

# **Barton on Sea Methodist Church**

## **Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

### **1. Administrative Information**

- 1.1. Barton on Sea Methodist Church is a registered charity (1135451)
- 1.2. The Managing Trustees of the charity during the report year were:

Rev. A Pottage (Chair)	Mr G Havers	Mrs K Osmotherly
Mrs K Archibald	Mrs M Havers	Mrs P Sullivan
Mr R Betts	Miss S A Hewitt	Mr M Stopher
Mrs A Dean	Mr T Holden	Miss E Ward
Mr D Hancock*	Mr C Levett	Mr Rob White
Mrs W Hancock	Mr A Moir **	

\*Died during the year. \*\* resigned during the year

- 1.3. The Custodian Trustees are The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ.
- 1.4 The Church's bankers are CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill West Malling and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A4PE.
- 1.5. The Church engages advisers for legal matters and property services as required.

### **2. Structure and Governance**

- 2.1 Barton on Sea Methodist Church was founded in 1932 with the present church building being built in 1970/71. The ancillary premises have been added at varying times since the 1950's. The Church is part of the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit. It is governed by the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church as set out in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD).
- 2.2. The Church Council has 16 members and meets three times a year. It appoints the Church Treasurer and members to the Finance and Property Committee and Pastoral Committee.
- 2.3. The Charities Acts require the Church Council, as managing trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Church at the end of the financial year.
- 2.4. The Church Treasurer is responsible, on behalf of the managing trustees, for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act.
- 2.5 The Stewards have met frequently with the Minister during the year. The newly formed Leadership Team will be meeting regularly.

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- 2.6. The Finance & Property Committee are delegated by the Church Council to cover these areas of the church work.
  - 2.7. The managing trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper procedures are adopted for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults associated with the church activities. A Safeguarding **Coordinator** is appointed annually by the Church Council to administer checking procedures, training and to act as point of contact.
  - 2.8. The managing trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Property is overseen by members of the Property and Finance Committee.
  - 2.9. The following group is associated with the church but operate separate bank accounts that are subject to independent examination: Barton Pre-school, The Pre-school closed at the end of the 2025 Summer term
  - 2.9. A General Church Meeting is normally held in April/May each year. The Meeting receives reports on the activities and achievements of the Church and affiliated activities and appoints church stewards and representatives to the Church Council.
  - 2.10. The Church had 3 employees, responsible for running the Pre-school at the end of the report year.

### **3. Objectives and Activities**

#### **3.1, Church Mission Statement**

*To know Christ and to make Him known*

*We exist to encourage and celebrate a loving relationship with God To that end we will endeavour to:*

- *make followers of Jesus Christ by sharing our faith,*
- *be a good neighbour and share God's love,*
- *offer a warm welcome in a safe place,*
- *grow closer to God through Prayer, Bible Study and Worship,*
- *use our talents for God's purposes and*
- *challenge injustice*

#### **3.2 The Church's Aims are:**

- the provision of regular public acts of worship, events and services open to all,
- to provide for all ages a sacred space for prayer, contemplation, and meeting for the furtherance of God's work in Barton on Sea,
- local and international Christian outreach, teaching and support, pastoral work and contact with local community groups and care homes.

### **4 Achievements and Performance**

- 4.1 The Church holds a public act of worship on Sundays at 10.30am. There

is a small Music Group which frequently supports the congregational singing.

- 4.2 The church distributes a weekly email to over 100 people. The email provides updates and information on church events and activities. Pastoral visitors have kept in contact with many members of the congregation.
- 4.3 Regular activities include coffee mornings for members and the community, sessions of Bible Study and special services for groups within the church.
- 4.4 The following church group meets regularly: Barton Pre School, but closed at end of Summer term 2025
- 4.5 The Church is host to an Ecumenical Lunch Club held fortnightly, catering for up to 60/70 elderly people. This was founded by the church in 1972 and was an initiative of the then minister Revd. David S James but is now run independently.
- 4.6 The premises are normally used regularly by local community groups including Pilates, and Line Dancing.
- 4.7 The Church's Outreach includes the support of: Transform Trade, New Forest Basics Bank, Methodist Homes, Action for Children and Christian Aid.
- 4.8 The Church supported financially a number of charities and disaster appeals as listed in the accounts
- 4.9 The Church buildings are well maintained. Major repairs have been carried out to the roof covering the lounge, vestry, and meeting room. Sufficient funds have been made available from the Marjorie Spence Bequest Fund to completely replace the felt and, the roof tiles as well, together with associated insulation work.
- 4.10 Broadband/Wi-Fi has been installed in the church premises.
- 4.11 Audio visual facilities are made available for use in worship as required.
- 4.12 From September 2025 A prayer meeting will meet before the bi-monthly Coffee Morning. Also 5 Wayfarers Bible study groups will meet fortnightly

## **5. Financial review**

- 5.1 At the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2025, the cash and investments of the church totalled £134,293 (2024 - £136,142) a decrease from the previous year of £1,849.

5.2. The above does not include the church buildings which have an insurance value of £3.0M.

5.3. Unrestricted Funds at the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2025 comprise:

General	<b>£24,086</b> (2024 £26,042)
Property	<b>£218</b> (2024 Nil)

5.4. Restricted Funds are:

Flower Fund	£583
Property Development Fund	£719
Benevolence Fund	£500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,802</b> (2024 £5,731)

5.5. Designated Fund

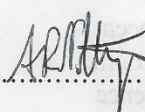
Marjorie Spence Bequest	Cash	£43,603
	Shares	£64,582
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£108,186</b> (2024 £104,369)

## 6. Reserves Policy

6.1. The Church aims to hold reserves of at least 3 months expenditure, currently the General and Property Funds stand at £24,304.

6.2. Designated Fund - Marjorie Spence Bequest. Used to support church mission and major projects.

6.3. Restricted Funds – As listed at 5.4 above.  
All used for the purpose for which the money was given.

.......... Chair – Rev Andrew Pottage

..... 2.11.2025 ..... Date





## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

**Barton on Sea**

**Church**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**Sunday, 31 August 2025**

**Christchurch & Wimborne**

**Circuit**

**Circuit no.**

**26/10**

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

**1135451**

**If not a registered charity His 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 Andrew Pottage**

**Church Stewards:**

**Miss Shirley Hewitt**

**Miss Elizabeth Ward**

**Mr Christopher Levett**

**Treasurer:**

**Mr Rodney Betts**



## SECTION A

Unrestricted  
FundsRestricted  
FundsTotals this  
yearTotals last  
year

		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	49,348	660	<b>50,008</b>	53,152
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,874		<b>4,874</b>	4,629
a4	Lettings	9,657		<b>9,657</b>	9,475
a5	Other receipts	7,499	6,165	<b>13,664</b>	13,483
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>71,378</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>78,203 (a7)</b>	<b>80,739</b>

## SECTION B

b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	44,873		<b>44,873</b>	43,140
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	9,400	10,489	<b>19,890</b>	9,312
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,685		<b>15,685</b>	14,878
b6					518
b7	Other payments	3,123	264	<b>3,387</b>	4,182
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>73,081</b>	<b>10,753</b>	<b>83,834 (b9)</b>	<b>72,030</b>

## SECTION C

c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(1,702)</b>	<b>(3,928)</b>	<b>(5,630)</b>	8,709
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		69,612	5,730	<b>75,342 (c6)</b>	67,563
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>67,910</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>69,712</b>	<b>76,272</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>	(929)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>67,910</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>69,712 (c8)</b>	<b>75,343 (c6)</b>

## 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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,001	2,103
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,001	2,103
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</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 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	Pre School	35,523	34,673	850		28,869	29,719
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	35,523	34,673	850		28,869 (e11)	29,719 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	78,203 (a7)	83,834 (b9)	(5,630)	(c7)	75,342 (c6)	69,712 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	113,726	118,507	(4,780)		104,211 (x)	99,431 (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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	59	30
f2 Bank Current Account	26,693	4,093
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	5,022	21,986
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	43,569	43,604
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	75,343 (c6)	69,712 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	28,869 (e11)	29,719 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	104,212 (x)	99,431 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	60,800	64,582
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,879,595	2,954,474
g3 Other Assets	135,193	138,708
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)



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## Notes

### Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

2025

#### Unrestricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfer s	Closing Balance
General Fund	26,043	55,540	47,996	(9,500)	24,086
Property Fund		15,804	25,086	9,500	219
Marjorie Spence Trust Cash	43,569	35			43,604
Marjorie Spence Trust Investments	60,800	3,782			64,582
<b>Totals</b>	<b>130,412</b>	<b>75,160</b>	<b>73,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,490</b>

#### Restricted Funds

Flower Fund	639		56		583
Youth Work Fund	208		208		0
Property Development Fund	2,307		1,668	80	720
Benevolence Fund	500				500
Audio Visual Fund	519	500	847	(172)	0
De Fib Fund		80		(80)	-
Lounge Roof Repairs	1,558	6,245	7,975	172	(0)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,731</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>10,753</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,803</b>

#### Church Funds Totals

136,143      81,985      83,835      0      134,294

Total All Funds held by Church Cash

Total All Funds Held Investments

Total

75,343	78,203	83,835	0	69,712
60,800	3,782	0	0	64,582
<b>136,143</b>	<b>81,985</b>	<b>83,835</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>134,294</b>

#### Internal Organisations Restricted Funds

Barton pre School	28,869	35,523	34,673		29,719
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#### Donations to External organisations

	2025	2024
		£
Methodist Homes	160	230
Easter Offering	288	346
New Forest Basics Bank	422	283
Action for Children	327	268
All We Can		20
Lybia Earthquake		165
Barton Rainbows		302
New Forest for Ukraine	361	356
Transform Trade	172	133
Myanmar	271	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2103</b>



Name of Church Barton On Sea Methodist Church No. 26/10

## 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 [Signature] Date 29.10.25  
Name and address of treasurer RODNEY BETTS 5 ROTUESAY LODGE  
STUART ROAD HIGHCLIFFE Post Code BH23 5FP

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 21.10.2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]  
Name of the Chair of the meeting ANDREW POTTS Date 2.11.2025

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

### Barton on Sea Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1135451

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barton On Sea Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 3 to 5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

\* delete or circle as appropriate



Name of Church .. Barton on Sea Methodist Church

### 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 ..... *Sue Wintle*

Name of independent examiner ..... *SUE WINTLE*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *ACIE - ASSOCIATION OF CHARITY INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS*  
*FMAAT - ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS*

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address *27 BASCOIS ROAD, WALSPOUN, BOURNEMOUTH*

*DORSET* ..... Post Code *BH11 8RT*

Date *29-10-25*

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Signature of independent examiner ..... *Sue Wintle*

Name of independent examiner ..... *SUE WINTLE*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *ACIE - ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS*  
*FMAT - ASSOCIATION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS*

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address *27 BASCOTE ROAD, WALSPOUN, BOURNEMOUTH*

*DORSET* ..... Post Code *BH11 8RT*

Date *29-10-25*

\* delete or circle as appropriate