

Annual report September 2022/Aug 2023

Church

We are an intentionally growing church, and it's good to see it picking up again after Covid several new young families have joined the congregation, we also have two new babies born to church families and their baptism services were joyous events. There is also a mid-week bible study.

Mums and tots Mon and Wed Morning Friday afternoon

Continues to grow with over 40 children registered and a regular 20 attending its lovely to see them all playing together and the parents all getting along so well. As requested by the group we have started a Friday afternoon session aimed at some of the older tots who have just started school part time.

Monday evening Lighthouse Youth Club

Seniors continues to grow and nice to see some of the older members joining in with the Tuesday Adult Club. The juniors now meet in the two bottom rooms because we rent out the main hall which means there is less space to run around but we still have lots of activities on offer.

Puppetry Mission practise on Monday evening

Continues to be a major part of the church life taking part in worship both hear and at Moreton. They also performed at two retirement homes a refugee party and raised money for Claire House by performing at Morrisons. They also attend the annual puppetry convention in Rugby.

Tuesday Adult social club

This is a new venture with a regular twelve people and others joining when childcare permits, they have a fun time together the youth club games room is open with snooker, pool etc and the coffee bar with board games and a social area to chill and chat new people are always welcome.

Wed Kidz Zone Dolly Club

Is also doing well still attracting approx. 35 children per session, we have two bouncy castles now in the hall and various tabletop games in the lower rooms, When the weather is good, we open outside with bikes and scooters.

Thursdays Rainbows Brownies and Guides

This is a well-established group that has been running on this site for over fifty years and continues to serve the community and is blessing to the church

Holiday Club

Run in partnership with Moreton Church offered four days of club 10am till 2pm, with breakfast and lunch provided. Two sessions per week at each church for four weeks of the summer Holidays. The Children were able to attend at both churches.

Apart from the regular club activities we had some special visitors including AZ Safari Party, Gautby Road Reptile encounter, Ballnado and Human Hungry Hippo, Alwood Donkeys, Fancy Dress Party and 360-degree photo booth, Sublime Science, Burnzies giant Slide and a trip to Blackpool.

We ended the summer with a fun day run by the parents, some of our volunteers and our friends from the Welcome Centre.

Once again, a big thank you to all who helped, in so many ways, It was a massive project and wonderful that we can offer this to our community.

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Denise and Tim Edwards

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Church @ the Cross Birkenhead

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

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Circuit

Circuit no.

9/8

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1141711

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Minister:

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Christine Conway

Joan Corkill

Rosemary Neill

Treasurer:

Rosemary Neill

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		16,635	16,635	15,401
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	217		217	34
a4	Lettings		20,147	20,147	3,586
a5	Other receipts		32,189	32,225	118,244
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		68,968	69,224 (a7)	137,267

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		13,089	13,089	18,320
b3	Donations		265	265	319
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		7,111	7,111	28,028
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		8,146	8,146	10,005
b6					
b7	Other payments		15,575	34,462	65,473
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		44,186	34,462	121,136 (b9)

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	25,002	(34,426)	(9,424)	6,131
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		4,664	34,471	39,135 (c6)	39,135
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	29,666	45	29,711	45,266
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	29,666	45	29,711 (c8)	45,266 (c9)

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening Balances	Closing Balances
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(x15)	(x15)
Church accounts totals brought forward from page 2 (include column)	66,334 (x7)	79,648 (x8)	(13,314)	(x7)	28,135 (x8)	29,711 (x8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	66,334	79,648	(13,314)		28,135 (x)	29,711 (x)
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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	27,802	10,390
Bank He J Youth Account	4,838	8,810
Central Finance Board	800	718
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	8,599	8,792
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL – Church accounts	38,138 (x9)	29,711 (x9)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (x10)	(x11)	(x10)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	38,138 (x)	29,711 (x)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
Investments (include Endowments)		
Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
Other Assets		
Loans (x) - show amount outstanding at year end		
Other Liabilities		

14 include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

15 include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

16 include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCF trusts accounts this is included in line 14)

Name of Church Church @ the Cross, Birkenhead No.....

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 R. Neill Date 11/10/23

Name and address of treasurer.....ROSEMARY NEILL,

.....90 MAYBANK ROAD, BIRKENHEAD..... Post Code CH42 7HQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Dr. Cooper

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Hestmen Cooper Date 11.10.23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Church @ the Cross Birkenhead.....Church

Charity Number1141711

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to 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

Name of Church : Church @ the Cross Birkenhead

No : 1141711

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the exam which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding accounts to be reached.

I have/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner

STEPHEN CORBETT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 3 Kings Road

BERKINGTON

Post Code CH63 5RG

Date

4/1/2023

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e4								
e5								
e6								
e7								
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)	Check
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	69,224 (a7)	78,648 (b9)	(9,424)	(c7)	39,135 (c6)	29,711 (c8)	Check
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	69,224	78,648	(9,424)		39,135 (x)	29,711 (y)	Check
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f6	Other funds			
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	39,135 (c6)	29,711 (c8)	
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