

Annual Report of **Kenilworth Methodist Church September 2020-August 2021** Charity Registration Number 1140252

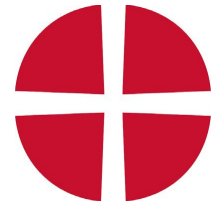
Kenilworth Methodist Church Council has oversight of the activities of Kenilworth Methodist Church Working with the Minister, The church aims to enable its members to live out their calling as a Methodist People, to develop their discipleship, to worship, to serve and to care for others and to draw others to faith through evangelism.

In September 2020 we welcomed the Revd Dr Iain Ballard, who is also the superintendent of the South Warwickshire Circuit of the Methodist Church to be our Minister. He arrived at a difficult time with the church building closed and opportunities for face to face meetings constrained by Covid regulations and safety concerns. Nevertheless, he quickly sought opportunities to meet people online, in safe spaces outside and as and when it became appropriate in person in church too. Rev Iain got to know the church, its people, its context and the community around it and with that understanding he began to set out how to work with church to develop its discipleship and mission here in Kenilworth. Looking back, his arrival when the church had paused many of its usual activities gave us all some space for reflection.

For most of the period of this report the church building remained closed, as it had been since March 2020. Our activities continued in a reduced manner online, by telephone and by post. The online services provided by the South Warwickshire Circuit were particularly welcomed. At the end of August 2021, we had 115 church members. These members are organised into pastoral groups, and we keep in touch by phone.

As with many organisations, the pandemic forced us to be creative and innovative. One of our developments was the creation of our Grounds for Hope garden in a patch of unused ground just outside the church door. This has proved to be a very fruitful space in many ways, as we are planting vegetables to share with our neighbours but more importantly it has become a space where we meet people to talk and to put our faith into action.

Shortly after Easter we were able to resume services in the church and set up new groups for Picnic Church and Mums and Babies to come into church for social activities when opportunities to meet were very restricted. Understandably it took time for people to return to church post Covid, and by the end of the reporting year numbers attending weekly services in person remained fairly low and many activities continued on Zoom.



We also ran a food distribution project for several months focusing on local families in need.

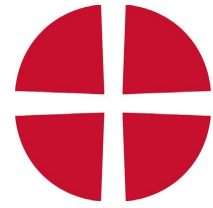
Our Church Council meetings, and most other church business meetings throughout this period have also been conducted on Zoom. This has proved an effective and safe mechanism. For some meetings, especially those involving people from a wide area it seems likely to continue post Covid. The Church held its General Church Meeting in two stages, first an open session on Zoom on the evening of 23 July and then a meeting in person, at which elections took place after the morning service on Sunday 25 July 2021. At this meeting it elected, Lisa Lavender and Fiona Pethick as new Leadership Stewards and re-Elected Andrew Bennett for a further year. The full list of trustees is in the annex to this report.

Our annual income for the year to August 2021 was £95,500. This was more than £6,000 down on the previous year. Given that a significant part of our normal income comes from lettings and our lettings income fell by £10,000 we were very fortunate that our individual giving held up during the period. Some of our costs were reduced during the building closure. We were able to claim some furlough monies for two of our employees, and of course we did not need to heat the closed building, but many of our costs are fixed. Consequently, we adjusted our charitable giving to other groups during the year.

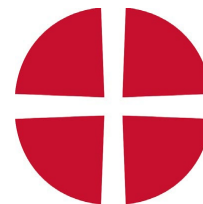
We normally open our building to many other charitable groups during the week. Charities are charged at a reduced rate for using our premises and we host a wide range of educational groups from the very young to the not so young U3a. This facility has been missed and by the end of the year enquires were building up. Amongst our first new bookings were the New Hope Counselling Service who came back into the building in April 2021. By the end of the year we were engaging with hirers ready to restart activities as soon as the Covid levels would permit.

The other challenge we faced during the winter and spring of 2020-21 was the failure of an expensive boiler part, followed a few months later by an unrelated breakdown which meant that the whole boiler had to be replaced. Whilst there were few users in the building this was not much of a problem, but there was some damage caused by damp which needed to be put right. The new boiler was installed at the start of the new financial year, and so the cost does not appear in these accounts.

The combination of all these factors has reduced our reserves from about 5.8 months' expenditure at pre-Covid levels to about 5.2 months and is likely to show a much bigger reduction in 2021-22.



We ended the year hopeful that we could restart some selected activities reasonably quickly, whilst recognising that we have lost some long serving and valued members to Covid and to other causes during the period of closure. We were also aware of the ongoing pandemic risks and the need to allocate our more limited resources in terms of people and money carefully.



CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

KENILWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

South Warwickshire Circuit

Circuit no 5/12

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1140252

Minister:

Revd Dr Iain Ballard

Church Leadership Stewards:

Andy Bennett
Sally McCawley *
Roger Faulkner *
Lisa Lavendar **

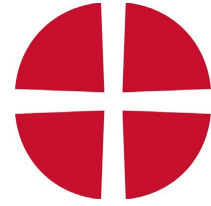
Stephen Hunt *
Jo Roberts *
Fi Pethick **

* until 25 July 2021

** from 25 July 2021

Treasurer:

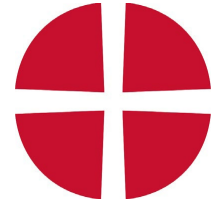
Mervyn Harvey



ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

KENILWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

31 August 2021		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
SECTION A					
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		75,132	16,840	91,971
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		38	0	38
a4	Lettings		3,445	0	3,445
a5	Other receipts		5	5	2,698
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		78,619	16,840	95,459 (a7)
					101,739
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		58,320	0	58,320
b3	Donations		3,950	0	3,950
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		8,523	0	8,523
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		6,866	0	6,866
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments		4,504	18,267	22,770
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		82,162	18,267	100,429 (b9)
					96,465
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)		(3,543)	(1,427)	(4,970)
					5,274
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		55095.94	2482.26	57,578 (c6)
					52,304
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)		51,553	1,055	52,608
					57,578
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(1,865)	1,865	0 (c8)
					0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF Y (c3+c4)		49,688	2,920	52,608 (c7)
					57,578 (c6)
SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			0	1,345
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			0	1,345
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			0	0



Kenilworth Methodist Church

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the District. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net	Adjustments	Opening	Closing
e1	Card Group	81	0	81		133	214
e2	Flower Guild	4	0	4		368	372
e3	Badminton	0	0	0		0	0
e4	Toddlers	0	153	(153)		1,293	1,140
e5	Wed coffee morning	0	0	0		24	24
e6							
e7							
	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	85	153	(68)	0	1,818 (e11)	1,749 (e12)
e8	Church accounts	95,459 (a7)	100,429 (b9)	(4,970)	0 (c8)	57,578 (c6)	52,608 (c7)
e9							
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS	95,544	100,582	(5,038)	0	59,396 (x)	54,357 (y)

SECTION F STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August

	BALANCES	BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	0	
f2 Bank Current Account	27,999	33,005
f3 Bank Deposit Account	0	
f4 Central Finance Board	28,852	18,776
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,570	1,570
f6 Cheques not cashed at end prev yr	(843)	(743)
f7 Funds received after year end		
f8 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	57,578 (c6)	52,608 (c7)
f9 Total funds held by Internal	1,818 (e11)	1,749 (e12)
f10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS	59,396 (x)	54,357 (y)

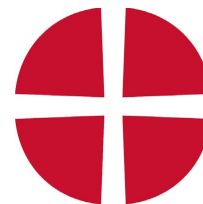
SECTION G OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (incl Endowments)		
g2 Land & Bldgs (see notes re Insurance value)	2,657,651	2,851,679
g3 Other Assets	250,272	268,544
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Pu

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



DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer

Date

2 March 2022

Name

Mervyn Harvey

Address

Birchwood
Red Lane
Burton Green
Kenilworth
CV8 1PB

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the accounts were presented to the Church Council on
and were approved

2nd March 2022

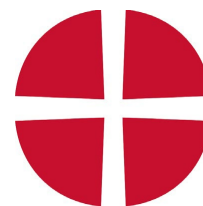
Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Dr Iain M Ballard

Date

2nd March 2022



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Kenilworth Methodist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Kenilworth Methodist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

Mark Dawson, ACA
53 Woodcote Avenue
Kenilworth
Warwickshire
CV8 1BH

Date:

2 March 2022