

## **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:**

“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 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
- House groups
- Bible Study
- Badminton Club
- Lydia's Link friendship and fellowship group for women
- Church Walking Group
- Creative Crafters

### **Financial Review**

The accounts for the year Sep 2021 to Aug 2022 showed an overall surplus of receipts versus payments of £37,141 (Receipts being £160,547 while payments were £123,407). The surplus was due to a very generous legacy of £40,116.

### **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 2022 had funds of £ 192,748. 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. 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 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 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 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](mailto:office@theavenuechurch.co.uk)

Website: [www.theavenuechurch.co.uk](http://www.theavenuechurch.co.uk).

## **Trustees**

### EX-officio members

Rev. Gill Daniel - Chairperson/Methodist Minister

### Elected members

Jean Francis - Worship & Communication

Gill Sinden - Pastoral

Vacant - Children and Youth

Duncan Knight- Treasurer

Margaret Fisher - Secretary

Sara Crouch

Sheila Bendall - Hospitality

Kathryn Garnett

Kay Fice - Property (Kay is also employed by the Methodist Circuit as Office Administrator)

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

THE AVENUE CHURCH NEWTON ABBOT

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

<b>TEIGNBRIDGE</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>24/28</b>
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Minister:

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Church Stewards:

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Julian Thorne	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	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	72,800		<b>72,800</b>	74,676
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,667		<b>5,667</b>	5,700
a4	Lettings	11,950		<b>11,950</b>	
a5	Other receipts	10,607	57,900	<b>68,507</b>	10,014
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>101,025</b>	<b>57,900</b>	<b>158,924 (a7)</b>	<b>90,390</b>

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

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

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,208	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,066	
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>142</b>	
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## 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 Flower Fund	425	517	(92)		547	455
e2 Network	350	350	0		136	136
e3 Monday Club	848	1,523	(675)		900	225
e4 Parents and Toddlers		1,983	(1,983)		1,983	
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)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	158,924 (a7)	117,732 (b9)	41,192	(c7)	150,739 (c6)	191,931 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	160,547	123,407	37,141		155,607 (x)	192,748 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

## SECTION F

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	101	66
f2 Bank Current Account	22,376	22,612
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f4 Central Finance Board	17,403	6,710
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		40,297
f6 Other funds		(142)
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	150,739 (c8)	191,931 (c8)
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## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets	£ 161,667.00	173,481
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date... 4/4/23 .....

Name and address of treasurer DUNCAN KNIGHT, 5 LAURESTON ROAD,  
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### 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 .....

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### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Avenue Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1. to 5. 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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