

# Trustees Annual Report

*Reporting Period: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022*

## 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	Dora Alderson David Ball (Property) Sarah Ball Ian Campion Smith Diana Casey Helen Davies James Gibbs Robert Harrison Sheelagh Hiley Ruth Hudson (Pastoral Secretary) Chris Morison

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

## 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

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 STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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**

(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:

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
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	197,583		<b>197,583</b>	272,360
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,092		<b>1,092</b>	579
a4	Lettings	30,543		<b>30,543</b>	17,855
a5	Other receipts	7,247		<b>7,247</b>	4,961
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>236,465</b>		<b>236,465 (a7)</b>	<b>295,756</b>

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

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

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)	359,928 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	236,465	165,019	71,446	2,977	285,505 (x)	359,928 (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 2022	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	18,210	44,995
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	205,021	249,691
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	65,251	65,243
f6 Other funds	(2,977)	
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	285,505 (c6)	359,928 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	285,505 (x)	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

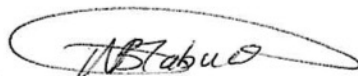
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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

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Date: 26 March 2023