

St Thomas Methodist Church

Annual Report 2024

Administration Information

The Church is situated in Cowick Street Exeter and is a registered Charity

The Managing Trustees during the year were as follows.

Rev Julian Albrow

Peter Bennett

Mary Bews

David Bradford

Sue Collins

Peter Goodwin

David House

Janet Lee

David Kirk

Ann Matthews

Heather Payne

Rachel Scott

Paul Hunkin

Esther Reed

Josie James

Sue Shute

Andrew Bolton

Charity and Minister of the Church at the following address:

Rev Julian Albrow

21 Dunsford Road

Exeter

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Aim

The vision of our Church is to :

- Offer worship to all which is relevant and engaging
- To create a community of belonging, offering pastoral care to all members particularly those in need.
- To serve God through our community both the community local to the Church and the world-wide community

Services are held on a Sunday Morning at 10,30 a.m. catering for all ages and occasional services may be held on Sunday evenings dependant on the Christian of calendar. The Church is an active member of Churches, Together in Central Exeter

St Thomas Methodist Church is building links with St Thomas Parish Church and the Riverside Church by sharing mission opportunities within the community.

The Church premises are extensively used by the Church in course of its arranged activities and also by a large number of community groups. Further details of the activities of the church can be found on the website www.stthomasmethodist.co.uk

TRUSTEE TRAINING

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church and the role of the Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meeting and training sessions

RELATED PARTIES

The Church is part of the Exeter Coast and Country Circuit, which is part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Internal Organisations linked to the Church are

5th Exeter Boys' Brigade
Carers and Toddlers
St Thomas Community Larder

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF LAST YEAR

The Church has been able to engage in its normal activities during the last year

- 1) Messy Church
- 2) Boys' Brigade, Guides, Rainbows and Brownies are all sponsored groups and the Church runs Carers and Toddlers group. During the year due to financial problems and lack of number, The Church maintains contact weekly with these groups by various means
- 3) A Leadership team meets monthly to discuss various items
- 4) The Church is able to offer a social programme for members to develop their common life together now Government restrictions have been lifted.
- 5) The Church has responded to the needs of the community by offering practical help and by responding to appeals to humanitarian needs across the world. It is a member of St Thomas Community Association and has actively supported it.
- 6) The Church initiated and set up St Thomas Community Larder which is based in the Church and has worked with other groups and local Churches to provide food and essential items to around 40 families per week, The Community Larder cease to provide a service from August 2024 and all the food and money held were passed to Exeter foodbank.
- 7) Church Council has continued with its programme to enhance the premises. The gardens continue to bloom and attract a lot of visitors.
- 8) Cameras have been installed in the Church, so that events can be recorded for people to view.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The General Fund for the year ended 31st August 2024 showed a surplus of £53. The accounts were presented to the trustees in November 2024, and examined and approved by an external examiner, Mr Keith Ellis in March 2025.

The Church bankers are HSBC Bank and monies are held on deposit with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

As a financial control all payments have to be authorised by 2 people

CHURCH RESERVE POLICY

The Church has a policy of holding six months expenditure in reserve on the General Fund and organises fund raising project and events to provide adequate income

BENEVOLENT FUND

The Church maintains a benevolent fund which is a restricted fund to enable loans and gifts to be made at the discretion of the Minister. The Balance in the Benevolent fund at 31st August 2024 was £350

ST THOMAS METHODIST CHURCH
DRAFT ACCOUNTS 191024

12 MTHS TO 310824 12 MTHS TO 310823 12 MTHS TO 310822 12 MTHS TO 310821 12 MTHS TO 310820

Income from	29,136	28,765	29,557	35,564	32,655
Gift day			0	35	50
Gifts & donations	1,467	6,440	0	1,005	930
	<u>30,603</u>	<u>35,205</u>	<u>29,557</u>	<u>36,604</u>	<u>33,635</u>
	30,603	35,205	29,557	36,604	
Coffee (net)	436	185	(5)	10	
HMRC refund	7,783	6,000	6,836	7,004	
	38,822	41,390	36,388	43,618	
Interest received	1,256	848	30	4	
Other income	1,500	2,250	3,425	250	
	41,578	44,488	39,843	43,872	
Circuit share	(33,296)	(37,100)	(48,000)	(45,000)	
	8,282	7,388	(8,157)	(1,128)	
Duplicator	2,655	3,129	1,828	3,079	2,676
Electricity	2,055	2,699	2,620	2,471	2,372
Gas	6,502	3,577	3,121	1,501	1,462
Water	900	954	1,458	579	1,096
Insurance	4,612	4,484	3,929	3,663	3,660
Repairs	2,969	2,995	3,225	891	6,755
Notices	241	418	293	282	259
Bins	286	195	257	176	265
Cleaning/	1,891	317	257	581	683
Other expenses	1,223	642	928	772	1,863
	(15,052)	(12,022)	(26,073)	(15,123)	
Room hire income	18,706	26,469	25,664	16,571	
(Deficit)/Surplus	3,654	14,447	(409)	1,448	
Camera/ Flat roof repair		3,707	14,759		
less grant	0	-1,741	-14,759		
Preschool	3,601				
	<u>3,601</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Carried forward	<u>53</u>	<u>12,481</u>	<u>(409)</u>	<u>1,448</u>	

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310824

	42,344		45,392	
	3,356		10,645	
	<u>1,212</u>		<u>7,620</u>	
	46,912		63,657	
33,635		46,912		63,657
451		708		782
8,539		9,194		14,017
42,625		56,814		78,456
72		42		31
1,236				
43,933		56,856		78,487
(34,250)		(53,000)		(57,250)
9,683		3,856		21,237
	4,015		3,649	
	2,515		2,523	
	4,924		4,369	
	1,465		1,306	
	3,566		3,428	
	8,682		2,545	
	254		299	
	275		244	
	279		5,441	
(21,091)	1,646	(27,621)	1,372	(25,176)
(11,408)		(23,765)		(3,939)
16,413		27,086		21,453
5,005		3,321		17,514
	72		326	
			(11,318)	
0		72		(10,992)
5,005		3,393		6,522

Brought forward		53
General fund b/f		55,490
Benevolen	350	
Allocated		350
Music func	376	
Allocated	-188	188
		<u>56,081</u>
Building fund		
		<u>56,081</u>
ASSETS		
CFB	15,713	
HSBC	44,768	
		<u>60,481</u>
RECEIVABL	22,077	
		82,558
PAYABLE		-26,477
		<u>56,081</u>
		0.00

310823		310822		310821	
	12,481		(409)		1,448
	43,009		43,418		41,970
350		450		450	
<u>350</u>		<u>(100)</u>		<u>350</u>	
					450
589		589		589	
<u>-213</u>		<u>376</u>		<u>589</u>	
					589
	<u>56,216</u>		<u>43,948</u>		<u>44,457</u>
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22,752		505		476	
31,445		50,193		49,708	
<u>54,197</u>		<u>50,698</u>		<u>50,184</u>	
12,500		6,500		7,004	
<u>12,500</u>		<u>6,500</u>		<u>7,004</u>	
	66,697		57,198		57,188
	(10,481)		(13,250)		(12,731)
	<u>56,216</u>		<u>43,948</u>		<u>44,457</u>
	0.00		0.00		

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27th March 2025 which show a

The Treasurer
St Thomas Methodist Church

I confirm that I have examined the accounts for the period 1.9.22 to 31.8.23 of St Thomas Methodist Church, which show a surplus of £53 for the year and I am pleased to sign the accounts off as being correct.

Keith Ellis