-	-	12,946	-	12,946	-	12,946	12,946
Direct costs	3,136	395	55,529	59,060	55,529	59,060	9,057	9,057	1,363	41,121	51,541	41,121	51,541	51,541
Advertising	-	188	-	188	-	188	-	-	1,157	-	1,157	-	1,157	1,157
	3,136	13,824	55,529	72,489	55,529	72,489	9,057	9,057	15,466	41,121	65,644	41,121	65,644	65,644
Share of support costs (see note 9)	-	34,738	-	34,738	-	34,738	-	-	36,249	-	36,249	-	36,249	36,249
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	168	727	2,983	3,878	2,983	3,878	957	957	1,634	4,343	6,934	4,343	6,934	6,934
	3,304	49,289	58,512	111,105	58,512	111,105	10,014	10,014	53,349	45,464	108,827	45,464	108,827	108,827
Analysis by fund														
Unrestricted funds	3,304	49,289	58,512	111,105	58,512	111,105	7,970	7,970	53,349	45,464	106,783	45,464	106,783	106,783
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,044	2,044	-	-	2,044	-	2,044	2,044

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7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Investment management</u>	566	8	574	587	8	595
	566	8	574	587	8	595

8 Description of charitable activities

Gifts to charity

Donations made to registered charities.

Ecumenical services

Donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church.

Assessment by circuit

Contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rates, Light & Heat	9,833	-	9,833	11,787	-	11,787
Insurance	6,349	-	6,349	6,377	-	6,377
Printing, Postage & Stationery	828	-	828	153	-	153
Repairs & Renewals	7,024	-	7,024	12,513	-	12,513
Cleaning	1,718	-	1,718	2,488	-	2,488
Sundry expenses	2,219	-	2,219	2,931	-	2,931
Administrative support	6,767	-	6,767	-	-	-
Audit fees	-	2,835	2,835	-	2,700	2,700
Accountancy	-	744	744	-	3,960	3,960
Legal and professional	-	299	299	-	274	274
	34,738	3,878	38,616	36,249	6,934	43,183
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	34,738	3,878	38,616	36,249	6,934	43,183

Accountancy costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £2,835 (2020- £2,700) for independent examination fees.

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10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) (2020- 0) received any remuneration during the year. No trustees (2020- 0) received reimbursement for any reason other than making purchases on the Church's behalf.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Revaluation of investments	46,826	(77)	46,749	(10,479)	38	(10,441)

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2020	5,892,126	143,026	6,035,152
Additions	-	37,180	37,180
At 31 August 2021	5,892,126	180,206	6,072,332
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 September 2020	-	90,331	90,331
Depreciation charged in the year	-	13,241	13,241
At 31 August 2021	-	103,572	103,572
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2021	5,892,126	76,634	5,968,760
At 31 August 2020	5,892,126	52,694	5,944,820

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13 Tangible fixed assets

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Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £5,892,126 (2020 - £5,592,126) were revalued during the year by the Methodist Insurance. This is inline with the Methodist Church policy to recognise the value of land and buildings at the insured value, considered to be the fair value.

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2020	287,394
Valuation changes	46,758
At 31 August 2021	334,152
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2021	334,152
At 31 August 2020	287,394

15 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	1,656	4,074
Prepayments and accrued income	27,335	26,268
	28,991	30,342

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	6,000	-
Accruals and deferred income	12,079	11,200
	18,079	11,200

Deferred income of £6,250 (2020 - £6,250) has been recognised in relation to rent received in advance for the school and play area.

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 September 2019	Net incoming resources	Balance at 1 September 2020	Net incoming resources	Balance at 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Benevolent fund	653	4	657	2	659
	<u>653</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>659</u>

£659 (2020: £657) is held as a restricted fund in bank accounts as a benevolent fund in order to help those in need.

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 September 2019	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 1 September 2020	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General property	36,125	65,231	(59,885)	41,471	69,037	(43,882)	66,626
Lion House lease	79,282	-	-	79,282	-	-	79,282
	<u>115,407</u>	<u>65,231</u>	<u>(59,885)</u>	<u>120,753</u>	<u>69,037</u>	<u>(43,882)</u>	<u>145,908</u>

The Property fund is a designated fund relating to the buildings at Gwendolen Avenue, which forms the Church and ancillary buildings used for letting to Lion House School, and income and expenditure relating to the same. Part of this fund is set aside to meet the ongoing obligations arising from the lease on Lion House School. Income from the fund is also used to meet the Assessment by circuit expense, which requires transfer to the unrestricted fund.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented

by:

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Restricted fund 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Restricted fund 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Tangible assets	5,968,760	-	-	5,968,760	5,940,750	4,070	-	5,944,820
Investments	329,501	3,992	659	334,152	283,324	4,070	-	287,394
Current assets/(liabilities)	128,059	-	-	128,059	121,011	-	657	121,668
	6,426,320	3,992	659	6,430,971	6,345,085	8,140	657	6,353,882

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20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

No remuneration was paid to key management personnel during the year.

21 List of Trustees

Minister	Rev Geoffrey Farrar	
Deacon, ex officio member	Rev Kathy Johnson	Appointed - 9th June 2021
Senior Steward - Administration	Clive Norris	
Stewards	Jenny Drewe	
	Jane Fawcett	
	Solomon Lindsay	Resigned - 9th June 2021
	Sarah Mtonga	
	Geoff Waterhouse	
Council Secretary	Lisa Armstrong	Appointed - 9th June 2021
Church Council Secretary	Ruth Kelly	
Sunday School	Jane Fawcett	
Safeguarding	David Armstrong	
Church Meeting	Ben Waterhouse	
	Lesley Murray	
	Sandra Salmon	Resigned - 9th June 2021
	Orileke Mabo	Resigned - 9th June 2021
	Jessica Dalton	
	Bill Topping	Resigned - 9th June 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	The Members of the Church Council
Charity number	1134031
Principal address	Gwendolen Avenue Putney London SW15 6SN
Independent Examiner	Andrew Miller FCA Azets Audit Services Trinity Court 34 West Street Sutton Surrey United Kingdom SM1 1SH
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 from 1 January 2015.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the Legal and Administrative Information page of the financial statements.

Objectives and activities

The objective and policy of the trustees, both long term and short term, is to enable the church to function successfully at a local level and, through The Connexion, at a national and international level as well. The Methodist Church's calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The Church is concerned with helping the wider community, which it does so through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes both in the UK and overseas. It raises money at regular Church services and through occasional fund raising activities. The Church services are at the heart of local life, but Church life extends further. The central four objectives are worship, learning and care, service and evangelism. The Church provides facilities to Lion House School (now Hurlingham School), from which it receives rental income. Putney Methodist Church also has a Sunday School. The Church also engages in outreach with other local schools and groups, runs a meditation group for local people, and has long-established links with Wandsworth Prison. When gifts and legacies are received they are usually invested for long term benefit, in line with the principles of the Methodist Church. The church is used regularly to host community events, for example concerts and fundraising for charities such as Christian Aid, and also serves as a polling station.

The Church has also put strategies in place regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, a Fire Risk Assessment and a Health and Safety Assessment.

The Church is of the opinion that it fulfils the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as a result of its work in the community.

The Church relies heavily on volunteer work. Trustees do not receive formal training, other than in safeguarding, but are under the guidance of the Circuit and the Minister who is employed directly by the Circuit. Regular meetings are held to ensure that any issues arising are discussed properly. There were no employees during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The COVID-19 pandemic severely affected the life and work of the church in many ways. Church services were restricted and at times suspended, as were other activities in the building. However the Church Council made arrangements to continue as much work as possible, for example, by organising online services and other activities, and maintaining key pastoral contacts by telephone. Putney Methodist Church has continued to maintain the Church and school building. Expenditure and donations have been maintained at a level to keep sufficient funds and reserves have been in line with its overall objectives of helping the Church and wider community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Income has been in the form of voluntary donations and the letting of part of the buildings to Hurlingham School. The COVID-19 pandemic reduced the church's income from congregational collections and from its other users, but this was mitigated as far as possible, for example, by encouraging online donations, and the loss has been manageable. The investments have retained their value, due to their cautious portfolio, which was creditable given the current economic conditions. This was in line with the long term objective to keep the Church on a solid financial footing. The Church and school buildings were valued at £5,892,126 by the Methodist Insurance.

Financial review

This reserves policy relates to our General Fund and Restricted Fund. The assets of the Church are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). This helps to ensure regular and reliable returns.

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level in excess of three month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the end of the financial year, general unrestricted funds amounted to £336,276 (2019 - £350,077). Our total unrestricted expenditure for the last financial year amounted to £107,370 (2019 - £149,876) and therefore the trustees consider the reserves level as it stands is sufficient to meet the minimum three months expenditure as stated in the policy. This policy is reviewed annually.

Reserves held in the designated fund are for use in the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and ancillary buildings. Designated fund reserves have increased during the year to £120,753 (2019 - £115,407). There are no major plans that require additional funding in the foreseeable future, therefore the Trustees consider these reserves sufficient. If for any reason additional funding were to be required, the Trustees would review the fundraising methods required to raise more funds. The reserves are reviewed annually, in the context of the need for a continuing programme of repair and maintenance of the large and historic church building.

Restricted funds comprise of Benevolent funds of £657 (2019 - £653) unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes. The endowment funds are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes and have unrestricted income but the capital is restricted. The balance of the endowments at the end of the year was £4,070 (2019 - £4,032).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

Structure, governance and management

The Church completed registration with the Charity Commission in 2010 and is largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

The trustees who served during the year are listed in note 21 to these financial statements.

All members of the Church Council are trustees and the minister is automatically appointed. The General Church council meet annually and elect the Church Stewards and representatives to sit on the Church Council. Other designated members such as the Church Secretary are elected by the Church Council.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The charity's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the charity's contractual and other legal obligations.

The charity had no trade creditors at the end of the year.

The Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches, which is part of the larger London District. The Circuit administers people, property and finance, and acts through central Circuit meetings, which representatives of each of the local churches attend. Putney Methodist Church pays a quarterly assessment to the Circuit to cover the Circuit's costs. All districts are related to each other through The Connexion, which is a network of support for all the churches in Great Britain. The Methodist Church's activities are governed largely by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

Putney Methodist Church has its own Church Council which makes decisions affecting the Church at a local level. There are no formal training procedures involved in membership of the Church Council, which is ultimately the decision making body for Putney Methodist Church. The Church tries hard to ensure that people on the Church Council and various committees have a combination of relevant skills. Members are from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions.

On a national level, the on going work of the Methodist Conference is undertaken throughout the year by the Methodist Council, which meets four times annually.

Plans for the future

The trustees intend to operate the Putney Methodist Church in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Church for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

C Norrie M. Norris

C Norris
Trustee

23/06/21

Dated

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Putney Methodist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 24/6/21

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Endowment funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes								
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	3	18,019	-	2,044	20,063	29,537	-	791	30,328
Investment Income	4	89,796	34	4	89,834	91,404	49	4	91,457
Other income	5	1,552	-	-	1,552	8,403	-	-	8,403
Total income		109,367	34	2,048	111,449	129,344	49	795	130,188
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	6	587	8	-	595	586	8	-	594
Charitable activities	7	106,783	-	2,044	108,827	149,290	-	791	150,081
Total resources expended		107,370	8	2,044	109,422	149,876	8	791	150,675
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	(10,479)	38	-	(10,441)	612	220	-	832
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(8,482)	64	4	(8,414)	(19,920)	261	4	(19,655)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(8,482)	64	4	(8,414)	(19,920)	261	4	(19,655)
Gross transfers between funds	26	(26)	-	-	41	(41)	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(8,456)	38	4	(8,414)	(19,879)	220	4	(19,655)
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	143,874	-	-	143,874	205,032	-	-	205,032
Net movement in funds	135,418	38	4	135,460	185,153	220	4	185,377
Fund balances at 1 September 2019	6,213,737	4,032	653	6,218,422	6,028,583	3,812	649	6,033,044
Fund balances at 31 August 2020	<u>6,349,155</u>	<u>4,070</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>6,353,882</u>	<u>6,213,736</u>	<u>4,032</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>6,218,421</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	5,944,820		5,808,496	
Investments	14	287,394		297,834	
		<u>6,232,214</u>		<u>6,106,330</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	15	30,342		32,349	
Cash at bank and in hand		102,526		90,972	
		<u>132,868</u>		<u>123,321</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(11,200)		(11,230)	
Net current assets			121,668		112,091
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>6,353,882</u>		<u>6,218,421</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17	657		653	
Endowment funds		4,070		4,032	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	120,753		115,407	
General unrestricted funds		336,276		350,077	
Revaluation reserve		5,892,126		5,748,252	
		<u>6,349,155</u>		<u>6,213,736</u>	
		<u>6,353,882</u>		<u>6,218,421</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 09/06/21

Chie M. Norris

C Norris
Trustee

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Putney Methodist Church is part of the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of Methodist churches whose activities are largely governed by a document entitled 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' last revised in 1996.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are accounted for on the basis of when the monies are received by The Central Finance Board.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Support costs have been allocated to activities for which they directly relate. Any governance costs have been allocated on the proportion of other costs incurred for the activities.

Resources expended are recognised as Charitable activities under the following headings:

Church events - costs directly associated with running Church Services and events

Gifts to charity - donations made to registered charities

Ecumenical services - donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church

Assessment by circuit - contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	3-30 years
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The Church building is included in the Balance Sheet at its insured value as determined by Methodist Insurance PLC. An adjustment is made every year (where material) as an unrealised gain or loss.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in income/(expenditure for the year, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease).

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried in at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.11 Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Tangible assets with a cost of below £500 are not included in fixed assets.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Property

After taking advice from the Charities Commission, in conjunction with the Property Methodist Office, the Church building and the school property need to be included on the balance sheet, at their insured value according to Methodist Insurance plc. An adjustment is made every year where material as an unrealised gain or loss. It has been identified from the SORP (paragraph 18.3) that historic churches are unlikely to meet the heritage asset definition as the preservation of the buildings they occupy is unlikely to be the primary objective of the charity. Churches therefore do not qualify as a heritage asset and so cannot be included at nil cost.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Judgement has been used in the allocation of support and governance costs to each of the three activities. The useful economic life fixtures, fittings and equipment has been estimated in order to determine the appropriate depreciation policy. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £	2019 £
Donations and gifts	18,019	2,044	20,063	29,537	791	30,328
	<u>18,019</u>	<u>2,044</u>	<u>20,063</u>	<u>29,537</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>30,328</u>
Donations and gifts						
Envelopes	9,860	-	9,860	6,170	-	6,170
Collections	5,192	-	5,192	15,577	-	15,577
Gift aid reclaimed	2,070	-	2,070	5,786	-	5,786
Local collections	897	-	897	2,004	-	2,004
Other donations	-	2,044	2,044	-	791	791
	<u>18,019</u>	<u>2,044</u>	<u>20,063</u>	<u>29,537</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>30,328</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Endowment funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Rental income	84,202	-	-	84,202	83,584	-	-	83,584
Other interest receivable	5,129	-	-	5,129	7,430	-	-	7,430
Interest receivable	465	34	4	503	390	49	4	443
	<u>89,796</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>89,834</u>	<u>91,404</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>91,457</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Other income	1,552	8,403
	<u>1,552</u>	<u>8,403</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Investment management</u>	587	8	595	586	8	594
	<u>587</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>594</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7 Charitable activities

	Gifts to charity 2020 £	Ecumenical services 2020 £	Assessment by circuit 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Gifts to charity 2019 £	Ecumenical services 2019 £	Assessment by circuit 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Depreciation and impairment	-	12,946	-	12,946	-	12,236	-	12,236
Direct costs	9,057	1,363	41,121	51,541	4,008	789	54,828	59,625
Advertising	-	1,157	-	1,157	-	260	-	260
	<u>9,057</u>	<u>15,466</u>	<u>41,121</u>	<u>65,644</u>	<u>4,008</u>	<u>13,285</u>	<u>54,828</u>	<u>72,121</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	-	36,249	-	36,249	-	71,556	-	71,556
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	957	1,634	4,343	6,934	288	1,193	4,923	6,404
	<u>10,014</u>	<u>53,349</u>	<u>45,464</u>	<u>108,827</u>	<u>4,296</u>	<u>86,034</u>	<u>59,751</u>	<u>150,081</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	7,970	53,349	45,464	106,783	3,505	86,034	59,751	149,290
Restricted funds	2,044	-	-	2,044	791	-	-	791
	<u>10,014</u>	<u>53,349</u>	<u>45,464</u>	<u>108,827</u>	<u>4,296</u>	<u>86,034</u>	<u>59,751</u>	<u>150,081</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

8 Description of charitable activities

Gifts to charity

Donations made to registered charities.

Ecumenical services

Donations made to further the charitable activities of the Methodist Church.

Assessment by circuit

Contributions to the local circuit for minister stipends and to assist in regional governance.

9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	Support costs	Governance costs	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rates, Light & Heat	11,787	-	11,787	9,046	-	9,046
Insurance	6,377	-	6,377	6,071	-	6,071
Printing, Postage & Stationery	153	-	153	258	-	258
Repairs & Renewals	12,513	-	12,513	51,731	-	51,731
Cleaning	2,488	-	2,488	2,430	-	2,430
Sundry expenses	2,931	-	2,931	2,020	-	2,020
Accountancy	-	6,660	6,660	-	4,950	4,950
Legal and professional	-	274	274	-	1,454	1,454
	<u>36,249</u>	<u>6,934</u>	<u>43,183</u>	<u>71,556</u>	<u>6,404</u>	<u>77,960</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>36,249</u>	<u>6,934</u>	<u>43,183</u>	<u>71,556</u>	<u>6,404</u>	<u>77,960</u>

Accountancy costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £2,700 (2019- £2,700) for independent examination fees.

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) (2019- 0) received any remuneration during the year. No trustees (2019- 0) received reimbursement for any reason other than making purchases on the Church's behalf.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Total	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Endowment funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Revaluation of investments	(10,479)	38	(10,441)	612	220	832

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2019	5,748,252	137,629	5,885,881
Additions	-	5,396	5,396
Revaluation	143,874	-	143,874
At 31 August 2020	5,892,126	143,025	6,035,151
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 September 2019	-	77,385	77,385
Depreciation charged in the year	-	12,946	12,946
At 31 August 2020	-	90,331	90,331
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2020	5,892,126	52,694	5,944,820
At 31 August 2019	5,748,252	60,244	5,808,496

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £5,892,126 (2019 - £5,748,252) were revalued during the year by the Methodist Insurance. This is inline with the Methodist Church policy to recognise the value of land and buildings at the insured value, considered to be the fair value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2019	297,834
Valuation changes	(10,440)
At 31 August 2020	287,394
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2020	287,394
At 31 August 2019	297,834

15 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	4,074	9,259
Prepayments and accrued income	26,268	23,090
	30,342	32,349

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	11,200	11,230

Deferred income of £6,250 (2019 - £6,250) has been recognised in relation to rent received in advance for the school and play area.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 September 2018	Net incoming resources	Balance at 1 September 2019	Net incoming resources	Balance at 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Benevolent fund	649	4	653	4	657
	<u>649</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>657</u>

£657 (2019: £653) is held as a restricted fund in bank accounts as a benevolent fund in order to help those in need.

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 September 2018	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 1 September 2019	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General property	42,357	68,244	(74,476)	36,125	65,231	(59,885)	41,471
Lion House lease	79,282	-	-	79,282	-	-	79,282
	<u>121,639</u>	<u>68,244</u>	<u>(74,476)</u>	<u>115,407</u>	<u>65,231</u>	<u>(59,885)</u>	<u>120,753</u>

The Property fund is a designated fund relating to the buildings at Gwendolen Avenue, which forms the Church and ancillary buildings used for letting to Lion House School, and income and expenditure relating to the same. Part of this fund is set aside to meet the ongoing obligations arising from the lease on Lion House School. Income from the fund is also used to meet the Assessment by circuit expense, which requires transfer to the unrestricted fund.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Restricted fund 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Endowment funds 2019 £	Restricted fund 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 August 2020 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	5,940,750	4,070	-	5,944,820	5,808,496	-	-	5,808,496
Investments	283,324	4,070	-	287,394	289,770	4,032	4,032	297,834
Current assets/(liabilities)	121,011	-	657	121,668	111,438	-	653	112,091
	<u>6,345,085</u>	<u>8,140</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>6,353,882</u>	<u>6,209,704</u>	<u>4,032</u>	<u>4,685</u>	<u>6,218,421</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

No remuneration was paid to key management personnel during the year.

21 List of Trustees

Minister	Rev Geoffrey Farrar	
Senior Steward - Administration	Clive Norris	
Stewards	Jenny Drewe	
	Jane Fawcett	
	Solomon Lindsay	
	Sarah Mtonga	(Appointed - 1st September 2019)
	Geoff Waterhouse	
Council Secretary	Ruth Kelly	(Appointed - 1st September 2019)
Sunday School	Jane Fawcett	
Safeguarding	David Armstrong	
Church Meeting	Ben Waterhouse	
	Jeremy Long	(Resigned - 9th July 2020)
	Lesley Murray	
	Pam Long	(Resigned - 9th July 2020)
	Sandra Salmon	
	Orileke Mabo	
	Jessica Dalton	(Appointed - 1st September 2019)
	Imogen Rush	(Appointed - 1st September 2019)
		(Resigned - 9th July 2020)
	Bill Topping	(Appointed - 1st September 2019)