

BENTS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1135850

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-05-10

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

Contact

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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: A member church of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. Our Mission Statement is "We are a community church sharing the love of Jesus." To this end we provide community-based services of worship and care to express our love for Jesus Christ.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£264,518	£121,080	-	-
2024-08-31	£101,698	£91,161	-	-
2023-08-31	£89,856	£97,695	-	-
2022-08-31	£104,658	£89,382	-	-
2021-08-31	£82,934	£90,836	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Mary Trezise		2015-04-19
Christele Marie Hall FIA		2018-10-14
Daphne Wilkins		
Diane Hallatt LLB		2017-05-07
Diane Mason CIMA		2019-03-12
JOHN CHARLES WILKINS BA, MA		2014-09-01
JULIE TALBOT		
Jonathan Trezise		2014-01-01
Katie Jayne Vernon BEd		2018-10-14
MATTHEW JAMES IRONS		2024-09-01
MR GLENN EVANS MSC, BA		
PETER KENNETH LARDER		2012-05-01
Rev Debora Karen Marschner		2025-09-01
Rev Philip Neil Peacock		2022-09-01
Rev Romeo Regardo Pedro		2022-09-01
Ruth Larder		2023-05-14

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period From 1 September 2024
Period start date To 31 August 2025 Period end date

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		<p>Dementia Café and provided a weekly Games and Crafts group (a warm welcoming space, reducing social isolation).</p> <p>5. A women's group (Tea, Toast and Time for Thinking) has met weekly, and occasionally a wider group has met to explore mutual support, and a Christian band (Outcry) offered worship and teaching each month. The annual pantomime drew in additional children and young people. A community Fun Day took place in June.</p> <p>6. Community groups, including Scottish country dancers, Rhythm Time for babies and toddlers, Keep-fit, WI, Friends of Porter Valley, Clog dancers, Art classes, Yoga, Pilates, dog training and Tai Chi, have met on our premises and various children's parties have taken place. There is a regular link with WORK, a local charity providing occupations for young people with learning difficulties, and our Youth Worker has worked in four local schools.</p> <p>7. £2,000 was donated to other charities and further money raised for Christian Aid.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Church's income for the year was £264, 518. Total payments were £121,080, resulting in an underspend of £143,438. This was largely due to two legacies received during the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Church Council has decided that reserves of a minimum of 3 months' average expenditure (approximately £30,000) should be held to meet unforeseen expenditure, such as necessary repairs to the buildings. The Church Council has also decided that the legacies should be spent on capital projects to improve the mission of the church, and not on routine running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the reporting period our current account balance was £55,450, our CFB balance £37,144, and £142,926 were held with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, so that total cash reserves were £235,520.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Church has sufficient resources to continue its ministry.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Each year the church's principal sources of funds are (in descending order of significance): weekly offerings; lettings to community groups; Gift Aid recovery; and donations. We cannot anticipate legacy funding.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investment funds are deposited with the Central Finance Board (CFB) of the Methodist Church, and with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, as per Standing Orders. The church has no control over the selection and performance of its investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Church Council has a strong regard to the prevailing risks to persons and property, and has in place a comprehensive Health & Safety Policy (reviewed annually). All external users of the church are notified of their responsibilities through room booking procedures. Annual fire drills are conducted during a Sunday service.

		<p>Property is inspected at regular intervals, with a full professional inspection every 5 years. A principal task of the Resources Committee is to ensure that the property is maintained effectively, and all regulations observed.</p> <p>The church has a Safeguarding Policy. All requirements to ensure protection for children and vulnerable persons are carefully observed.</p> <p>Financial risks are managed through stringent controls. Church Council examines and approves the annual church budget and requires an update on the church's accounts at each meeting. Spending is controlled on a day-to-day basis by the Resources Committee, and major items of expenditure are individually authorised by the Council. A Reserves Policy guards against unforeseen deficits, and fund-raising appeals are made to address shortfalls or to enable special projects of significant expense.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Act of Parliament (Methodist Church Act 1976).
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Church Council or the General Church Meeting. All presbyters (i.e. ordained ministers) are trustees ex-officio. The Circuit appoints a Circuit Steward to the Councils of each of its churches.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and	Para 1.51	New Church Council members are given web links to the information produced by the Methodist Connexion and the Charity Commission that describe the responsibilities of a trustee. Members are reminded of these responsibilities at
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training of trustees		Council meetings, and on joining Council are required to state that they have no impediments that prevent them from acting as a trustee. Training in specific roles (e.g. Treasurer, Property Steward) is offered by the local Methodist Circuit at intervals.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Church Council has authority and oversight over the entire ministry and mission of the Church. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources are its responsibility.</p> <p>The Council executes policy through its three committees or teams, each with delegated powers for an aspect of the Church's life and ministry. The committees are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources, including premises, finance, room bookings and employment • Pastoral • Worship Co-ordinators <p>Day-to-day organisation is in the hands of the Church Stewards. They meet with representatives of the committees bi-monthly in the Leadership Team, which brings together the different aspects of church life, and takes a longer term strategic view of the church's life and mission.</p> <p>Bents Green is one of 50 churches in the Sheffield Circuit, within the Sheffield District of the Methodist Church.</p> <p>As with all Methodist churches, Bents Green Church Council is accountable to its Circuit and District, and ultimately to the Methodist Conference.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Bents Green co-operates with other local Methodist churches, and on an ecumenical basis with churches in the Ecclesall (postcode S11) area.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bents Green Methodist Church	
Other name the charity uses	n/a	
Registered charity number	1135850	
Charity's principal address	Ringinglow Road, Sheffield, S11 7PU	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev. Philip Peacock	Minister & Chair		Ex-officio
2	Rev. Romeo Pedro	Minister & Superintendent		Ex-officio
3	Cherry Mair	Youth worker		Ex officio
4	Matt Irons	Designated Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
5	Peter Larder	Senior Church Steward		General Church Meeting
6	Jonathan Trezise	Church Steward & Property Steward		General Church Meeting & Church Council
7	Diane Mason	Church Treasurer & Gift Aid Secretary		Church Council
8	John Wilkins	Church Council Secretary		Church Council
9	Daphne Wilkins	Pastoral Coordinator		Church Council
10	Glenn Evans	Safeguarding Officer		Church Council
11	Ruth Larder	Church Meeting Representative		General Church Meeting
12	Julie Talbot	Property Steward		Church Council
13	Diane Hallatt	GDPR Secretary		Church Council
14	Alison Trezise	Church Meeting Representative		General Church Meeting
15	Christèle Hall	Church Meeting Representative		General Church Meeting
16	Katie Vernon	Church Meeting Representative		General Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
	Not applicable	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		Custodian Trustees

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	No such assets are held.	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects		

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent examiner	Dr Jenny Bywaters	107 Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HG

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable



Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip Peacock	John Wilkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date	10/3/2026
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Bents Green	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

Circuit	Circuit no.	2501
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1135850
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If not a registered charity His 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)

Minister:

Phillip Peacock

Church Stewards:

Peter Larder
Jonathan Tresize

Treasurer:

Diane Mason

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		29,179		29,179		70,110
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,999	2,926	4,925		964
a4	Lettings		17,440		17,440		15,255
a5	Other receipts		17,500	195,474	212,974		15,369
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		66,118	198,399	264,518	(a7)	101,698

	SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		37,750		37,750		23,500
b3	Donations						
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		6,590	12,557	19,146		4,314
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		14,272		14,272		20,653
b6							
b7	Other payments		12,524	37,387	49,911		42,695
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		71,136	49,944	121,080	(b9)	91,162

	SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(5,018)	148,455	143,438		10,536
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		66,729	25,353	92,082	(c6)	81,546
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	61,711	173,808	235,520		92,082
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	61,711	173,808	235,520	(c8)	92,082 (c6)

	SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			
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 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Girls Brigade	2,330	2,006	324		1,373	1,696.84
e2 Craft & Chatter	1,286	1,225	61		244	305
e3 Floodlight	6,633	6,928	(295)		1,067	772
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	10,249	10,159	90		2,684 (e11)	2,773 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	264,518 (a7)	121,080 (b9)	143,438	(c7)	92,082 (c6)	235,520 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	274,767	131,239	143,527		94,766 (x)	238,292.84 (y)
	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 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	53,368	55,450
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	38,714	37,144
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		142,926
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	92,082 (c6)	235,520 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,684 (e11)	2,773 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	94,766 (x)	238,292.84 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,022,386	4,126,982
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 .. Bents Green Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer *D. Mason* Date..... *30.10.25*

Name and address of treasurer Diane Mason

32 Alms Hill Rd, Sheffield S119RS

Presentation to the Church trustees

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *T. Peacock*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *PHILIP PEACOCK* Date *12/11/25*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bents Green Church

Charity Number . 1135850

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bents Green Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

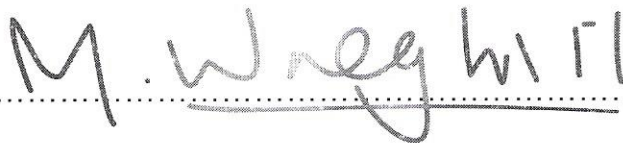
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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

Mark Wreghitt

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

BA(Hons) CIHCM

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

86 Huntley Road

..... Sheffield

S11 7PB

Date29.9.25

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Financial Review

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Church Council has decided that reserves of a minimum of 3 months' average expenditure (approximately £25,000) should be held to meet unforeseen expenditure, such as necessary repairs to the buildings.
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Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have budgeted for an overspend of 25k in 2024/25, but the Church has sufficient resources to continue its ministry.

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Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	n/a	
Registered charity number	1135850	
Charity's principal address	Ringinglow Road, Sheffield, S11 7PU	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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Director name		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent examiner	Dr Jenny Bywaters	107 Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HG

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>P. Peacock</i>	<i>John Wilkins</i>
Full name(s)	Philip Peacock	John Wilkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date	30/3/25.
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Bents Green	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Circuit	Circuit no.	2501
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Minister:

Phillip Peacock

Church Stewards:

Peter Larder
Jonathan Tresize

Treasurer:

Diane Mason

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	42,550	27,560	70,110	60,321
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	964		964	667
a4	Lettings	15,255		15,255	14,320
a5	Other receipts	6,715	8,654	15,369	14,548
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	65,484	36,214	101,698 (a7)	89,856

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	23,500		23,500	39,000
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,314		4,314	3,055
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	20,653		20,653	17,511
b6					
b7	Other payments	17,136	25,559	42,695	38,130
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	65,603	25,559	91,162 (b9)	97,696

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(119)	10,655	(7,840)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	66,848	14,698	81,546 (c6)	89,386
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	66,729	25,353	92,082
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	66,729	25,353	92,082 (c8)
					81,546 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
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 2024 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	Friendship Club	719	1,534	(815)		815	
e2	Girls Brigade	2,283	2,629	(346)		1,719	1,373
e3	Craft & Chatter	1,391	1,582	(191)		435	244
e4	Floodlight	5,061	5,004	57		1,010	1,067
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	9,454	10,749	(1,295)		3,978 (e11)	2,684 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	101,698 (a7)	91,162 (b9)	10,536	(c7)	81,546 (c6)	92,082 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	111,152	101,911	9,241		85,524 (x)	94,766 (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 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	
f2	Bank Current Account	63,295
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board	18,251
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	
f6	Other funds	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	81,546 (c6)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,978 (e11)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	85,524 (x)
		92,082 (c8)
		2,684 (e12)
		94,766 (y)

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)	3,905,232
g3	Other Assets	4,022,386
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 Bents green

No. 1135850

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 *D. Mason* Date *1/11/24*

Name and address of treasurer Diane Mason

32 Alms Hill Rd, Sheffield S119RS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting *PHILIP PEACOCK* Date *8/11/24*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Bents Green

Charity Number . 1135850

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bents Green Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church Bents Green

No. 1135850

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 *Jenny Bywaters*

Name of independent examiner JENNY BYWATERS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 107 Button Hill,

..... Sheffield Post Code S11 9HJ

Date 31.10.24

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BENTS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1135850

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 September 2022** Period start date To **31 August 2023**
Period end date

Charity name: **Bents Green Methodist Church**

Charity registration number: **1135850**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976, clause 4. In summary: The purposes of the Methodist Church are the advancement of (a) the Christian faith, in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church and (b) any charitable purpose of any body of the Methodist Church or related organisation. The Mission Statement of Bents Green Methodist Church is: "To be a community church sharing the love of Jesus."
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to provide regular public acts of worship open to all, regardless of church membership 2) to provide sacred space for prayer and contemplation 3) to teach the tenets and practice of Christianity through sermons, study courses and small groups 4) to undertake pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved, and marking important life passages such as marriages, births and deaths with suitable acts of public worship and celebration 5) to promote Christianity through the organisation of informational, educational and entertaining events of general public interest 6) to encourage and develop faith through the provision of age-appropriate groups (youth, parents with toddlers, seniors) with a Christian ethos 7) to support other compatible charities in the UK and overseas with financial gifts and prayer.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	When planning our activities for the year, the Church Council has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Local Churches, Circuits and Districts are not defined as (external) grant-making bodies

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Funds for on-going maintenance and any future capital investment projects are deposited with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as required by Standing Orders.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The main part of our church activities is undertaken by lay persons (volunteers).
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main activities and achievements during the year may be summarised as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintaining a weekly programme of 3 services of public worship, with two Sunday services and one mid-week. Christingle and the Carol Service have the biggest attendances, with a children's choir taking part. Messy Church was held quarterly. 2. Providing a wide range of activities for young people, including Junior Church, Sunbeams and Sunrise (for under 5s), Lighthouse (for 5 – 11 year-olds), Lampstand (for 11 – 18 year-olds), Girls' Brigade, and an annual panto. About 90 children and young people take part in an average week, some attending two or three activities. During the panto season (October to February) this rises to about 150, with about 200 attending on average each week. 3. Running and developing daytime activities, including Friendship Club, Games and Craft, and hosting a fortnightly Dementia Café. 4. Reaching out to the community, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a regular link with WORK, a local charity providing worthwhile occupations for young people with learning difficulties - our Youth Worker working in 3 local schools - a Community Fun Day held on 17 June. 5. Encouraging the development of the faith of members through house groups, a weekly tea and toast group, and a men's group. 6. Providing pastoral support to the growing proportion of the congregation who are frail. 7. Providing facilities for community groups to meet on our premises, including Scottish country dancers, Rhythm time for babies and toddlers, Keep fit, WI, Friends of Porter Valley, Clog dancers, Tai Chi, and various children's parties.

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The record of achievements shown above demonstrates that the church has satisfied (in full or in part) each of its objectives. At all times, the leadership and trustees have set our goals in line with our mission statement.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	There was no specific fundraising in support of the church itself. However, several church groups request donations from participants/users to help sustain their activities. Initiatives within/supported by the church have raised funds for Christian Aid, the Sheffield Cathedral Archer Project, the World Day of Prayer charity and Action for Children. Various individuals within the church also conducted their own fundraising initiatives for Christian charities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Investment funds are deposited with the Central Finance Board (CFB) of the Methodist Church, as per Standing Orders. The church has no control over the selection and performance of its investments.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The church's income for the year was £89,856; expenditure was £97,696 resulting in an overspend of £7,840.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Church Council has decided that reserves of a minimum of 3 months' average expenditure (approximately £25,000) should be held to meet unforeseen expenditure, such as necessary repairs to the buildings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the reporting period our current account balance was £63,295 and our CFB balance £18,251, so that total cash reserves were £81,546. This satisfies the church's reserves policy.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable. The church is on a sound financial footing and sufficient resources are in place to continue our ministry.

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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>P. Peacock</i>	<i>John Wilkins</i>
Full name(s)	Philip Peacock	John Wilkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date

20 March 2024.

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Treasurer:

Diane Mason

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a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	60,321		60,321	76,834
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	667		667	84
a4	Lettings	14,320		14,320	11,273
a5	Other receipts	6,404	8,144	14,548	16,497
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	81,712	8,144	89,856 (a7)	104,688

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	39,000		39,000	35,000
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,055		3,055	5,562
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,511		17,511	13,056
b6					
b7	Other payments	30,329	7,801	38,130	35,764
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	89,895	7,801	97,696 (b9)	89,382

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(8,183)	343	(7,840)	15,306
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	75,031	14,355	89,386 (c6)	74,080	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	66,848	14,698	81,546	89,386
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	66,848	14,698	81,546 (c8)	89,386 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
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 2023 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 Friendship Club					1,413	1,413
e2 Girls Brigade	2,248	1,804	444		1,275	1,719
e3 Craft & Chatter	855	1,191	(336)		771	435
e4 Floodlight	4,405	4,903	(498)		1,508	1,009.88
e5						
e6						
e7						
c8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7,508	7,899	(391)		4,967 (e11)	4,576 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	89,856 (a7)	97,696 (b9)	(7,840)	(c7)	89,386 (c6)	81,546 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	97,364	105,595	(8,231)		94,353 (x)	86,122 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	70,803	63,295
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	18,583	18,251
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	89,386 (c5)	81,546 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,967 (e11)	4,576 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	94,353 (x)	86,122 (y)

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)	3,419,669	3,905,232
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 .. Bents Green

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 *D Mason* Date..... *7/11/23*

Name and address of treasurer Diane Mason

32 Alms Hill Rd, Sheffield , S11 9RS

Presentation to the Church trustees

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

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting *PHILIP PEACOCK* Date *8/11/23*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Bents Green

Charity Number . 1135850

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

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.

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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 Jerry Bywaters

Name of independent examiner Dr. Jerry Bywaters

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner -

Name of firm (where appropriate) -

Address 107 Button Hill, Sheffield,
South Yorks Post Code S11 9HG

Date 9.10.23

* delete or circle as appropriate

BENTS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1135850

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	09	2021	To	31 08 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Tim Crome	Minister and chair		Ex-officio
2	Peter Larder	Senior Church Steward		General Church Meeting
3	Jonathan Trezise	Church Steward and Property Steward		General Church Meeting and Church Council
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5	Daphne Wilkins	Pastoral Coordinator		Church Council
6	Glenn Evans	Safeguarding Officer		Church Council
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15	Katie Vernon	Church Meeting Representative		General Church Meeting
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18	John Wilkins	Resources Committee Chair		Church Council
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Methodist Church Act 1976.
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Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by the Church Council or the General Church Meeting. Ordained ministers are trustees ex officio. The Circuit also appoints a Circuit Steward to the Councils of each of its churches.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>As set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976, the aims of the church are the advancement of (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards of the Methodist Church and (b) any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or related organisation.</p> <p>The Mission Statement of Bents Green Church is to be 'A community church sharing the love of Jesus.'</p>
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1. To provide regular public acts of worship, open to all.
2. To provide sacred space for prayer and contemplation.
3. To teach the faith and practice of Christianity through sermons, study courses and group discussions.
4. To undertake pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved, and marking life events such as marriages, births and deaths with suitable acts of public worship and celebration.
5. To promote Christianity through informational, educational and entertaining events of public interest.
6. To encourage and develop faith through the provision of age-appropriate groups with a Christian ethos.
7. To support compatible charities in the UK and overseas with financial gifts and prayer.

When setting out its aims, for instance, in a three year mission plan, the Council has regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance for the advancement of religion.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Local churches are not defined as grant-making bodies.

Any funds for future investment are deposited with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as required by Standing Orders.

The great majority of the Church's activities are undertaken by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main activities and achievements during the year may be summarised as follows.

1. Maintaining a weekly programme of 3 services of public worship, with two Sunday services and one mid-week. Christingle and the Carol Service have the biggest attendances, with a children's choir taking part. Messy Church was held quarterly.
2. Providing a wide range of activities for young people, including Junior Church, Sunbeams (for under 5s), Lighthouse (for 5 – 11 year-olds), Lampstand (for 11 – 18 year-olds), Girls' Brigade, and an annual panto. About 90 children and young people take part in an average week, some attending two or three activities. During the panto season (October to February) this rises to about 150, with about 200 attendances on average each week.
3. Resuming and developing activities for older people, including Friendship Club, Games and Craft, and hosting a fortnightly Dementia Café.
4. Reaching out to the community, including:
 - a regular link with WORK, a local charity providing worthwhile occupations for young people with learning difficulties
 - our Youth Worker working in 3 local schools
 - yarn bombing – knitted angels distributed around the area at Christmas;
 - a Community Fun Day held on 18 June, and a family games afternoon on 17 July
5. Encouraging the development of the faith of members through house groups, a weekly tea and toast group, and a monthly men's group..
6. Providing pastoral support to the growing proportion of the congregation who are frail, five of whom died during the year;
7. Providing facilities for community groups to meet on our premises, including Scottish country dancers, Rhythm time for babies and toddlers, Keep fit, WI, Friends of Porter Valley, Clog dancers, Tai Chi, and various children's parties
8. Observing covid protocols as they changed during the year. As far as we know, no one contracted covid while on our premises.

Sadly the pre-school, which had met on the premises for forty years, had to close for financial reasons at the end of the summer term in 2022.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Council has decided that reserves of a minimum of three months' average expenditure (approx. £20,000) should be held to meet unforeseen expenditure, such as necessary repairs to the buildings.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Church's principal sources of funds are weekly/monthly offerings, Gift Aid, lettings of rooms, donations and £6,500 annually for five years from the Sheffield Circuit to augment the youth worker's salary. There are no specific fund-raising activities in support of the church itself.

Expenditure enables the employment of a minister (indirectly via the Circuit) and a youth worker (directly by the church), and the maintenance and heating of a set of buildings for worship and for activities for groups of all ages, including the letting of rooms for community use.

As stated in Section C, any funds for investment are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Section F

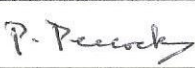
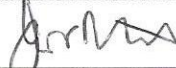
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip Peacock	John Wilkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	1/3/23	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Bents Green	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

Circuit	Circuit no.	2501
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135850

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)

Minister:

Phillip Peacock

Church Stewards:

Jonathan Tresize
Peter Larder

Treasurer:

Diane Mason

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	76,834		76,834	65,198
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	84		84	38
a4	Lettings	11,273		11,273	5,128
a5	Other receipts	7,203	9,294	16,497	12,569
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	95,394	9,294	104,688 (a7)	82,933

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,000		35,000	53,125
b3	Donations				1,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,562		5,562	200
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	13,056		13,056	12,189
b6					
b7	Other payments	27,559	8,205	35,764	24,321
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	81,177	8,205	89,382 (b9)	90,835

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	14,217	1,089	15,306	(7,902)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	60,814	13,266	74,080 (c6)	81,982	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	75,031	14,355	89,386	74,080
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	75,031	14,355	89,386 (c8)	74,080 (c6)

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	(10)	(40)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	619	110
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	609	80
d	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	(10)

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

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Friendship Club	933	638	295		1,117	1,412.58
e2 Girls Brigade	2,348	1,752	595		680	1,275
e3 Craft & Chatter	748	605	143		628	771
e4 Floodlight	5,279	5,206	73		1,436	1,508
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	9,308	8,202	1,106		3,861 (e11)	4,967 (e1)
e9 Church accounts (totals ought forward from page 2 - totals column)	104,688 (a7)	89,382 (b9)	15,306	(c7)	74,080 (c6)	89,386 (c)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	113,996	97,584	16,412		77,941 (x)	94,353 (y)
	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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	63,081	70,803
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	10,999	18,583
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	74,080 (c6)	89,386 (c)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,861 (e11)	4,967 (e1)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	77,941 (x)	94,353 (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)	3,186,995	3,419,669
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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 Bents Green Church

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 *D Mason* Date *8/11/22*

Name and address of treasurer Diane Mason

..... *32 ALMS HILL Rd SHEFFIELD* Post Code..... S119RS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting *PHILIP PEACOCK* Date *8/11/22*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Bents Green Church

Charity Number .. 1135850

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *Bents Green* Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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').

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, in any material respect:

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Signature of independent examiner *Jenny Bywater*

Name of independent examiner Jenny Bywater

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) Non Applicable

Address *107, Button Hill*
..... *Sheffield* Post Code *S11 9HG*

Date *22.10.22*

* delete or circle as appropriate

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BENTS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1135850

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	09	2021	To	31 08 2022

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

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Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main activities and achievements during the year may be summarised as follows.

1. Maintaining a weekly programme of 3 services of public worship, with two Sunday services and one mid-week. Christingle and the Carol Service have the biggest attendances, with a children's choir taking part. Messy Church was held quarterly.
2. Providing a wide range of activities for young people, including Junior Church, Sunbeams (for under 5s), Lighthouse (for 5 – 11 year-olds), Lampstand (for 11 – 18 year-olds), Girls' Brigade, and an annual panto. About 90 children and young people take part in an average week, some attending two or three activities. During the panto season (October to February) this rises to about 150, with about 200 attendances on average each week.
3. Resuming and developing activities for older people, including Friendship Club, Games and Craft, and hosting a fortnightly Dementia Café.
4. Reaching out to the community, including:
 - a regular link with WORK, a local charity providing worthwhile occupations for young people with learning difficulties
 - our Youth Worker working in 3 local schools
 - yarn bombing – knitted angels distributed around the area at Christmas;
 - a Community Fun Day held on 18 June, and a family games afternoon on 17 July
5. Encouraging the development of the faith of members through house groups, a weekly tea and toast group, and a monthly men's group..
6. Providing pastoral support to the growing proportion of the congregation who are frail, five of whom died during the year;
7. Providing facilities for community groups to meet on our premises, including Scottish country dancers, Rhythm time for babies and toddlers, Keep fit, WI, Friends of Porter Valley, Clog dancers, Tai Chi, and various children's parties
8. Observing covid protocols as they changed during the year. As far as we know, no one contracted covid while on our premises.

Sadly the pre-school, which had met on the premises for forty years, had to close for financial reasons at the end of the summer term in 2022.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Council has decided that reserves of a minimum of three months' average expenditure (approx. £20,000) should be held to meet unforeseen expenditure, such as necessary repairs to the buildings.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Church's principal sources of funds are weekly/monthly offerings, Gift Aid, lettings of rooms, donations and £6,500 annually for five years from the Sheffield Circuit to augment the youth worker's salary. There are no specific fund-raising activities in support of the church itself.

Expenditure enables the employment of a minister (indirectly via the Circuit) and a youth worker (directly by the church), and the maintenance and heating of a set of buildings for worship and for activities for groups of all ages, including the letting of rooms for community use.

As stated in Section C, any funds for investment are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Section F

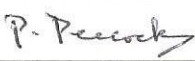
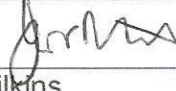
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip Peacock	John Wilkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	1/3/23	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Bents Green	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

Circuit	Circuit no.	2501
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135850

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)

Minister:

Phillip Peacock

Church Stewards:

Jonathan Tresize
Peter Larder

Treasurer:

Diane Mason

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	76,834		76,834	65,198
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	84		84	38
a4	Lettings	11,273		11,273	5,128
a5	Other receipts	7,203	9,294	16,497	12,569
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	95,394	9,294	104,688 (a7)	82,933

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,000		35,000	53,125
b3	Donations				1,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,562		5,562	200
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	13,056		13,056	12,189
b6					
b7	Other payments	27,559	8,205	35,764	24,321
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	81,177	8,205	89,382 (b9)	90,835

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	14,217	1,089	15,306	(7,902)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	60,814	13,266	74,080 (c6)	81,982	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	75,031	14,355	89,386	74,080
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	75,031	14,355	89,386 (c8)	74,080 (c6)

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	(10)	(40)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	619	110
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	609	80
d	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	(10)

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 Friendship Club	933	638	295		1,117	1,412.58
e2 Girls Brigade	2,348	1,752	595		680	1,275
e3 Craft & Chatter	748	605	143		628	771
e4 Floodlight	5,279	5,206	73		1,436	1,508
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	9,308	8,202	1,106		3,861 (e11)	4,967 (e1)
e9 Church accounts (totals ought forward from page 2 - totals column)	104,688 (a7)	89,382 (b9)	15,306	(c7)	74,080 (c6)	89,386 (c)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	113,996	97,584	16,412		77,941 (x)	94,353 (y)
	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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	63,081	70,803
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	10,999	18,583
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	74,080 (c6)	89,386 (c)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,861 (e11)	4,967 (e1)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	77,941 (x)	94,353 (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)	3,186,995	3,419,669
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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 Bents Green Church

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 *D Mason* Date *8/11/22*

Name and address of treasurer Diane Mason

..... *32 ALMS HILL Rd SHEFFIELD* Post Code..... S119RS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting *PHILIP PEACOCK* Date *8/11/22*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Bents Green Church

Charity Number .. 1135850

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *Bents Green* Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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').

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, 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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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I 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 Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *Jenny Bywater*

Name of independent examiner Jenny Bywater

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) Non Applicable

Address *107, Button Hill*
..... *Sheffield* Post Code *S11 9HG*

Date *22.10.22*

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-22