

Church @the Cross Birkenhead Annual Report

(Formerly Charing Cross and Tranmere Methodist)

September 2020 to August 2021

This is the first report under our new name. Like everyone else last year we did the best we could under COVID-19 restrictions.

We continued to worship and run Youth Club and Guides over Zoom, it is a blessing that we have this technology in this day and age but it doesn't suit everyone, so we kept in touch over the telephone keeping each other safe.

Some of our members worked like trojans in bubbles preparing the church for when we could re-open decorating and moving equipment and furniture up from Charing Cross.

Our puppetry team were still busy working in a bubble, they managed to make some videos for our you tube channel.(if you put travelling foam heads into the you tube search you can look them up.) It currently has 816 views and hundreds more on our Facebook page.

They also visited four primary schools in the run up to Christmas when COVID-19 figures were lower. The Children loved them, and we have been invited back next year.

For another project they teamed up with Moreton Methodist to help produce their online Kids Ark club which again is a great success on Moreton's Facebook.

Christmas eve we decided to have our first face to face service which was great for many of us to meet in person again after so long, but it couldn't continue as January saw us in another lockdown.

So back to Zoom and still many of the team beaver away decorating and preparing for when we can start re-open in June.

In August we ran a summer holiday club in partnership with Wirral Council for three sessions per week throughout the summer holidays. We provided packed lunches for 30 children each day and ran fun activities from the grounds outside the church.

We also organised six ten pin bowling trips and one to Chester Zoo as part of the programme.

The children and young people all had a great time and for some this was the first time they meet up with some of their friends since lock down. In fact, for one young boy the Chester Zoo trip was his first time out of the house for anything other than shopping.

We plan to start up our youth clubs indoors from September, we all hope and pray the worst of COVID-19 is behind us.

Tim Edwards Youth Worker / Steward

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Church@The Cross Birkenhead

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Wirral	Circuit	Circuit no	9/8
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Minister:

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Church Stewards:

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Rosemary Neill

Treasurer:

Helen Jobling

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	12,135		12,135	11,465
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	69		69	268
a4	Lettings	2,675		2,675	8,621
a5	Other receipts	10,592		10,592	12,344
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	25,471		25,471 (a7)	32,698

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	10,467		10,467	14,640
b3	Donations	170		170	307
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	10,976		10,976	11,266
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,322		7,322	11,527
b6	Staff Costs	1,099		1,099	3,350
b7	Other payments	3,427		3,427	14,011
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	33,461		33,461 (b9)	55,101

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(7,990)	(7,990)	21,403
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	33,600		33,600 (c6)	55,003
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	25,610	25,610	33,600
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	25,610	25,610 (c8)	33,600 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(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 Youth Club	2,706	3,821	(1,115)		3,501	2,386
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,706	3,821	(1,115)		3,501 (e11)	2,386 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	25,471 (a7)	33,461 (b9)	(7,990)	(c7)	33,600 (c6)	25,610 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	28,177	37,282	(9,105)		37,101 (x)	27,996 (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 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	6,337	18,331
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	691	692
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	26,572	6,587
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	33,600 (c6)	25,610 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,501 (e11)	2,386 (e12)
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	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
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 Purposes

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

Name of Church .. Church@ The Cross Birkenhead

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 Helen Jobling Date..... 17.11.21

Name and address of treasurer Helen Jobling

..... 11-17 Rake Lane, Wirral CH49 0US

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19.11.2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev S Carpenter

Name of the Chair of the meeting Steven Carpenter Date 19.11.2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number . 1141711

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church @The Cross Birkenhead Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 3 As the Church's trustees, 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

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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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Michael Fryer

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner n/a

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 93 Brookdale Avenue South, Greasby, Wirral

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