

*Annual Report of
Kenilworth Methodist Church September 2022-August 2023
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.

As Christians we promote the principles of service and support at local, national, and international scale. We promote global stewardship, in the form of supporting conservation and sustainability, together with active avoidance of exploitation and wastefulness. The Methodist Church is committed to diversity and non-discrimination in all its activities within and outside the church.

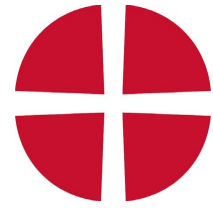
The year running from September 2022 to August 2023 saw steady recovery and re-establishment of our community after the hiatus caused by the period of closure during the Covid pandemic.

We took strategic and practical decisions about where to focus our limited resources. The break provided by Covid provided us with space to rethink and to prioritise the discipleship, pastoral and mission activities of our church. We took bold decisions not to restart some activities where resources were tight and did not replace employees as they departed during the previous year leaving ourselves in a better financial position to focus on our priorities.

Considering what mattered most to us helped us to decide how to restructure our committees within the church, giving greater prominence to Discipleship, Mission, and Pastoral matters and enabling a Resources Committee to support the work of the whole church. Putting this new structure in place has helped us to prioritise what to do and the order to do it in.

We ran a number of discipleship and fellowship courses in church enabling people to get back together to rekindle fellowship and to talk about their faith. This led gradually to eight people becoming members of the Methodist Church in the early summer of 2023.

We also found encouraging and unexpected benefits in having volunteer leadership of some areas. Our longstanding Toddler group is a prime example. In the autumn of 2022, it was so popular we were regularly turning away families because of capacity issues in the hall where they met. When the Methodist Church nationally encouraged us to adopt an advent theme



entitled “There is Room” our enthusiastic volunteers took this to heart and decided we had to update the way we organised the group. We no longer turn anyone away. Our capacity has more than doubled. We have three times as many volunteers and we use the church sanctuary as well as the hall. Some weeks there can be seventy families in attendance.

Our Junior Church continued to thrive with a few more children coming along. This is an enormous success. The team of leaders and their helpers have adapted to suit the young people attending. It is lovely for this small group of children to get to know more of us and to realise we can all share our faith with one another.

We also work with older children, including a full range of uniformed organisations, (Beavers and Rainbows, Cubs and Brownies, Scouts, Guides and Rangers), as well as other activity and sports groups. We estimate that there are in excess of two hundred children and young people who make use of our premises each week.

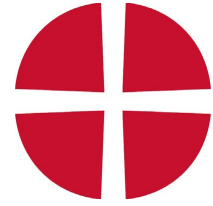
For many years, the University of the Third Age have used our premises, (U3A), and we host a wide range of their classes including arts, crafts, skills, hobbies, pastimes, and adult learning. We also host small groups who provide keep fit, Pilates, indoor games, and dancing classes among many other activities.

A Christian mental health counselling service has a well-used base at our church. We also began planning to host the town NHS vaccination clinics.

On Saturday 11th March, we hosted a Conference organised by the Birmingham district of the Methodist Church, “Replanting Church at the Margins”, which explored creating Church communities in places and spaces where there are none. The President and Vice-President of Conference attended along with a number of other inspiring speakers. We heard about the importance of involving people in supporting the delivery of activities from which they were benefitting. It was good to be able to welcome friends and newcomers to our space and to use it to its full potential.

Throughout the year the building has been used by many and varied groups again as activities across the town have re-established. We provide a key community facility in the heart of the town and enable a variety of organisations to host events from concerts to fairs promoting community engagement. Through the year we gave thought to how we could make the building more accessible and more eco-friendly. We want everyone to feel safe and at ease in our building. We also began the process of looking at options to install solar panels.

The Church Council has met three times.



The General Church Meeting was on 23 April 2023. Fi Pethick, Sandra Quarterman, and David Williams were re-elected as Leadership Stewards. We also elected six new congregational representatives as trustees.

Our annual income for the year for the year to 31 August 2023 totalled £114k. After payments of £85k there was a net surplus of £28k. It is anticipated that most of this surplus will be spent on property repairs.

Kenilworth Methodist Church
June 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Kenilworth Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

South Warwickshire	Circuit	Circuit no.	5/12
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Minister:

Rev'd Dr Iain Ballard

Church Stewards:

Fi Pethick

Sandra Quarterman

David Williams

Treasurer:

Sally McCawley

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Kenilworth Methodist

Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	75,100	3,186	78,286	84,594
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	942		942	57
a4	Lettings	24,376		24,376	19,992
a5	Other receipts	9,902	355	10,257	3,186
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	110,320	3,541	113,861 (a7)	107,828

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	58,320		58,320	58,320
b3	Donations		1,362	1,362	4,040
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	9,859		9,859	32,190
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,112		10,112	8,559
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments	4,811	961	5,773	17,803
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	83,102	2,323	85,425 (b9)	120,913

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	27,218	1,218	28,436		(13,084)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		37,182	2,380	39,562	(c6)	52,646
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	64,400	3,598	67,998		39,562
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0	(c7)	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	64,400	3,598	67,998	(c8)	39,562 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(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	3,596	3,203
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	3,596	3,203
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	0	0
	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Card Group	0	143	(143)		143	0
e2	Flower Guild	0	237	(237)		237	0
e3	Toddlers	508	1,272	(764)		764	0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	508	1,651	(1,143)	0	1,143 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	113,861 (a7)	85,425 (b9)	28,436	(c7)	39,562 (c6)	67,998 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	114,369	87,076	27,293	0	40,706 (x)	67,998 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	0	0
f2 Bank Current Account	22,205	13,617
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	15,787	54,382
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,570	(0)
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	39,562 (c6)	67,998 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,143 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	40,706 (x)	67,998 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,851,679	3,256,592
g3 Other Assets	268,544	306,675
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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Name of Church: Kenilworth Methodist Church Circuit No: 5/12

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer *S McCawley* Date *12/3/24*

Name and address of treasurer:

Sally McCawley
17 Thirlestane Close
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Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *12/3/24*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *I Ballard*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Dr Iain Ballard. Date *12/3/24*

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 2023.

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.

I have/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.



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