

# PENN FREE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1138169

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2010-09-27

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSES OF PENN FREE METHODIST CHURCH SHALL BE 1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STATEMENT IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENT, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN PENN AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD, AND 2) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL IN THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS' MEETING AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNING DOCUMENT FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

**Activities:** The propagation of the Christian Gospel in the Protestant/Bible-believing tradition of 18th century Wesleyan Methodism. The church's work focuses on the salvation of sinners and the nurturing of believers. It operates primarily in the neighbourhood of Penn, Bucks, including the nearby town of High Wycombe, but also engages in regular open air preaching in Slough, Uxbridge and central London.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PENN
- Buckinghamshire
- City Of Westminster
- Hillingdon
- Slough

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,786	£39,395	-	-
2024-03-31	£48,636	£34,588	-	-
2023-03-31	£39,730	£28,480	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,237	£24,948	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,247	£21,926	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>James David Campbell</b>	Chair	2025-06-26
Charles Wesley Scott-Pearson		2025-02-25
KENNETH LUFF		2021-11-21
Rev Richard Philip Mortimer		2023-02-01

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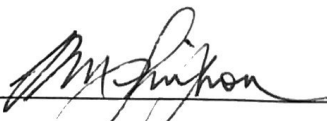
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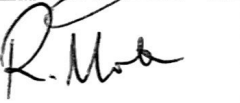
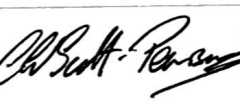
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Signed  (date) 17/6/25

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					CC16a
Charity Name					No (if any)
Penn Free Methodist Church					1138169
<b>SECTION A</b>	<b>Receipts and payments</b>				
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Last year</b>
	<b>For the period from</b>	<b>Period start date</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Period end date</b>	
		01/04/2024		31/03/2025	
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	26,344	-	-	26,344	28,602
Property income	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,163	-	-	1,163	1,195
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Fees from charitable activities	279	-	-	279	178
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	18,663
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	27,786	-	-	27,786	48,636
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	27,786	-	-	27,786	48,636
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities - Property costs	17,935	-	-	17,935	14,969
Charitable activities - Minister's costs	18,788	-	-	18,788	15,886
Charitable activities - Other	2,672	-	-	2,672	3,733
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	39,395	-	-	39,395	34,588
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	39,395	-	-	39,395	34,588
<b>Net of receipts/ (payments)</b>	-11,609	-	-	-11,609	14,048
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	49,950	-	-	49,950	35,902
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	38,341	-	-	38,341	49,950
<b>SECTION B</b>	<b>Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period</b>				
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	1,684	-	-	
	Deposit accounts	36,657	-	-	
	Petty cash	-	-	-	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	38,341	-	-	

	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church	Unrestricted	-	-
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	-
	Sundry equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Signed by trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Pastor P SIMPSON	27/5/25	
		Mr K LUFF	27/5/25	
		REV. R. MORTIMER	27/5/25	
		MR CHARLES SCOTT-PEARON	27/5/25	

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The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act
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### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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



**R J Marshall**

18/6/25

**Date**

**45 Walton Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7SR**

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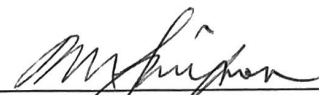
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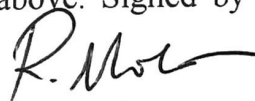

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<b>INCOME/EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 31-03-2024</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
GIFT AID GIVING	18,510.00	30,070.00
NON-GIFT AID GIVING	10,092.26	9,449.70
GIFT AID TAX REFUND	19,409.88	0.00
LITERATURE/SALES	176.43	174.09
DEPOSIT A/C INTEREST	447.62	36.17
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>48,636.19</u></b>	<b><u>39,729.96</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
MINISTER'S SALARY (GROSS)	15,885.90	14,821.72
MINISTER'S TRAVEL inc. OPEN AIR WORK	887.10	266.48
CHURCH GAS	2,513.38	2,997.96
CHURCH ELECTRICITY	995.94	1,302.96
CHURCH TELEPHONE	553.45	606.40
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	1,120.99	960.00
CHURCH INSURANCE	1,790.50	1,763.04
CHURCH WATER	188.84	174.46
COTTAGE COUNCIL TAX	2,586.84	2,459.73
COTTAGE MAINTENANCE	4,367.83	172.12
COTTAGE WATER	289.43	297.60
COTTAGE INSURANCE	562.36	531.16
ADVERTISING	420.00	300.00
WEBSITE/INTERNET/COMPUTER	355.55	504.11
VISITING PREACHERS	545.00	285.00
ORGAN/PIANO	0.00	210.00
TRACTS, POSTERS, CHURCH FLYERS, CARTRIDGES	1,424.78	669.65
SUNDRY EXPENSES	100.14	157.55
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>34,588.03</u></b>	<b><u>28,479.94</u></b>
<b><u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u></b>	<b><u>14,048.16</u></b>	<b><u>11,250.02</u></b>
<b><u>BANK RECONCILIATION AT 31-03-24</u></b>		
Closing Balance per Bank statement 31/03/24	10,456.88	
Unpresented receipts	0.00	
Unpresented payments	0.00	
Closing Balance per Cash Book 31/03/24	<b>10,456.88</b>	
Opening Balance per Cash Book 01/04/23	13,856.34	
Receipts in year per profit and loss account less dep a/c int	48,188.57	
Payments in year per profit and loss account	34,588.03	
Transfer to Lloyds Instant account, 20-02-24	17,000.00	
Closing Balance per Cash Book 31/03/24	<b>10,456.88</b>	
Difference	0.00	
<b><u>Cash movements current and two deposit accounts combined</u></b>		
Combined opening balance per cash book 01-04-23	35,901.94	
Combined receipts in year (inc. dep a/c int)	48,636.19	
Combined payments in year	-34,588.03	

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Fixed Term account 31-03-24 as per Bank Statement	22,300.67	
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Treasurer's Account 31-03-24 as per Bank Statement	10,456.88	
Combined closing balance per cash book 31-03-24	<b>49,950.10</b>	
Difference	0.00	
Combined opening balance per cash book 01-04-23	35,901.94	
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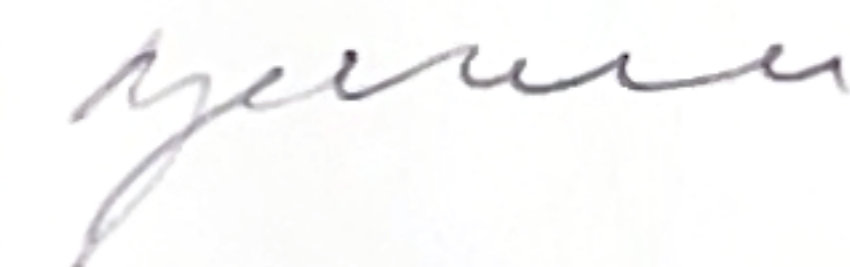
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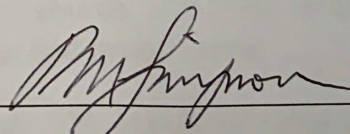
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Charity Name  
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Reference  
1132153

**CC16a**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	4/1/22	To	3/31/23
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**Section A Receipts and payments**


	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	39,520	-	-	39,520	37,005
Property income	-0	-	-	-	-
Interest	36	-	-	36	-
Miscellaneous	-0	-	-	-	-
Fees from charitable activities	174	-	-	174	129
Gift Aid	-0	-	-	-	2,104
Legacy	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>39,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,730</b>	<b>39,237</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>39,730</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>39,730</b>	<b>39,237</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities - Property costs	10,659	-	-	10,659	9,165
Charitable activities - Minister's costs	14,822	-	-	14,822	14,062
Charitable activities - Other	2,999	-	-	2,999	1,721
Governance costs	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>28,480</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,480</b>	<b>24,948</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>28,480</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>28,480</b>	<b>24,948</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,250</b>	<b>14,289</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,652	-	-	24,652	10,363
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>35,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,902</b>	<b>24,652</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	13,856	-	-
	Deposit account	22,046	-	-
	Petty cash	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>35,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			
Church	Unrestricted	-	
Manse	Unrestricted	-	
Sundry equipment	Unrestricted	-	
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			
Signed by one trustee (Chairman) on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Pastor P M SIMPSON	31/1/24

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Penn Free Methodist Church ("the charity", Number 1138169)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 as set out on pages 1 and 2.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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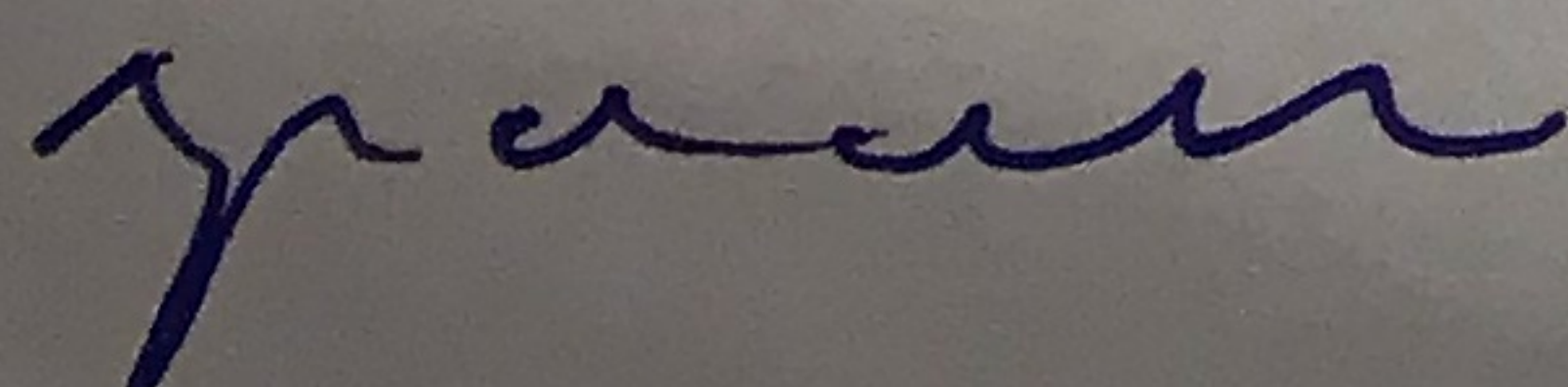
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R J Marshall

21/1/24

Date

**PENN FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138169

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# Accounts

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## **SECTION A**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

The name of the charity is Penn Free Methodist Church and our charity no. is 1138169. The Chairman of the Trustees is Pastor Peter Simpson of Chapel Cottage, Church Road, Penn Bucks, HP10 8NU. During the year three trustees resigned, being the Rt Rev. Edward Malcolm, Pastor John Sherwood and Mr Mark Mullins. Mr Kenneth Luff was appointed on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2021.

## **SECTION B**

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The trustees administer Penn Free Methodist Church according to the Trust Deed dated 4th August 2009. The trustees are appointed by the church members, usually, though not necessarily, from outside of the body of the members. They are appointed on the basis of their being appropriately qualified to further the aims of the church as outlined in the trust deed. They take on the responsibility of financial oversight and also ensure that the church operates according to the terms of the charity's governing document. Trustees hold office until such time as they resign or retire.

## **SECTION C**

### **Objects and Activities**

The church's objectives are the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the doctrinal statement in the church's governing document. The church's activities, in consequence of this objective, are pastoral work within the congregation, and Christian ministry and evangelistic work within the wider community, including ministry to children and young people.

## **SECTION D**

### **Achievements and Performance**

Throughout the past year the Church has continued a visible Christian witness to the local community and further afield, and has also spoken out on national issues relevant to the upholding of a biblical Christian viewpoint. We are thankful to God for supplying our needs and for sustaining our Gospel testimony through another year.

## **SECTION E Financial Review**

The charity's accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, and are scrutinised by a qualified independent examiner, Mr. R. Marshall. Principal funding sources are the donations of church members, the donations of church attendees and the donations of other friends of the church. The main items of expenditure are the Minister's salary and property light and heat and maintenance.

Cash in hand : The current account at 31/03/22 stands at £22,642.49; the deposit account at £2,009.43, Therefore total cash at 31/03/22 equals £24,651.92. Our funds at the start of the

financial year stood at £10362.86, and so this represents an increase of £14,289.06 during the year to March 2022.

Cash balances held at the end of the year are retained to finance everyday expenses in the furtherance of the church's normal work and to fund property maintenance.

Financial expenditure decisions are made by the church members' meeting, whilst the trustees maintain a general oversight and important advisory role, ensuring that the church's financial position remains stable.

The charity holds no funds on behalf of others.

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### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Charity Commission website states that a charity has to conform to the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011. Directly quoting from the website,

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To satisfy this aspect:

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- c) In general, for a purpose to be a charitable purpose it must satisfy both the benefit and the public aspects. However, charities for the relief (and in some cases the prevention) of poverty need only satisfy the benefit aspect” (end quote).

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have a due regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the charity commission in exercising their powers or duties, and they consider that the public proclamation of the Christian Gospel by Penn Free Methodist Church amply fulfils the statutory public benefit requirement.

## **Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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Pastor Peter Simpson, Chairman.

PENN FREE METHODIST CHURCH

<b>INCOME/EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 31-03-2022</b>			
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>CHANGE</u></b>
GIFT AID GIVING	28,802.00	15,400.00	13,402.00
NON-GIFT AID GIVING	7,202.50	11,272.70	-4,070.20
SCHOOLROOM HIRE	0.00	205.00	-205.00
GIFT AID TAX REFUND	2,103.97	0.00	2,103.97
DONATIONS OPEN AIR WORK	100.00	264.00	-164.00
LITERATURE SALES/SPECIAL EVENTS	128.60	104.32	24.28
DONATIONS FOR NEW HYMN BOOKS	900.00	0.00	900.00
DEPOSIT A/C INTEREST	0.24	0.55	-0.31
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>39,237.31</u></b>	<b><u>27,246.57</u></b>	11,990.74
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>CHANGE</u></b>
MINISTER'S SALARY	14,062.09	13,817.82	244.27
CHURCH GAS/ELECTRICITY	1,812.80	1,608.30	204.50
CHURCH TELEPHONE	461.84	413.51	48.33
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	2,055.00	60.00	1,995.00
CHURCH INSURANCE	1,450.21	1,337.59	112.62
CHURCH WATER	170.17	162.73	7.44
COTTAGE COUNCIL TAX	2,363.89	2,267.35	96.54
COTTAGE MAINTENANCE	78.00	198.00	-120.00
COTTAGE WATER	289.01	285.79	3.22
COTTAGE INSURANCE	484.17	451.71	32.46
MINISTER TRAVEL	0.00	70.50	-70.50
PUBLICITY	300.00	450.00	-150.00
WEBSITE/INTERNET	250.33	119.79	130.54
VISITING PREACHERS	180.00	75.00	105.00
ORGAN/PIANO	0.00	0.00	0.00
OPEN AIR WORK	113.38	327.74	-214.36
NEW HYMN BOOKS	785.60	0.00	785.60
SUNDRY EXPENSES	91.76	280.53	-188.77
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>24,948.25</u></b>	<b><u>21,926.36</u></b>	3,021.89
<b><u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u></b>	<b><u>14,289.06</u></b>	<b><u>5,320.21</u></b>	8,968.85

## BANK RECONCILIATION FOR WHOLE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

Closing Balance per Bank Statement 31/03/22	22,642.49
ADD unrepresented receipt	0.00
LESS unrepresented cheques	0.00
Closing balance cash book	<b><u>22,642.49</u></b>
Opening balance cash book 01-04-21	8,353.67
Receipts in year	39,237.07
Payments in year	24,948.25
Closing balance cash book 31/03/22	<b><u>22,642.49</u></b>
<b><u>Cash movements current and deposit accounts combined</u></b>	
Combined opening balance per cash book 01-04-21	10,362.86
Combined Receipts in year (inc. dep a/c interest)	39,237.31
Combined Payments in year	24,948.25
Combined closing balance per cash book 31-03-22	<b><u>24,651.92</u></b>
Deposit account 31-03-22 as per Bank	2,009.43
Current account 31-03-22 as per Bank	22,642.49
Combined closing balance per cash book 31-03-22	<b><u>24,651.92</u></b>
Combined opening balance per cash book 01-04-21	10,362.86
Combined closing balance per cash book 31-03-22	24,651.92
Surplus as per Income and Expenditure Account at 31-03-22	<b><u>14,289.06</u></b>

**PENN FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138169

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# Accounts

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**PENN FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
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FOR YEAR ENDING 31-03-21**

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**PENN FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR YEAR ENDING 31-03-21**

but it is not likely that this will be the case in the ensuing year. The main items of expenditure are the Minister's salary and property light and heat and maintenance.

Cash in hand

The current account at 31/03/21 stands at £8,354; the deposit account at £2,009, Therefore total cash at 31/03/21 equals £10,363. Our funds at the start of the financial year stood at £5,043, and so this represents an increase of £5,320 during the year to March 2021.

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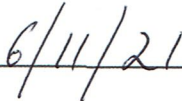
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


Signed \_\_\_\_\_



PASTOR PETER MALCOLM SIMPSON  
Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_






	Charity Name	No. (if any)	<b>CC16a</b>	
	Penn Free Methodist Church			1138169
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	4/1/20		3/31/21	

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	21,673	264	-	21,937	17,563
Property income	205	-	-	205	2,945
Interest	1	-	-	1	1
Miscellaneous	-0	-	-	-	-
Fees from charitable activities	104	-	-	104	548
Gift Aid	-0	-	-	-	2,493
Legacy	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>26,983</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,247</b>	<b>23,550</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,983</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>27,247</b>	<b>23,550</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities - Property costs	6,372	-	-	6,372	6,635
Charitable activities - Minister's costs	13,888	-	-	13,888	13,398
Charitable activities - Other	1,667	-	-	1,667	2,856
Governance costs	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,927</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,927</b>	<b>22,889</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,927</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>21,927</b>	<b>22,889</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,320</b>	<b>661</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,043	-	-	5,043	4,382
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>10,099</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>5,043</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	8,090	264	-
	Deposit account	2,009	-	-

	Petty cash	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>10,099</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church	Unrestricted	-	
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	
	Sundry equipment	Unrestricted	-	
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		P M SIMPSON	25.11.21	
		E J MALCOLM	13.11.21	
		M L R MULLINS	13.11.21	

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My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

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

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R J Marshall

26/11/21

Date

45 Walton Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7SR