

VICTORIA METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1135776

Details

Other names NO

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-05-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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: Our activities encompass:Worship; Learning and development in understanding the Christian gospel and growth in Christian faith; Pastoral Care;Outreach activities including mission and service. A range of groups exist for mutual learning, fellowship and support.

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.
- Bristol City
- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£227,653	£225,298	-	-
2023-08-31	£205,148	£169,146	-	-
2022-08-31	£236,465	£165,019	-	-
2021-08-31	£295,756	£382,573	-	-
2020-08-31	£156,599	£157,388	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Patrick David Stonehewer	Chair	2023-09-01
Christopher John Morrison		2017-05-14
David Ball		2016-05-08
David Pleasants		2018-04-29
David Wilson		2025-05-01
Dora Lilian Alderson		2019-05-20
Dr Victoria Ann Davies		2025-05-01
Edward Hugh Lloyd-Jones		2016-05-08
GILLIAN JAMES		2015-04-26
Gemma Elizabeth Louise Keeley		2025-05-01
HELEN HARRISON		2012-06-05
Helen Suzanne Davies		2020-10-19
JOHN EDWARD BARNETT		2016-05-08
James Morel Gibbs		2021-05-30
Jane Stacey		2013-06-05
Joan Seward		2025-05-01
Joy Elizabeth Morison		2018-04-29
Kevin Cornelius		2016-05-08
MRS J GEORGE		
Michael James Hazell		2024-05-12
Onkhopotse Jenei Moeng		2020-02-24
Robert Harrison		2016-05-08
Ruth Hudson		2016-05-08
SARAH EILEEN BALL		2018-04-29
TIMOTHY JOHN MELLING		2013-06-05
Veronica Wilson		2025-05-01

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Accounts

VICTORIA METHODIST CHURCH BRISTOL

1A Whiteladies Rd, Bristol BS8 1NU

Registered Charity number 1135776

Trustees Annual Report - 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Members of the Council

Minister REV PATRICK STONEHEWER

Circuit Minister Rev Sally Spencer

Church Secretary VERONICA WILSON

Co-ordinators

Worship DAVID PLEASANTS

Learning HUGH LLOYD JONES

Outreach JANE STACEY, TIM MELLING, JOY MORISON

Faith in the Future JOHN BARNETT

Property KEVIN CORNELIUS

Events HELEN HARRISON

Safeguarding JANET GEORGE, Jill James (YP)

Communication SHINGAI MANYIWA

Church Treasurer ONKHOPOTSE MOENG

Circuit Steward Mike Culshaw

Other Representatives to Church Council

Dora Alderson

David Ball (Property)

Sarah Ball

Ian Campion Smith (Assistant Treasurer)

Diana Casey

Helen Davies

James Gibbs

Robert Harrison

Michael Hazell

Sheelagh Hiley

Ruth Hudson (Pastoral Secretary)

Chris Morison

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d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Mission

The Mission of Victoria Methodist Church is to respond to God's Love in Christ and to live out that love in God's world. As a Methodist Church, members and non-members alike are welcome to attend worship and activities.

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities for the advancement of religion. In pursuit of its mission, the church vision is to be 'a Methodist Church which seeks to share the Gospel through encouraging lifelong learning and engaging with and through media and the creative arts'.

Review of the year

The church continued to offer a regular pattern of worship, led by a mixture of ordained and lay leaders. The main Sunday worship continues to be a hybrid worship service (on-line and in-person). This is supplemented by a shorter act of online worship on a weekday evening, a monthly evening service using material from the Taizé community, and a quarterly 'All Together' service bringing all ages together in a less formal style. We are grateful for the musical, creative and technical gifts of all those who support this core activity of the church. Lay-led house study groups have also continued throughout this year, forming part of our wider mission of learning.

In line with our Mission statement we have held a Come and Sing event, a choir of 80 singers rehearsing and performing Faure's Requiem. We have started to hold 'Knitalongs' where through Lent and Advent people sign up to follow a daily pattern and receive a daily reflection related to the liturgical season. Over one thousand people have participated during this year and very positive feedback has been received. A range of University Music concerts used the premises throughout the year and we have continued to share space with the Art School next door, both of which complemented our own contributions to exploring spirituality through the creative arts.

The work of the church Eco Champions group has continued on further reducing our carbon footprint, following up on the previous Energy Audit; we have continued to look at the practicalities of installing solar panels on church roof. Our engagement with our local community around eco initiatives has included organising an art competition for local schools on the theme "From Pollution to Solution" Five primary and two secondary schools participated and there was an awards event where the artwork was displayed with 150 people present.

Our commitment to a range of ministries addressing issues of poverty and social inclusion continued, working with other local Methodist churches and our neighbouring ecumenical partners. Bristol Street Pastors are based in our premises and we have provided two members for their oversight group. 'Calm, Create, Community' provided an ongoing opportunity each week for a quiet and reflective space based in the church premises. A weekly group for people with mental health difficulties provides valuable support.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Victoria Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Saturday, August 31, 2024

	Circuit	Circuit no.	0702
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1135776
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If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and Custom	
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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:

Rev Patrick Stonehewer

Church Stewards:

John Barnett	Tim Melling
Kevin Cornelius	Joy Morison
Janet George	David Pleasants
Helen Harrison	Jane Stacey
Gemma Keeley	

Treasurer:

Onkhopotse Moeng CA (SA)

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year	
			£	£	£		£	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		164,787		164,787		140,549	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		14,821		14,821		9,622	
a4	Lettings		36,346		36,346		46,696	
a5	Other receipts		11,699		11,699		8,281	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		227,653	0	227,653.41	(a7)	205,148	
SECTION B								
b1	PAYMENTS							
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		65,280		65,280		59,347	
b3	Donations		52,902		52,902		11,000	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		47,736		47,736		36,482	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		27,688		27,688		33,093	
b6					0		0	
b7	Other payments		31,692		31,692		29,224	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		225,298	0	225,298.34	(b9)	169,146	
SECTION C								
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	2,355.07	0	2,355		36,002	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		395,929.74		395,930	(c6)	359,928	Check Res+Unres total TRUE
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	398,285	0	398,285		395,930	
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0	(c7)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	398,285	0	398,285	(c8)	395,930	(c6) c6 totals TRUE
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					0		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations							
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations							
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID					0	0	
		(d1+d2-d3)						

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

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances		
e1			0					0
e2			0					0
e3			0					0
e4			0					0
e5			0					0
e6			0					0
e7			0					0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)	Check	TRUE
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	227,653 (a7)	225,298 (b9)	2,355	(c7)	395,930 (c6)	398,285 (c8)	Check	TRUE
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	227,653	225,298	2,355	0	395,930 (x)	398,285 (y)	Check	TRUE
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	41,952	31,949		
f3 Bank Deposit Account				
f4 Central Finance Board	286,966	296,006		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	67,012	70,330		
f6 Other funds				
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	395,930 (c6)	398,285 (c8)		
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)	Opening	Closing
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	395,930 (x)	398,285 (y)	Check bals	FALSE FALSE

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)		
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 :Victoria Methodist Church..... No:07/02.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 *Maceba* Date *22.04.2025*

Name and address of treasurer: Onkhopotse Moeng CA (SA)

29 Clark Drive, Yate..... Post Code: BS37 7EH.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ^{27/2/2025}.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *P. Stonehewer*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Patrick Stonehewer Date ^{25/4/2025}.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Victoria Methodist Church

Charity Number: 1135776.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Victoria 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: Victoria Methodist Church No: 07/02

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.

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner: Elorm Numadzi CA (Gh).....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner : CA (Gh)

Name of firm (where appropriate): N/A

Address: 33 Montgomery Avenue, Wellesley, Aldershot

Post Code: GU11 4DG

Date 25/04/2025.....

VICTORIA METHODIST CHURCH

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Reporting Period: 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

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Beyond this regular worship, a key focus was the 'Articles of Faith' exhibition which we hosted during Lent 2023, a backdrop to interfaith discussion meetings with neighbouring Muslim and Jewish friends, which were very useful and informative and helped us understand what we hold in common. We also facilitated a study of John's Gospel earlier in the year, and 'At the Foot of the Cross,' a Holy Week/ Easter meditative presentation in words and music. A range of University Music concerts used the premises throughout the year and we have continued

to share space with the Art School next door, both of which complemented our own contributions to exploring spirituality through the creative arts.

The work of the church Eco Champions group has continued on further reducing our carbon footprint, following up on the previous Energy Audit; we started to look at the practicalities of installing solar panels on church roof.

Our commitment to a range of ministries addressing issues of poverty and social inclusion continued, working with other local Methodist churches and our neighbouring ecumenical partners. Bristol Street Pastors are based in our premises, and were pleased to mark their 10th anniversary in April 2023, as well as providing two members for their oversight group. 'Calm, Create, Community' provided an ongoing opportunity each week for a quiet and reflective space based in the church premises. Work has been completed to reshape support for the Free Church Chaplaincy for the University of Bristol, and to form a charity to oversee this.

Our minister, Rev Richard Sharples, left for another appointment elsewhere in the Methodist Church at the end of August 2023; Rev Patrick Stonehewer was appointed to take his place in September 2023.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Victoria Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Circuit

Circuit no.

0702

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135776

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

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Patrick Stonehewer

Church Stewards:

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Ian Campion-Smith	Tim Melling
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Janet George	Dottie North
Helen Harrison	David Pleasants
Hugh Lloyd-Jones	Jane Stacey

Treasurer:

Onkhopotse Moeng CA (SA)

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		140,549		140,549	197,583
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		9,622		9,622	1,092
a4	Lettings		46,696		46,696	30,543
a5	Other receipts		8,281		8,281	7,247
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		205,148		205,148 (a7)	236,465

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		59,347		59,347	54,429
b3	Donations		11,000		11,000	25,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		36,482		36,482	28,193
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		33,093		33,093	35,628
b6						
b7	Other payments		29,224		29,224	21,769
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		169,146		169,146 (b9)	165,019

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	36,002		36,002	71,446
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		359,928		359,928 (c6)	285,505
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	395,930		395,930	356,951
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	2,977
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	395,930		395,930 (c8)	359,928 (c6)

SECTION D					
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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				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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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)	205,148 (a7)	169,146 (b9)	36,002	359,928 (c6)	395,930
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	205,148	169,146	36,002	359,928 (x)	395,930
	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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	
f2	Bank Current Account	44,995
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board	249,691
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	65,243
f6	Other funds	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	359,929 (c6)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	359,929 (x)

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)	
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

Name of Church Victoria Methodist Church No: 07/02

Declarations and Scrutiny

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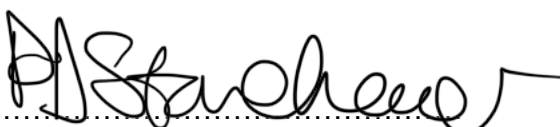
Signature of treasurer  Date: 15/05/2024.....

Name and address of treasurer: Onkhopotse Moeng CA (SA).....

29 Clark Drive Yate..... Post Code: BS37 7EH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 21/3/24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Patrick Stonehewer Date 29/5/2024

Name of Church: Victoria Methodist Church No 07/02

Independent Examiner's Statement

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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner: Elorm Numadzi CA (Gh)

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: CA (Gh)

Name of firm (where appropriate): NA

Address: 33 Montgomery Avenue, Wellesley, Aldershot

..... Post Code: GU114DG ...

Date: 16/05/2024

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Accounts

Trustees Annual Report

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Overview of the year

At the 2021 General Church Meeting, arising out of a Church Review, the Church agreed some priorities for our life as a Church under the four headings of Congregation, Compassion, Culture and Commerce.

Congregation:

1. Develop 'All Together' worship and replace the current All Age Worship with a mixture of All Together and Café style Worship. *One such All Together service has been planned each quarter; each one involving a large team of people.*
2. Continue to provide a wide variety of music and worship, morning and evening. *The repertoire on the Vic Methodist Multimedia YouTube channel continues to grow, although more slowly, and we have gradually got back to live music. Taize worship, led by an occasional choir and musicians, is offered once a month.*
3. Be more intentional about supporting and resourcing work with Students (and Young Adults).
A small Student Outreach group has been formed. A partnership with Cotham St Paul's has enabled a 'Vic-Pauls 18-25 inclusive' group to form.
4. Sustain and develop a weekly midweek 'virtual' act of worship. *This we have done, enabled by a group of half a dozen worship leaders, and attended by 15-20 people.*

5. Implement a programme to empower and engage the young people in the life of the Church. *We have engaged our young people in the Eco and Inclusive Church initiatives; with their involvement in the Eco Fair and in a Church Council meeting.*

6. Continue to be a welcoming, inclusive congregation seeking to grow in faith and understanding. *Our programme of monthly Learn and Share Lunches continues to be a helpful vehicle to engage with such issues. Following the conversation at last year's GCM, the Church Council voted overwhelmingly to register for same-sex weddings, and the first such wedding is booked for later this year. A series of meetings was convened for a small number of folk who wished to explore difficult questions and obstacles to faith. A larger number of people have engaged in a 'Luke for Lent' bible reading and study programme. Groups and individuals have been encouraged and enabled, through the excellent Connexional resources, to engage with the Methodist Way of Life.*

Compassion:

1. Take forward – in all dimensions - our work to become an Eco Church. *We gained a Silver Eco Church Award, just in time for an Eco Fair in July. The church was full and busy from morning to evening with a wide range of activities. An Eco Champions group has continued to work towards further reducing our carbon footprint, and an Energy Audit was commissioned with this in mind.*

2. Sustain our commitment to a range of ministries addressing issues of poverty and social inclusion, many of them in partnership with other churches (eg Soup Run, Giving Tree, Methodist Centre, Tyndale Circle, Mental Health Drop-in, Prisons Ministry, Street Pastors). *The Soup Run will not start again; the Methodist Centre is undergoing an urgent review and is in need of our ongoing support; Christmas gifts for prisoners were once again packed and sent; the Thursday group were very glad to get back to in-person meetings. Lastly – and crossing the boundary between Compassion and Culture – the 'Calm, Create, Community' open church initiative resumed its weekly pattern, and has recently started offering a 30 minute period of mindfulness led by Stephen George. We have been encouraged both by the loyalty of the small number who attend, and by the occasional new face.*

Culture:

1. Deliver a wide-ranging creative arts programme (music, drama and exhibitions) with the aim of engaging people with the call to 'act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God'. *Once again, some of our plans had to be cancelled due to Covid, but with Chris Morison and Lyn Lloyd Jones' leadership, we are now working towards an evening of drama/music for Holy Week, 'Were you there?'*

2. Continue to build partnerships with the RWA (Royal Western Academy of Art), Bristol School of Art, Bristol University Music School and the Methodist Modern Art Collection, but ensure that any material changes to Victoria have the broad support of the congregation. *We hosted an exhibition of the RWA's permanent collection in Oct/Nov, and have witnessed the refurbishment programme progressing next door over the past few months. University Music concerts are thankfully once again underway, and we have continued to share space with the Art School next door.*

3. Broaden Learning opportunities to encompass subjects beyond the arts. *Other than publicising the Lenten Conversations and Christians in Science Meetings, we have done little in this regard.*

Commerce:

1. Increase the Letting of the Church, supported by appointing a Centre Manager. After dropping off during the worst of the lockdown, Lettings have been returning. *The plan to appoint a Centre Manager has been dropped, partly because so much has gone online, and the market for conference/meeting space has shrunk.*

2. Take forward our Faith in the Future Programme, in Phase B1 improving the acoustics in the sanctuary and all the remaining areas at ground floor level. *Whilst an acoustic survey was completed, we have yet to clarify and commission work in the Church. The Church embarked on an exploration of what would be entailed in giving the Methodist Modern Art Collection a permanent home, and how this might affect our plans for Phase B2 of Faith in the Future (the refurbishment of the downstairs).*

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
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Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Circuit	Circuit no.	0702
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135776

If not a registered charity **Her 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)

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Richard Sharples

Church Stewards:

John Barnett	Shingai Manyiwa
Ian Campion-Smith	Tim Melling
Kevin Cornelius	Joy Morison
Janet George	Dottie North
Helen Harrison	David Pleasants
Hugh Lloyd-Jones	Jane Stacey

Treasurer:

Onkhopotse Moeng CA (SA)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	197,583		197,583	272,360
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,092		1,092	579
a4	Lettings	30,543		30,543	17,855
a5	Other receipts	7,247		7,247	4,961
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	236,465		236,465 (a7)	295,756

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	54,429		54,429	52,486
b3	Donations	25,000		25,000	2,500
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	28,193		28,193	292,566
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	35,628		35,628	17,398
b6					
b7	Other payments	21,769		21,769	17,622
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	165,019		165,019 (b9)	382,573

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	71,446	71,446	(86,817)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		285,505	285,505 (c6)	372,322
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	356,951	356,951	285,505
c4	Transfers and adjustments		2,977	2,977 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	359,928	359,928 (c8)	285,505 (c6)

SECTION D		NOT APPLICABLE	
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		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	

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)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	236,465 (a7)	165,019 (b9)	71,446	2,977 (c7)	285,505 (c6)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	236,465	165,019	71,446	2,977	285,505 (x)
	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	18,210
f3	Bank Deposit Account	44,995
f4	Central Finance Board	205,021
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	65,251
f6	Other funds	(2,977)
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	285,505 (c6)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	285,505 (x)
		359,928 (c8)
		359,928 (y)

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)	
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	2,977

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: Victoria Methodist Church No: 07/02

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.

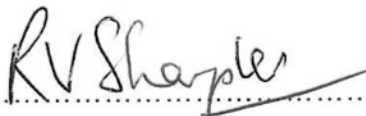
Signature of treasurer  Date: 26 March 2023

Name and address of treasurer: Onkhopotse Moeng CA (SA)

Address: 29 Clark Drive, Yate, South Gloucestershire. Post Code: BS37 7EH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on the of 16th February 2023.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Richard Sharples Date 11/4/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Victoria Methodist Church

Charity Number 1135776

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Victoria Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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.

Name of Church: Victoria Methodist Church No 07/02

Independent Examiner's Statement

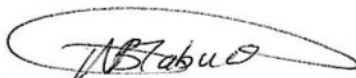
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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/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: Nompumelelo Tabudi CA(SA)

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Chartered Accountant CA(SA)

Name of firm (where appropriate): N/A

Address : 25 Carvel House

1 Regalia Close, Lodnon

Post Code: E16 2TA

Date: 26 March 2023

VICTORIA METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1135776

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report

Reporting Period: 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

Objectives and Activities

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 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.

Mission

The **Mission** of Victoria Methodist Church is to respond to God's Love in Christ and to live out that love in God's world. As a Methodist Church, members and non-members alike are welcome to attend worship and activities. The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities for the advancement of religion. In pursuit of its mission, the church has adopted a statement of its **Vision** to be 'a Methodist Church which seeks to share the Gospel through encouraging lifelong learning and engaging with and through media and the creative arts'.

Overview of the year

Last Spring, we reviewed the life of our church and laid out some priorities according to the four 'C's, which is a template for the life of our church offered by 'Heartedge' that we have found helpful. This overview of the year is presented with the findings of the review in mind:

Congregation:

The restrictions of sustained lockdown have called forth a deeper mutual commitment to pastoral care and have forced us to develop new ways of being a congregation. The midweek worship is here to stay, it seems, and Sunday morning worship will continue to be offered 'in person' and online. We've successfully shifted from Messy Church to an experience of being 'All Together' for worship once a quarter. The list of hymns and songs we've recorded now runs to four pages, and hundreds of churches have made use of them. We commissioned a researcher to review and recommend a pattern for our support of and outreach to students. The Junior Church and Den have continued to meet, and found ways of contributing to our journey towards becoming an Eco Church. Small groups have moved

online, and significant numbers of people have made journeys through the Psalms, Romans and the Acts of the Apostles.

Compassion:

For all people – under the banner of ‘Inclusive Church’ – and for all creation – expressed through Eco Church. We’ve begun to engage with what it will take for us to be more inclusive of those with non-binary sexualities.

During this last year we have registered on the arocha website to start the journey to accreditation as an eco-church. The areas covered are: worship and teaching, property, land, community and global engagement, lifestyle. The climate crisis and our response now regularly features in worship and there have been articles related to eco-church in every magazine and many of the weekly notices.

We have engaged a large proportion of the congregation in responding to the climate emergency; in prayer and worship, property and garden, lifestyle and lobbying. An important step on our journey was the Eco Fair and Climate Sunday worship held in July.

At the same time, we have sustained our commitment to a range of ministries addressing issues of poverty and social inclusion; more money was raised through the ‘Giving Tree’ project than ever, parcels were packed for those in prison as usual, support for those with poor mental health moved onto the telephone, and we are now offering a base to Bristol Street Pastors.

A “Listening Bench” project was trialled, as part of our Calm, Create, Community initiative, for an hour each Wednesday lunchtime when anyone can sit and talk with whoever is on the bench and ask for a prayer if they want this.

Before the pandemic, volunteers running the Thursday Mental Health Group were very aware that the group was an under-used resource. Various efforts had failed to identify an effective channel for referrals. We were aware that a few other local churches also offered individual and group support to people facing mental health issues and it was decided that it would be worthwhile to explore whether we could work together more to support individuals struggling with mental health issues. In November a useful video conference was held, hosted by Vic. Representatives from five of the local churches in the Whiteladies Road/Pembroke Road areas attended. We mapped the various mental health resources provided, or planned for the future, by local churches. This demonstrated that, pre-pandemic, a number of people had been accessing support through a variety of activities in the local churches. We were also joined by the local Social Prescribing Link Worker who shared information about some of the needs and themes in the area. Increased isolation has been a pressing issue during Covid. Telephone befriending schemes had been an important resource. He highlighted that churches are one of the key community assets in the area.

Culture:

Much of our planned programme of creative arts was cancelled (Refugee Art Exhibition, West Bristol Art Trail, Lunchtime Concerts, Come and Sing, and Passion Play); however, we were able to open the ‘Searching for Home’ Refugee Art Exhibition for 2 weeks in September as all the artworks/sculptures stayed in the Sanctuary throughout the first lockdown. This was appreciated by visitors who were pleased to have an opportunity to have time to reflect and be stimulated by such different images. We have been able to continue to develop our partnerships with the RWA (Royal Western Academy of Art) and Bristol School of Art (SGS College). We looked forward to hosting an exhibition of the RWA’s permanent collection and their Drawing School in the Autumn. A small group is now planning in earnest towards an exhibition of the Methodist Modern Art Collection in the Spring of 2023. We were delighted once again to have our minds broadened and stretched through the excellent Lent Conversations organised by Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland.

Commerce:

The pandemic has resulted in a significant reduction in our Lettings income and in the delay of our plans to appoint a Centre Manager. However, we have a beautiful Lounge and Portland Coffee Bar, and now all the ground floor is fit for purpose. The next steps for our 'Faith in the Future' Project will be to improve the acoustics in the sanctuary and refurbish the Large Hall downstairs. Underneath all of this activity and change lie countless hours and prayers of God's faithful people here at Victoria.

Members of the Council

Minister	REV RICHARD SHARPLES
Circuit Minister	Rev Patrick Stonehewer
Church Secretary	MARY HILL
Co-ordinators	
Worship	DAVID PLEASANTS, JOY MORISON
Learning	HUGH LLOYD JONES, CHRISTINE STONES
Outreach	JANE STACEY, TIM MELLING
Faith in the Future	JOHN BARNETT
Property	KEVIN CORNELIUS
Events	HELEN HARRISON
Safeguarding	JANET GEORGE, Jill James (YP)
Communication	SHINGAI MANYIWA
Church Treasurer	ONKHOPOTSE MOENG
Circuit Steward	Mike Culshaw
Other Representatives to Church Council	Ruth Hudson (Pastoral Secretary) David Ball (Property) Sarah Ball Sheelagh Hiley Sheila Lang Dora Alderson Robert Harrison Diana Casey Ian Campion Smith Helen Davies Chris Morison

CAPITALS denotes member of Leadership Team (Also listed as Church Stewards)

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Victoria Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Bristol & South Gloucestershire	Circuit	Circuit no	0702
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Jane Stacey

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Christine Stones

Treasurer:

Onkhopotse Moeng CA(SA)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 Moeng Date ..22 JUNE 2022.....

Name and address of treasurer ONKHOPOTSE MOENG CA(SA).....

29 CLARK DRIVE, YATE, BRISTOL..... Post Code ..BS37 7EH..

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on Feb 6th 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting RV Sharples

Name of the Chair of the meeting R.V. SHARPLES Date 23/6/22

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the Victoria Methodist Church

Charity Number: 1135776

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Victoria Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 3 to 6. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of SOUTH AFRICA INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (SAICA).....

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:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 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 NBT Tabudi.....

Name of independent examiner NOMPUMELELO TABUDI
CA(SA).....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT CA(SA)
.....

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

Address 25 CARAVEL HOUSE, 1 REGALIA
CLOSE.....

..... Post Code E16 2TA.....

Date 22 JUNE 2022

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20
Income							
1 Offerings	4	40,616	-	-	-	40,616	36,842
2 Donations	5	92,998	66,840	-	-	159,838	61,162
3 Tax reclaims	6	26,238	45,668	-	-	71,906	33,306
4 Interest and investment income	7	490	-	89	-	579	2,529
5 Income from residential properties		17,855	-	-	-	17,855	20,557
6 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	7	4,961	-	-	-	4,961	2,204
8 Total income		183,159	112,508	89	-	295,756	156,599
Expenditure							
9 Circuit assessment or share	8	52,486	-	-	-	52,486	63,256
10 Grants and donations	12	-	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
11 Property maintenance	9	27,388	265,178	-	-	292,566	60,880
12 Insurance, utilities etc	10	17,398	-	-	-	17,398	18,870
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Office expenses	11	7,541	-	-	-	7,541	6,895
15 Other expenditure	12	10,081	-	-	-	10,081	7,487
16 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-	-
17 Total charitable expenditure		114,895	265,178	2,500	-	382,573	157,388
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		68,264 -	152,670 -	2,411	- -	86,817 -	789
21 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds	16	68,264 -	152,670 -	2,411	- -	86,817 -	789
24 Total funds brought forward	16	307,527	-	64,796	-	372,322	373,111
25 Total funds carried forward	16	375,791 -	152,670	62,385	-	285,505	372,322

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Fixed Assets							
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	14	-	-	-	-	-	55
Loans by the Churches		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP	13	65,251	-	-	-	65,251	4,718
Central Finance Board Deposits	13	205,021	-	-	-	205,021	325,795
Cash at Bank and in hand	13	18,210	-	-	-	18,210	41,754
<i>Total current assets</i>		288,482	-	-	-	288,482	372,322
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	2,977	-	-	-	2,977	-
<i>Total current liabilities</i>		2,977	-	-	-	2,977	-
<i>Net current assets/liabilities</i>		285,505	-	-	-	285,505	372,322
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		285,505	-	-	-	285,505	372,322
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
<i>Net assets</i>		285,505	-	-	-	285,505	372,322
Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	16	285,505	-	-	-	285,505	372,322
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Unrestricted Funds</i>		285,505	-	-	-	285,505	372,322
<i>Total Funds</i>		285,505	-	-	-	285,505	372,322

Date

22 June 2022

Signed

M. O. O. S.

Church Treasurer

Onkhopoisc Moeng (ACSA)

Notes to the Accounts**1 Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with SORP(FRS102) as updated, being the current version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, and the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the church which are unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16. Funds are represented by cash and cash equivalents.

3 Accounting Policies**Basis of Preparation**

Other than Investments which are shown at their market value at the end of the year, these accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis applying the historical cost.

The Trustees have considered the consequences of COVID 19 and other events and conditions and have determined that they do not create a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt upon the church's ability to continue as a going concern.

The accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position and activities of the church during the year. The accounting policies adopted are outlined below.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Expenses are recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the church to pay out resources.

VAT

Since the church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SoFA.

Residential Property Income

The church's residential property is partly let to various community groups, schools and other social organisations to generate rental income.

Changes in Accounting Policy

The prior period accounts were prepared under the cash basis as the income of the church was below the threshold as stipulated by the Charities Commission.

In 2021, the church's gross income exceeded the £250,000 threshold stipulated by the Charities Commission, as such the accounts were prepared by applying the accrual basis of accounting. The income and expenses of the church in its normal course mostly align to its receipts and payments, therefore result of this change has had no material impact on both the current and prior period figures.

Accounting Estimates

The church does not make use of accounting estimates.

Material Prior Period Errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total FY21</u>	<u>Total FY20</u>
4. Offerings				
Direct Debit	39,207	-	39,207	32,316
Envelope	1,060	-	1,060	2,681
Cash	349	-	349	1,845
	40,616	-	40,616	36,842
5. Donations				
General	22,998	-	22,998	17,590
Redevelopment	66,840	-	66,840	43,572
Legacies	70,000	-	70,000	-
	159,838	-	159,838	61,162
6. Tax Reclaims				
Gift Aid	26,238	-	26,238	8,478
DCMS	45,668	-	45,668	24,828
	71,906	-	71,906	33,306
7. Other Income				
Outreach	2,044	-	2,044	-
Sundry Income	2,917	-	2,917	2,204
Interest Income	490	89	579	2,529
	5,452	89	5,541	4,733
8. Church Circuit Assessment				
	52,486	-	52,486	63,256
	52,486	-	52,486	63,256
9. Property Maintenance				
Redevelopment	265,178	-	265,178	18,672
Repairs and Maintenance	27,388	-	27,388	42,209
	292,566	-	292,566	60,880
10. Insurance and Utilities				
Insurance	7,721	-	7,721	7,711
Utilities	9,677	-	9,677	11,160
	17,398	-	17,398	18,870
11. Office Expenses				
Cleaning	7,541	-	7,541	6,895
	7,541	-	7,541	6,895
12. Other Expenses				
Organist and Choir Leader	1,300	-	1,300	2,600
Sundry Expenses	5,532	-	5,532	4,887
Outreach	3,250	-	3,250	-
Grants	-	2,500	2,500	-
	10,081	2,500	12,581	7,487
13. Current Assets				
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	65,251	-	65,251	4,718
Current Account held with Santander	18,210	-	18,210	41,754
Central Finance Board of Methodist Church	205,021	-	205,021	325,795
	288,482	-	288,482	372,267
14. Debtors and Prepayments				
N/A	-	-	-	55
	-	-	-	55
15. Creditors				
Repairs and maintenance	91	-	91	-
Cleaning	1,727	-	1,727	-
Sundry expenses	147	-	147	-
Utilities	1,013	-	1,013	-
	2,977	-	2,977	-
16. Funds				
General	90,512	-	90,512	22,248
Redevelopment	130,827	-	130,827	283,497
Etheridge	62,385	-	62,385	64,796
Endowment	1,781	-	1,781	1,781
	285,505	-	285,505	372,322

VICTORIA METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1135776

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report

Reporting Period: 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

Objectives and Activities

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 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.

Mission

The **Mission** of Victoria Methodist Church is to respond to God's Love in Christ and to live out that love in God's world. As a Methodist Church, members and non-members alike are welcome to attend worship and activities. The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities for the advancement of religion. In pursuit of its mission, the church has adopted a statement of its **Vision** to be 'a Methodist Church which seeks to share the Gospel through encouraging lifelong learning and engaging with and through media and the creative arts'.

Mission Areas

The Connexion and the Circuit use the Our Calling framework and this proposal only modified this slightly to better reflect the areas of challenge for Vic.

The four areas (with the corresponding Our Calling areas in brackets) are:

- Worship (Worship)
- Learning (Learning and Caring)
- Pastoral and Welcome (Learning and Caring)
- Outreach and Service (Service and Evangelism)

Covid 19 Response

Vic “seeks to share the Gospel through encouraging lifelong learning and engaging with and through media and the creative arts.” Since having to close the church for worship and other events due to the pandemic, there has been an increasing focus on the media aspect of our vision and thanks go to all those who have been involved in organising, managing and producing content for this.

The weekly notice sheet has continued to be published and has been providing extra information from the circuit and Connexion as well as disseminating written copies of Wednesday and Sunday services created by Rev Richard Sharples and others.

Facebook has been used as an anchor point for publishing multimedia produced for the remote congregation. Materials published include information about church building closure and services available online provided by other churches. Links have also been provided to recorded services (Wednesday evening reflective Zoom service) and songs recorded by some of Vic’s congregation and uploaded to the church YouTube channel.

After trialling a Sunday morning service using conferencing software, it was felt that, as there were already many options available for Sunday morning services online, a better use of resources could be found. It was therefore suggested that a shorter midweek evening service (more in the style of the Sunday evening service) be held via Zoom on Wednesday evenings. The audio recordings of some of these services were then made into a video transposed with the words of the written order of service (e.g., responses) to be uploaded to our Facebook page so it could be accessed by those unable to join in the live service.

Worship

We are grateful to a large number of people who continue to make worship at Vic possible, including preachers, organists and pianists, music arrangers and musicians, stewards and those who manage the sound and projection. This year has again been quite challenging in filling all the necessary roles, with a shortage of worship stewards and communion stewards; we are particularly thankful for all those who have contributed extra time and energy to enable our services to continue to run smoothly.

Coronavirus impact on services

Unfortunately, in the latter part of this church year, our ability to worship at Vic has been affected considerably by the Coronavirus. Many will have missed (or are still missing) both the shared worship and the social interaction that our meetings afford. We are fortunate in that, for those with online access, we have had a variety of resources made available to us. Our Minister, too, has provided us with thought-provoking and worshipful resources for each Sunday which we can share together in Spirit, even if we are physically separated. At the time of writing, a number of our members are investigating the possibility of producing in-house online services for the congregation; the format of these has yet to be decided but we hope that these will allow our congregation to feel more connected together. In addition, Richard along with others have led the midweek worship/ reflections via Zoom on a Wednesday evening.

Learning

Children and Young People

The Junior Church and Den groups at Victoria have had another busy year. As always, we are very grateful to the team of leaders and helpers who run the sessions on Sunday mornings which are so appreciated by the children and young people. The leaders do a great job running sessions with a wide age range, especially juggling the creche and Junior Church groups; at a future leaders' meeting we will be discussing whether there is an easier/more effective way to run these groups within our resources.

After a couple of months' break over the busy Christmas period, the **Youth Club** restarted in January with average attendance numbers of between 7 and 10 young people of Secondary school age. The young people have enjoyed sharing pizza and watching films but have also been discussing Vic's Eco Church plans and suggesting ways that Vic can move forward as a greener Church. Some of these suggestions have been taken on board, and others are currently being considered, and the teenagers are delighted that their views have been welcomed/appreciated.

The recent challenges to all of us, due to the virus, have affected the youngsters at church keenly, and we are hugely grateful to the leaders who have been maintaining weekly contact with the families in the form of Zoom get togethers, which have been going really well.

The younger children and their leaders are also greatly looking forward to the second phase of the building works which will make the Sunday morning Junior Church sessions much easier to run, especially as the age range within this group widens.

Away Day October 2019

Celebrating and Promoting Diversity - 50 adults and children attended the Away Day in early October. The day linked with Black History month and with Harvest which was celebrated on the following morning. Three members of our congregation contributed to the day, enabling us to learn more about important aspects of African life and heritage. They also shared examples, when in the UK, an aspect of their ethnicity or heritage had been overlooked, undervalued or denigrated. In the afternoon we explored Prejudice and Injustice through a Dramatic presentation entitled "John Wesley and Equiano". This was followed by the presentation of four different perspectives on "International Aid – does it address injustice." The final session was a choice of workshops which included a discussion exploring further issues relating to International Aid; a Game: 'Which charity?' enabling participants to explore various arguments and 'positions' regarding international charitable activities; and a music workshop to learn some African Worship songs for the Harvest Service. The Ark Project were present for part of the day undertaking creative work with the children. A buffet lunch was provided by Moveable Feast (Bristol Hospitality Network).

Learn and Share Lunches

During the Autumn and January, the monthly Sunday Learn and Share lunches took the theme: God's Creation in Crisis. This focused on the Environmental Crisis and our response individually and as a

church. The possibility of Victoria seeking to become an Eco church was discussed at the January lunch with recommendations developed for the February Church Council.

February's Learn and Share lunch focused on "God in Love Unites Us" – The Report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group to the Methodist Conference last year. The session was well attended and there was a positive discussion in which everyone actively participated. The report has also been discussed in House Groups.

Learning Groups

Bible Study

Jeremiah – Prophet for our Time: The six-week study, that started in January, led by Richard Sharples was attended by 14 people. It was engaging, lively, thought provoking and appreciated. The group was helped to understand the context and background to the Prophet and were sometimes surprised by its pertinence and application to the problems and challenges facing the world today.

In July and August of 2020, unable to meet in person, a Bible Study was organised using Zoom. The eight week course, 'Praying the Psalms', was devised and led by Richard Sharples and more than 25 people participated.

House Groups

Three house groups have been meeting regularly .Discussion and study have included York Courses (favoured by the afternoon group), the TV series Broken which tackles tricky ethical issues (DVD available for loan), Connexional material on Marriage and Relationship, Prayer and a study guide called Methodism Unfinished by Tom Stuckey (based on the reflections of 10 Methodists). Between 20 and 30 people attend one of the three house groups. The afternoon house group is currently suspended due to the virus. The Tuesday and Thursday groups are meeting during the 'lockdown' via Zoom. We are grateful to those who host and lead the House Groups.

Prayer and Bible Study Group

The group meets every Tuesday to study one of the Lectionary passages for the following Sunday; we have wide-ranging and animated discussions, and we find that hearing other viewpoints can help in thinking about sections of the Bible which can be difficult or challenging. Following the discussion we have a time of prayer, remembering people and situations at home and across the world which we are concerned about. During the present crisis there is of course a lot to consider, and we have managed to have virtual sessions. Hopefully, we can continue to work in this way until we can all get together again.

Book Group

The Book Group continued to meet as part of the 2019/20 programme up to the meeting in the first week of March. We are aiming to hold the meeting that had been scheduled for the first week in May as a Zoom meeting at some point. We have already had one exchange of mails to update each other

on our reading choices during lockdown. As with other groups it is as, if not more, important to keep in touch for mutual support as to discuss books.

20s and 30s Group

Throughout 2019 and early 2020, 20s & 30s continued to meet around once a fortnight for fellowship and study. We have welcomed new members during this time, and new or returning members are always welcome. Studies this year have included discussions based on films including The Greatest Showman and The Way. Social activities have included a barbecue, crazy golf, Christmas tree decorating, carol singing and meals out. During lockdown we have met on video calls to have 'after church coffee' on Sunday mornings on an ad hoc basis.

Women's Night

Women's Night is still going strong with anything up to 16 people attending on a fortnightly basis. This year although it was cut short, we managed to get in some wonderful speakers and a couple of outings as well.

An early visit was to the Synagogue on Park Row, a fascinating place where we were told a great deal about their traditions and worship. Later we went to see the film Little Women. Thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have learnt about the Jessie May Trust, Bristol Magistrates and the Christian Motorcyclists Association and the Tolpuddle Pilgrimage that Richard Sharples undertook with others. And of course, along with this we had occasions that involved food!

Financially we have raised £361 for charities including The Soup Run, The Tyndale Circle, FOYS, Street Pastors, The Jessie May Trust, The Synagogue, CM Association and Shelter Box. We look forward to being able to resume at some point in the not-too-distant future.

Pastoral & Welcome

Thanks: We say a sincere thank you to our Minister, Rev Richard Sharples for his pastoral care and ministry throughout the year. At this time of the Coronavirus crisis, we thank everyone at Victoria who has volunteered to help in any way and who has kept us informed and connected.

Our text for the year: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God' Matt.5:9 .

Outreach & Service

Creative Arts Outreach

There have been several creative arts events that have focussed on engaging with the public over this last year.

Bristol refugee artist collective exhibition – The artists were very pleased to be able to use our premises for the exhibition and it became more of a partnership than was first planned with Vic supporting with publicity and stewarding a very positive exhibition which was the focus of our Sunday worship that week.

Open Doors weekend – this did not attract as many visitors as the year before but we were able to show hospitality to visitors and many expressed surprise at our beautiful building

West Bristol Art trail - We hosted 8 artists and ran a cafe for both days. It was a very successful event with the cafe making £580 to support our outreach work

Come and Sing - A choir of nearly a hundred plus soloists and a small orchestra performed the Faure Requiem and Haydn's Nelson Mass to an audience of 70 plus. It was an event greatly enjoyed by all participants and audience feedback was positive.

Searching for Home – the Lent exhibition featuring paintings, textiles and stone carvings from the Inside-Out group plus textile cushion covers by a young artist Amy Richardson was attracting good interest from passers-by as well as from people known to us through our contacts. Two members of the collective led Sunday morning worship at the start of the exhibition. Several further events were planned but had to be cancelled as well as the exhibition because of the lockdown and church closure.

Outreach hospitality

Students were again welcomed to Bristol by our pop-up cafe in Freshers Week. Several hundred students were given tea/coffee/cake and information about Vic.

Calm-Create-Community started on Wednesday lunchtimes in September to offer an open house to anyone wanting a place to be. Creative activities are offered as well as a space for quiet and conversation. This started as a fortnightly event but is now running weekly 12-2pm. Numbers attending are small but those who have come in have found it valuable.

The University Music Department concerts have continued on designated Weds lunchtimes and usually have an audience of about a hundred. We steward and the hospitality is much appreciated as is the quality of the venue.

MMAC/RWA lecture - In October, Professor Ann Sumner, the Chair of the MMAC, gave a public lecture on the impact of war on the artists represented in the Collection. The Director of the RWA, Alison Bevan, then led those who had attended the lecture next door where they were able to enjoy the Open Exhibition. This event went well with an audience of nearly 30 and helped to strengthen our links with both bodies.

Buffalo Bikes. We hosted this exhibition of works by some of the students at the Art School to raise money for a charity providing bikes in the developing world.

Rehearsal space was provided for Joe Topping's theatre group and two performances of "Painting by Numbers" were held in the large hall. Audiences were small but appreciative.

Supporting the outreach of others

Eight special collections were held through the year.

£200 was given to support the ecumenical Holiday from Home scheme and £200 for the Winter Night Shelter. The Moveable Feast meal at the church away-day raised £460 for the Bristol Hospitality Network for the solidarity fund for destitute refugees and asylum seekers. Jane Stacey

Service

Soup Run - This year we changed our month for the churches together soup run to February .This is a permanent change, although we may be asked, alongside other large churches ,to cover a week in June . As congregations age, it is difficult for them to maintain their commitment to the soup run, hence the vacant months, but the need remains. At Vic we are fortunate to have a large number of people committed to sandwich making, donating money and serving food at the park. The number of people we served this year varied widely from week to week - there were sunny Saturdays and also driving rain - but it was always a worthwhile time, with some regular visitors.

During the lockdown, Bristol charities have collaborated to ensure that a food supply is available at a central hub to anyone who needs it. Hotels which no longer have bookings have been used to temporarily house and feed homeless people.

Community Mental Health Support Group

The group has had mixed fortunes this year; numbers dropped a bit, but we decided that we should continue to meet as for several people this is a very important part of their week, and there are four or five regulars who would miss it.

Due to the pandemic the way of keeping in contact was adapted to protect everyone involved. We have continued to be in contact with our members by phone on Thursday afternoons.

Friday Fellowship

This Fellowship is a small 'outreach' which our Vic Bible Study Group undertook in 2003 at Avenue House, a Residential Care Home in Cotham. The Vicar of Cotham Parish Church held a Holy Communion Service on the last Friday of each month and so, with the faithful support of our pianists, Alan and Jean, we were happily received on the 2nd Fri. (and we still are). The Fellowship lasts for 30 minutes during which time we sing hymns, lead prayers and talk for a few minutes on a chosen topic encouraging residents' involvement: all who attend have really appreciated our time together.

During all these years we have only cancelled twice, but now Lockdown has certainly put us all 'on hold!' We hope and pray that we will be able to resume the Fellowship and also pray that the Home will be protected from this Virus.

Tyndale Circle Report

In normal times, the Day Centre is open at Tyndale Church every Thursday from 9 30am to 3 15pm when two paid leaders, assisted by volunteers, provide a lively programme of music, games and fellowship for around twelve members. A bought-in lunch is served once a month and on the other Thursdays lunch is cooked on the premises by two volunteers. A much-appreciated quarterly coffee morning, is held for carers to give them opportunities to converse and share practical and emotional aspects of caring and to receive information about State financial aid and other support available to them.

Special Interest

Music

The last year has seen a wide variety of music making at Victoria, both within services and at other events, and has not been without its challenges.

Many instrumentalists at Vic have been involved in services, both organ/piano and the monthly band which plays at All Age Worship services. It is wonderful to see several performers from the Junior Church and the Den in the band on these occasions as they grow in confidence and ability.

The last year has also seen the growth of the monthly evening Taizé services at Vic, usually with a small instrumental group to provide accompaniment to the singers. The number of people attending fluctuates from month to month but the simple style of the worship and music in these services has a wide appeal, and it is lovely that we usually have visitors from the other Whiteladies Road churches. During the lockdown we were due to share a Taizé style service with the congregation at Withywood, so hopefully this can be rescheduled later in the year.

The Choir has been involved in lots of different events/styles of music too this year, from the larger events, such as the Come and Sing in November and the Christmas Carol service, to singing at Memorial services for Hazel Wickham with several other choirs.

Plans for the future are a little uncertain due to COVID-19, and we have reluctantly taken the decision to cancel the Come and Sing event scheduled for this Autumn, but we are planning another musical/Passion play for Easter 2021, and a Come and Sing in November 2021.

A recent addition to the musical timetable at Vic has been the start of a "Circuit Community Choir" - a monthly get together, open to any singers from Vic, or around the Circuit and beyond. We only had one session before the lockdown, unfortunately, but it proved popular, particularly with several non-church going singers who have attended past Come and Sings at Vic, so we are keen to get this up and running as soon as we are able.

During lockdown some of the choir and band have been recording themselves singing and/or playing along to hymns which were then stitched together for use in virtual services. These have been a lovely way to share music and fellowship together during this challenging time.

Inclusion

Vic remains a member of the Inclusive Churches group for which we give a modest voluntary donation. The Inclusive Churches logo is on Vic's website and Vic is listed in the Inclusive Churches website. We have heard from visitors and more regular worshippers that this was something they looked for when selecting a church. We all have to work at inclusion, it is easy to overlook, but rather than pigeonhole it into a separate compartment, the Leadership team is trying to ensure that inclusion is considered in everything we do.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Victoria Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

Bristol & South Gloucestershire

Circuit

Circuit no

0702

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135776

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:

Richard Sharples

Church Stewards:

David Pleasants, Christine Stores, Jane Stacey,
Joy Morrison, Shing Maryiwea, Hugh Lloyd-Jones,
Helen Morrison, Janet George, John Barnett,
Mary Hill, Kevin Cornelius

Treasurer:

Onkhopotse Moeng (CA)(SA)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	131,310		131,310	171,649
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,529		2,529	1,925
a4	Lettings	20,557		20,557	33,338
a5	Other receipts	2,204		2,204	6,985
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	156,599	0	156,599 (a7)	213,897

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	63,256		63,256	48,803
b3	Donations	0			
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	18,672		18,672	11,755
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	18,870		18,870	12,593
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	56,590		56,590	41,844
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	157,388	0	157,388 (b9)	114,995

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	0	(789)	98,902
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	373,111		373,111 (c6)	274,209
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	0	372,322	373,111
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	0	372,322 (c8)	373,111 (c6)

SECTION D		NOT APPLICABLE			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)					
		£	£	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0			0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				0
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				0
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		0	0

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/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e1)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	156,599 (a7)	157,388 (b9)	(789)	373,111 (c6)	372,322 (c)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	156,599	157,388	(789)	373,111 (x)	372,322 (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 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	0	0
f2	Bank Current Account	7,783	41,754
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	346,496	325,795
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	354,279 (c6)	367,549 (c)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e1)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	354,279 (x)	367,549 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020	
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	4,718	4,718
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets	14,114	55
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: Victoria Methodist Church No: 07/02

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 Mcoba Date 11 June 2021

Name and address of treasurer ONKHOPOTSE MCENG (CA)(CSA)

29 Clare Drive, Yate Post Code BS31 7EH

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 ... 8/2/21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting RV Sharples

Name of the Chair of the meeting Richard, V. Sharples Date 23/6/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Victoria Methodist Church

Charity Number 1135776

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Victoria 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.

Name of Church: Victoria Methodist Church No 07/02

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 

Name of independent examiner MARIAN ASHITEY

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