

## **General Church Meeting 23 May 2021**

### **Report from Leadership Team**

Back in October, Church Council approved a vision plan for 2020-2021, based around the four areas of Our Calling in the Methodist Church:

Worship, Learning and Caring, Evangelism and Service.

When this plan was drafted, we were aware that Coronavirus would impact church activities, but not as severely has turned out to be the case. Nevertheless, as a church we have much to celebrate in what God has been doing as we have tried to follow through on the vision plan. Here are some of the highlights (although divided into sections there is a lot of cross-over):

#### Worship

As well as continuing *Meeting by Mail* as what has kept us connected in our spiritual life (albeit in a limited way), we have offered COVID secure worship in-person when possible. Although it has been over a year since we have been able to lead worship in care homes or meet for Messy Church, we have kept these relationships as best we can through greetings and gifts at the major festivals.

#### Learning and Caring

Our pastoral network has been strong throughout the pandemic, particularly through the work of the pastoral visitors, but through many others also. The internet is not a “go-to” means of communication for many of us, however we have given a prayer meeting a go in this way, and one fellowship group has kept in touch via Zoom. We were able to hold a remembrance event in person in December as planned.

#### Evangelism

Several of the things we hoped to do have not come to fruition, however others have emerged. In particular, last year our online presence (our website, Facebook and Twitter) was quiet. Since the autumn we have been much more active and engagement has gone up. Our weekly reflection (from *Meeting by Mail*) is on the website and signposted from Facebook, for example, and we have published more than a dozen podcasts (on-demand audio recordings). The shed project has provided means to keep in touch with individuals from the Uniformed groups, Messy Space and Messy Church. After the Nativity Advent Calendar, we continued with a low-key display in Lent, and now have a wonderful Easter display. This work has featured in Downend Voice several times, and it is what has attracted most attention on social media.

#### Service

The Wednesday Café team have done a fantastic job with monthly mailings to the café community, as well as keeping in touch at birthdays and over the phone when possible. Since the New Year we have begun our Eco Church journey and are gradually exploring possibilities that this presents. We are in the process of registering officially as a Fairtrade church. Things have been tough for the mission and charitable organisations that we regularly support; despite the restrictions we have still found ways to give financially.

#### Looking to the future

In the vision plan for 2020-2021 we aimed to review the Creations project, which we have now done. Church council accepted this report recently, affirming that from the Creations project we

take forward two values in what we do as a church:

- *An ongoing ethos of evolution: of creativity and an openness to change and grow.*
- *The ongoing value that we place on growth in our own faith as well as engaging with the community*

Recognising that we need to think strategically about the future, church council agreed to engage with the *Leading your Church into Growth* programme which is being promoted by the Methodist Church at the moment. As a first step a small group will attend the training weekend in May along with Samuel Uwimana, our new minister. We hope that this programme may help us to focus our limited capacity effectively.

We look forward to Samuel beginning his work at Badminton Road (as well as Winterbourne Down and St Chad's) from September.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

**Badminton Road Methodist**

**Church**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2020**

|                |                   |              |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Circuit</b> | <b>Circuit no</b> | <b>07/02</b> |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

**1134071**

**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:**

**Rev David Alderman**

**Church Stewards:**

**Valerie Lamont**

**Julia Lettey**

**Heather Hodder**

**Matthew Bourne**

**Treasurer:**

**Margaret Powell**

| SECTION A |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year   | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                  | £                |
| a1        | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             |                    |                  |                    |                  |
| a2        | Offerings and Tax recovered                 | 30,927             | 353              | <b>31,280</b>      | 35,174           |
| a3        | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 126                |                  | <b>126</b>         | 114              |
| a4        | Lettings                                    | 5,622              |                  | <b>5,622</b>       | 9,458            |
| a5        | Other receipts                              | 10,634             |                  | <b>10,634</b>      | 7,585            |
| a6        | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>47,309</b>      | <b>353</b>       | <b>47,662 (a7)</b> | <b>52,331</b>    |

| SECTION B |   |               |              |                    |               |
|-----------|---|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| b1        | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |               |              |                    |               |
| b2        | Circuit Assessment or Share                               | 27,893        |              | <b>27,893</b>      | 27,618        |
| b3        | Donations   | 1,000         | 1,000        | <b>2,000</b>       |               |
| b4        | Repairs and Maintenance                                   | 2,012         |              | <b>2,012</b>       | 1,548         |
| b5        | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 8,086         |              | <b>8,086</b>       | 10,514        |
| b6        | cleaning  | 2,658         |              | <b>2,658</b>       | 4,500         |
| b7        | Other payments  | 3,284         | 331          | <b>3,615</b>       | 29,138        |
| b8        | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                     | <b>44,933</b> | <b>1,331</b> | <b>46,264 (b9)</b> | <b>73,318</b> |

| SECTION C |  |                |               |              |                    |
|-----------|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| c1        | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  | <b>(a6-b8)</b> | 2,376         | (978)        | <b>1,398</b>       |
| c2        | Total funds brought forward from last year |                | 39,975        | 5,260        | <b>45,235 (c6)</b> |
| c3        | <b>Sub total</b>                           | <b>(c1+c2)</b> | 42,351        | 4,282        | <b>46,633</b>      |
| c4        | Transfers and adjustments                  |                |               |              | <b>(c7)</b>        |
| c5        | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>          | <b>(c3+c4)</b> | <b>42,351</b> | <b>4,282</b> | <b>46,633 (c8)</b> |
|           |  |                |               |              | <b>45,235 (c6)</b> |

| SECTION D   |   |              |              |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |   |              |              |
| d   | (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures) | £            | £            |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year                                    | 2,468        | 1,829        |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                     | 2,875        | 4,090        |
| d3  | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations                        | 3,710        | 3,450        |
| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>   | <b>1,633</b> | <b>2,469</b> |
|   | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>   |              |              |



**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 2020 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/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening<br>balances | Closing balances  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| e1   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                   |
| e2   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                   |
| e3   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                   |
| e4   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                   |
| e5   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                   |
| e6   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                   |
| e7   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                   |
| Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                              |                       |                       |                           |             | (e11)               | (e12)             |
| Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)   | 47,662 (a7)           | 46,264 (b9)           | 1,398                     | (c7)        | 45,235 (c6)         | 46,633 (c8)       |
| <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>                                 | <b>47,662</b>         | <b>46,264</b>         | <b>1,398</b>              |             | <b>45,235 (x)</b>   | <b>46,633 (y)</b> |
| Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                   |

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

|   | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand   |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account   | 23,723              | 10,607              |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account   | 15,214              | 15,687              |
| f4 Central Finance Board  | 8,767               | 21,972              |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes   |                     |                     |
| f6 Other funds  |                     |                     |
| f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>   | <b>47,704 (c6)</b>  | <b>48,266 (c8)</b>  |
| Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | (e11)               | (e12)               |
| <b>f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>   | <b>47,704 (x)</b>   | <b>48,266 (y)</b>   |

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 September 2019 | At<br>31 August 2020 |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                |                        |                      |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) | 2,136,195              | 2,187,489            |
| 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)

Name of Church .. Badminton Road Methodist Church

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 ..... *M. Powell* ..... Date *20.11.20* .....

Name and address of treasurer ... *MRS MARGARET POWELL* .....

... *60 CROOMES HILL* ... *DOWNEND* ... *BRISTOL* ... Post Code *BS16 5EH*

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *[Signature]* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Rev David A. Clement* ..... Date .....

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Badminton Road Methodist Church

Charity Number *1134071* .....

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ... Badminton Road Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages *2* 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 Badminton Road Methodist Church No 1134071

### 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~~/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 Alan R Cavill

Name of independent examiner ALAN ROBERT CAVILL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) Alan Cavill Ltd

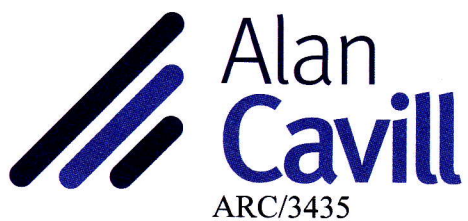
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Bristol Post Code BS16 6LD

Date .....

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5 November 2020

Mrs Margaret Powell  
60 Croomes Hill  
Downend  
**BRISTOL**  
BS16 5EH

Dear Margaret

**Badminton Road Methodist Church**

*I have now completed the independent examination of the church accounts for the year ending 31 August 2020 and enclose 2 signed certified copies.*

I would confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief there are no matters which need to be brought to the attention of the Church Stewards.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

**Alan Cavill**

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