

BATH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134062

Details

Other names	NEXUS METHODIST CHURCH, NEXUS WALCOT; NEXUS CLAREMONT, Nexus Methodist Church; Beechencliff Methodist Church; Horizon Methodist Church; Weston Methodist Church
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Bath Methodist Church Nelson Place East Bath BA1 5DA
Phone	01225 461509
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Website	www.bathmethodists.org.uk

Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Holding regular acts of public worship. Providing pastoral care for members of our community. Provision of activities to support need in the community. Letting premises for community organisations. Supporting other charities with finance and prayer in accordance with christian values to promote christian mission and by addressing poverty and social need in both UK and the World.

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.
- Bath And North East Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£220,497	£310,890	-	-
2024-08-31	£232,028	£230,431	-	-
2023-08-31	£201,592	£198,211	-	-
2022-08-31	£194,015	£179,700	-	-
2021-08-31	£95,910	£113,721	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Allan David Bain		2022-09-01
Claire Phillips		2012-11-12
David Sidney Pendle		2022-09-01
Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet		2024-09-01
Elizabeth Anne Allen		2022-09-01
Elizabeth Joyce Kenyon		2021-09-01
Greville St John Mills		2013-11-07
Hazel Christine Roch		
Julia Mary Barratt		2022-09-01
MR BEN SYKES		2011-11-28
MRS M G ESSAM		
Michael Everett Priscott		2022-09-01
PAUL FREDERICK UDEY		2026-02-25
PETER ANTHONY KEEVILL		2011-11-28
Patricia Mills		2016-10-12
Rev David William Musgrave		2022-10-10
Rev Philip Turner		2025-09-01
Rev Simon Topping		2021-09-01
Roger David Chapman		2026-02-25
Rupert Kaye		2025-03-26
Sharon Rose Keevill		2011-05-30
Steven Richard Barratt		2022-09-01
Trevor Owen Purches		

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Bath Methodist Church

Annual report 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mrs Sharon Keevill – Church Administrator
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Walcot Methodist Chapel
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Bath BA1 5DA
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Further and latest information is available on our website: bathmethodists.org.uk

The membership of Bath Methodist Church stood at **134** members as of August 31st 2025:

The Managing Trustees for the year 2024 - 25 were:

Ministers: Revd Simon Topping (Superintendent Minister), Revd Jan Tate, Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet

Church Council Secretary: Jane Stanfield

Treasurer: Trevor Purches

Administrator: Sharon Keevill

Stewards: Allan Bain, Julia Barratt (Joint Senior Steward), Gwen Essam, Gareth James, Elizabeth Kenyon (Joint Senior Steward), Tricia Mills, David Pendle.

Safeguarding Officer: Steven Barratt

Congregational reps: Anne Allen, Steven Barratt, Greville Mills, Claire Phillips, Michael Priscott, Hazel Roch, Ben Sykes.

Interfaith rep: Revd David Musgrave (2024), Rupert Kaye (2025)

Chapel House rep: Peter Keevill

Circuit Steward: Ian Sims

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This is achieved by:

- a) Holding regular acts of public worship open to members and public alike.
- b) providing pastoral care for members of our community visiting sick and bereaved.
- c) teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups – both in person and online.
- d) Promoting Christianity through events and services.
- e) Provision of activities and clubs to support need in the community such as lunch clubs /foodcycle for elderly and homeless.
- f) Letting premises for community organisations - for example local choirs , pre-schools, health and wellbeing classes.
- g) Supporting other charities with finance and prayer in accordance with Christian values to promote Christian mission and by addressing poverty and social need in both UK and the World.

Review of activities, progress and achievements (September 2024 – August 2025)

The mission of the Bath Methodist Society is to promote and practise 'A Methodist Way of Life'.

We will seek to live out this mission by sustaining and nurturing both our Christian journey inwards and our Christian journey outwards.

The 'Inner Journey':

- daily prayer - keeping connected to each other through prayer groups and prayer times
- worshipping together – Sundays and during the week
- pastoral care of members and adherents
- small groups – for fellowship, prayer and bible study/learning
- discipleship formation – stepping stones to discipleship - from enquirers' events to fully committed participation in the Methodist Way of Life
- building up our fellowship through social activities

The 'Journey Outwards':

- outreach to the local community (hospitality and generosity)
- commitment to social justice
- care for creation
- practising an inclusive welcome to all
- outreach to University students/Chapel House Community
- commitment to the Southdown Church and Community Project
- sharing the faith – actively seeking ways to tell the Christian story

‘Inner Journey’

Sunday Worship:

Sunday morning worship is held at Walcot Chapel and Southdown Methodist Church Centre on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. On the 4th and 5th Sundays, there is a joint service alternating between the two sites.

On the 1st Sunday of the month, there is also a short service of Morning Prayer at Walcot, followed by breakfast.

We offer paper worship resource for those unable to attend in-person services.

Worship for all ages

- ‘Creative Worship’ – quarterly at Walcot and Southdown as part of morning worship. This is a new initiative to provide worship accessible for all ages.

Midweek Devotions:

- Weekly prayer meeting via Zoom. Each week we hear and reflect on a passage from scripture. Our prayers focus on one local topic, our church, a step from A Methodist Way of Life, a national or international topic and prayers from the Methodist Prayer Handbook.
- Weekly Celtic Prayers at Southdown - following liturgy from the Northumbria Community

Bible Study & Fellowship

Study groups are held during Advent, Lent and Bible Month (June). There are several fellowship groups meeting in-person or online.

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral visitors have remained in contact with those on their lists and have continued to support members of the congregation.

Church-run groups

- ‘Tea & Cake’ meets weekly at Walcot in the Concourse (and church garden weather-permitting). This is both an opportunity for people to meet socially and for the main church doors to be open to anyone passing by.
- ‘Coffee Plus’ is a monthly evening event at Walcot with talks on a range of topics by local speakers.
- ‘Tigerlilies’ Parent and Toddler group meets weekly in term time at Weston. It is run by church members for families in the local community
- ‘Soup Plus’ – a new monthly initiative from October 2024 – March 2025. A simple soup lunch followed by a social activity.

Journey Outwards

EcoChurch

This scheme encourages churches to commit to care for the environment in worship and teaching, management of church buildings and land, community and global engagement and the lifestyle of church members.

- ‘No-Mow May’ – we took part in this national initiative to encourage wildflowers in the lawn at Walcot and continue to develop the garden to encourage biodiversity
- Continuing to work towards the A Rocha ‘EcoChurch’ Award Scheme – the Walcot and Southdown buildings have previously been awarded the Bronze certificate.
- Promoting Fairtrade Fortnight during worship in September and through the magazine throughout the year

Social justice

The Methodist Church is committed to challenge injustice in our local communities and throughout the world. As Bath Methodist Church we do this by supporting local, national and global initiatives, campaigning and informing.

- Regular updates on social justice issues (eg Israel/Palestine) in our monthly magazine
- Supporting Christian Aid Week with a special service and lunch and other fundraising initiatives
- Charity Collections – eg Action for Children.
- Supporting the Southdown Whiteway Church & Community Partnership through volunteering and Harvest and Christmas Appeals.
- Volunteering and financial support for the Southdown Food Pantry
- Supporting our twinned church in Rwanda

Interfaith

- Methodist representative on the Bath Interfaith Group
- Taking part in events organised by the Bath Interfaith Group

Community use:

Our church buildings have rooms available for hire and are used by several community groups:

Walcot:

- FoodCycle – using surplus food from supermarkets to provide free meals and a place to meet.
- Bath Child Contact Centre – a safe place for children from separated families to meet their absent parent.
- ‘Pixies’ Steiner Playgroup (to April 2025)
- 57th Bathampton Guides
- Choirs – Horizons Choir, Bath Minerva Choir and CWM Male Choir
- Exercise classes – Pilates
- Events
 - A venue for Bath Festivals ‘Party in the City’ event
 - Fundraising concerts

Beechen Cliff:

- Korean Methodist Community weekly Sunday worship and Bible study
- Bear Flat Association – monthly Community Tea and Community Market
- Bath Share & Repair Café - monthly
- Green Shoots Pre-School – 4 days per week in school term time.
- Choirs - City of Bath Male Choir and Birch Tree Choir
- Exercise classes – Yoga and Pilates
- Children’s birthday parties

Weston:

- Peter Pan Pre-School continues to meet on the premises for 4 days per week during school term time. This is an OFSTED and Local Authority approved provision.
- Uniformed organisations (Rainbows, Brownies, Beaver Scouts)
- Several physical and mental health activities including Yoga and Pilates
- Newbridge Arts Trail: This is an annual event, for a weekend, involving local artists who exhibits from their homes and public places.
- Space for Consultation with the public about local issues such as proposals for parking permits or road closures.
- Children’s birthday parties
- The New Testament Church of God – weekly Sunday worship

Southdown Church and Community Partnership

This is a project of the North East Somerset and Bath Methodist Circuit and is based at Southdown Methodist Church Centre. Many of our church members are involved as volunteers for the activities organised and supported by the Partnership:

- Lunch Club
- Community Charity Shop
- Toddler group
- Roundhill Food Pantry (in partnership with Oasis Bath).

Chapel House

Chapel House is a student residence next to Walcot Methodist Chapel, run by Bath Methodist Church.

The Chapel House Community is made up of 2 parts: the resident students who live in Chapel House, and an extended, non-residential community made up of others who have committed to follow the same way of life and to pray for those who live in the house.

The Chapel House Community meets together for monthly meals in the hall at Walcot.

Administration and Compliance

Church Administrator:

The church administrator is responsible for producing the weekly notice sheets and monthly magazines, updating the website, dealing with telephone and email enquiries, updating the membership list, ensuring compliance with GDPR, producing publicity material for church events and activities and dealing with room hire enquiries.

The administrator keeps church members informed via weekly emails or by distributing printed resources to those without internet access.

Stewards

The team of Stewards are responsible for the smooth running of the church, ensuring services and other events are organised properly plus keeping an oversight over the various committees/church groups and indeed the overall life of the church.

Safeguarding

As part of the Methodist Church we are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of our life and ministry. Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- promote the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to prevent abuse from occurring
- seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused.

All those who hold roles and responsibilities within the church are required to undertake safeguarding training and DBS checks in line with the policies and procedures of the national Methodist Church. The Church Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and made accessible to all users of our buildings.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

As part of The Methodist Church commitment to Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, people in certain roles are now required to undertake EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) training.

EDI training is mandatory for Church Stewards, Circuit Stewards and Local Preachers but others, such as members of the Church Council, are encouraged to undertake the training.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Data Protection Checklist is submitted annually to ensure that all personal data held by the church complies with GDPR.

Property

Bath Methodist Church are Managing Trustees for :

- Walcot Chapel – BMC worship space and community rooms
- Beechen Cliff – worship space used by Korean Methodist Community and community rooms
- Weston – worship space used by New Testament Church of God and community rooms
- Chapel House – Christian Student residential community

All are maintained to be fit for purpose according to the recommendations of the 5-year independent inspections.

Southdown Methodist Church Centre is managed by the North East Somerset and Bath Methodist Circuit, which appoints its trustees. It is used by Bath Methodist Church for worship and meetings and to support community activities.

Future Plans

Feasibility Study for the future use of Church buildings

As reported in the 2023-2024 annual report, Bath Methodist Church is undertaking a feasibility study to examine the potential future use of its church buildings at Walcot, Beechen Cliff and Weston.

A team led by Futureground in conjunction with architects BiBO were appointed to undertake this work in April 2024.

The study was divided into 3 phases:

Phase 1: Information gathering and some community consultation.

Phase 2: Development of design options for modifying the buildings (three options for each of the three buildings).

Following Phase 2, the options were presented to the church by the Property and Mission Group both via the Church Consultation meeting on 29 September 2024 and summarised in a document which was distributed as widely as possible amongst the church community. Feedback and preferences were then invited on these proposals via feedback forms to the Property and Mission Group.

The Property and Mission Group then brought a proposal for each of the three sites to the Church Council on 16 October 2024. This proposal sought to reflect the preferences expressed within the feedback in the light of our church mission priorities (within our Mission Statement). This proposal was approved by the Church Council with no votes against and with one abstention. So here is a summary of the proposal that was approved:

Walcot Chapel

- To enhance the existing worship area on the ground floor both for worship and also for use as a performance/event/wedding space and expansion of the Concourse area with upgraded kitchen/servery facilities.
- To adapt the lower ground floor in order to provide accommodation and facilities for a small residential Methodist community. Some of the accommodation would be made available for paying guests of the community.

Weston

- To develop the lower ground floor as space for pre-school activities.
- To develop the upper floor to provide key worker/affordable housing units.

Beechen Cliff

- The feedback from the church consultation was very inconclusive and the Property and Mission Group will ask the feasibility study consultants to do some more work on option one from the feasibility study (Expanded pre-School and wrap around care) and option two (Co-living with community use and nursery) before returning to the Church Council for a decision.

The proposals were then taken back to the consultants for Phase 3 of the feasibility study:

- Refinement of the development plans for each building following the consultation with the congregation and our selection of preferred options
- Examining how the development might be financed and contacting potential partners to obtain their views on the development plans
- Identifying possible business models for the operation of the buildings in the future
- Considering the timing and phasing of future works

The final report was presented to Church Council in March 2025 and followed up in detail by the Property and Mission Group. This involved meeting with potential partners and also the Methodist Connexional Property Team whose approval is essential for progressing any building plans.

The Property and Mission Group brought the following proposal to Church Council in June 2025:

To commence a Methodist Property Project and Development Scheme to develop detailed plans and raise funds to adapt Walcot Chapel for use by a resident Intentional Community and replace the community spaces, lost in the process, through changes to the concourse and worship area.

The proposal was agreed (by secret ballot - 15 for the proposal, 6 against). The proposals were shared with the congregation at the Annual Church Meeting in late June 2025.

At the time of this report, discussions with potential partners for Beechen Cliff and Weston are still ongoing and will be taken to future Church Council meetings.

Finance

THE CHURCH'S BANKERS

The Church has accounts with the following banks:

Central Finance Board

9 Bonhill Street
London
EC2A 4PE

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Treasurer's Report 2024 - 25 financial year

Summary

In the year 2024-25 we received £220,000 of income and spent £311,000. This shortfall has been ameliorated by £22,000 of grants, bequest and refund of utility deposit and TMCP loans. The actual deficit was £69,000. We now have £34,000 of restricted reserves and £100,000 of unrestricted reserves.

The key points have been significant expenditure on:

- the guttering, roof and ventilation box at Weston,
- The vestry roof leak, repointing south facing stonework and refurbishment of windows at Walcot Chapel, and
- Window repair and other repairs and replacements of Chapel House.

More detail

There has been a positive response to the request for members to consider their giving year on year with increases from many, typically in order of 5 to 10%. We have lost several members over the year several who were significant contributors. It is difficult to predict the effect over a full year but last year donation income was down £5000. There is continued inflationary pressure on expenditure. Despite spending more than usual on repairs Chapel House is the only building that operates at a surplus. The mission and property plan is that the retained buildings will each provide a surplus and support the finances of the church. Only then can we access future finance strategy for our budget, particularly concerning membership donation and operational costs. I.E how to balance the books.

We have reduced the pledge for 25-26 by £6000 which will ease the deficit. We are currently contributing a £4000 grant towards the Student Outreach Chaplain. This will be raised to £5000 in line with the initial SOC budget.

Trevor Purches: treasurer

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

BATH METHODIST	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

Circuit	Circuit no.	7/13
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134062

**If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Revd Simon Topping, Revd Jan Tate (restationed Aug2025), Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet

Church Stewards:

Julia Barratt	Elizabeth Kenyon
Gwen Essam	Patricia Mills
David Pendle	Gareth James
Alan Bain	

Treasurer:

Trevor Purches Assts Steve Barratt, Roger Chapman, Paul Udey

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	99,942		99,942	102,932
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,109		3,109	4,984
a4	Lettings	106,648		106,648	96,960
a5	Other receipts	10797.50		10,798	27,151
	including fund movement				
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	220,497		220,497 (a7)	232,028

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	121,320		121,320	113,400
b3	Donations	8,693		8,693	6,085
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	106,078		106,078	42,539
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	59,957		59,957	57,563
b6	Fund Movement	(21,050)		(21,050)	
b7	Other payments	14,841		14,841	10,843
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	289,840		289,840 (b9)	230,431

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(69,343) (a6-b8)		(69,343)	1,598
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	92,773	111,453	204,226 (c6)	202,628
c3	Sub total	23,430 (c1+c2)	111,453	134,883	204,226
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	23,430 (c3+c4)	111,453	134,883 (c8)	204,226 (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		(93)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,520	1,767
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,600	1,674
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(80) (d1+d2-d3)	2 of 5

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	220,497 (a7)	289,840 (b9)	(69,343)	(c7)	204,226 (c6)	134,883 (e8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	220,497	289,840	(69,343)		204,226 (x)	134,883 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand			
f2 Bank Current Account	CAF	51,394	21,751
f3 Bank Deposit Account	Lloyds	9,470	260
f4 Central Finance Board		88,722	71744.67
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		54,640	41,127
f6 Other funds			
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts		204,226 (c6)	134,883 (e8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH		204,226 (x)	134,883 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 3, Sep, 2025

Name and address of treasurer TREVOR PURCHES

6 Christchurch Road, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1TB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 15th October 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Revd Simon Topping 15-Oct-25

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 BATH METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 3 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ... BATH METHODIST CHURCH

NO 7/13

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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *A. du Pré*

Name of independent examiner ALEX DU PRE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Engineer

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 15 Mitchell Walk, Bridgegate, Bristol

..... Post Code .. BS305XY

Date ... 12/10/2025

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Worship for all ages

- 'Muddy Church' monthly at Bath City Farm. Outdoor interactive worship for families with children of all ages – in partnership with St Barnabas Church
- 'Creative Worship' – quarterly at Walcot and Southdown as part of morning worship. This is a new initiative to provide worship accessible for all ages.

Midweek Devotions:

- Weekly prayer meeting via Zoom. Each week we hear and reflect on a passage from scripture. Our prayers focus on one local topic, our church, a step from A Methodist Way of Life, a national or international topic and prayers from the Methodist Prayer Handbook.
- Weekly Celtic Prayers at Southdown - following liturgy from the Northumbria Community

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Study groups are held during Advent, Lent and Bible Month (June). There are several fellowship groups meeting in-person or online.

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Our pastoral visitors have remained in contact with those on their lists and have continued to support members of the congregation.

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Journey Outwards

EcoChurch

This scheme encourages churches to commit to care for the environment in worship and teaching, management of church buildings and land, community and global engagement and the lifestyle of church members.

- 'No-fly Holidays' – an open day with representatives from local organisations and information on alternatives to flying.
- 'No-Mow May' – we took part in this national initiative to encourage wildflowers in the lawn at Walcot and continue to develop the garden to encourage biodiversity
- A Rocha 'EcoChurch' Award Scheme – we have previously qualified for the Bronze Level Award at both our Walcot and Southdown buildings and are working towards the Silver Award.
- 'CreationTide' services at both worship centres in September 2023.

Social justice

The Methodist Church is committed to challenge injustice in our local communities and throughout the world. As Bath Methodist Church we do this by supporting local, national and global initiatives, campaigning and informing.

- Visit from 'Christians Against Poverty' at our morning worship in October 2023
- Regular updates on social justice issues (eg Israel/Palestine) in our monthly magazine
- Supporting Christian Aid Week with a special service and lunch and other fundraising initiatives
- Charity Collections – eg for All We Can, Action for Children.
- Supporting the Southdown Whiteway Church & Community Partnership through volunteering and Harvest and Christmas Appeals.
- Volunteering and financial support for the Southdown Food Pantry
- Supporting our twinned church in Rwanda

Interfaith

- Methodist representative on the Bath Interfaith Group
- Interfaith conversation with the Imam of Bath Mosque
- Taking part in events organised by the Bath Interfaith Group

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- Warm Spaces
- Roundhill Food Pantry (in partnership with Oasis Bath).

Chapel House

Chapel House is a student residence next to Walcot Methodist Chapel, run by Bath Methodist Church. The Chapel House Community is made up of 2 parts: the resident students who live in Chapel House, and an extended, non-residential community made up of others who have committed to follow the same way of life and to pray for those who live in the house.

The Chapel House Community meets together for monthly meals in the hall at Walcot.

Administration and Compliance

Church Administrator:

The church administrator is responsible for producing the weekly notice sheets and monthly magazines, updating the website, dealing with telephone and email enquiries, updating the membership list, ensuring compliance with GDPR, producing publicity material for church events and activities and dealing with room hire enquiries.

The administrator keeps church members informed via weekly emails or by distributing printed resources to those without internet access.

Stewards

The team of Stewards are responsible for the smooth running of the church, ensuring services and other events are organised properly plus keeping an oversight over the various committees/church groups and indeed the overall life of the church.

Safeguarding

As part of the Methodist Church we are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of our life and ministry. Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- promote the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to prevent abuse from occurring
- seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused.

All those who hold roles and responsibilities within the church are required to undertake safeguarding training and DBS checks in line with the policies and procedures of the national Methodist Church.

The Church Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and made accessible to all users of our buildings.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

As part of The Methodist Church commitment to Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, people in certain roles are now required to undertake EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) training.

EDI training is mandatory for Church Stewards, Circuit Stewards and Local Preachers but others, such as members of the Church Council, are encouraged to undertake the training.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Data Protection Checklist is submitted annually to ensure that all personal data held by the church complies with GDPR.

Property

Bath Methodist Church are Managing Trustees for :

- Walcot Chapel – BMC worship space and community rooms
- Beechen Cliff – worship space used by Korean Methodist Community and community rooms
- Weston – worship space used by New Testament Church of God and community rooms
- Chapel House – Christian Student residential community

All are maintained to be fit for purpose according to the recommendations of the 5-year independent inspections.

Southdown Methodist Church Centre is managed by the North East Somerset and Bath Methodist Circuit, which appoints its trustees. It is used by Bath Methodist Church for worship and meetings and to support community activities.

Future Plans

Feasibility Study for the future use of Church buildings

With the creation of Bath Methodist Church in September 2022 and the coming together of 4 church societies, it was recognised that the existing set of church buildings were not appropriate for its needs. A Property & Mission group was set up to examine the future of the buildings, which carried out various consultations with church members to try to discern the best future form for each of the three main church buildings:

- Walcot Chapel
- Beechen Cliff Church
- Weston Church

As a result of these consultations, it was concluded in the autumn of 2023 that professional help was required to better understand the potential future uses of these buildings and in particular to consider whether these buildings could, at least in part, be developed to provide social/affordable housing. There was also a desire to consider whether the Walcot Chapel building could be adapted to provide accommodation for an intentional Methodist community, which could support the work of Bath Methodist Church in the future. To this the end, the Property & Mission Group developed a consultants' brief for a feasibility study to examine the future of all three buildings.

In early 2024, suitably experienced consultants were invited to provide technical and financial proposals for undertaking the feasibility study. Following a review of the proposals a team led by Futureground in conjunction with architects BiBO were appointed to undertake this work in April 2024. External funding for the study was obtained from three main sources:

- Methodist Church – centrally (Connexional Funding)
- Methodist Church – regionally (District Funding)
- Methodist Church – locally (Circuit Funding)

In addition, Bath Methodist Church provided approximately 25% of the funding from its own finances.

The study was divided into 3 phases – the first phase which involved information gathering and some community consultation was completed in July 2024 and the second phase involved with the development of design options for modifying is now underway at the time of reporting (August 2024). It is anticipated that this Phase 2 work will be completed in September 2024 and that there will then be a break in the study to give Bath Methodist Church an opportunity to review the findings of Phase 2 and select their preferred options for each building to be taken through into Phase 3 of the study, which will provide:

- How the building modifications might be funded,
- Business models to illustrate how the modified buildings could be operated financially
- Details of partners who might be used to help deliver the new buildings,
- A programme for delivering the work

It is anticipated that this work will be complete by the end of 2024

Once the study is complete, Bath Methodist Church will need to consider how it wishes to proceed based on all the information which it has gained through the feasibility study and the recommendations from the consultants.

Finance

THE CHURCH'S BANKERS

The Church has accounts with the following banks:

Central Finance Board

9 Bonhill Street
London
EC2A 4PE

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Treasurer's Report 2023 - 24 financial year

Headlines

1. With a turnover of £231,000, the operating account shows a small surplus of £800 and our cash assets have increased by a modest £1500 to £204,000. Those headline figures suggest a quiet stable year with a healthy financial position with substantial cash assets. However we have £130,000 on running the church and £100,000 on maintaining and operating the buildings.
2. Since the accounts were submitted for audited we have been notified that our TMCP bequest funds increased by nearly £11,000. As well as more positive interest rate the Pension reserve fund has repaid with interest the loads that our former churches made to in in 2021 when pension fund was struggling due to low interest rates.
3. The small surplus is due to £20,000 of grants still in the income column while £30000 are still to be paid on the building consultation study. Also payment of the Chapel house window repairs £13,000 fell into the new year with another £10,000 still to be paid.
4. There is a large deficit between our church operating costs £12,000 compared with £5,000 in previous year. and this will increase this year with 7% increase in our assessment pledge and salary. The agreement to pay a contribution of £4000 pa to the With You project and costs of University Chaplain has been implemented through monthly instalments
5. There will be several major projects progressed during the year. First 2 are likely to attract grant contributions.
 - a. Walcot Accessibility ramp installation guestimate £15,000.
 - b. Walcot stair lift £5,000
 - c. Next stage of our building repurposing
 - d. Sound and projection equipment was surveyed with recommendation for upgrades proposed. As yet these have still to be taken forward.
6. The accounts have been easier to manage and balance this year with a solid starting position as Bath MC and most of the historic bank accounts closed.

Trevor Purches: treasurer

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

BATH METHODIST	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

NE Somerset and Bath	Circuit	Circuit no.	7/13
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134062

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Revd Simon Topping Rev Jan Tate Deacon Annie Trembling

Church Stewards:

Gareth James	Julia Barratt
Gwen Essam	David Pendle
Patricia Mills	Alan Bain
Elizabeth Kenyon	Mike Priscott

Treasurer:

Trevor Purches Assts Steve Barratt, Roger Chapman, Paul Udey

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	102932.46		102,932	107,460
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,984		4,984	2,537
a4	Lettings	96,960		96,960	88,684
a5	Other receipts	27,151	including fund movement	27,151	28,086
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	232,028		232,028 (a7)	226,767

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	113,400		113,400	108,000
b3	Donations	6,085		6,085	8,332
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	42,539		42,539	18,457
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	57,563		57,563	52,270
b6					
b7	Other payments	10843.16		10,843	11,152
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	230,431		230,431 (b9)	198,211

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	1,598		1,598	28,556
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		91,175	111,453	202,628 (c6)	174,072
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	92,773	111,453	204,226	202,628
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	92,773	111,453	204,226 (c8)	202,628 (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		£ (93)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		£ 1,767
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		£ 1,674
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	£ (93)

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	232,028 (a7)	230,431 (b9)	1,598	202,628 (c6)	204,226
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	232,028	230,431	1,598	202,628 (x)	204,226
	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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	
f2	Bank Current Account HSBC, Lloyds	9,470
f3	Bank Current Account CAF	51,394
f4	Central Finance Board	88,722
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	54,640
f6	Other funds	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	204,226
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	204,226

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	13,047,685
g3	Other Assets	256,839
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

(e12)

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Name of Church BATH METHODIST

No 7/13

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 03-Sep-24

Name and address of treasurer TREVOR PURCHES 6 Christchurch Road, Bradford-on-Avon

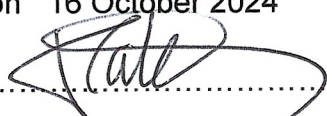
finance@bathmethodists.org.uk

Post Code

BA15 1TB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 16 October 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Jan Tate

Date

16-Oct-24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

BATH METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1162034

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the BATH METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3 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.

Name of Church BATH METHODIST CHURCH No 7/13

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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Alexander M du Pré

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner . Chartered Engineer

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 15 Mitchell Walk, Bridgegate, Bristol

POST CODE BS305XY

Date 29-Sep-24

BATH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134062

Accounts



Bath Methodist Church

Annual report 1.9.2022 – 31.8.2023

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This report relates to Bath Methodist Church to 31.8.2023, registered with the Charity Commission under Charity Number 1134062.

All correspondence for the church should be addressed to:

Mrs Sharon Keevill – Church Administrator
Bath Methodist Church
Walcot Methodist Chapel
Nelson Place East
Bath
BA1 5DA
Telephone: 01225 461509

Email: admin@bathmethodists.org.uk

Further and latest information is available on our website: bathmethodists.org.uk

The membership of Bath Methodist Church stood at **162** members as of August 31st 2023:

The Managing Trustees for the year 2022 -23 were:

Ministers: Revd Simon Topping (Superintendent Minister), Revd Jan Tate, Deacon Annie Trembling

Church Council Secretary: Sue Clark

Treasurer: Trevor Purches

Administrator: Sharon Keevill

Stewards: David Pendle (Senior Steward), Allan Bain, Julia Barratt, Gwen Essam, Gareth James, Elizabeth Kenyon, Tricia Mills, Mike Priscott

Safeguarding Officer: Mary Gibson (to April 2023)

Congregational reps: Anne Allen, Steve Barratt, Greville Mills, Claire Phillips, Hazel Roch, Ben Sykes.

Interfaith rep: Revd David Musgrave

Chapel House rep: Pete Keevill

Circuit Steward: Ian Sims

Decisions concerning the activities of Bath Methodist Church and the appointment of its Trustees are made at Church Council meetings of which there are a minimum of three each year.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The aims of Bath Methodist Church are as defined in the Methodist Church Act 1976 namely:

The advancement of

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Review of activities, progress and achievements (September 2022 – August 2023)

Bath Methodist Church was launched on 1st September 2022 when the existing Methodist Societies of Beechen Cliff, Horizon, Nexus and Weston were merged to form a single society. The church buildings - Walcot Chapel (the former Nexus site), Beechen Cliff and Weston - were retained for church and community use and Southdown Methodist Church Centre (managed by Trustees appointed by the North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit) is also used for worship.

Mission

The mission of the Bath Methodist Society is to promote and practise 'A Methodist Way of Life'.

We will seek to live out this mission by sustaining and nurturing both our Christian journey inwards and our Christian journey outwards.

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Midweek Devotions:

There is a weekly prayer meeting on Fridays via Zoom.

Midweek prayers were also introduced at Walcot and Southdown in April 2023, based on the Celtic liturgy from the Northumbria Community. Numbers attending the sessions at Walcot were low and so it was decided to continue at Southdown only from July.

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A group of young people meet on an informal basis at Walcot Chapel on Sundays.

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Chapel House

Chapel House is a student residence next to Walcot Methodist Chapel, run by Bath Methodist Church.

The Chapel House Community is made up of 2 parts: the resident students who live in Chapel House, and an extended, non-residential community made up of others who have committed to follow the same way of life and to pray for those who live in the house.

The Chapel House Community meets together for monthly meals in the hall at Walcot. In June 2023 we celebrated five years of the Chapel House Community.

Church Administrator:

The church administrator is responsible for producing the weekly notice sheets and monthly magazines, updating the website, dealing with telephone and email enquiries, producing publicity material for church events and activities and dealing with room hire.

The administrator keeps church members informed via weekly emails or by distributing printed resources to those without internet access.

Stewards

The team of Stewards are responsible for the smooth running of the church, ensuring services and other events are organised properly plus keeping an oversight over the various committees/church groups and indeed the overall life of the church.

Safeguarding

As part of the Methodist Church we are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of our life and ministry.

Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- promote the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to prevent abuse from occurring
- seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused.

All those who hold roles and responsibilities within the church are required to undertake safeguarding training and DBS checks in line with the policies and procedures of the national Methodist Church.

Property –

Bath Methodist Church are Managing Trustees for :

- Walcot Chapel – BMC worship space and community rooms
- Beechen Cliff – worship space used by Korean Methodist Community and community rooms
- Weston – worship space used by New Testament Church of God
- Chapel House – Christian Student residential community

All are maintained to be fit for purpose according to the recommendations of the 5-year independent inspections.

Southdown Methodist Church Centre is managed by the North East Somerset and Bath Methodist Circuit, which appoints its trustees. It is used by Bath Methodist Church for worship and meetings and to support community activities.

THE CHURCH'S BANKERS

The Church has accounts with the following banks:

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EC2A 4PE

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Bath
BA1 1DU

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25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Treasurer's Report 2022-23 financial year

Headlines

1. Following the merger of 4 separate churches Bath Methodist Church was formed on 1 September 2022. As one would expect following the merger of 4 society accounts has resulted in considerable additional work to amalgamate and standardise the financial operation as well as managing a much larger turnover. Our regular income in the first year was over £200,000. We made a small operating surplus of £3000.
2. Digging down:
 - a. £112,000 of our income is from donations.
 - b. We have a deficit against expenditure on running our pastoral, mission and worship of £15,000. Our assessment to the circuit is £108,000 This is close the per capita figure suggested by the circuit to balance their finances, unfortunately most other churches are not able to meet this figure.
 - c. Rental and other building income covers the routine cost of maintaining and operating our buildings
 - d. Chapel House has a significant surplus which covers the higher costs of Walcot Chapel and the church operating deficit.
 - e. Cash reserves increased this year to £202,000 due to late grant of £18,000 for the Walcot Roof scheme and bequest of £5,500 from a former Horizon member. £34,000 of reserves are restricted and a further £83,000 relate to bequests.
 - f. Expenditure on our buildings was very low: BC £5900, Walcot £3400, Weston £1600, Chapel Hse £3500 Southdown Property £1300 (mainly on sound/projection equipment. This was due to development of a strategy regarding the future of our buildings.
 - g. Energy and cleaning are our highest building running costs followed by insurance.
 - h. We have made £4300 of donations to various causes from our own funds. And £2700 from donations made members and friends via special collections and events. £4000 has been given to Southdown for our use of the building.
3. During the year we have been working to rationalise the banking, centralising all current account activity on the Bath CAF account. The Horizon bank account has been closed and those of Nexus, BC and Weston are reduced to a handful of monthly transactions. All CFB Deposits funds have been merged in the Bath deposit fund. We are running a single set of collection envelopes which will be named BathMC in 2024.

Reserves Policy

4. Reserves policy has been refreshed we have sufficient reserves to tackle a major building repair. Or spend a few £10ks on a building repurposing.
Budget 23-24
5. Budget has been set based on previous years expenditure and property expenditure recommended by property group. As well as routine property expenditure the budget includes major repairs and renewals that have been identified by the property group and £30,000 towards a scheme to develop one building.

Please see full set of accounts with examiner's report enclosed.

Trevor Purches: treasurer

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

BATH METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

NE Somerset and Bath	Circuit	Circuit no.	7/13
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134062

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Revd Simon Topping Rev Jan Tate Deacon Annie Trembling

Church Stewards:

David Pendle	Julia Barratt
Gwen Essam	Gareth James
Patricia Mills	Alan Bain
Elizabeth Kenyon	Mike Priscott

Treasurer:

Trevor Purches Assts Steve Barratt, Roger Chapman, Paul Udey

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		107460.00		107,460	138,865
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,537		2,537	145
a4	Lettings		88,684		88,684	68,874
a5	Other receipts		8,411	19,675	28,086	85,412
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		207,092	19,675	226,767 (a7)	293,296

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		108,000		108,000	107,900
b3	Donations		8,332		8,332	1,756
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		18,457		18,457	109,791
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		52,270		52,270	35,406
b6						
b7	Other payments		11,152		11,152	32,652
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		198,211		198,211 (b9)	287,505

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	8,881	19,675	28,556	5,791
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		82,294	91,778	174,072 (c6)	168,281
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	91,175	111,453	202,628	174,072
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	91,175	111,453	202,628 (c8)	174,072 (c6)

SECTION D				
			£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		227	172
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,376	1,804
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,696	1,749
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	(93)	227

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	226,767 (a7)	198,211 (b9)	28,556	(c7)	174,072 (c6)	202,628 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	226,767	198,211	28,556		174,072 (x)	202,628 (y)
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
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account HSBC, Santander, Lloyds	44,094	12,309
f3 Bank Deposit Account CAF (Initially Nexus+BC)	48,569	45,139
f4 Central Finance Board	27,746	91,517
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	53,663	53,663
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	174,072 (c6)	202,628 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	174,072 (x)	202,628 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	13,047,685	
g3 Other Assets	256,839	
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church BATH METHODIST

No 7/13

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 01-Oct-23

Name and address of treasurer TREVOR PURCHES 6 Christchurch Road, Bradford-on-Avon

finance@bathmethodists.org.uk

Post Code

BA15 1TB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19 October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Revd Simon Topping** Date 19-Oct-23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

BATH METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1162034

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the BATH METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3 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.

Name of Church BATH METHODIST CHURCH No 7/13

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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *A. du Pré*

Name of independent examiner Alexander M du Pré

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ... Chartered Engineer

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 15 Mitchell Walk, Bridgegate, Bristol

POST CODE BS305XY

Date 15-Oct-23

BATH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134062

Accounts



Bath **Methodist Church** 

Annual report 1.9.2021 – 31.8.2022

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This report relates to Nexus Methodist Church to 31.8.2022, registered with the Charity Commission under Charity Number 1134062. Nexus Methodist Church merged with Beechen Cliff, Weston and Horizon Methodist Churches on 1.9.2022 to form Bath Methodist Church.

All correspondence for the church should be addressed to:

Mrs Sharon Keevill – Church Administrator
Bath Methodist Church
Nelson Place East
Bath
BA1 5DA
Telephone: 01225 461509

Email: admin@bathmethodists.org.uk

Further and latest information is available on our website: bathmethodists.org.uk

The membership of Nexus Methodist Church stood at 67 members as of August 31st 2022

The Managing Trustees for the year 2021 -22 were:

Revd Simon Topping (Superintendent Minister/Chair)
Mike Ainsworth (Treasurer to 28 February 2022).....
Trevor Purches (Treasurer from 1 March 2022)
Sharon Keevill – (Administrator)
Pete Keevill – (Property chair)
Claire Phillips – (Secretary)

Revd Jan Tate (additional minister)
Karen Power - (Lead Steward)
Trevor Purches (property)
Marc Horobin (property)
Elsbeth Rolls – (Circuit Rep)
Mike Renton (safeguarding)

-----stewards -----

Pete Keevill
Jenny Lewis
Gwen Essam
Hetty de Rooij
Tricia Mills

---Congregation representatives---

Hazel Roch
Sylvia Armstrong
Ben Sykes

Decisions concerning the activities of Nexus Methodist Church and the appointment of its Trustees are made at Church Council meetings of which there are a minimum of three each year.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The aims of Nexus Methodist Church are as defined in the Methodist Church Act 1976 namely:

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 of the Methodist church.

This is achieved by:-

- a) Holding regular acts of public worship open to members and public alike.
- b) providing pastoral care for members of our community visiting sick and bereaved.
- c) teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups – both in person and online.
- d) Promoting Christianity through events and services.
- e) Provision of activities and clubs to support need in the community such as lunch clubs /foodcycle for elderly and homeless.
- f) Letting premises for community organisations - for example local choirs , pre-schools, health and wellbeing classes.
- g) Supporting other charities with finance and prayer in accordance with Christian values to promote Christian mission and by addressing poverty and social need in both UK and the World.

Review of activities, progress and achievements (September 2021 – August 2022)

Worship

The pattern of worship varied through the year in response to changing Covid restrictions and infection rates. Worship via Zoom was introduced in 2020 for the Bath Mission Area Methodist Churches (Bathampton, Beechen Cliff, Box, Horizon, Nexus and Weston) and this continued weekly at first, then fortnightly. The frequency of in-person services at Nexus increased from monthly to fortnightly, then weekly with the introduction of morning prayers followed by a breakfast.

During this time, we started to discuss how Nexus, Beechen Cliff, Horizon and Weston Methodist Churches could work together more closely, building on the links that were strengthened by meeting on Zoom in the pandemic and held united services monthly in each of the churches.

Sept – Nov 2021

Monthly in-person, weekly Zoom

Dec 2021 – Feb 2022

In-person twice a month, weekly Zoom

Bath Mission Area United service 31 Jan 2022

March – May 2022

In-person Sunday Worship 1st & 3rd Sundays

2nd & 4th – Zoom and new 9am in-person morning prayers followed by breakfast

Bath Mission Area United service 31 May

Jun – Aug 2022

In-person Sunday Worship 1st & 3rd

2nd & 4th – Zoom and 9am in-person morning prayers followed by breakfast
Bath Mission Area United services on 4th and 5th Sundays

We continued to offer paper worship resource for those unable to attend in-person services or to join online.

We also provided a Wednesday contemplation /bible study session and a Friday prayers group both via zoom.

Advent and Lent Studies were offered both via Zoom and in-person.

Working towards the launch of Bath Methodist Church

Following the United Service on Sunday 31st January, there was a meeting to discuss how the churches could work together in future. The meeting agreed unanimously that the relevant Church Councils should vote on the proposal that the four churches of Beechen Cliff, Horizon, Nexus and Weston should become one Methodist Society with one Church Council/managing trustees group. All four subsequently voted in favour of forming a single Methodist Society, to be known as Bath Methodist Church, to take effect from 1st September 2022.

Three working groups were set up to bring proposals to a meeting of the Bath Mission Area churches on July 31st on the following areas:

- Working group one - to produce a “vision statement” for the new Beechen Cliff/Horizon/Nexus/Weston Methodist Society
- Working group two – to conduct an audit of the four church sites considering their respective strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats
- Working group three – to consider “big ideas” - new and perhaps radical ways of using some or all of the church sites

In the meeting on Sunday 31st July, a draft mission statement was presented, as proposed by working group one:

The mission of the Bath Methodist Society is to promote and practise ‘A Methodist Way of Life’.

We will seek to live out this mission by sustaining and nurturing both our Christian journey inwards and our Christian journey outwards.

The inner journey:

- daily prayer - keeping connected to each other through prayer groups and prayer times
- worshipping together – Sundays and during the week
- pastoral care of members and adherents
- small groups – for fellowship, prayer and bible study/learning
- discipleship formation – stepping stones to discipleship - from enquirers’ events to fully committed participation in the Methodist Way of Life
- building up our fellowship through social activities

The journey outwards:

- outreach to the local community (hospitality and generosity)
- commitment to social justice
- care for creation
- practising an inclusive welcome to all
- outreach to University students/Chapel House Community
- commitment to the Southdown Church and Community Project
- sharing the faith – actively seeking ways to tell the Christian story

Church Council members for Bath Methodist Church were appointed, to take effect from 1st September 2022.

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral visitors have remained in contact with those on their lists and have continued to support members of the congregation.

Junior Church

Our young people resumed their meetings on an informal basis on Sundays.

Church groups

'Tea & Cake' was introduced in October 2021, meeting weekly in the Concourse (and church garden weather-permitting). This was both an opportunity for people to meet socially as they had not been able to do earlier in the pandemic and for the main church doors to be open to anyone passing by.

As mentioned in the Worship section, an early morning Sunday prayer service was introduced twice a month in March 2022. It was decided to follow this with a simple breakfast to provide another opportunity for those who had been isolated to meet together.

Social justice

We organised webinars as part of the Methodist Church 'Walking with Micah' initiative looking at social justice issues and what we as a church can do.

Church and community events:

Our church centre has rooms available for hire and were used by several community groups:

- FoodCycle continue to use our premises to package and serve food parcels made up from surplus food from supermarkets and local shops and to serve community meals (subject to Covid regulations. Community Meals restarted in Jul 2022 offering company as well as serving hot meals.
- 'Christmas for CAMHAS' used the hall to pack gift boxes for children with mental health issues who were to spend Christmas in hospital
- Bath Child Contact Centre moved their base to Nexus during August. We were able to offer use of the hall on a regular basis and storage of their equipment. They provide a safe space for children whose parents have separated to meet their absent parent.
- Julian House Day Centre – used our rooms for a series of sessions from July 2022

Other community groups have resumed on a regular basis – 'Pixies' Steiner Playgroup, Pilates classes and The Bath Minerva Choir.

Church Administrator:

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Sharon Keevill (church administrator)

EcoChurch

This scheme encourages churches to commit to care for the environment in worship and teaching, management of church buildings and land, community and global engagement and the lifestyle of church members. Nexus received the Bronze EcoChurch Award in March 2020 and we have continued to follow the scheme.

A plan was put forward to make the garden in front of the church more wildlife-friendly, with the help of Avon Wildlife Trust and BathScape. Due to the pandemic, these plans were not able to go ahead. However we took part in 'No-Mow May'.

Stewards

The team of Stewards are responsible for the smooth running of the church, ensuring services and other events are organised properly plus keeping an oversight over the various committees/church groups and indeed the overall life of the church.

Chapel House

We continue to remain in close contact with the Christian community of students renting the church property at Chapel House, which is maintained by Nexus.

Risk Management /Safeguarding

In accordance with best practice the Church Council reviews on an ongoing basis the major risks to which the Church may be exposed, and procedures have been established to monitor and manage those risks. The last 2 years the covid pandemic had significant impact on our risk management as referenced elsewhere.

Mike Renton is our Nexus Church Safeguarding Officer (responsible to the Minister and Church Council) to support and advise the Minister and Stewards on safeguarding issues and to promote best practice.

Nexus Church safeguarding Officer is also supported by NE Somerset and Bath Methodist church Circuit safeguarding team.

Property -

Nexus continues to be Managing Trustees for 2 buildings which have varied use.

Walcot church is our main worship space as well as having large communities rooms, which are used by various groups. Like all buildings we maintain them to be fit for purpose according to the recommendations of the 5-year independent inspections.

Roof Truss Repairs

The Quinquennial Inspection in January 2021 highlighted a major problem with the roof trusses. Repairs entailed the strengthening of ends of two central beams and trusses by removing earlier strengthening, removing rotten wood and replacing with steel members. Support scaffolding was installed to support the weight of the roof and the ceiling reinstated with period lath and lime plaster.

In order to support the roof, scaffolding was required throughout the whole height of the building for several months. The majority of this was in the sanctuary area but worship continued during this time in the hall below. There was also some scaffolding in the hall but all external groups using the hall were able to continue their activities.

Funding was achieved with tremendous support from local membership and circuit donation. Our fund raisers also attracted smaller grants from various trusts. Around £10,000 was drawn from reserves. A grant was applied for from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (£16,000 was granted in March 2023).

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Treasurer's Report 2021-22 financial year

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Trevor Purches: treasurer

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NEXUS METHODIST	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Elizabeth Kenyon	
Patricia Mills	

Treasurer:

Dr Mike Ainsworth to March and Trevor Purches (current)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	81110.00		81,110	55,323
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	59		59	72
a4	Lettings	39,292		39,292	39,599
a5	Other receipts	1,622	71,932	73,554	37,039
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	122,083	71,932	194,015 (a7)	132,033

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,000		50,000	47,708
b3	Donations	586		586	986
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	100,633		100,633	40,380
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,707		19,707	12,561
b6					
b7	Other payments	8,774		8,774	13,807
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	179,700		179,700 (b9)	115,442

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(57,616)	71,932	14,316	16,591
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	67,817	19,453	87,270 (c6)	70,679
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	10,201	91,385	101,586	87,270
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	10,201	91,385	101,586 (c8)	87,270 (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	172	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	604	255
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	549	255
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	227	172

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	194,015 (a7)	179,700 (b9)	14,316	(c7)	87,270 (c6)	101,586
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	194,015	179,700	14,316		87,270 (x)	101,586
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account HSBC	4,756	31,281
f3 Bank Deposit Account CAF	22,285	40,940
f4 Central Finance Board	36,929	19,365
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	23,300	10,000
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	87,270 (c6)	101,586
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	87,270 (x)	101,586

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	8,049,675	
g3 Other Assets	138,360	
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 03-Sep-22

Name and address of treasurer TREVOR PURCHES 6 Christchurch Rd, Bradford-on-Avon.

finance@bathmethodists.org.uk

Post Code

BA15 1TB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on Monday 10th October 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Jan Tate Date 10/10/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

NEXUS METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1162034

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church NEXUS METHODIST CHURCH No 7/13

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *A. du Pré*

Name of independent examiner Alexander M du Pré

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner C Eng

Name of firm (where appropriate) ... N/A

Address 15 Mitchell Walk, Bridgegate, Bristol

..... Post Code BS30 5XY

Date ... 08-Oct-22

* delete or circle as appropriate

BATH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134062

Accounts



Annual report 1.9.2020 – 31.8.2021

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This report relates to Nexus Methodist Church, registered with the Charity Commission under Charity Number 1134062

All correspondence for the church should be addressed to:

Mrs Sharon Keevill – Church Administrator
Nexus Methodist Church
Nelson Place East
Bath
BA1 5DA
Telephone: 01225 461509

Email: churchoffice@nexusbath.org.uk

Further and latest information is available on our web site: www.nexusbath.org.uk

The membership of the church stood at 68 members as of August 31st 2021

The Managing Trustees for the year 2020-21 were:

Revd David Winstanley / Revd Jane Wilson – Revd Jan Tate (additional minister)
(Superintendent Ministers shared role)

Revd Elizabeth Kirova – (Chair)

Karen Power - (Lead Steward)

Mike Ainsworth (Treasurer)

Trevor Purches (property)

Sharon Keevill – (Administrator)

Marc Horobin (property)

Pete Keevill – (Property chair)

Mike Renton (safeguarding)

Claire Phillips – (Secretary)

-----stewards -----

Pete Keevill

Jenny Lewis

Gwen Essam

Hetty de Rooij

Tricia Mills

---Congregation representatives---

Hazel Roch

Sylvia Armstrong

Ben Sykes

Greville Mills

Decisions concerning the activities of Nexus Methodist Church and the appointment of its Trustees are made at Church Council meetings of which there are a minimum of three each year.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The aims of Nexus Methodist Church are as defined in the Methodist Church Act 1976 namely:

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 of the Methodist church.

This is achieved by: -

- a) Holding regular acts of public worship open to members and public alike.
- b) providing pastoral care for members of our community visiting sick and bereaved.
- c) teaching Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups – both in person and online.
- d) Promoting Christianity through events and services.
- e) Provision of activities and clubs to support need in the community such as lunch clubs /FoodCycle for elderly and homeless.
- f) Letting premises for community organisations - for example local choirs, pre-schools, health and wellbeing classes.
- g) Supporting other charities with finance and prayer in accordance with Christian values to promote Christian mission and by addressing poverty and social need in both UK and the World.

Review of activities, progress, and achievements (September 2020 – August 2021)

Worship

From March 2020 we have been offering Sunday services via zoom, accessible via laptop/tablet or phone also supported by paper communications for those without access to the above.

We have had good attendance from members of the congregation and from within the Bath Mission Area to these services.

During 2021, we have also offered in person services approx. monthly according to covid restrictions.

We have also provided a Wednesday contemplation /bible study session and a Friday prayers group both via zoom.

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral visitors have remained in contact with those on their lists and have continued to support members of the congregation. Led by *Revd Elizabeth Kirova*

Junior Church

This had not been running during the pandemic, but some informal monthly sessions resumed within 2021.

Church groups -

Following the pandemic restrictions lifting we have had an opportunity to review ongoing groups and activities alongside a dwindling membership of resources. We have been able to consider a more strategic sense of direction and focus. Toddlers Group, Walcot Lunch club and "Coffee and chat" have all ceased.

("Coffee Plus" was on hold but has restarted late 2021)

Social justice

We held a webinar on food poverty and food insecurity in the UK in May. We were joined by some members of the Bath Mission Area together with representatives from B&NES Council, (officer and politician), and representatives of the providers of support – Bath Foodbank, Oasis Pantry, FoodCycle, Mercy in Action and Southdown Whiteway Community Support Project. We looked at what causes food poverty, who is affected and who is helping to bring support, and what they need. We also discussed what campaigning was needed to bring about change.

Neighbourhood groups

Within small neighbourhood groups and within the wider church there have been discussions about many kinds of issues, including 'Inclusive church', which has influences on the 'God in Love Unites Us' debate. We've discussed the Open Letter to the Methodist Church, the unification of the Bath Mission Area churches and the 'church without walls', to name but a few.

Change of Minister

We said goodbye to our Minister Rev Elizabeth Kirova in August 2021 and welcomed our new Minister Rev Simon Topping from 1.9.21

Church and community events:

Our church centre at Walcot has rooms available for hire and are used by community groups and events.

FoodCycle continue to use our premises to package and serve food parcels made up from surplus food from supermarkets and local shops and to serve community meals (subject to Covid regulations). Excess food which is not suitable to be included in meals is distributed to Julian House, a local charity supporting homeless people in Bath.

Claremont Methodist Centre

This centre was closed from August 2020 and the building has subsequently been sold.

All regular groups running from the building were offered an alternative provision at our Walcot building.

(The sale was managed by NE Somerset and Bath Methodist Church Circuit and funds do not pass into our accounts.)

Church Administrator:

The church administrator is responsible for producing the weekly notice sheets and monthly magazines, updating the website, dealing with telephone and email enquiries, producing publicity material for church events and activities and dealing with room hire for both church centres.

During the pandemic, the administrator continued to keep church members informed via weekly emails or by distributing printed resources to those without internet access.

Sharon Keevill (church administrator)

Eco Church

This scheme encourages churches to commit to care for the environment in worship and teaching, management of church buildings and land, community and global engagement and the lifestyle of church members. We received the Bronze Award in March 2020 and are working towards the Silver Award.

Bath Mission Area

With reducing membership numbers, we have been exploring more joint services and activities with fellow Methodist churches within with Bath locality under the name "Bath Mission Area" these discussions remain in preliminary stages but are likely to impact on our position within 2022 – 23.

Stewards

The team of Stewards are responsible for the smooth running of the church, ensuring services and other events are organised properly plus keeping an oversight over the various committees/church groups and indeed the overall life of the church.

Chapel House

We continue to remain in close contact with the Christian community of students renting the church property at Chapel House, which is maintained by Nexus.

Pete Keevill

Risk Management /Safeguarding

In accordance with best practice the Church Council reviews on an ongoing basis the major risks to which the Church may be exposed, and procedures have been established to monitor and manage those risks. The last 2 years the covid pandemic had significant impact on our risk management as referenced elsewhere.

Mike Renton is our Nexus Church Safeguarding Officer (responsible to the Minister and Church Council) to support and advise the Minister and Stewards on safeguarding issues and to promote best practice.

Nexus Church safeguarding Officer is also supported by (NE Somerset and Bath Methodist church) Circuit safeguarding team.

Property -

Nexus continues to be Managing Trustees for 2 buildings which have varied use.

Walcot church is our main worship space as well as having large community rooms, which are used by various groups. Like all buildings we maintain them to be fit for purpose according to the recommendations of the 5-year independent inspections.

Following Lockdown, we made our buildings Covid secure including the production of a risk assessment and plan. We allowed the building to be used as a FoodCycle centre providing around 60 vegetarian meals for those in need. We have provided them with significant storage and use of our kitchen.

Chapel House, within the boundary of the Walcot site, was converted for use as a Christian student community in 2018.

Claremont building has been wound down for closure this year.

Trevor Purches

THE CHURCH'S BANKERS

The Church has accounts with the following banks:

HSBC plc
Milsom Street
Bath
BA1 1DU

CAF Bank
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Treasurer's Report 2020-21 financial year

Please see full set of accounts with examiner's report enclosed.

Mike Ainsworth: treasurer

	Year to 31-Aug-21		Figures at 31-Aug-20		Change 2021 vs 2020
Bank Accounts					
HSBC	£ 4,756.32		£ 30,564.27		-£ 25,807.95
		-£ 7,552.00 Unreconciled payments			
		£ 12,308.32 HSBC balance at 31/8/21			
CAF	£ 22,284.88		£ 15,933.54	£ 6,351.34	
		£ - Unreconciled payments			
		£ 22,284.88 CAF balance at 31/8/21			
CFB	£ 36,929.12		£ 24,180.94	£ 12,748.18	
TMCP	£ 23,300.34				
Cash	£ -		£ -		
<i>Bank Total</i>	£ 87,270.66		£ 70,678.75	£ 16,591.91	
Temporary Funds					
Claremont Art Sales	£ -		£ 200.00		
Action for Children	£ -		£ -		
Christian Aid	£ -		£ -		
2nd Mile - Outreach Lunches	£ 171.61		£ 132.00		
Restricted Funds					
Chapel House Deposits	£ 3,450.00		£ 4,000.00	-£ 550.00	
Organ Fund	£ 4,691.28		£ 4,912.00	-£ 220.72	
Lunch Club Fund	£ 9,721.68		£ 9,721.68	£ -	
Coffee & Chat	£ 995.00		£ 995.00	£ -	
Chapel House Fund	£ 595.00		£ 375.00	£ 220.00	
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	£ 50,543.07		£ 35,511.33	£ 15,031.74	
Margaret Barton General Fund	£ 23,275.22			£ 23,275.22	
Margaret Barton Mission Fund	£ 11,638.00			£ 11,638.00	
<i>Funds Total</i>	£ 105,080.86		£ 55,847.01		
Income and Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	
Church	£ 56,312.44	£ 56,142.54	£ 56,393.52	£ 57,633.35	
Walcot	£ 4,958.50	£ 47,686.73	£ 5,126.88	£ 17,716.04	
Claremont	£ 200.00	£ 459.20	£ 10,602.81	£ 6,572.67	
Chapel House	£ 34,440.00	£ 9,432.67	£ 35,850.00	£ 11,219.41	
<i>Totals</i>	£ 95,910.94	£ 113,721.14	£ 107,973.21	£ 93,141.47	
<i>Operating Surplus (transfer to General Fund)</i>	-£ 17,810.20		£ 14,831.74		
<i>Funds Total</i>	£ 105,080.86		£ 55,847.01		
<i>Funds+Surplus = Bank Balance</i>	£ 87,270.66		£ 70,678.75		
<i>Unrestricted funds at year end</i>	£ 67,646.09		£ 50,343.07		
<i>Difference Check</i>	£ -				

Notes

Operating deficit of £17,810 for the year, but we expected to use reserves for the roof repair. Budget plan was for a deficit of £25,750.

Income is down £12,065 compared to last year. Mostly this is the closure of Claremont, plus some empty rooms in Chapel House. Regular church giving remains steady.

Margaret Barton bequest totalling £34,913 was received in this financial year. One third was requested to be used for mission (but legally this is a request not a condition).

Total unrestricted funds at the end of the year (after transferring deficit) is £67,646.

We are in the process of closing the accounts for Lunch Club and Parent & Toddlers, with residual funds to be transferred to the main church accounts.

Church Income and Expenditure

	2020-21 Actual	2020-21 Budget	Notes
Income			
Regular Giving	44573	42000	
Gift Aid	10409	10000	
VAT Recovery	341	0	VAT refund for window repair
Other Donations	858	0	
Event/Concert Receipts	0	0	
Interest Received	72	100	
Photocopying Charges	59	0	
Total	56312	52100	
Expenditure			
Expenditure			
People			
Circuit Assessment	47,708	47,500	
Youth worker	-	-	
Organist honoraria	240	360	
Secretary's salary	3,741	4,300	
Vision Mission Strategy Development/Pioneer Worker Exps	-	-	
Worship			
Worship expenses	912	500	
Science Faith & Visiting Preacher	-	100	
Junior church expenses	20	200	Junior church leaving gifts were after year end
Junior Ch Promotion Books	-	-	
Tea, Coffee and Paper Cups	-	-	
Office			
Web outreach	243	400	
Publicity	303	700	
Treasurer and Office expenses	840	1,500	
Stationery	718	150	
Photocopier Service charge	347	500	
Bank Charges	84	60	
Events			
Event/Concert Costs	-	-	
Donations			
Methodist Donations	900	900	
Other donations	-	1,000	
Subscriptions and affiliation	86	200	
Genesis Food Donations	-	-	
Emergency Aid (to be covered by)	-	-	
Miscellaneous			
Sundry	-	-	
Total Expenditure	56,143	58,370	

General Property Income and Expenditure

	Walcot		Claremont		Chapel House	
	Actual 20-21	Budget 20-21	Actual 20-21	Budget 20-21	Actual 20-21	Budget 20-21
Income						
Lettings	4,129	5,000	200	-	34,440	38,720
Church Ceremonies	240	-	-	-		
Property Donations	590	-	-	-		
Café Income			-			
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,959</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>34,440</i>	<i>38,720</i>
Expenditure						
Repairs and Renewals	36,235	8,000	450	2,000	3,694	5,000
<i>Property schemes (all buildings)</i>		<i>25,000</i>				
Water	94	100	2	-	1,082	1,000
Gas	1,054	3,500	12	-	1,793	2,500
Electric	527	1,000	81	-	1,054	1,500
Insurance	4,482	4,500	-	370	1,000	1,000
Phone+Broadband	1,102	1,000	-	-	651	1,000
Office Costs	-	200	-	-	-	-
Cleaner	3,120	3,500	-	-	-	200
Housekeeping Materials	469	1,000	-	-		
Kitchen Supplies	-	-	-	-		
Organ/Piano Servicing	-	200	285	-		
Gardening	605	1,000	-	-		
Ground Rent/HMO Licence	-		-	-	159	-
Café Expenses			-	-		
<i>Total</i>	<i>47,687</i>	<i>49,000</i>	<i>459</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>9,433</i>	<i>12,200</i>

Notes

Claremont repairs were clearance costs. Refund on Claremont insurance.

Walcot repairs includes roof at £31,584. Can reclaim the VAT on this.

Temporary Funds

This is money from special collections - it is processed through the church accounts, but the money doesn't belong to the church.

Fund	Previous Bal Received		Paid Out		Balance	
Home Mission	£	-	£	-	£	-
Methodist Homes	£	-	£	-	£	-
Action for Children	£	-	£	-	£	-
Julian House	£	-	£	-	£	-
JMA	£	-	£	-	£	-
Christian Aid	£	255.00	£	255.00	£	-
2nd Mile - Outreach Lunches	132 £	39.61	£	-	£	171.61
Claremont Art Sales	£	-	£	-	£	-
<i>Totals</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>294.61</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>255.00</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>171.61</i>
Leaving Presents	£	-	£	-	£	-

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 31/08/2020	In	Out	Balance at 31/08/2020
Chapel House Deposits	£ 4,000.00		950 1500	£ 3,450.00
Organ Fund	£ 4,912.00		0 220.72	£ 4,691.28
Lunch Club Fund	£ 9,721.68		0 0	£ 9,721.68
Coffee & Chat	£ 995.00		0 0	£ 995.00
Chapel House Fund	£ 375.00		220 0	£ 595.00
Total		1170	1720.72	
		Change	-550.72	

	A	B	C	D	E
1	N/C	Name	Inactive	Debit	Credit
2					
3	1100	Debtors Control Account		0.00	0.00
4	1102	Sundry Debtors		0.00	0.00
5	1103	Prepayments		0.00	0.00
6	1200	HSBC Milsom Street		4756.32	0.00
7	1202	Opening transfer		0.00	0.00
8	1203	CAF Bank		22284.88	0.00
9	1205	HSBC Walcot account(Closed)		0.00	0.00
10	1206	HSBC Claremont(Closed)		0.00	0.00
11	1210	opening account		0.00	0.00
12	1220	Methodist Central Finance Board		36929.12	0.00
13	1230	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		23300.34	0.00
14	1235	Cash Register		0.00	0.00
15	2100	Creditors Control Account		0.00	0.00
16	2109	Accruals		0.00	0.00
17	2200	Not used		0.00	0.00
18	2201	VAT on Vatable Purchases		0.00	0.00
19	2202	VAT Liability		0.00	0.00
20	2204	Manual Adjustments		0.00	0.00
21	2215	Social events balance		0.00	0.00
22	2216	Den Fund		0.00	0.00
23	2220	Coffee Money		0.00	0.00
24	2222	Coffee & Chat		0.00	995.00
25	2225	Chapel House deposits		0.00	3450.00
26	2300	Home Mission		0.00	0.00
27	2310	Methodist Homes		0.00	0.00
28	2315	Action for Children (formerly NCH)		0.00	0.00
29	2316	Julian House		0.00	0.00
30	2317	Woodland Trust		0.00	0.00
31	2350	Methodist Relief & Development Fund		0.00	0.00
32	2355	Easter Offering (world mission)		0.00	0.00
33	2356	World Mission		0.00	0.00
34	2357	JMA		0.00	0.00
35	2360	Claremont Cafe Art Sales		0.00	0.00
36	2380	Christian Aid		0.00	0.00
37	2391	Second Mile Project 2018/19 - Embrace the Middle East		0.00	0.00
38	2392	2nd Mile 2019/20 - Outreach Lunches		0.00	171.61
39	2398	2nd Mile All We Can Uganda		0.00	0.00
40	2399	2nd Mile - Bath Carers Centre 2017		0.00	0.00
41	2500	Chapel House Support Fund - old		0.00	0.00
42	2501	Chapel House Support Fund (non gift-aid) - old		0.00	0.00
43	2800	Leaving Presents		0.00	0.00
44	3000	General Fund		0.00	50543.07
45	3020	Benevolence fund		0.00	0.00
46	3050	Organ Restoration Fund - old		0.00	0.00
47	3060	MethIns Claim - Communion Silver		0.00	0.00
48	3100	Funds Brought Forward		0.00	0.00

	A	B	C	D	E
49	3105	Lunch Club Fund		0.00	9721.68
50	3110	Organ Fund		0.00	4691.28
51	3120	Chapel House Support Fund		0.00	400.00
52	3125	Chapel House Support Fund (non gift aid)		0.00	195.00
53	3130	Margaret Barton General Fund		0.00	23275.22
54	3135	Margaret Barton Mission Fund		0.00	11638.00
55	3160	Claremont Roof Fund		0.00	0.00
56	3200	Surplus / Deficit of Funds		0.00	0.00
57	4000	Collection - Cash not GA		0.00	72.00
58	4005	Cash GASDS		0.00	31.00
59	4006	Event Contributions		0.00	0.00
60	4009	Discounts Allowed		0.00	0.00
61	4010	Collection Envelopes		0.00	5782.00
62	4020	Collection Standing Orders		0.00	38088.00
63	4030	Collection CAF Standing Orders		0.00	600.00
64	4040	Science Faith		0.00	0.00
65	4050	Gift Aid recoveries		0.00	10409.30
66	4060	Property Donations		0.00	590.00
67	4090	Sundry donation received		0.00	858.00
68	4100	Photo copying income		0.00	59.32
69	4200	Hall lettings Walcot building		0.00	4128.50
70	4201	Church Ceremonies		0.00	240.00
71	4250	Hall lettings Claremont Building		0.00	200.00
72	4300	Chapel House Income		0.00	34440.00
73	4400	Interest Received		0.00	72.30
74	4500	Miscellaneous Income		0.00	0.00
75	4510	CoffeeTea Donations		0.00	0.00
76	4520	Claremont Cafe Income		0.00	0.00
77	4800	VAT Recovery		0.00	340.52
78	5000	Circuit Assessment		47708.30	0.00
79	5009	Discounts Taken		0.00	0.00
80	5010	Organists Honorarium		240.00	0.00
81	5020	Visiting Preachers and Speakers fees and expenses		0.00	0.00
82	5025	Event Costs		0.00	0.00
83	5030	Church Secretary's salary		3741.00	0.00
84	5050	Pastoral Care Committee		0.00	0.00
85	5100	Advertising & Publicity		302.80	0.00
86	5105	Web Costs		243.00	0.00
87	5110	Miscellaneous office expenses		839.88	0.00
88	5115	Stationery		717.94	0.00
89	5120	Photocopying charges		347.32	0.00
90	5130	Bank Charges		84.00	0.00
91	5140	Junior Church Expenses		20.00	0.00
92	5141	JC Promotion Books		0.00	0.00
93	5150	Lay Worker charges		0.00	0.00
94	5160	Worship expenses		912.30	0.00
95	5165	CoffeeTeaCosts		0.00	0.00
96	5170	Sundry Church expenses		0.00	0.00

	A	B	C	D	E
97	5200	Donations to Methodist Connexion Funds		900.00	0.00
98	5210	Donations to causes (nominated by M&O)		0.00	0.00
99	5215	Benevolence Donations		0.00	0.00
100	5220	Affiliations and Subscriptions		86.00	0.00
101	5230	Sunday Centre Food Donations		0.00	0.00
102	5270	Nexus Insurance		0.00	0.00
103	5280	Gardening		605.00	0.00
104	5290	Organ & piano repairs		285.00	0.00
105	5300	Walcot Repairs & Renewals		36235.32	0.00
106	5301	Walcot Heating Replacement		0.00	0.00
107	5310	Walcot water		93.63	0.00
108	5320	Walcot Gas		1053.76	0.00
109	5330	Walcot Electric		526.81	0.00
110	5340	Walcot Insurance		4481.64	0.00
111	5350	Walcot phone 461509		1101.82	0.00
112	5351	Walcot Office Running costs		0.00	0.00
113	5360	Walcot Cleaner		3120.00	0.00
114	5370	Walcot Housekeeping Materials		468.75	0.00
115	5380	Walcot Kitchen supplies		0.00	0.00
116	5400	Claremont repairs		450.00	0.00
117	5401	Claremont Redevelopment Projects		0.00	0.00
118	5410	Claremont Water		2.00	0.00
119	5420	Claremont Gas		11.74	0.00
120	5430	Claremont electric		80.70	0.00
121	5440	Claremont Insurance		0.00	370.24
122	5450	Broadband and phone 315705		0.00	0.00
123	5460	Claremont Cleaner		0.00	0.00
124	5470	Claremont Housekeeping Materials		0.00	0.00
125	5475	Claremont ground Rent		0.00	0.00
126	5480	Claremont office expenses		0.00	0.00
127	5490	Claremont Cafe Expenses		0.00	0.00
128	5500	Chapel House repairs		3694.23	0.00
129	5501	Chapel House Redevelopment Scheme		0.00	0.00
130	5510	Chapel House Water		1082.00	0.00
131	5520	Chapel House Gas		1793.06	0.00
132	5530	Chapel House Electric Upper		1053.72	0.00
133	5535	Chapel House Electric Lower		0.00	0.00
134	5540	Chapel House Insurance		1000.00	0.00
135	5550	Chapel House Phone & Broadband		650.66	0.00
136	5560	Chapel House Cleaning		0.00	0.00
137	5570	Chapel House Council tax & Lic		159.00	0.00
138	7906	Exchange Rate Variance		0.00	0.00
139	8100	Bad Debt Write Off		0.00	0.00
140	8206	Cash Register Discrepancies		0.00	0.00
141	9998	Suspense Account		0.00	0.00
142	9999	Mispostings Account		0.00	0.00

Unreconciled Items

Date	No	Nominal Details	Debit	Credit
28/08/21	21113	4201 Clarkson's - E Ndiweni funeral		120
28/08/21	21114	5160 Evelyn Benton - prayer handbook		5
28/08/21	21115	4010 Terisha Burge cash		60
28/08/21	21116	4000 Collection 1/8/21		2
31/08/2020	21167	5300 D.R.Vowles - roof repairs (final payment)	6584.00	0.00
31/08/2020	21168	2380 Christian Aid	255.00	
31/08/2020	21169	5200 Methodist Church Fund for Property	300.00	
31/08/2020	21170	5200 Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacon	300.00	
31/08/2020	21171	5200 The Methodist Ministers' Housing Society	300.00	
		<i>Total</i>	<i>-7552.00</i>	

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Independent Examiner's Statement

NEXUS ACCOUNTS 2021

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~ have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner A. du Pré

Name of independent examiner MR ALEXANDER M DU PRE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

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