

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

PUTNEY METHODIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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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)

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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. 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

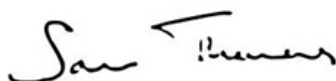
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting 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
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01/04/2025
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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
C Norris
Trustee

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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)

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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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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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14 Fixed asset investments

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

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

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