

THE AVENUE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1137080

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-07-26

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES

Activities: The Avenue Church is close to the center of Newton Abbot. It is a Local Ecumenical Project made up of people from the Methodist and United Reform Churches, but people of other christian traditions are regular worshipers. The Church places a great emphasis on outreach and in addition to family and youth work, a lot of other church activities give an opportunity to deliver the Christian message.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£118,282	£239,171	-	-
2023-08-31	£185,072	£116,430	-	-
2022-08-31	£160,547	£123,407	-	-
2021-08-31	£90,392	£94,836	-	-
2020-08-31	£126,749	£105,888	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Duncan Alexander Knight		2020-06-02
Gillian Sinden		2019-04-30
JEAN FRANCIS		
Kay Elizabeth FICE		2023-04-24
Margaret Louise Fisher		2020-10-13
Sheila Bendall		2022-09-26

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The Avenue Church hosted a pantomime again in Feb 2025 after a couple of years break. It was directed by and starred many members of the church and friends.

As a Church, we are committed to World Justice issues and promote Fairtrade. We are also actively reducing use of plastic, aiming for zero plastic status.

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- 'Carrots' support group (Tuesdays 10:30-12:00, fortnightly)
- Northumbria Morning Prayer & Praise (Wednesdays 8:00-8:30am on Zoom)
- Straight Talk Homegroup (normally 3rd Wednesday 7:30-9:30pm, September to June)
- The Avenue Church Coffee Morning (Wednesdays 10:30–noon)

- Walking Group (first Thursday of the month, meeting at 9:45am)
- Creative Crafters (2nd and 4th Thursdays 2:00–4:00pm)
- Badminton Club (Thursdays 7:30pm)
- Tea & Tots Group (Fridays 9:30-11:00am term time only)
- Youth Nights (for 11-16year olds last Friday of month 7:30-9:00pm)
- Kidz n Coffee (3rd Saturday of month 10:00-11:30am)
- Men's Breakfast (1st Saturday of month 8:15-9:30am at "Our Pavilion" in Forde Park)
- Sunday Club (2nd Sunday each month 10:15-11:30am)
- Lydia's Link friendship & fellowship group for women (approx. monthly, no fixed date and time)

Pastoral Care and Outreach

All members of the church family come under the care of the ministerial team and the dedicated team of pastoral visitors under the leadership of the Pastoral Care Coordinators. Most members and some adherents now have an allocated Pastoral Friend, but many groups within the church also look after each other in that group.

Outreach is very important to The Avenue Church. Many of the church's activities benefit not only its members but others, giving the church an opportunity to deliver the Christian message.

Financial Review

The financial accounts for the year September 2023 to August 2024 showed a net receipt versus payments of minus £120,889 (Receipts being £118,282 while payments were £239,171). The deficit was due mainly to expenditure for the upstairs toilet project totalling £128,245.

Reserves Policy

The current Reserves policy of the church aims to have available general funds which equate to six months of revenue expenditure. The church achieved this target throughout the year and at August 2024 had funds of £139,746. The funds which are not already designated to projects or held by Internal Organisations are kept for the maintenance and replacement of church buildings and assets.

Structure, Governance and Management

In 2010 a new ecumenical constitution was agreed. The church was granted charity status, registration number 1137080. The Church Trustees, formerly the Church Council, are responsible for the day to day running of the charity. They must report to the congregational meeting concerning their activities twice a year. The church manages its affairs through the Trustees, most of whom are responsible for an identified area of church life. The trustees meet regularly under the chairmanship of the minister and report to the wider Church Meeting. There were no serious incidents during 2023/24 financial year.

Administrative Information

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Trustees

Ex-officio/ Co-opted members

Rev. Gill Daniel - Chairperson/Methodist Minister

Sarah Wood – Children and Family Worker

Elected Trustees

Sheila Bendall – Worship and Hospitality

Kay Fice – Property (Kay is also employed by The Avenue and Teignbridge Methodist Circuit as Office Administrator)

Margaret Fisher - Secretary

Jean Francis – Children, Youth & Communication

Kathryn Garnett – Joint Pastoral Co-ordinator

Duncan Knight- Treasurer

Linda Ranjit - Welcome

Gill Sinden – Joint Pastoral Co-ordinator

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

THE AVENUE CHURCH	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Treasurer:

Duncan Knight

THE AVENUE CHURCH Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	66,842		66,842	68,224
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	11,035		11,035	11,089
a4	Lettings	6,910		6,910	10,847
a5	Other receipts	14,856	18,639	33,495	93,302
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	99,643	18,639	118,282 (a7)	183,462

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	64,736		64,736	71,040
b3	Donations	100		100	400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,019		12,019	10,715
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,850		12,850	13,223
b6					
b7	Other payments	53,259	96,207	149,466	19,380
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	142,964	96,207	239,171 (b9)	114,758

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(43,321)	(77,568)	(120,889)	68,704
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	93,677	166,958	260,635 (c6)	191,931
c3	Sub total	50,356	89,390	139,746	260,635
c4	Transfers and adjustments	19,500	(19,500)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	69,856	69,890	139,746 (c8)	260,635 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
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FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	(0)	142
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,422	1,337
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,422	1,479
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(0)	(0)

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e2 Newtork (MWIB)		136	(136)		136	
e3 Monday Club	1,845	1,737	108		149	257
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,305	2,396	(91)		755 (e11)	664 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	118,282 (a7)	239,171 (b9)	(120,889)	(c7)	260,635 (c6)	139,746 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	120,587	241,567	(120,980)		261,390 (x)	140,410 (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 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	379	56
f2 Bank Current Account	26,577	17,679
f3 Bank Deposit Account	184,550	67,699
f4 Central Finance Board	7,653	10,713
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	41,476	43,599
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Signature of treasurer  Date... 05/05/2025

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of " The Avenue 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.

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- Walking Group (first Thursday of the month, meeting at 9:45am)
- Creative Crafters (2nd and 4th Thursdays 2:00–4:00pm)

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- Tea & Tots Group (Fridays 9:30-11:00am term time only)
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
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THE AVENUE CHURCH NEWTON ABBOT	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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a4	Lettings	10,847		10,847	11,950
a5	Other receipts	10,796	82,507	93,302	68,507
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SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
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b3	Donations	400		400	11
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	10,715		10,715	12,083
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	13,223		13,223	10,391
b6					
b7	Other payments	12,677	6,704	19,381	24,844
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SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	75,803	68,704	41,192
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	89,053	102,879	191,931 (c6)	150,739
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	178,682	260,635	191,931
c4	Transfers and adjustments	11,723	(11,723)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	166,958	260,635 (c8)	191,931 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
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d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
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d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,337	2,208
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e2 MWiB	340	340			136	136
e3 Monday Club	690	766	(76)		225	149
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,610	1,671	(62)		816 (e11)	755 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	183,462 (a7)	114,758 (b9)	68,704	(c7)	191,931 (c8)	260,635 (c8)
c10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	185,072	116,430	68,642		192,748 (x)	261,390 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

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Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 12/5/24

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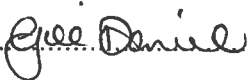
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THE AVENUE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1137080

Accounts

June 2023 Annual Report of the Avenue Church (Registered Charity 1137080)



The Avenue Church, The Avenue, Newton Abbot TQ12 2BY Minister: Rev. Gill Daniel

Mission Statement:

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The Church and Its Services

The Avenue Church is a Local Ecumenical Project made up of people from the Methodist and United Reformed churches, but people from various Christian traditions are regular worshippers with us. The LEP came into being in the year 2000, following an informal sharing agreement which ran for over 15 years. The Avenue Church is the largest of 14 churches in the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit.

The church building was erected in 1966, on the site of the Queen Street Methodist Church, when people from that church and Courtenay Street Methodist Church joined together to form the new congregation. The accommodation is designed on simple, straightforward lines, airy and centrally heated. In the sanctuary there is a gallery and a good, recently refurbished, pipe organ. For the hard of hearing, an effective sound amplification/loop system is in place. A laptop is used to project the words of hymns, readings, and other PowerPoint presentations, but hymnbooks and songbooks are still available for those members of the congregation who prefer to use them. During Covid for safety reasons worship moved to an online, Zoom based approach. As the threat of Covid recedes communal worship is returning albeit with some opportunity for change and to try new ideas. These include continuation of the online availability through YouTube streaming and recorded services.

Worship

The Avenue is a friendly church and the worship covers a wide range. On the first Sunday there is a monthly 9.30 am All Age Praise service with an average attendance of 20 people. The weekly Sunday Morning Service at 10:30am has an average attendance of 50-75 adults. On the second Sunday those under 18 attend Sunday Club. On the fourth Sunday there is an All Age Worship service.

The children and family worker role is currently vacant and a suitable candidate will hopefully become available soon. The role supports children and families through pastoral contact, Tea & Tots Group, Catalyst Youth Group and engagement through local schools. Safeguarding policies are fully in place. Jigsaw is an outreach group who are studying the relevance of the Christian faith in the current world.

Other activities

The Avenue Church actively supports Christian Aid (e.g. hosting the Lent Lunches), Action for Children, Homeless in Teignbridge Support (HITS), Rowcroft Hospice (Torquay), and participates fully in Christians Together in Newton Abbot and District. As a Church, we are committed to World Justice Issues, promoting Fair Trade. Newton Abbot is a Fair Trade town. We are also actively reducing use of plastic and targeting zero plastic status.

The Avenue has established a sharing agreement with a local health and well-being charity called KingsCare which uses the church facilities several times a week for some of its activities.

Church Groups and Events

- Women's Monday Club
- Tea & Tots Group
- Coffee Mornings
- Prayer Meetings
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Financial Review

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a4	Lettings	11,950		11,950	
a5	Other receipts	10,607	57,900	68,507	10,014
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	101,025	57,900	158,924 (a7)	90,390

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

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e5 Junior Church		1,302	(1,302)		1,302	
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,623	5,675	(4,052)		4,868 (e11)	816 (e12)
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e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	160,547	123,407	37,141		155,607 (x)	192,748 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
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f2 Bank Current Account	22,376	22,612
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Name of ChurchTHE AVENUE CHURCH..... No...24/28.

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner **GLENN BLADON**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner **AIT**

Name of firm (where appropriate) **GLENN BLADON LTD.**

Address **79 WINDSOR AVENUE**

..... **NEWTON ABBOTS DEVON** Post Code **TO12 4DP**

Date **14/3/23**

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

THE AVENUE CHURCH NEWTON ABBOT

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

TEIGNBRIDGE	Circuit	Circuit no.	24/28
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Deborah Jane Weible

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Duncan Alexander Knight

Margaret Louise Fisher

Sara Crouch

Gill Sinden

Treasurer:

Duncan Alexander Knight

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	72,800		72,800	74,676
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,667		5,667	5,700
a4	Lettings	11,950		11,950	
a5	Other receipts	10,607	57,900	68,507	10,014
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	101,025	57,900	158,924 (a7)	90,390

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	70,402		70,402	53,083
b3	Donations	11		11	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,083		12,083	4,397
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,445		6,445	7,489
b6					
b7	Other payments	14,415	14,375	28,790	29,817
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	103,357	14,375	117,732 (b9)	94,785

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,333)	43,525	41,192	(4,395)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	126,617	24,122	150,739 (c6)	155,134	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	124,285	67,647	191,931	150,739
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(35,232)	35,232		(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	89,053	102,879	191,931 (c8)	150,739 (c6)

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Date **14/3/23**

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THE AVENUE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1137080

Accounts

June 2022 Annual Report of the Avenue Church (Registered Charity 1137080)



The Avenue Church, The Avenue, Newton Abbot TQ12 2BY Minister: Rev. Gill Daniel

Mission Statement:

“The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches.”

The Church and Its Services

The Avenue Church is a Local Ecumenical Project made up of people from the Methodist and United Reformed churches, but people from various Christian traditions are regular worshippers with us. The LEP came into being in the year 2000, following an informal sharing agreement which ran for over 15 years. The Avenue Church is the largest of 16 churches in the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit.

The church building was erected in 1966, on the site of the Queen Street Methodist Church, when people from that church and Courtenay Street Methodist Church joined together to form the new congregation. The accommodation is designed on simple, straightforward lines, airy and centrally heated. In the sanctuary there is a gallery and a good, recently refurbished, pipe organ. For the hard of hearing, an effective sound amplification/loop system is in place. A laptop is used to project the words of hymns, readings and other PowerPoint presentations, but hymnbooks and songbooks are still available for those members of the congregation who prefer to use them. During Covid for safety reasons worship moved to an online, Zoom based approach. As the threat of Covid recedes communal worship is returning albeit with some opportunity for change and to try new ideas. These include continuation of the online availability through Youtube streaming and recorded services.

Worship

The Avenue is a friendly church and the worship covers a wide range. On the first Sunday there is a monthly 9.30 am All Age Praise service with an average attendance of 20 people. The weekly Sunday Morning Service at 10:30am has an average attendance of 50-75 adults. On the second Sunday those under 18 attend Sunday Club. On the fourth Sunday there is an All Age Worship service. The Evening Service at 6.30 pm was stopped due to Covid and its long-term future is under review, to meet the changing needs of the congregation.-

The children and family worker supports a number of children and families through pastoral contact, Tea & Tots Group, Catalyst Youth Group and engagement through local schools. Safeguarding policies are fully in place. Jigsaw is an outreach group who are studying the relevance of the Christian faith in the current world.

Other activities

The Avenue Church actively supports Christian Aid (e.g. hosting the Lent Lunches), Action for Children, Homeless in Teignbridge Support (HITS), Rowcroft Hospice (Torquay), and participates fully in Christians Together in Newton Abbot and District. As a Church, we are committed to World Justice Issues, promoting Fair Trade. Newton Abbot is a Fair Trade town. We are also actively reducing use of plastic and targeting zero plastic status.

The Avenue has established a sharing agreement with a local health and well-being charity called KingsCare which uses the church facilities several times a week for some of its activities.

Church Groups and Events

During Covid for safety reasons the majority of these groups were suspended. As the threat of Covid recedes groups and events are gradually returning, albeit with some changes and some may not restart for some time.

Restarted:

- Women's Monday Club
- Tea & Tots Group
- Coffee Mornings
- Prayer Meetings
- House groups
- Bible Study
- Badminton Club
- Lydia's Link friendship and fellowship group for women
- Church Walking Group
- Creative Crafters

Not restarted to date:

- Catalyst Youth Group
- Christmas Market
- Pantomime

Financial Review

The accounts for the year Sep 2020 to Aug 2021 showed a small deficit of receipts versus payments of £4,444 (Receipts being £90,392 while payments were £94,836). Receipts remained significantly impacted by Covid through the year, but the effect was minimal thanks mainly to 3 months cancellation of Teignbridge Methodist Circuit contribution, repeating the help provided in the previous year.

Reserves Policy

The current Reserves policy of the Church aims to have available general funds which equate to six months of revenue expenditure. The Church achieved this target throughout the year and at Aug 2021 had funds of £155,607. The funds which are not already designated to projects or held by Internal Organisations are kept for the maintenance and replacement of Church buildings and assets.

Pastoral Care and Outreach

All members of the church family come under the care of the ministerial team and the dedicated team of pastoral visitors under the leadership of the Pastoral Care Coordinator. The majority of members and some adherents now have an allocated Pastoral Friend, but many groups within the Church also look after each other in that group.

Outreach is very important to the Church and in addition to the impact that the Child/Family support worker is making, many of the Church's activities give benefits to other than Church members and gives the Church an opportunity to deliver the Christian message.

Structure, Governance and Management

In 2010 a new ecumenical constitution was agreed. The church was granted charity status, registration number 1137080. The church trustees, formerly the church council, are responsible for the day to day running of the charity. They have to report to the congregational meeting concerning their activities twice a year. The church manages its affairs through the Trustees, most of whom are responsible for an identified area of church life. The trustees meet regularly under the chairmanship of the minister and report to the wider church meeting. There were no serious incidents during 2020/21 financial year.

Administrative Information

The Avenue Church is situated in the centre of Newton Abbot. The correspondence address is:

Address: The Avenue, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2BY

Telephone: 01626 360 400

E-mail: office@theavenuechurch.co.uk

Website: www.theavenuechurch.co.uk.

Trustees

Church members who are currently serving as Trustees are as follows:-

EX-officio members

Rev. Gill Daniel - Chairperson/Methodist Minister

Elected members

Jean Francis - Worship & Communication

Gill Sinden - Pastoral

Debbie Weible - Children and Youth

Duncan Knight- Treasurer ~~and Resources~~

Julian Thorne - Church Discipleship and Learning

Margaret Fisher - Secretary

Sara Crouch

Sheila Bendall (co-opted)

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THE AVENUE CHURCH NEWTON ABBOT	Church
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Debbie Weible	Julian Thorne
Duncan Knight	Anne-Marie Whiting

Treasurer:

Duncan Knight

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		74,676		74,676	73,258
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		5,700		5,700	6,396
a4	Lettings					7,881
a5	Other receipts		2,639	7,375	10,014	34,141
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		83,015	7,375	90,390 (a7)	121,676

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		53,083		53,083	52,879
b3	Donations					1,732
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		4,397		4,397	8,387
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		7,489		7,489	8,118
b6						4,693
b7	Other payments		10,193	19,625	29,817	24,410
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		75,161	19,625	94,785 (b9)	100,219

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,854	(12,250)	(4,395)	21,457
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		117,688	37,446	155,134 (c6)	133,677
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	125,542	25,197	150,739	155,134
c4	Transfers and adjustments		250	(250)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	125,792	24,947	150,739 (c8)	155,134 (c6)

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e4 Parents and Toddlers					1,983	1,983
e5 Junior Church	1		1		1,300	1,302
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e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1	50	(49)		4,917 (e11)	4,868 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	90,390 (a7)	94,785 (b9)	(4,395)	(c7)	155,134 (c6)	150,739 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	90,392	94,836	(4,444)		160,051 (x)	155,607 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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f3 Bank Deposit Account	104,898	110,859
f4 Central Finance Board	7,962	17,403
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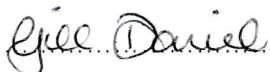
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Signature of treasurer  Date 27/3/2022
Name and address of treasurer DUNCAN KNIGHT, 5 LAURESTON ROAD,
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

THE AVENUE CHURCH NEWTON ABBOT	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

TEIGNBRIDGE	Circuit	Circuit no	24/28
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1137080

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:

Rev Gill Daniel

Church Trustees:

Margaret Fisher	Jean Francis
Mark Clarvis	Gill Sinden
Debbie Weible	Julian Thorne
Duncan Knight	Anne-Marie Whiting

Treasurer:

Duncan Knight

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		74,676		74,676	73,258
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		5,700		5,700	6,396
a4	Lettings					7,881
a5	Other receipts		2,639	7,375	10,014	34,141
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		83,015	7,375	90,390 (a7)	121,676

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		53,083		53,083	52,879
b3	Donations					1,732
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		4,397		4,397	8,387
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		7,489		7,489	8,118
b6						4,693
b7	Other payments		10,193	19,625	29,817	24,410
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		75,161	19,625	94,785 (b9)	100,219

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,854	(12,250)	(4,395)	21,457
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		117,688	37,446	155,134 (c6)	133,677
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	125,542	25,197	150,739	155,134
c4	Transfers and adjustments		250	(250)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	125,792	24,947	150,739 (c8)	155,134 (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)			£	£
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 2021 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 Flower Fund		50	(50)		598	547
e2 Netwrok (MWIB)					136	136
e3 MONDAY Club					900	900
e4 Parents and Toddlers					1,983	1,983
e5 Junior Church	1		1		1,300	1,302
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1	50	(49)		4,917 (e11)	4,868 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	90,390 (a7)	94,785 (b9)	(4,395)	(c7)	155,134 (c6)	150,739 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	90,392	94,836	(4,444)		160,051 (x)	155,607 (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 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	248	101
f2 Bank Current Account	42,027	22,376
f3 Bank Deposit Account	104,898	110,859
f4 Central Finance Board	7,962	17,403
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	155,134 (c6)	150,739 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,917 (e11)	4,868 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	160,051 (x)	155,607 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets	161,677	161,677
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

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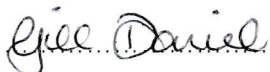
Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 27/3/2022
Name and address of treasurer DUNCAN KNIGHT, 5 LAURESTON ROAD,
NEWTON ABBOT Post Code TQ12 1HN

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 
Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Revd Gill Daniel Date 27/3/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Avenue Church Newton Abbot
Charity Number 1137080

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Avenue Church, Newton Abbot for the year ended 31 August 2021 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.

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Name of ChurchTHE AVENUE CHURCH NEWTON ABBOT..... No ...24/28....


Independent Examiner's Statement

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THE AVENUE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1137080

Accounts

2020 Annual Report of the Avenue Church (Registered Charity 1137080)



The Avenue Church, The Avenue, Newton Abbot TQ12 2BY Minister: Rev. Gill Daniel

Mission Statement:

“The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches.”

The Church and Its Services

The Avenue Church is a Local Ecumenical Project made up of people from the Methodist and United Reformed churches, but people from various Christian traditions are regular worshippers with us. The LEP came into being in the year 2000, following an informal sharing agreement which ran for over 15 years. The Avenue Church is the largest of 16 churches in the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit.

The church building was erected in 1966, on the site of the Queen Street Methodist Church, when people from that church and Courtenay Street Methodist Church joined together to form the new congregation. The accommodation is designed on simple, straightforward lines, airy and centrally heated. In the sanctuary there is a gallery and a good, recently refurbished, pipe organ. For the hard of hearing, an effective sound amplification/loop system is in place. A laptop is used to project the words of hymns, readings and other PowerPoint presentations, but hymnbooks and songbooks are still available for those members of the congregation who prefer to use them.

Worship

The Avenue is a friendly church and the worship covers a wide range. There is scope and enthusiasm for further development of worship patterns. On the first Sunday there is a monthly 9.30 am All Age Praise service with an average attendance of 20 people. The weekly Sunday Morning Service at 11 am has an average attendance of 100 adults. On the second and fourth Sundays those under 18 attend the first part of the service before moving into their Junior Church programme, split into age appropriate groups. On the third Sunday there is a service called IGNITE, held in the upstairs hall, which reaches out to families who are new to the Christian faith. The Evening Service at 6.30 pm, the nature of which is constantly evolving, has an attendance of between 15 and 30. A Prayer Labyrinth is occasionally set up in the sanctuary to provide a quiet space for personal prayer and reflection. A monthly Shopper's Service is held on the first Wednesday in the month.

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Other activities

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Reserves Policy

The current Reserves policy of the Church aims to have available general funds which equate to six months of revenue expenditure. The Church achieved this target throughout the year and has funds £160,051. The funds which are not already designated to projects or held by Internal Organisations are kept for the maintenance and replacement of Church buildings and assets.

Pastoral Care and Outreach

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