

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01/09/2021 – 31/08/22
Temple Methodist Church, Taunton
1134048

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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.

Our aims:

To be a church that welcomes all, celebrates God's love, offers opportunities to explore the Christian faith, seeks to serve in the world and to challenge injustice. At the General Church Meeting of 2021, the strapline 'Intentional Hospitality' was added to our mission statement. We assess our work and mission through the aspects of Our Calling: Worship, Learning and Caring, Service and Evangelism.

The Church fulfils its objectives by offering worship every Sunday morning, every Wednesday lunch-time and monthly on Sunday evenings. On other Sunday evenings, worship is offered elsewhere in the Circuit, the grouping of which we are a part. The Church offers a wide range of groups, offering both social activities and events to encourage the spiritual development of the congregation. Members support each other by the offering of mutual pastoral care, including home Communion for members who are house-bound or in care. Temple Methodist Church has an informal partnership with the local United Reformed Church, and St John the Evangelist, and holds united services and opportunities for spiritual development. In August 2022, it registered for same-sex marriages in accordance with the majority vote of the Church Council, following a wider consultation among its members.

Achievements and Performance

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular their guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when planning their activities. The actions taken by the church meet the requirement for there to be an identifiable public benefit or benefits and that such benefit is to the public or a section of the public.

During the period of this report, there has been a gradual and steady rebuilding of attendance at services and events following the pandemic, and bookings for use of the premises have increased. The provision of online services, fellowship and worship continues, and provides a connection for those who are no longer able to attend in-person worship.

- Worship has continued to be offered through a weekly Circuit Service uploaded to the Youtube page of one of our Circuit churches. There has also been a weekly Circuit zoom worship offered.
- The church continued to nurture its relationship with its partner churches, and maintain its profile among the wider town church networks.
- Pastoral care continued through the distribution of notices, letters from the minister and treasurer, and distribution of the monthly magazine through email, and delivery by members of the congregation. A sense of care and fellowship was maintained through phone calls, visits, and home Communion.
- Opportunities for social interaction for elderly and vulnerable people are held, including Pop-In and Work-Wise.
- Our Church and Community Worker has worked to rebuild the lettings of the premises in line with our commitment to an inclusive hospitality and welcome, thus generating important income. Music exams, book launches, and concerts have been held throughout the year. Interest groups, such as U3A groups, SLN and 2BU are regular weekly events.
- The congregation has continued to support various charitable activities through envelope collections and events.
- The church has hosted summer activity days for Ukrainian families as well as seasonal activities for families connected to church and Circuit.

During 2022, the Trustees began the planning and funding-raising for a significant repair to part of the roof, incorporating the installation of solar panels which will improve the carbon footprint and allow a certain amount of eco energy to be generated. The congregation has committed to raising the necessary amount, alongside the application of available grant funding.

Mitigation of Risks

These are considered by the Resources Committee who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the Church Council. Professional advice is taken as required.

There is a regular review process carried out by the Church Council to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.

The Circuit, the umbrella body which oversees the Church, has adopted a Safeguarding Policy – covering both children and vulnerable adults – and has taken a lead in ensuring that all its local Churches adopt similar policies. A local Church Safeguarding policy is in place overseen by a local Safeguarding Officer, and reviewed annually.

Financial review

During the year the Church had total receipts of £131k (2020-21: £96k) and dispersed £113k (2019-20 £92k).

The employment of a worker at the Church has produced substantial additional income from the letting income of the premises though through the effects of Covid these were greatly reduced.

The trustees of the Church oversee the income and expenditure of the church and monitor the contribution made to the Circuit budget.

Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two.

The Church has the following principal sources of funds:

- Offerings of the Congregation – either via the collection plate or by Standing order
- Rents from groups making use of the premises
- A regular gift day
- Interest on investments

These sums are used to pay the Circuit assessment, to maintain the large historical building, employ a Church and Community Worker, and a Cleaner, and engage organists for Sunday services, weddings, and funerals.

Reserves policies

General Funds (currently £25k)

The long term aim is to hold a General Reserve of 50% of annual expenditure as a contingency fund to meet the unexpected demands of a 200 year old Listed building.

Restricted funds (currently £44k)

Restricted funds are expended on the objectives for which the money was donated as soon as is practical. This includes a project to repair the roof, improve insulation and install solar panels and the work is planned to be carried out in 2023.

Endowment funds (currently £167k)

The annual income from our older endowments is £4 per year and is credited to the General Fund. Recent legacies received and held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes have the annual income accumulated with the Trust. Endowments totalling £48,460 have been designated for support of the Church and Community worker. Other endowments are held against the possibility of major expenditure on the building.

Structure governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Methodist Church Deed Of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods	Elected by the annual meeting of Church members. Ministers are automatically trustees
Additional governance issues	None

Induction/Training

Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion.

Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee.

Structure

Temple Methodist Church is part of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit, which is itself part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District.

Accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Related Parties

None

Reference and administration details

Charity Name	Temple Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134048
Charity's Principal Address	Temple Methodist Church, Upper High Street, Taunton TA1 3PY

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity.

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Church Council of the Temple Methodist Church. This comprised during the year of this report.

Chair:	Revd Deborah Kirk
Church Stewards:	Liz Hartley Lynda Kazer Diana Atkinson Paul Turner Anne Jordan Hazel Jordan Sheila Robertson
Treasurer:	Graham Dickinson
Pastoral Secretary:	Anne Jordan
Circuit Steward:	Carol Stowe
Church Council Secretary:	Diana Atkinson
Representatives from	
Church Life:	Lynda Kazer
Resourcing:	Margaret Sweet
Property:	George Adams
Safeguarding officer:	Kathryn Turner
Representatives appointed by General Church Meeting:	Joanna Rossiter, Church and Community Worker Ian Rossiter Anne Broadley Ron Jordan Tony Bell Chris Mitchell Doreen Marks Conrad Marks Colin Robertson Kevin Rigg

Custodian trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Deborah Kirk

Diana Atkinson

Position

Chair

Secretary

Date

29.06.23

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Appended to this report is the Statement of Financial Activity for the year concerned together with the Balance Sheet at year end.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Temple Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor	Circuit	Circuit no.	24/15
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a4	Lettings	18,633		18,633	2,311
a5	Other receipts	14,497	51,782	66,279	43,442
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,710	51,782	131,492 (a7)	95,538

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b7	Other payments	35,146	5,583	40,729	20,863
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	100,693	12,275	112,968 (b9)	92,397

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c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	5,239	45,748	50,987	32,463
c4	Transfers and adjustments		20,000		20,000 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	25,239	45,748	70,987 (c8)	32,463 (c6)

SECTION D				
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		20	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		3,486	3,894
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,506	3,874
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			20

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
1 Cash in hand	(1,872)	409
2 Bank Current Account	6,573	12,416
3 Bank Deposit Account		
4 Central Finance Board	27,762	58,162
5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
6 Other funds		
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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1 Investments (include Endowments)	187,539	167,824
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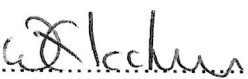
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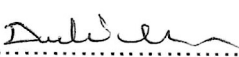
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Signature of treasurer  Date 29-10-22

Name and address of treasurer Graham Dickinson
..... 13 Parkfield Drive, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 5BX

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 7th November 2022.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Deborah Kirk Date 07.11.22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Temple Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signature of independent examiner *R. Vautier*

Name of independent examiner Mr Roy Vautier.

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 6 Highgrove, Taunton, TA1 3RG

Date *2/11/22*

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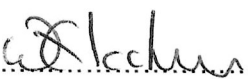
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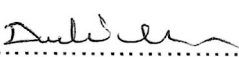
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