

Annual Report of:
Kenilworth Methodist Church, September 2024 -August 2025
Charity Registration Number 1140252

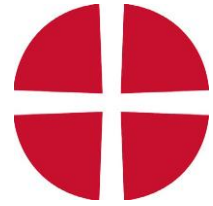
Kenilworth Methodist Church Council has oversight of the activities of Kenilworth Methodist Church working with the Minister. The Church Council delegates some responsibilities to the Leadership Team (see below) and to the following committees: Resources, Pastoral, Church Life, Eco. The church aims to enable its members to live out their calling as a Methodist People, to develop their discipleship, to worship, to serve and 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 levels. 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 2024 to August 2025 was very encouraging. We had 107 members (including 4 new members) and our average attendance at the 10am service was 70. We had a number of children attending Junior Church every Sunday morning and also made a space available for toddlers or children who preferred to stay with their parents in church. We continued holding a regular morning service and also an informal monthly evening service, which we named Spirit and Sacrament. This attracted people not only from our Methodist church but also from other Methodist churches in the area and from the wider community in Kenilworth, some of whom had not attended any church in recent years.

We have focused this year on inclusion and especially on accessibility. This has led to the creation of Role Descriptors for the many different jobs that volunteers undertake to keep our church life functioning well and to make sure that all are safe. These are now available on our website and will help us to have conversations with each other about the volunteering we do within our church community.

The Leadership Team, and all our local preachers, have undergone mandatory Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training, plus Unconscious Bias Training, and we are committed to doing all we can to ensure that everyone is treated with respect and without discrimination.



A full review of our church premises with regard to accessibility was completed. We received an excellent summary of the findings, including many helpful suggestions about ways of addressing various issues: lighting, the hearing loop, visual displays, space for wheelchairs to move freely etc. We tackled most of these issues in the course of the year but it is still a work in progress.

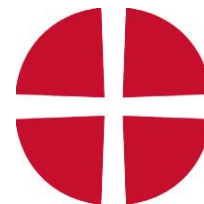
The Leadership Team decided that the refurbishment of the sanctuary was a priority, both because of concerns about the health and safety of those who were regularly moving heavy chairs and because we wanted to make the sanctuary more accessible to all. We researched suitable lightweight chairs and trolleys, and several members of the team went to the Christian Resources exhibition in October 2024 to try out chairs and meet some of the companies that supply them. An order was placed at the beginning of January 2025, the chairs were delivered within a few weeks, and we were delighted with the look, the convenience and the weight of the new chairs, and the ease with which we can move them on the trolleys. Fundraising, well supported by the congregation, helped us to raise the funds to pay for them.

The monthly pastoral coffee morning was renamed TLC (Tea, Laughter, Cake) and continued to be well attended, the short time of worship being much appreciated, especially by those who were rarely able to attend Sunday services.

One wonderful initiative was the creation of a KMC Prayer Diary, which was distributed last autumn. A great deal of effort went into collecting prayers, poems and photos, with contributions from many of the church community. It became a precious resource, giving us the privilege of remembering members of our church family in prayer each day of the week. We also started a WhatsApp prayer group where urgent prayer requests can be circulated and a considerable number committed themselves to that, as well as to a monthly prayer meeting.

Toddlers continued to thrive this year, with 250 children on the register and about 45 families attending fairly regularly. Families were given information about special child-friendly services at Christmas and other times throughout the year, and leaflets about baptism were made available for any who were interested. The team of volunteers worked tirelessly to show love and care to those attending this group.

During Advent 2024 we again supported the work of Carriers of Hope, the charity helping refugee families in Coventry. At their suggestion we collected toiletries, nappies etc throughout Advent and were able to pass on a van full of donations in early January.



The Grounds for Hope were well used during the year, as a place to pick some fresh vegetables or herbs, to stop for a chat and to host occasional times of prayer, especially during Advent and Lent. This area is a place to meet local people and make positive contacts, and is also an important part of our vision of being an Eco Church. A small group has been looking carefully at what is required to achieve our Silver award.

A number of maintenance projects were carried out during the year, including a revamping of the lighting system, both inside and out, to ensure adequate lighting in the carpark among other things. A nappy changing table was requested for the men's toilets and that was duly installed.

Several uniformed organisations continued to use our premises midweek, without charge, and some church members were among the leaders of the groups and were keen to encourage more links with the church. For example, the Scouts and Rangers helped members of the church to provide refreshments during the annual Carnival procession in June.

Many of our members are actively involved in the various community groups which exist in Kenilworth. Some rented rooms regularly for their activities: u3a open meetings, gatherings for those who were visually impaired, painting and sewing groups, choir practices and several indoor sports activities to name but a few. We regularly publicised our special services (Christmas and Easter) and other events that we hosted, such as charity collections, coffee mornings, eco fairs to all who came through our doors.

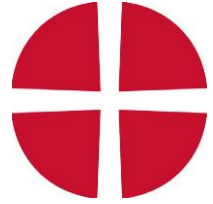
The NHS used the sanctuary area regularly during the year for Covid boosters and flu vaccinations. They requested a storage room for their fridges and supplies, which we were happy to provide. They were very grateful for the help of church members in setting up and clearing their equipment at the beginning and end of each session.

The Church Council met four times. (October, November, February and June). Our reserves policy was approved at the meeting in March 2025 and there were no debts outstanding.

The General Church Meeting was on 22 June 2025. Sandra Quartermann, David Williams and Catherine Pennington were re-elected as Leadership Stewards and two new trustees were appointed.

Our annual income for the year to 31 August 2025 totalled £129,229. After payments of £115,904 there was a net surplus of £13,325.

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We continue to be challenged and aim to be a welcoming growing church, accessible to all. We look forward to discovering where our Lord will lead us in the future.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Kenilworth Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Sunday, 31 August 2025

South Warwickshire	Circuit	Circuit no.	5/12
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Minister:

Rev'd Dr Iain Ballard

Church Stewards:

Fi Pethick until 22 June 2025

Sandra Quarterman

David Williams

Catherine Pennington

Treasurer:

Sally McCawley

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Kenilworth Methodist Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	73,452	6,375	79,826	111,430
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,403	224	3,628	4,304
a4	Lettings	29,800		29,800	33,921
a5	Other receipts	15,975	0	15,975	10,429
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	122,630	6,599	129,229 (a7)	160,084

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	63,504		63,504	62,664
b3	Donations		500	500	500
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,657		16,657	19,441
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,108		12,108	12,591
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments	7,574	15,561	23,135	49,700
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	99,843	16,061	115,904 (b9)	144,896

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	22,787	(9,462)	13,325		15,188
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		74,700	8,487	83,186	(c6)	67,998
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	97,486	(975)	96,511		83,186
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(35,500)	35,500	0	(c7)	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	61,986	34,525	96,511	(c8)	83,186 (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	1,147	1,140
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,147	1,140
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	0	0

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e2				0			
e3				0			
e4				0			
e5				0			
e6				0			
e7				0			
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	129,229 (a7)	115,904 (b9)	13,325	(c7)	83,186 (c6)	96,511 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	129,229	115,904	13,325	0	83,186 (x)	96,511 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	0	0
f2 Bank Current Account	3,415	5,842
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	79,771	90,670
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		0
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	83,186 (c6)	96,511 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
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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 2025 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 *9 January 2026*

Name and address of treasurer:

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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 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *14 January 2026*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Iain Ballard*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Dr Iain Ballard.

Date *14/1/26*

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 2025.

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.

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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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