

Christ Church with St Philip
A Single Congregation
Local Ecumenical Partnership

The church forms part of the Wimbledon Circuit of the Methodist Church – Circuit Number 35/26.

Church Treasurers **Christopher Peaker & Diamond Chan**

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Objectives and Activities

The charity's **objectives** are contained within our

Ecumenical Vision Statement

We believe that the unity of His Church is the will of God. We believe that we can forward this unity by venturing forward together into the Christ Church with St Philip Ecumenical Partnership, Worcester Park.

Therefore

We covenant together

To share our life together as fully as we can, For the greater glory of God

And in love for our neighbour.

We rejoice in the rich variety of our heritage and remain loyal to our denominations. We will continue to pray and work for the unity of the whole Church and the reconciliation of all people.

We will welcome all to share in this work for Lord Jesus Christ.

In response to God's call, we, the Methodist and Anglican Churches in Worcester Park, publish our intent to develop our present Sharing Agreement as set out in our Constitution.

We commit ourselves to sharing together the ministry of Christ to the world and, within this context, to explore together the meaning and possibilities of unity, worship, mission and service.

We commit ourselves to assessing the resources of Church and Community in terms of people, money, buildings and deploying them in the best possible way in relation to the aspirations, needs and problems of local people.

We commit ourselves to maintaining existing relationships with our parent bodies and with Churches Together in Worcester Park.

We pledge ourselves to this agreement and we also undertake to begin a review every seven years.

16th November 2000

..... 2010 Title changed from Statement of Intent to Ecumenical Vision Statement

The **purposes** of the charity are: -

The advancement of: -

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church and the Church of England;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, Local or other organisation of The Methodist Church and also of the Deanery, Diocese and other organisations of the Church of England;



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c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church or Church of England;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church or the Church of England.

Main Activities of the Charity

Worshiping God through the use of prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, which includes visiting the sick and bereaved.

Supporting local schools in the teaching of Christianity.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Encouraging links with the local community through providing a community centre for a range of community activities

More details on how we carry out the main activities of the Charity

Christ Church with St Philip is a joint Methodist and Anglican church, serving the people of Worcester Park.

Christ Church with St. Philip is an LEP – 'Local Ecumenical Partnership'. Although we were once two congregations – one Methodist, one Anglican – we now live and worship as a single community, sharing every aspect of church life, including services, buildings and finance. In our worship and life together, we seek to stay faithful to the traditions and practices of both denominations.

We have a team of two clergy: a Methodist minister, Revd Paul Timmis, who is shared with Martin Way Methodist Church and an Anglican vicar; Revd Hannah Thomson who is shared with St Oswald's Parish, North Cheam.

As part of our mission, we continue to encourage links with the church, and our halls and facilities, to enable us to reach out to the local community and respond to their needs. Particularly, we reach out to those who may be less confident about their place in the community and their relationship with the church.

Christ Church with St Philip is a friendly and welcoming church that benefits from customs and beliefs of both the Anglican and Methodist traditions. The friendship and fellowship within the church is very highly valued by its congregation and we are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community.

As a church community, we have continued to support many activities in the local community and our thanks go to all those who have supported all the initiatives, activities and events that take place in our church and in the halls.



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Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Different people worship God in different ways. At Christ Church with St. Philip, we offer wide-ranging forms of worship, from traditional to contemporary, from all age worship to communion services, and from lively to contemplative. We draw on the traditions of both the Methodist and Anglican Churches, with most – but not all – services following a liturgy from one of these traditions. We hope that all can find a form of worship here that will help them to get close to God.

Sunday Services

Our regular Sunday services follow the basic pattern shown below:

SUNDAY SERVICES	8am	10am
1st Sunday		Communion
2nd Sunday		Communion
3rd Sunday	Communion	Baptism
4th Sunday	Communion	Morning Worship
5th Sunday	Communion	Café Worship

Most of our 10am services are live-streamed to enable as many people as possible to participate in the worshipping life of our church

Refreshments are served in the Welcome Area after all 10am Sunday services.

Weekday Services - we also have a regular weekday service on a Tuesday:

2.00pm - Toddling2Church

The church is often open during the week for people to find stillness and take time to pray.

Aside from our Sunday services, there are many groups that meet regularly during the week for friendship, fellowship and to further their understanding of God. We have the Junior Music Group; Toddling 2 Church for very young children and parents; and a house group.



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Children and young people

At Christ Church with St. Philip, we seek to be a family-friendly church. Our activities for Children and Young People that were largely suspended when the first national lockdown was introduced have continued to return, if slowly. Messy church sessions have taken place on a two monthly pattern in collaboration with St Oswald's, North Cheam and we also held occasional Muddy Church sessions in the St Philip's churchyard. We held our Holiday Club in August. A child-based craft activity is provided at each of our morning services. There are also books and toys in the church so parents can keep their children amused while still taking part in the service.

We also have a Toddling2Church group on Tuesdays at 2-3pm. Parents, carers and pre-school children are all welcome to join us for songs with percussion instruments, a Bible story simply and sensitively told, a story-related craft activity and, of course, drinks and biscuits.

We have a wide age range within the congregation, and although our Young Church has not re-started post pandemic, we have some children attending every week. Our task is to build on this and re-establish links with the children and families attached to the youth organisations (Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, and Junior Music Group).

The Church and Church Halls

David Pickett, our Centre Manager, has continued to bring his own style and organisational skills to the successful running of the Centre and to open up the halls to many new groups, organisations and to individual bookings. With David's ideas, enthusiasm, commitment, dedication and careful management of the halls, they have continued to be successful again this year and we have been able to build on our hopes and plans for the original Future Links Building Project and the life of our church.

What's On For Adults

The year has seen the use of our premises continue to return to normal following Covid-19. Whilst some clubs and groups have not been able to return, we have every reason to celebrate the fact that our premises continue to be home to a range of social clubs, support groups, fitness and dance classes.

Our aim is to provide well maintained and well managed church halls and a Welcome Area for the local community to use for a diverse range of activities throughout the week and at weekends. We provide facilities for groups from the church and in the local community, local charities and commercial organisations in order to develop our joint church in to a true community church.

What's On For Children

Here at Christ Church with St. Philip there are groups and clubs to keep even the most active child busy, from activities for pre-school children to uniformed organisations and many dance clubs. Our church always offers a wide range of regular activities for children and young people.

In addition to regular activities, the church runs a Summer Holiday Club for a week during the school summer holidays, for children aged from 5-11. This event is always fully subscribed.



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The halls are still proving to be a very popular venue in the local community for all sorts of parties and family celebrations, including birthdays, baptisms, retirement and wedding parties (from a number of different faiths). In addition, we use the halls and Welcome Area for our own church group meetings, church fairs and many social events.

The church has held Messy Church and Muddy Church sessions, and there is a Youth Group. All of these are run in collaboration with St Oswald's and the Cheam Ministry Team.

Pastoral Care

There is a small team which raises and discusses pastoral matters with the clergy. Members of this team occasionally carry out pastoral visits. The Wednesday Evening House Group meets regularly to share fellowship, learning and social events and all are very welcome to join them.

We continue to be blessed by the many members who give committed and loyal service, often over many years, as well as those who answer immediate pleas.

We have good links with the local primary schools; we host services and events and support their assemblies at the schools. At Harvest and Christmas, the Cheam Common Infants School comes and presents a themed production, and attends before Easter where possible. It is very welcome to see the church full with children, parents and staff.

The clergy team is available to visit church members to celebrate Communion with them, either at their homes or in hospital. Many of the congregation spend part of their time being good neighbours by volunteering with duties on the premises to support the mission of the church.

Mission and Evangelism

We are continuing to forge links with the halls users and encourage them more fully into the life of our church. We have a fundraising team, which usually runs social events and other activities throughout the year. The funds raised have been used to support church projects, including the ongoing repair of our church and the halls. At least 10% of money raised through fundraising events is donated to local or national charities. This will resume as church activities return to normal following the pandemic.

Alongside other churches in the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit, we began to engage with the *Everyone an Evangelist* course.

News and Events

There is always a lot going on at Christ Church with St. Philip. There is a whole range of regular activities for both adults and children. The church Facebook page and website give the latest news of the Church family and keep people informed about special events that are coming up in the next few months.



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Future Plans

When planning our activities for the year, we consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the Parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate and support this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church and halls buildings of Christ Church with St Philip.

Costs have been exceeding income this year and as such we transferred £50,000 from our legacy fund into general funds for use this year.

It has been agreed to maintain the charity's Parish Support Fund payment to the Diocese so that it fully covers the cost of providing the part time Vicar to the Parish at an annual cost of £33,300 in 2024.

Financial Review of the year ending 31st August 2024

The charity has continued to be a focal point in the local community and we have seen a gradual increase in the number of people using the Church premises this year.

Income Trends

The charity's income comes from:

The giving of church members / congregation, either in the Sunday collections or regular giving by standing orders, payroll giving and one-off donations, has increased by just over 5% this year, but still less than pre-pandemic years. There have been a small number of fundraising events. One legacy was received this year.

Gift Aid tax credit received on the giving by church members and giving by other members of the congregation.

Hall letting income: mainly from external users of the building, plus donations from church organisations and members of the congregation for use of the halls complex. Hall bookings have shown a small increase again this year. Thanks to a number of volunteers, we have been able to increase the number of weekend lettings. Income levels from lets are now approximately 85% of what they were pre pandemic.

Rental income from two church owned houses.



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Expenditure trends

A major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Wimbledon Circuit and the Parish Support Fund paid to the Southwark Diocese. This amounts to 45% of our total cost this year. The Circuit assessment and the Parish Support Fund contributions have increased by 2.5% overall.

The Ecumenical Church Council will be considering how to best use Legacy Funds that have been received for the benefit of the church.

The nature and usage of the halls complex means that there are high fixed and variable costs associated with it for centre management, cleaning and other utility and repair costs which amounts to about 50% of our expenditure. This year we have been particularly mindful of expenses given the extraordinary situation that we have found ourselves in and savings have been made in areas such as waste collection, utilities and cleaning costs.

CASH Balances at 31st August 2024

Total	£252,286	Total Cash Funds
Of which:		
	£248,653	Unrestricted Funds
Including:		
Joint Account	£18,976	- Day to Day Expenditure
Flats Accounts	£25,734	- Day to Day Flats management
Maintenance Fund	£84,181	- (Designated fund for Major Works)
Legacy Fund	£91,511	- (Designated fund – not for Day-to-Day use)

This gives about 15 months cover of expenditure.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy followed is submitted as an annual report to the trustees of Christ Church with St Philip in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19. The reserves policy is submitted to the Wimbledon Circuit for scrutiny and approval on an annual basis. The reserves are reviewed regularly throughout the year by the Finance and Resources committees. These discussions are reported to the trustees at every church council meeting.

The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money. Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report. We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out below and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report. We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion.

This **reserves policy** covers all church cash funds held by Christ Church with St Philip LEP. There are two accounts covered by this policy: Combined Account and the Flats Account. The combined reserve funds held in these accounts should be sufficient to cover the following (figures in brackets indicate 1/9/2024 calculated required Cash reserve values)



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- Two quarterly Methodist Circuit Assessments (£31,544)
- Parish Support Fund 6 monthly payments (£17,064)
- 3 months' running costs (£32,500)
- Flats reserve for subsidence contingency funds (£100,000)
- Major Maintenance fund (£20,000)

Giving a total cash reserve requirement of £201,108 @ 1/9/2024 against the cash funds balance of £252,286 @ 31/8/2024 of which £3,633 is restricted

Other non-cash reserves

- The investment properties (church flats): £1,237,828
- The church building and other property: £3,989,874

Policy for Restricted Funds

Details of the restricted funds are as follows:

Flower Fund

Balance £83

This is made up from donations by church members for the purchase of flowers to decorate the church. Money is assigned to the flower arrangers as required.

Wake Fund

Balance £750

A church member with no relatives has deposited some money in the church account to pay for a Wake following their funeral.

Diocesan Grants

Balance £3,039

Funds received from the Diocese of Southwark for the purpose of supporting the cost of heating, outreach and new projects.

Internal Organisations

Balance £9,422

Designated Funds

Maintenance Fund

Balance £84,181

This is money to enable maintenance of the church and halls complex. The cost of such projects as refurbishment of carpets, repair of sanitary fittings and repairs to the roof are covered from this fund. A sum of £20,000 per financial year is transferred from the Flats account.

Legacy Fund

Balance £95,512

Money received from legacies makes up this fund. Expenditure is at the discretion of the trustees for special projects and is not intended for use on day-to-day expenditure.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Constitution for Christ Church with St Philip (Worcester Park) an LEP Partnership, was adopted on the 5th April 1992 and amended on 20th March 1994, 18th March 2001 and 18th April 2010 and



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relates to the charitable unincorporated association governed by this Constitution and known as Christ Church with St Philip (Worcester Park).

Ecumenical Church Council (ECC)

The purpose of the Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) with our clergy, the Reverend Paul Timmis, Methodist Minister, and Reverend Hannah Thomson, Anglican vicar, is to promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the Parish and the local neighbourhood. The ECC fulfils the function of the Methodist Church Council and the Parish Church Council and is the church's governing body. Membership of the ECC should therefore be taken seriously as it carries responsibility for financial and legal decisions made on behalf of the church. The ECC appoints committees that have the authority to act within pre-defined areas of responsibility; supports the work of all such committees and receives their reports, making decisions on any matter of principle that may arise.

The ECC membership includes the clergy, the Church Stewards and Church Wardens, the ECC and PCC Secretaries, Church Treasurer, Convenors of Church Committees, Circuit Steward and 10 Ordinary Members. Ordinary Members are elected at the AGM to serve for a term of 3 years and can then be re-elected to serve a maximum of 6 years. Office holders are also elected annually, to serve a maximum of 6 years.

During the past year, the ECC has overseen the work of the various Church Committees, giving approval as necessary. Church finances continue to be a matter of concern - see Finance report for more details. Other church business dealt with over the year includes:

- The requirement for the church to produce an annual report to the Charities Commission to update them on our activities throughout the year, which also allows us to apply for a refund of tax under the 'Gift Aid' scheme.
- Regular review of the church policies, including Fire Safety Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy and training and our Travel Plan, which encourages our hall users to walk or use public transport.
- These policies and documents can be viewed on the church website

The ECC also receives matters of interest from the wider church through the Methodist Wimbledon Circuit and London District and the Anglican Diocese of Southwark, Reigate Area.

Training of Trustees: Newly appointed trustees are supplied with a booklet of their responsibilities and denominational training sessions are supplied for treasurers.

Wimbledon Methodist Church Circuit

Christ Church with St Philip is part of the Wimbledon Methodist Church Circuit. This is a group of five local churches served by a team of three ministers. Each has pastoral charge of one or more churches and will preach and lead worship in different local churches in the Circuit, along with Local Preachers.



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Deanery and Diocesan Synods

There are currently two church members who are representatives on the Deanery Synod. This provides the ECC with important links between the Parish and the wider structures of the Church of England.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Joint Anglican/Methodist policies outline commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- the careful selection and training of all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- an immediate response to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- a commitment to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- a commitment to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- the offer of pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- in all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.



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Christ Church with St Philip LEP commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Safeguarding Policies of our parent churches; government legislation; guidance and safe practice within its church.

Christ Church with St Philip LEP commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people which will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.

Reference and Administrative Details

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

Full Name of Charity / Church: **Christ Church with St Philip LEP**

Registration Charity Number: **1137612**

Date of registration: **26th August 2010**

Main communication address

Christ Church with St Philip LEP,

Wesley Hall,

Ruskin Drive,

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The members of the Ecumenical Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister, Vicar and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurers: **Mr Christopher Peaker and Mrs Diamond Chan**



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Independent Examiner: Kevin Mallett
18 Stoneleigh Broadway
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Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Approval

The report of the Ecumenical Church Council was approved on 27th March 2025
and signed on its behalf by:

Signed Stephen Carpenter

Member of the Ecumenical Church Council

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024						
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	41,614				41,614
2 Donations and legacies	4	5,897	10,000	401		16,298
3 Gift aid	4	9,635				9,635
4 Interest and investment income	7	11,777				11,777
5 Income from investment properties	7	44,181				44,181
6 Internal organisations				4,855		4,855
7 Other charitable income	5,6,8	68,572	357	300		69,229
8 Total income		181,675	10,357	5,557	0	197,589
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share	12	88,660				88,660
10 Grants and donations	12	15				15
11 Property maintenance	12	23,384	10,633			34,017
12 Insurance, utilities etc	12	25,260				25,260
13 Depreciation	13	3,201				3,201
14 Office expenses	12	13,325				13,325
15 Other expenditure	11,12	28,745	235	718		29,698
16 Internal organisations	12			4,727		4,727
17 Total charitable expenditure		182,591	10,868	5,444	0	198,903
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	13	24,403				24,403
20 Net income/(expenditure)		23,487	(510)	112	0	23,088
21 Transfers between funds	17	30,000	(30,000)			0
22 Other gains/(losses)	13	78,439				78,439
23 Net movement in funds		131,926	(30,510)	112	0	101,527
24 Total funds brought forward		5,202,101	207,655	12,989	0	5,422,745
25 Total funds carried forward		5,334,027	177,145	13,101	0	5,524,273

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023						
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	42,606	0	0	0	42,606
2 Donations and legacies	4	2,484	0	620	0	3,103
3 Gift aid	4	9,277	0	0	0	9,277
4 Interest and investment income	7	8,173	0	0	0	8,173
5 Income from investment properties	7	43,275	0	0	0	43,275
6 Internal organisations		0	0	3,625	0	3,625
7 Other charitable income	5,6,8	71,341	397	4,700	0	76,438
8 Total income		177,155	397	8,944	0	186,496
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share	12	86,529	0	0	0	86,529
10 Grants and donations	12	1,400	0	0	0	1,400
11 Property maintenance	12	25,719	552	0	0	26,271
12 Insurance, utilities etc	12	22,957	0	0	0	22,957
13 Depreciation	13	1,275	0	0	0	1,275
14 Office expenses	12	9,210	0	0	0	9,210
15 Other expenditure	11,12	36,087	187	3,081	0	39,355
16 Internal organisations	12	0	0	4,894	0	4,894
17 Total charitable expenditure		183,178	739	7,975	0	191,891
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	13	(46,885)	0	0	0	(46,885)
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(52,907)	(342)	970	0	(52,280)
21 Transfers between funds	17	(20,000)	20,000	0	0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)	13	(150,700)	0	0	0	(150,700)
23 Net movement in funds		(223,607)	19,658	970	0	(202,980)
24 Total funds brought forward		5,425,709	187,997	12,020	0	5,625,726
25 Total funds carried forward		5,202,101	207,655	12,989	0	5,422,746



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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024							
	Notes to the	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2024	Totals 2023
	Accounts	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Church building and other property	13	3,989,874				3,989,874	3,903,015
Investment properties	13	1,237,828				1,237,828	1,213,425
Investments							0
Total fixed assets		5,227,702	0	0	0	5,227,702	5,116,440

Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	14	37,687	0	9,352	0	47,039	38,595
Loans by the Churches							0
Investments with TMCP							0
Central Finance Board Deposits	14	26,682	177,145	3,749	0	207,576	232,548
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	44,710				44,710	37,805
Total current assets		109,079	177,145	13,101	0	299,325	308,949
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	2,753				2,753	2,643
Grants payable within 2022-23							0
Total current liabilities		2,753	0	0	0	2,753	2,643
Net current assets/liabilities		106,326	177,145	13,101	0	296,572	306,306



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Total assets less current liabilities		5,334,028	177,145	13,101	0	5,524,274	5,422,744
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23							0
Loans to the Church							0
							0
Net assets		5,334,028	177,145	13,101	0	5,524,274	5,422,744

Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	17	5,334,028				5,334,028	5,202,102
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	17		177,145			177,145	207,665
Total Unrestricted Funds						5,511,173	5,409,757
Restricted Funds	17			13,101		13,101	12,989
Endowment Funds						0	
Total Funds		5,334,028	171,145	13,101	0	5,524,273	5,422,746

Signed Christopher Peaker

Church Treasurer

Date: 19th November 2024

Approved by the Ecumenical Church Council on 19th November 2024
and signed on its behalf by:

Signed

Name: Kate Oliveira

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The notes on pages 18 to 29 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS102 – the Charities SORP(FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (with the exception of land, buildings and investment property, all of which are shown at their estimated market value at the end of the year), on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities. This approach has been adopted where it is not feasible or practical to utilise or determine historical cost.

As this year the threshold for Accrual Accounting has been exceeded the previous year's accounts have been re-stated on an accruals basis.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Rents will be recorded when they are due / hiring event occurs.

Donated goods for onward transmission to other charities (chiefly food and clothing / bedding for a homeless charity) are passed immediately to that charity and are not included in the statement of financial activities as no benefit accrues to the charity.

The charity has not received any goods for use by the charity itself.

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements.

No services have been donated that would normally have been purchased.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

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Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The land and freehold property were subject to re-valuation as at the end of the 2015/16 financial year. This was performed by David Ambrose MRICS of Bramptons Chartered Surveyors & Valuers. The Nationwide House Price Index for Greater London has been applied to this valuation (both Kingston and Sutton fall into the Greater London area, and Worcester Park sits between the two), providing us with a good estimate of fair value.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost and depreciated over their useful economic lives at the following rates:

Land	Not depreciated
Buildings	Not depreciated
Office Furniture and Equipment	5 years
Other Furniture & Fixtures	5 years
Computer Equipment	3 years

Where the recoverable amount of a tangible asset is found to be below the net book value, the asset is written down to its recoverable amount and the loss on impairment is charged to the relevant expenditure category of the statement of financial activities. Where an asset is not primarily used to generate income, its impairment is assessed by reference to its service potential on its initial acquisition. In the year, the charity currently has no tangible fixed assets to which impairment provisions apply.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - 180 and 182 Cheam Common Road were purchased by the Methodist Church in the 1950's to give ownership of the complete corner plot, thus giving the future capability to expand the Church and Halls complex. Until such time as this happens, they are being let as four flats to provide income to support the work of Christ Church with St Philip LEP. These have been valued as at the end of the 2015/16 financial year by David Ambrose MRICS of Bramptons Chartered Surveyors & Valuers, and have since been annually revalued with reference to the Nationwide House Price Index for Greater London.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA. Currently no investments are held.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities, telephones, etc. in August and pre-payments for lettings in the next financial year.

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4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Collections	41,614		41,614	42,606
Tax credits	9,635		9,635	9,277
Donations	5,897	610	6,507	3,104
Legacies	10,000		10,000	0
Total	67,146	610	67,756	54,987

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fund raising	1,127	0	1,127	3,465
PCC Fees	159	0	159	454
Methodist Funeral	0	0	0	0
Other (IE Sunday Coffee)	1,349	0	1,349	1,128
Total	2,635	0	2,635	5,047

6. Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
£	£		£	£
Servery	2,206	0	2,206	2,004
Room & Hall Hire	63,533	0	63,533	63,988
Own Use Donations (Ext)	0	0	0	0
Own Use Donations (Intl)	175	0	175	200
Other	0	0	0	0
Furlough Receipts	0	0	0	0
Photocopier	4	0	4	28
Total	65,918	0	65,918	66,220

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
£	£		£	£
Central Finance Board	11,777	0	11,777	8,173
Rental income	44,181	0	44,181	43,275
Total	55,958	0	55,958	51,448



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8. Other	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Grants	0	300	300	4,700
Miscellaneous	357	0	357	437
Total	357	300	657	5,137

9. Payment to Trustees

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting

This year	Last year
£ 0	0

Note: The Methodist Minister and the Church of England Vicar are not direct employees of the charity. They are paid by the Methodist Connexion and Diocese of Southwark. The charity makes contributions to the Wimbledon Circuit (Circuit Assessment) and the Southwark Diocese of the Church of England (Parish Support Fund) which among other things funds their stipends.

No payments were made to any trustee for services supplied to the Charity.

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

4	7
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Nature of the expenses

Book Allowance to the Clergy (£400)

All other payments were against receipts:

Clergy Expenses (£388)

Petty Cash & Maintenance Items (£2,111)

*Includes Card Payments as the church does not have a debit or credit card)

Total amount paid

£ 2,899	2,978

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

£ 480	480
£ 0	0

Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

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11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

£	37,936	34,573
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Offset by Furlough Receipts

	0	0
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Employer's National Insurance costs
(Impact of Statutory Sick Pay on Employer
NIC rebate has not been included here)

£		
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Pension costs

£	1,821	1,673
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Total staff costs

£	39,757	36,246
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Average number of staff employed
during the year were:

	2	2
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No Employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

Report on Pension Scheme

Christ Church with St Philip LEP (PB 2014) participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

Christ Church with St Philip uses the cash balance section of The Church Workers Pension Fund known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. This account may have bonuses added by the Board before retirement. The bonuses depend on investment experience and other factors. There is no requirement for the Board to grant any bonuses. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This means it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SOFA in the year are contributions payable.

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A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2016.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a deficit of £14.2m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review, the Board chose not to grant a discretionary bonus, which will have acted to improve the funding position. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £1.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

There are no annual pension benefits.

In accordance with rules from the Pensions Regulator, the scheme was reviewed for re-enrolment purposes on 30th April 2019, and a re-declaration of compliance was submitted prior to the deadline of 1 July 2019.

12. Expenditure

The expenditure has been split under headings as supplied by the Methodist Church. The following table is a mapping of between these headings and the example headings from the Charity Commission. In some areas an apportionment between areas has been necessary and has been done on a best estimate basis.

Mapping between Expenditure areas and Charity activities 2023-2024

	Unrestricted funds	Costs of Generating Funds	Fundraising trading Costs	Management of Investment Flats	Charitable activities	Governance costs
Expenditure on:						
Circuit Assessment & Parish Support Fund	88,570				88,570	
Grants & Donations	475				475	
Property Maintenance	11,278		5,315	645	5,318	
Insurance, utilities etc	26,495		12,212	2,071	12,212	
Depreciation	3,201		1,473	880	848	
Office expenses	12,047		4,015		8,032	
Other Expenditure	40,525		33,847	19	6,659	
Totals (un-restricted funds)	182,591		56,862	3,615	122,114	

Totals Prev Year	183,177		48,663	6,639	127,875	
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	Restricted Funds	Costs of Generating Funds	Fundraising trading Costs	Investment Management	Charitable activities	Governance costs
Other expenditure	750				750	
Internal Organisations	4,711				4,711	
Totals (Restricted Funds)	5,461				5,461	

Totals Previous Year	5,644				5,644	
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13. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward**	3,900,295		1,213,425		7,562		5,121,282
Additions							
Revaluations (+/-)**	78,439		24,403				102,842
Disposals (-)							
Balance carried forward	3,978,734		1,237,828		16,021		5,232,583

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward					13,328		
Depreciation charge for year (-)					3,201		
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Balance carried forward					16,529		

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Net book value

Brought forward	3,900,295		1,213,425		2,720		5,116,440
Carried forward	3,978,734		1,237,828		11,140		5,227,702

Straight line depreciation has been used on equipment, fixtures and fittings. All have been assumed to have a 5-year life with 20% of the original value deducted each year.

Property and land valuations both brought forward and carried forward have calculated using the Nationwide House Price Index for Greater London applied to the valuation carried out by David Ambrose MRICS of Bramptons Chartered Surveyors & Valuers on the 14th October 2016.

Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium- and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day-to-day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

No investment funds are currently held

14. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre-paid assessments	10,514	9,106
Prepayments & Accrued income	27,172	20,149
Another debtor	9,352	9,340
Total debtors and prepayments	47,039	38,595

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Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in NatWest (Joint Account)	18,976	18,531
Bank balance held in NatWest (Flats Account)	25,734	19,273
Deposit Account balance Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (Joint Account)	62,711	54,418
Deposit Account balance Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (Flats Account) [– excludes tenants deposits.]	144,865	178,131
Total Cash and Bank	252,286	270,353

15. Analysis of current liabilities

Trade Creditors	2,753	2,643
Other Creditors	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	2,753	2,643

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2024 the Church has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024.

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17. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

2024

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / Losses £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General	5,202,101	181,675	(182,591)	102,843	30,000	5,334,028
Designated	207,655	10,357	(10,868)	0	(30,000)	177,145
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	5,409,756	192,032	(193,459)	102,843	0	5,511,172
Restricted	12,989	5,557	(5,444)	0	0	13,102
Totals	5,422,746	197,589	(198,903)	102,843	0	5,524,274

2023

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains / Losses £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General	5,425,709	177,155	(183,178)	(197,585)	(20,000)	5,202,101
Designated	187,997	397	(739)	0	20,000	207,655
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	5,613,706	177,552	(183,917)	(197,585)	0	5,409,756
Restricted	12,020	8,944	(7,975)	0	0	12,989
Totals	5,625,726	186,496	(191,892)	(197,585)	0	5,422,746

Restricted funds:

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expense £	Closing Balance £
2024				
Flowers	282	401	(600)	83
Wake	750	0	0	750
Grant	2,617	657	(473)	2,801
Total	3,649	1,058	(1,073)	3,634
Internal Organisations	9,294	4,901	(4,727)	9,468
TOTAL	12,943	5,959	(5,800)	13,102

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	Opening balance £	Income £	Expense £	Closing Balance £
2023				
Flowers	412	620	(750)	282
Wake	750	0	0	750
Grant	320	4,756	(2,459)	2,617
Total	1,482	5,376	(3,209)	3,649
Internal Organisations	10,611	3,625	(4,942)	9,294
TOTAL	12,093	9,001	(8,151)	12,943

18. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2024
			£	£	£	£
Wimbledon Methodist Church Circuit	Charity is part of the Circuit	Circuit Assessment		55,340	0	0
Diocese of Southwark	Charity is part of the Diocese	Parish Support Fund	300	33,320	0	0
Methodist Connexional Funds - MHA / Mission in Britain Fund / Fund for Training / Fund for Property / World Mission Fund	Connexional Fund	Donation		0	0	0
Total			300	88,660	0	0



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Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2023
			£	£	£	£
Wimbledon Methodist Church Circuit	Charity is part of the Circuit	Circuit Assessment		53,463		
Diocese of Southwark	Charity is part of the Diocese	Parish Support Fund	3,900	33,067		
Methodist Connexional Funds - MHA / Mission in Britain Fund / Fund for Training / Fund for Property / World Mission Fund	Connexional Fund	Donation		1,300		
Total			3,900	87,830	0	0



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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer as at 31/8/24

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Ecumenical Church Council.

Signed Christopher Peaker

19th Nov 2024

7 Braemar Road,
Worcester Park,
KT4 8SN

Presentation to the Church trustees for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts were presented to the Ecumenical Church Council Meeting on **19th November 2024** and were approved.

Signature of Chair of
Meeting

Signed Rev. Paul Timmis

19th November 2024



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:

CHRIST CHURCH with ST PHILIP

Charity Number 1137612

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church with St Philip for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 14 to 17. 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 **Christ Church with St Philip** No: 1137612

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts



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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 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

Signed

Name of independent examiner

Kevin A. Mallett

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

FCA - ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate)

L&F Accounting Ltd

Address

18 The Broadway,
Stoneleigh,
Epsom,
Surrey
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Date: 16th January 2025



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Appendix A ----- Members of the Ecumenical Church Council as elected at the AGM 28/04/2024

The ECC is a body corporate and a charity accepted for registration with the Charity Commission. The ECC members that have served from 28th April 2024 until the date of this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Chairs:	
Methodist Minister and Anglican Vicar	Reverend Paul Timmis, Reverend Hannah Thomson
Treasurer:	Christopher Peaker
EEC Secretary:	<i>Vacancy</i>
PCC Secretary:	Angela Ruske
Church Wardens:	Ginnie LeMestre, Susan Dassie
Methodist Stewards:	Stephen Carpenter, Kate Oliveira
Young Church Representative:	<i>Vacancy</i>

Elected members:

Gloria Yaskey
Diamond Chan
Lynn Wicks
Heather Cordery
Pamela Slater
Anne Maddocks
Tony Bicknell
Isobel Penny
Jane Cook
Gwenda Carpenter
Alison Charlton