

Annual report September 2023/Aug 2024

Church

We are a growing church that loves to worship Jesus Christ. Join us for worship on Sunday at 11:00am, featuring video, dance, drama, and puppets for all ages. It is modern in a "cafe style" with a break for coffee and cake and led by our own lively band.

It is good to see more young families have joined the congregation, and another baby to bless our church family.

Our worship is always café style and thanks to a gift in memory of a beloved member, we were able to convert the old disused organ chamber into an accessible toilet and kitchen, with a serving hatch into the worship area.

Another cause for celebration as Chris qualified as a worship leader, and we were delighted to hold his recognition service.

One of the highlights of the year was a trip to Big Church Fest where Rend Collective and Chris Tomlin were the top worship leaders, fourteen of us went and it was a fantastic experience worshipping with thousands of fellow Christians.

We would like to wish our minister Heather a happy retirement after forty years' service, our love and best wishes go with her, and we look forward to welcoming Rev Dan in September.

Mums and tots Mon, Wed & Friday.

Remains a nice friendly welcoming group but mostly babies nowadays as they are going to nursery at two years of age taking advantage of the voucher scheme set up by the government.

Monday and Wed Youth Club

Still attracts good numbers, with two bouncy castles, table tennis, badminton, computer games and a variety of arts and crafts there's plenty to do. We have also kitted out an old storeroom and converted it into a sensory room.

Puppetry Mission

Continues to be a major part of the church life taking part in worship both here and at Moreton Methodist. They also performed at two retirement homes and raised money for Claire House by performing at Morrisons. The puppet team also ran workshops several youth clubs.

Tuesday Adult social club

Now in its third year there are a regular twenty five people attending and others joining when childcare permits, they have a fun time together, the youth club games room is open with snooker, pool etc. The coffee bar is open with board games and a social area to chill and chat new people are always welcome.

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.

Apart from the regular club activities we had some special visitors including AZ Safari Party, Gautby Road Reptile encounter, Alwood Donkeys, Fancy Dress Party and a portable climbing wall.

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

Saturday, August 31, 2024

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Circuit

Circuit no.

9/8

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1141711

If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Dan Woodhouse

Church Stewards:

June Buckingham

Catherine Hitchell

Timothy Edwards

Denise Edwards

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		14,408	14,408		16,635
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		404	404		217
a4	Lettings		7,963	7,963		20,147
a5	Other receipts		60,979	60,979		32,225
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		83,754	0	83,754 (a7)	69,224
SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		13,470	13,470		13,089
b3	Donations		187	187		265
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		7,294	7,294		7,111
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		12,116	12,116		8,146
b6				0		
b7	Other payments		13,682	40	13,722	50,037
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		46,749	40	46,789 (b9)	78,648
SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	37,005	(40)	36,965	(9,424)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		29,666	45	29,711 (c6)	39,135
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	66,671	5	66,676	29,711
c4	Transfers and adjustments		5	(5)	0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	66,676	0	66,676 (c8)	29,711 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
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****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1				0			0
e2				0			0
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			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)	83,754 (a7)	46,789 (b9)	36,965	(c7)	29,711 (c6)	66,676 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	83,754	46,789	36,965	0	29,711 (x)	66,676 (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		
f2	Bank Current Account	13,290	50,812
f3	Bank No 2 Youth Account	8,910	7,968
f4	Central Finance Board	719	756
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	6,792	7,140
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	29,711 (c6)	66,676 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	29,711 (x)	66,676 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 Date.....

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 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13 November 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Dan Woodhouse..... Date 13/11/2024

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the Church at the Cross

Charity Number 1141711

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church at the Cross Birkenhead Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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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Name of Church Church at the Cross Birkenhead

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
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting 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.

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner **Steve Corkill.**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address **3 Kings Road,Birkenhead**

. Post Code **CH63 5QG**

Date

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Signature of treasurer R. Well Date 13/11/24

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Name of Church ... **Church at the Cross Birkenhead**

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matter in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below) has arisen that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

I have/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments held for Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds held for the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (to the latest sheet date).

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner **Steve Corkill.**

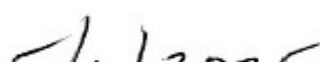
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Name of firm (where appropriate)

N/A

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Post Code **CH63 5QG**



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Form Reviewed

Aug-24

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