

Church @the Cross Birkenhead Annual Report

(Formerly Charing Cross and Tranmere Methodist)

September 2021 to August 2022

The Methodist Church year is the same as the school year starting in September but it got off to a much slower start this year as we came out of lockdown and the nation started to recover from Covid 19. However, we started our Worship, Mums & Tots, Girl Guides, Rainbows, Brownies, Wed Junior club. It was all a little slow at first but by Christmas was back up to regular numbers

The tail end of 2021 our minister Rev Steve Carpenter retired, he and his family moved back to Dudley in the Midlands. They take our very best wishes with them the whole family will be greatly missed. We evolved into a modern church during the eight years Steve was our minister his vision and guidance brought us closer to God and each other.

Our youth club continues with volunteers and continues to support young people with disabilities taking advantage of all the hard work done during lockdown to move the youth club equipment up from Charing Cross Church and create the youth centre in our new church building.

We were also awarded the household support grant to make food hampers for families in the community. Christmas week the church was packed full of food to give out to those in need.

The church puppetry team called the Travelling Foam Heads were out and about again performing in Schools, charity events at Morisons New Brighton as well as Sunday morning worship.

Spring comes in and with it our first Wedding in this new church Nichola and Christopher two of our own congregation were married in February the whole church turned out to wish them well on this joyous occasion. Before you know it it's Easter and we are all busy with holiday club and Spring Harvest.

In May we were awarded another grant to pay for staffing and support for twelve months to expand our community work. We called this project Tranmere Matters and with it we were able to pay some part time staff to work in partnership with our youth club, enhancing it particularly through a music project, a driver for our minibus and a worker to set up an adult social club, mental wellbeing group, and a food club which later developed into a warm hub. We have excellent dedicated staff and look forward to this project continuing into next year.

Guides Rainbows and Brownies all continue to grow and one of our leaders Joan was given an award for fifty years of service to Guiding

The school Summer holidays were a big success largely thanks to the Holiday Activity Fund who enabled us to provide meals and some exciting activities for four

weeks of the holidays This was done in partnership with our sister church Moreton Methodist Wirral. We had over 150 different children attend between the two churches who enjoyed a variety of healthy meals. The activities included a falconry exhibition, Wheels extreme skateboarding, AZ Safari mobile Zoo, Circus Skills, various bouncy castles and craft activities and a visit from Liverpool Chinese Hung Gar Karate Team who did a lion dance. We also went on a couple of coach trips to Chester Zoo and Green Acres Farm.

So having got off to a slow start the year finished with a fantastic summer next year we plan to expand our Mums & Tots opening another morning and extend our Monday evening youth club to include a junior section for children with disabilities.

Tim Edwards Youth Worker / Steward

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Church@The Cross Birkenhead

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Wirral	Circuit	Circuit no	9/8
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1141711

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Customs Gift Aid number**

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Rev Noel Sharp

Church Stewards:

June Buckingham

Catherine Hitchell

Timothy Edwards

Denise Edwards

Christine Conway

Rosemary Neill

Joan Corkill

Treasurer:

Helen Jobling

SECTION A

Unrestricted
FundsRestricted
FundsTotals this
yearTotals last
year

		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	15,401		15,401	12,135
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	34		34	268
a4	Lettings	3,588		3,588	8,621
a5	CVF Grant		49,000	49,000	
a6	HAF/WHSE Grants		49,920	49,920	
a7	Other receipts	19,324		19,324	12,344
a8	TOTAL RECEIPTS	38,347	98,920	137,267 (a7)	32,698

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	16,320		16,320	10,467
b3	Donations	310		310	170
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b6	Staff Costs - musician	443		443	1,099
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b9	Other payments	7,157		7,157	62,022
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c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(29,908)	41,047	11,139	(7,990)
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c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(1,912)	41,047	39,135	25,610
c4	Transfers and adjustments		6,576	(6,576)		2,386 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	4,664	34,471	39,135 (c8)	27,996 (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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e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	137,267 (a7)	126,128 (b9)	11,139	(c7)	27,996 (c6)	39,135 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	137,267	126,128	11,139		27,996 (x)	39,135 (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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	18,331	27,802
f3 Bank Account (2nd)	2,386	4,039
f4 Central Finance Board	692	695
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Notes to the Accounts. Church at The Cross Birkenhead. 2021-2

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The accounts include repair from Storm damage paid for by Insurance cover £9332

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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... 21/11/2022 ..

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 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Noel Sharp

Name of the Chair of the meeting NOEL SHARP Date 28.01.23 ..

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Church @The Cross Birkenhead

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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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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:

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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)

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