

Charity Registration No. 1134969

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIFTON
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIFTON

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Sybil Davies
Judith Ollivant
Stephen Hannam
John Raison
Jim Steel
Pat Raison
Janet Griffiths
Jenifer Lovell
Jordan Arno
Susan Jordan
Robert Jackson
Lucy Arno
Mary Timmiss
Sylvia Jordan
Brenda Cheetham
Harry Matthews
Michael Bagnall
Karen Dunn
Francis Lovell
Elaine Bott
Roy Bott
Colin Colclough
Anne Bagnall
Sandra Williams
Margaret Moran
Kathleen Kendrick
Peter Saffhill
Ivor Jordan

Charity number

1134969

Principal address

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976), the Charities Act 2011 and the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Structure, governance and management

The church was registered as a charity on 16 March 2010.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

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All Methodist Churches are expected to follow the rules laid down by the Methodist Connexion. Levels of pay and contracts of employment are drawn up nationally and expected to be followed. With regard to trustees of any church they must already be a member of the Methodist Church and accept that they are under the discipline of the Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church is governed by the Methodist Connexion. This body then delegates operational powers down to the Districts, which then delegate them down to Circuits which then delegate them down to local churches.

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

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Objectives and activities

The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.

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

In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to:)

- a) the celebration of public worship;
- b) the teaching of the Christian faith;
- c) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- d) Promoting the whole mission of the church through numerous activities. In the case of Clifton Methodist Church this mainly takes the form Playgroup, Community Café and Youth Club.
- e) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

There has been no change in these during the year.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

During the year the church was open for public worship on a Sunday. There are also ad hoc mid-week Bible studies as well as the afore mentioned Community activities.

Playgroup

Members of the public can contact the playgroup and if places are available join up after agreeing a weekly charge.

Cornerstone Café

This takes place on a Monday. Members of the community can come in and purchase a hot meal at non-profit making rates.

Youth Club

Is open to any young person in the community.

Financial review

There are mainly two types of regular expenditure. Firstly the payment of an annual assessment paid to the Rotherham & Dearne Valley Circuit for them to provide the ministerial cover. Secondly the direct costs of running the church building (insurance, cleaning, utilities and repairs). There are then much smaller costs appertaining to being church such as stationery, copying etc.

Over the last few years money has been raised to cover the development of the church building and to pay for some large repair items. We have replaced a number of the roofs and all guttering. In addition new rooms were created to provide extra meeting space and storage. This work is ongoing.

During the year monies are raised for other charities and this money is recorded as passing through the church records.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy laid down by the Methodist Connexion is 3 months annual expenditure at any one time excluding non-recurring large items of expenditure.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

On behalf of the board of Trustees



Francis Lovell

Trustee

Dated: 7 June 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIFTON

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible 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 charity'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.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (a) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (b) the accounts do not accord with those 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.



Alan Sheriff

Independent Examiner

Dated: 21/6/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	35,889	-	35,889	35,230
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	84,586	84,586	77,716
Other incoming resources	4	46,609	-	46,609	21,116
Investment income	5	2,343	-	2,343	197
Total incoming resources		84,841	84,586	169,427	134,259
<u>Resources expended</u>					
Charitable activities	6	56,700	83,301	140,001	127,120
Total resources expended		56,700	83,301	140,001	127,120
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		28,141	1,285	(29,426)	7,139
Fund balances at 1 September 2022		53,190	28,003	81,193	74,054
Fund balances at 31 August 2023		81,331	29,288	110,619	81,193

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		110,619		81,193	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/>	110,619	<hr/>	81,193
			<hr/>		<hr/>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	9		29,288		28,003
Unrestricted funds			81,331		53,190
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			110,619		81,193
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 7 June 2024


Francis Lovell
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

United Methodist Church Clifton is a charity registered in England and Wales. The registered office is United Methodist Church Clifton, Lister Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 2AX.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised under the accruals basis. Specific expenditure on charitable activities is charged directly against the activity to which it relates as costs of raising funds or expenditure on charitable activities.

2 Donations and legacies

	2023 £	2022 £
Fundraising	35,889	35,230

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Playgroup	77,186	72,614
Youth group	448	-
Cornerstone cafe	6,952	5,102
	84,586	77,716

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

4 Other incoming resources

	2023 £	2022 £
Rental income	16,961	16,330
Other income	29,648	4,786
	<u>46,609</u>	<u>21,116</u>

5 Investment income

	2023 £	2022 £
Interest receivable	2,343	197
	<u>2,343</u>	<u>197</u>

6 Total resources expended

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable activities				
Church activities	56,700	-	56,700	47,988
Playgroup activities	-	77,614	77,614	72,859
Youth group activities	-	174	174	61
Cornerstone Cafe activities	-	5,513	5,513	6,212
	<u>56,700</u>	<u>83,301</u>	<u>140,001</u>	<u>127,120</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or travelling expenses during the year.

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8 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
5	5

9 Restricted funds

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

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 August 2023 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	
Church activities	373	-		373
Playgroup activities	23,456	77,186	(77,614)	23,028
Youth group activities	139	448	(174)	413
Cornerstone cafe activities	4,035	6,952	(5,513)	5,474
	28,003	84,586	(83,301)	29,288

Restricted funds are to be used only for the following specific purposes:

Church activities fund represents money raised to cover the specific development of the church building and any larger repairs.

Playgroup activities fund is a specific fund set aside for expenditure in relation to play group activities.

Youth group activities represents specific money set aside for expenditure in relation to youth group activities.

Cornerstone café activities fund is specific money set aside for expenditure in the community café.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:			
Current assets	81,331	29,288	110,619
	81,331	29,288	110,619