



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To			Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year
		1st	Sept	2020				31st	August	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Yatton Methodist Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1136220

Charity's principal address High Street

Yatton

North Somerset

Postcode

BS49 4DW

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 As in Charity Commission Registration.			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes [Custodian Trustee]	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

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

n/a

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Act of Parliament
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Council – some ex-officio

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/Training

- Range of Guidance produced by Methodist Church
- Leaflet 'The role of a Trustee' given to all trustees

Structure

Part of Gordano Valley Methodist Circuit
Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

Discussed by Church Council
Professional advice as necessary
Adopted Safeguarding Policy and instituted training.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976 [clause 4] – synopsis – Advancement of religion and any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or church organisation [See Methodist Church Act 1976]

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)

See information provided by Yatton Methodist Church under 'Religious Activities'.

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.

The main work of the church is undertaken by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Continued work of Youth and Children's Worker to encourage work in the youth and children's work in the church
- Following the COVID-19 crisis, we have reviewed our Mission Priorities, and have set out our plans for the future as '7 Strategic Priorities'.
 - o - Develop an On-line/Digital Ministry to become a 'Hybrid' church
 - o - Develop and build Small Groups
 - o - Build Community Alliances
 - o - Develop Discipleship Pathways
 - o - Identify and track 'Next Steps'
 - o - Develop plans for supporting people at all life-stages within church
 - o - Embed our 6 Key Values into church life
- Responded quickly and effectively to COVID-19 emergency
- Take part in mission and outreach with other Churches in the village at Christmas
- Provided accommodation for non-Christian users of the premises
- Retained links with the Romanian church that has been supported for 15 years.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

General Fund:

The church aims to hold reserves amounting to approximately six month's general expenditure, plus 25% of church assessment expenditure - total £21,000

The reasons for this are:

- (i) The Church needs around 3 month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- (ii) Maintenance of Church buildings and special outreach events are mainly funded from regular giving and rental income. To cover this the Church needs a further 3 months in reserve.

If church funds fall below the reserves figure the Church will address this through fundraising events and/or gift days in order to raise extra funds.

If church funds exceed the reserves, then Church Council will consider how these funds can be most effectively used within the local community or in the wider Church. Youth and Children's Worker staff costs are covered by balances held in the Y&CW restricted fund

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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.

Main sources of funds

– Weekly Offerings, Tax Recoveries, Donations, Christmas Fair

- The Church has developed and implemented a financial plan for designated giving to support the appointment of a full time Youth Worker.

Section F

Other optional information

The trustees have given considerable time considering the impact and possible mitigation regarding the COVID-19 global epidemic.

Whilst our finances are impacted, we are confident in the charity's ability to maintain sound finances in the short to medium term.

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)	Martin Buckley	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	14 th January 2021	

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31/08/2021

Yatton Methodist Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		50,178	15,180	65,358
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		64		64
a4	Lettings		1,527		1,527
a5	Other receipts		7,692	15,821	23,513
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		59,462	31,001	90,463 (a7)
					91,138

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		42,219	42,219	45,748
b3	Donations			0	0
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		3,245	3,245	5,378
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		5,642	5,642	6,101
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments		10,648	25,735	36,384
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		61,754	25,735	87,490 (b9)
					90,939

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,292)	5,265	2,974
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		25,236	23,643	48,879 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	22,945	28,908	51,852
c4	Transfers and adjustments		0	0	0 (c8)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	22,945	28,908	51,852 (c7)
					48,879 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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			83	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			108	2,047
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			168	1,963
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		23	83

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission . An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act and Section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act and Section 44(1)9b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation (of the 2006 Regulations)

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name	<div>Mrs Alison Hexter</div>	
Signature	<div></div>	
Any Relevant Professional qualification or body	<div>BA (Econ) ACA</div>	
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Date	<div>19 Nov 2021</div>	