

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 the other serving trustee was Mr Ken Luff, with Rev. Richard Mortimer being appointed on February 1st 2023.

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 31/03/23 stands at £13,892.51; the deposit account at £22,045.60. Therefore total cash at 31/03/23 equals £35,901.64, representing a rise on the previous year £11,250.02.

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.

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

The charity holds no funds on behalf of others.

SECTION F

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,

"The public benefit requirement has two aspects:

The 'benefit aspect'

To satisfy this aspect:

- a) a purpose must be beneficial - this must be in a way that is identifiable and capable of being proved by evidence where necessary and which is not based on personal views
- b) any detriment or harm that results from the purpose (to people, property or the environment) must not outweigh the benefit - this is also based on evidence and not on personal views

The 'public aspect'

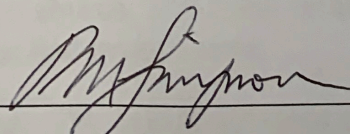
To satisfy this aspect the purpose must:

- a) benefit the public in general, or a sufficient section of the public - what is a 'sufficient section of the public' varies from purpose to purpose
- b) not give rise to more than incidental personal benefit - personal benefit is 'incidental' where (having regard both to its nature and to its amount) it is a necessary result or by-product of carrying out the purpose
- 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 by Chairman on behalf of all trustees

Signed  (date) 31/1/24

PASTOR PETER SIMPSON, CHAIRMAN

Charity Name
Penn Free Methodist Church

Date of report
11/2019

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Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from		To	
	4/1/22		3/31/23

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 £
A1 Receipts					
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	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	39,730	-	-	39,730	39,237
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	39,730	- 0	- 0	39,730	39,237
A3 Payments					
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	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,480	-	-	28,480	24,948
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	28,480	- 0	- 0	28,480	24,948
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,250	-	-	11,250	14,289
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,652	-	-	24,652	10,363
Cash funds this year end	35,902	-	-	35,902	24,652

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	13,856	-	-
	Deposit account	22,046	-	-
	Petty cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	35,902	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church	Unrestricted	-	
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	
	Sundry equipment	Unrestricted	-	
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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.

Independent examiner's statement

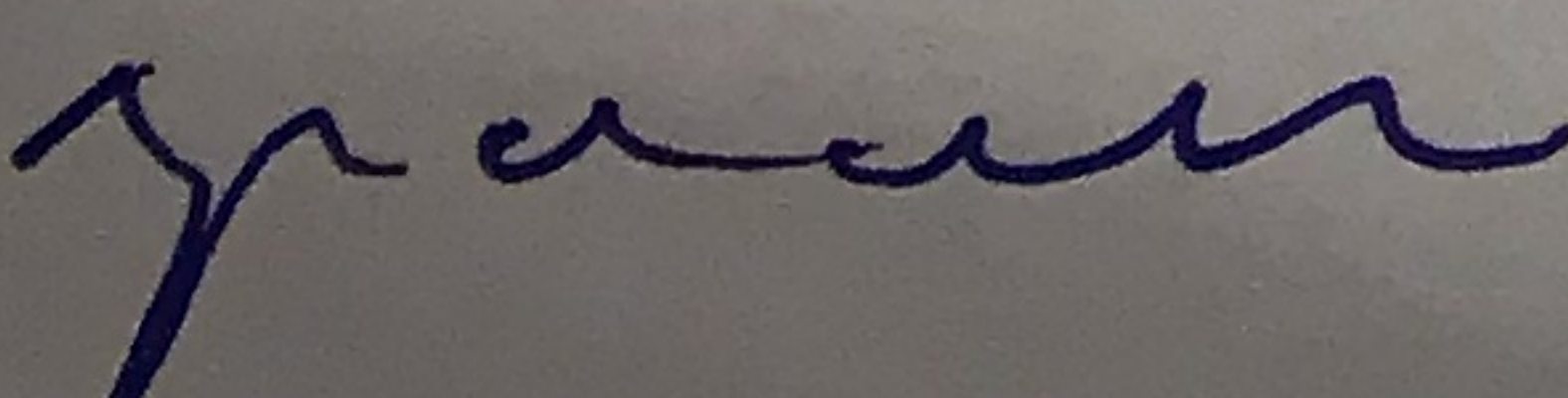
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met or

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


R J Marshall

21/1/24
Date