

Annual report September 2024/Aug 2025

Church

We are an intentionally growing church, and it's good to see more young families have joined the congregation, and two friends are taking church membership classes.

We welcomed our new minister Rev Dan Woodhouse and his friends and joined in several social events at the manse.

Our worship is always café style and lead by our own worship band we are delighted to welcome Nora to the band.

Mums and tots Mon, Wed & Friday.

Is run by the church and continues to provide a much-needed support for the community. This year we invested in some new play equipment turning one of our larger rooms into soft play centre.

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. Including a new sensory room

Puppetry Mission practise on Monday evening

Is a major part of the church life taking part in worship both hear and at Moreton. They also performed at two retirement homes and raised money for Claire House by performing at Morrisons.

Tuesday Adult social club

Continues to grow with a regular fifteen 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, we still use our two bouncy castles but have introduced a range of art and craft activities 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

All the above are run by the members of the church as part of our community mission. There are also several hire groups that meet including a British Sign Language Class, a Majorettes club and a MENCAP group.

Church @the Cross Birkenhead visit to Big Church Fest 2025 at Wiston House Estate West Sussex 22nd to 25 August 2025

23 people from our church went to Big Church Festival last August to share in worship and fun with 35 thousand Christians from all over the country.

It is a Christian music and camping festival that attracts some of the biggest worship leaders in the world. There were ten stages all together everything from Rap music to Country and Western, all with a Christian message. Some of the big names included Martin Smith from Delirious, LZ7, Phil Wickham and Brandon Lake.

It's not just about the music there were opportunities for prayer, study, and talks from the like of the Bible Society. Some leading charities were also present including COMPASSION and Mission Aviation Fellowship.

There were also arts and crafts lead by the Teddy Bear Ladies from TV's the repair shop, and plenty for the children as well, including all age worship with the Cheeky Pandas, a small funfair and our friends from One-Way Uk puppets were there too.

It is a long journey south, but we met up with our friend Deacon Steve Peck on the way down, and the whole event was spiritually uplifting.

Denise and Tim Edwards

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

church@thecrossbirkenhead	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Wirral	Circuit	Circuit no.	9/8
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1141711

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Treasurer:

Rosemary Neill

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	14,940		14,940	14,408
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	375		375	404
a4	Lettings	9,091		9,091	7,963
a5	Other receipts	12,194	10,370	22,564	60,979
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	36,600	10,370	46,970 (a7)	83,754
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	10,737		10,737	13,470
b3	Donations	570		570	187
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,910		4,910	7,294
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	25,523		25,523	12,116
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	10,619	10,370	20,989	13,722
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	52,359	10,370	62,729 (b9)	46,789
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(15,759)	(15,759)	36,965
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		66,676	66,676 (c6)	29,711
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	50,917	50,917	66,676
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	50,917	50,917 (c8)	66,676 (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	(d1+d2-d3)		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
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)	46,970 (a7)	62,729 (b9)	(15,759)	(c7)	66,676 (c6)	50,917 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	46,970	62,729	(15,759)	0	66,676 (x)	50,917 (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 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	0	0
f2	Bank Current Account	58,780	42,669
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	756	791
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	7,140	7,457
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	66,676 (c6)	50,917 (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	66,676 (x)	50,917 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
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@theCrossBirkenhead** No...**9/8**.

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 Date...15/10/2025.

Name and address of treasurerRosemary 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 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on **15/10/2025**.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...**DAN WOODHOUSE**..... Date ...**15/10/2025**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

[CHURCH@THECROSS BIRKENHEAD.....Church](#)

Charity Number 1141711

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...**Church@theCrossBirkenhead** Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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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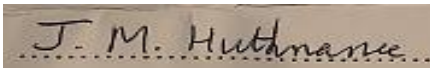
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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 ...**JOHN M HUTHNANCE.**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...**TREASURER,**
MORETON METHODIST CHURCH

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address ...**53 UPLAND ROAD, UPTON, WIRRAL...**

..... Post Code **CH49 6LW**

Date ...**11TH JANUARY 2026**

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Name of Church CHURCH @ THE CROSS BIRKENHEAD No. 9/8

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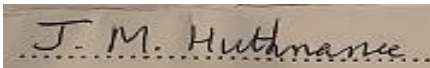
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number 115170

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