

# Emmanuel United Reformed And Methodist Church

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## Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2025

Member of both the Methodist and United Reformed Churches

Bromsgrove and Redditch Methodist Circuit  
URC West Midlands Synod

No 5/18  
Church No 6C19

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Emmanuel Church  
Trustees Annual Report on Finance and Governance

**Basis of preparation and legal framework**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

**Full Name of Charity / Church:**

Emmanuel United Reformed and Methodist Church Redditch

**Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity):**

1143847

**Date of registration (if registered as a Charity)**

19 September 2011

**Main communication address:**

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The Elders of Emmanuel Church Redditch are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the Church at the Annual Church Meeting (ACM).

**Treasurer:** Mr Keith Thomas

Keith Thomas acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

**Independent examiner:** Mr John Harris

**Investment Bankers:** Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

**Current Account:** HSBC PLC Redditch

## **Trustees for the period of these accounts**

**Minister:** Revd James Hamilton

**Elders:** Ann Gee, Kay Bradley, Janet Chaney, Chris Allured, Olive Hall, Jackie Marsh, Tony Pitt, Pearl Swanborough, Keith Thomas, Mary Thomas, Ros Williams, Fiona White, Glynn Carr, Helen Carr, Graham Martin, Rosemarie Davies.

Further information on our Trustees, members and employees is in Appendix A

## **Aims and organisation**

### **Background**

Emmanuel Church Redditch is a 'Local Ecumenical Partnership' (LEP). Its constitution embodies the aims and organisation of both the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. Whose activities are:

### **The Methodist Church**

The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons etc, Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through activities generally and for other specific needs groups.

### **The United Reformed Church**

The provision of public worship in viable congregations through England, Wales and Scotland carried out through faithful ordained and lay ministry in our churches. Our main charitable activities are: ministry, education & learning, youth & children's work and mission. This latter includes: supporting local community service, and fostering ecumenical and interfaith relationships at all levels.  
To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the doctrines, principles and usages, and the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.

The constitutional aims of Emmanuel Church Redditch are:

- a) The celebration of public worship;
- b) The teaching of the Christian faith;
- c) Mission and evangelism;
- d) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- e) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs.
- f) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Our commitments and actions arise fundamentally from our convictions as followers of Jesus Christ, and the essential goodness of God made plain in Christ. But we believe and are convinced that the actions, ministries, partnerships and commitments arising from our Christian faith and practice offer significant public benefit, to the local community and wider society, in a time when mutual care, support and respect is so much needed.

The Church exists

- To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;
- To help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care;
- To be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.

## **Emmanuel Church Vision Statement**

“Emmanuel Church is a part of the Christian presence in Redditch Town Centre and welcomes all irrespective of gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability. Its purpose is to be a worshipping and witnessing community, serving and supporting all, and to be committed to the causes of justice and peace and the care of creation.”

## **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The governing document for the Church is the constitution based on the Model Governing Document for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership version 12/01/2010 signed and agreed by the Methodist and United Reformed Churches on the 13/07/2011.

Day to day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Elders along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the ACM of the Church.

The Church Meeting is responsible for all decision making, but allows designated sub groups the authority to make decisions within a closely managed remit.

These sub groups are:

Elders, Finance and Property, World Service and Mission, Worship, Pastoral and Discipleship, Junior Church (C2C), and Social Fund Raising.

## **Trustee Training**

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion and the United Reformed Church to support the effective running of the Church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions. New Trustees are assigned a long standing Trustee to take them through their responsibilities and duties. They attend training days for new Trustees run by either the Methodist or URC Church governing bodies.

## **Related Parties**

The Church is a constituent member of the Bromsgrove and Redditch Methodist Circuit (5/18) which is part of the Birmingham Methodist District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. It is also part of the United Reformed Church West Midlands Synod (6C19) which is accountable to the United Reformed Church.

The Church does make donations to the Methodist Church and URC Synods for various appeals and requests.

The internal organisations linked to this church are:

Craft Club, Tuesday Fellowship, Guiding including Rainbows and Brownies, Tots & Co, Julian Group, Bible Book Club, Badminton Club, Indoor Bowls, Friday Warm Welcome and Contact Centre.

## **Review of the Year**

### **Minister's report**

Thank you all for your contributions to Emmanuel Church this past year. Our community thrives on everyone's involvement, big or small, whether through prayer, encouragement, or service. Special thanks go to those with specific responsibilities—elders, pastoral carers, worship leaders, children's workers, fundraisers, event organisers, committee members, and staff. Their dedication enables Emmanuel to make a real impact in Redditch and beyond, supporting many people both in person and online.

We remember our departed members—Pat Carter, Joyce McKenzie, Diane Martin, Stan Taylor, and Bobby Caley—with gratitude for their lives and faith. We also give thanks for thirty years of Child Contact as they conclude their meetings.

Looking ahead, let us encourage and support one another, holding firm to our shared hope and continuing our journey together in faith.

**Rev James Hamilton**

### **Secretaries' Report**

The Secretaries regularly participate in Ministry Link Meetings (MLM) alongside the Minister and Staff, providing support and creating a space to talk through concerns and address ongoing matters. These sessions also help organise agendas for Elders and Church meetings.

Over the past year, MLM convened 11 times. Elders' meetings took place on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays in July, September, November (2024), January, March, April and July (2025) during afternoons. Church meetings were held in October 2024 in the evening and in February 2025 following Sunday Service.

In July 2024, several Elders joined a fire drill walkthrough, which brought to light some issues that have now been resolved through updates and extra checks. While Elders attended a general Fire Training session, it was not tailored specifically for Emmanuel. Accordingly, another Fire Walkthrough was scheduled with Kingfisher staff at the January meeting, enabling Elders to review escape routes and discover issues with Kingfisher exits.

September saw the Church gather for an Away Day at Holland House, centred around the 23rd Psalm. The event received great attendance and was enjoyed by all; appreciation goes to those who contributed and organised it.

Not all Elders could participate in the Holland House Away Day due to various reasons.

Consequently, plans are in place for a future Away Day at a venue closer to home.

Graham has been actively compiling the Elders' Booklet—a living document continually updated—which supports current Elders and serves as guidance for newcomers to the role.

Currently, Graham and Fiona are stepping down from their Elder responsibilities due to health concerns. Sadly, Diane, a dedicated member of the Elders, passed away in February. Our sympathies extend to Graham.

Two positions on the Eldership are vacant following Mike and Lyn's retirement at the last ACM. As nominations have been invited, we aim to appoint two new Elders at the next Church meeting.

Sincere thanks go to everyone who has contributed to the care and spiritual growth of the Church over the past year.

**Jan Chaney, Pearl Swanborough and Helen Carr**

## **Hospitality and Outreach report**

The Ecumenical Centre remains busy, offering numerous activities through Emmanuel Church—such as a coffee shop, midday prayer, Toddler group, Tuesday Fellowship, Julian Group, Craft Club, and Bible Book Club—and through hirers, including Strength and Balance classes, Tai Chi, Indoor Bowls, the Older People's Forum, Ukrainian Café, Girl Guiding, and Friday Warm Welcome breakfasts in partnership with DSP. Formation of the FORT Group (Fellowship & Outreach Team) has further enhanced our opportunities for connection and wellbeing, supporting the five ways to wellbeing: connecting, being active, mindfulness, continual learning, and giving. For more on these activities, see the 'What's On Guide'.

### **Warm Welcome & Coffee Shop:**

Our volunteer-led coffee shop, nearly 50 years old, continues to serve as a welcoming meeting place at competitive prices despite rising costs. To avoid price increases due to supply costs, we have discontinued the loyalty card. The coffee shop opens several days a week and supports community events like the Redditch Borough Councillors' surgery and Friday Warm Welcome breakfast.

### **Community Partnerships:**

Radiate Redditch offers monthly meals and support, especially over Christmas, funded by donations such as the £583.79 given by Emmanuel members this year. We also help groups like Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees to establish new ventures, such as the Ukrainian Café.

### **Facility Hire:**

We provide accessible spaces for charities and community groups, equipped for events of all sizes. Regular hirers benefit from access to kitchen facilities, equipment, and promotion. Promotional efforts are ongoing to attract new users.

### **Chaplaincy and Outreach:**

Faith at Work in Worcestershire offers chaplaincy support, in which I am involved, for Kingfisher Shopping Centre workers, providing listening, encouragement, and small seasonal gifts. Churches Together in Redditch (CTIR), where I serve as secretary, helps unite churches through shared events, prayer meetings, and an annual general meeting.

### **Additional Ministries:**

- \*Messy Church\* convenes monthly with collaborative leadership, recently transitioning to a paid children and families' worker from St Stephens, but still with involvement from Emmanuel
- \*Christians Against Poverty (CAP)\* provides befriending and practical support to those experiencing debt. Some Emmanuel members act as 'befrienders'
- \*World Day of Prayer\*: Emmanuel hosted this year's worship service, with collections benefiting Christian charities.

### **Bible Book Club:**

Since 2020, the club has read most books of the Bible, using Bible Society resources for accessible discussion. Meetings are monthly, open to all, and advertised via bulletin.

Thank you to all volunteers, team members, and supporters whose dedication sustains these ministries and outreach efforts.

**Sharon Forrest, Hospitality & Outreach Worker**

## **The Ecumenical Centre**

Firstly, I want to thank Sharon Forrest for including much of what I would normally cover in her hospitality and outreach report. The roles held by me, Sharon, Lucy, and Caren overlap as we spend time around the building throughout the week. On 14th June, I entered my twelfth year at Emmanuel Church, and my role has evolved significantly as the Church, the building, legal requirements, and society have changed.

**Health & Safety:** Our risk assessment policies and procedures are up to date, with all actions and changes properly documented. Health and Safety is always discussed at Finance and Property meetings to ensure any updates or concerns are recorded.

This year, we've continued to work through issues with the sprinkler system inspections. I raised the matter with Paul Mountain, our Legal Officer at the URC West Midlands Synod, and progress is finally being made—I hope to provide an update at the next Church Meeting.

**Storage:** With Redditch Child Contact finishing, we now have additional storage space. We plan to relocate equipment used by hirers from Room 8 to their own cupboard, freeing up Room 8's cupboard for church-only items. I've applied for a grant for wheeled storage boxes for Redditch Life Drawing, which, along with Frhens Group on Wednesdays, has seen considerable growth.

I'm currently discussing with Graham Martin from FORT what catering items need to stay downstairs and what can be stored upstairs in the kitchen. Sharon and I will also be meeting to review flat kitchen storage arrangements.

**Furnishings:** The flat living room is now equipped with permanent tables for meetings, while the previous fold-down tables have been moved to the Hall. Recently, we received a donation of 49 foldaway chairs, which are now in the Hall. These should be more convenient as they occupy less space.

After the toilet refurbishment is finished, I hope to revisit plans for refurbishing the Hall, which at minimum needs redecorating. If you'd like to help shape the vision for the Hall, please let me know.

If you've visited the Church Centre Office, you'll see we've removed the blue Covid screen and the cupboards. Lucy's desk will be moved to the other side for increased privacy during her Circuit duties Monday to Thursday. We're also planning to install new carpets in both Lucy's and Ruth's offices—these will be chosen by Ruth, me, Lucy, and Caren, since she'll be cleaning them.

**Security:** We've noticed growing concerns about people loitering behind the centre, involved in drug use and sales. Lucy and I have spoken with the Local Police Neighbourhood Team to find ways to keep our users safe, especially those who are vulnerable.

We aim to restart quarterly meetings with tenants and user groups to foster communication and address feedback. These meetings will now include a light lunch, and if you're willing to help facilitate, please let me know.

Thank you all for your support over the past year.

**Nicki Farnes, Church Centre Manager**

## **Worship**

We sincerely appreciate our minister James, as well as all the ministers and local preachers from the Bromsgrove and Redditch Circuit who lead our Sunday services each week. Our worship leaders, Ann, Elisabeth, and Jan, have guided the prayers of intercession at various services, and the Local Arrangement services during Harvest and Christmas were warmly received. Congregational services that provided time for reflection and waiting on God's presence were also valued. Thank you to everyone who contributes to Sunday worship, including Bible readers, flower arrangers, musicians, coffee servers, the Tech team, welcomers, and YOU.

**Mary Thomas**

## **C2C (Come to Church) Junior Church**

C2C uses 'Roots' material, an ecumenical resource, generally following the Lectionary. Recent themes include inclusivity, Abraham and Sarah's faith, Saul's transformation to Paul, and Paul and Silas in prison, with discussion about historical figures imprisoned for their beliefs. On Easter Day, activities included making an Easter Garden, pop-up cards, silhouette crosses, and baskets with chocolate eggs. In Godly Play, we traced Jesus's journey through Jericho, focused on Zacchaeus, and explored the Parable of the Lost Sheep by building and interpreting the story layout. Thanks to Julie, Pearl, and Chris for their ongoing dedication and support.

**Janet Chaney**

## **Pastoral and Discipleship Team**

### **Pastoral Care:**

I regularly collaborate with pastoral visitors and James to ensure everyone receives care and visits as needed. Typically, I make two or three home or care home visits each week and also check in by phone. James frequently visits those in hospital, and our pastoral team both calls and visits individuals as well. There are some people I now see consistently to share communion at home and provide companionship, while others I visit on an as-needed basis. Much of my awareness about our community comes from our dedicated pastoral visitors, to whom I am deeply grateful for their ongoing commitment to those they support. Additionally, I'm still working closely with Lyn Renhard to offer prayer support through the church's prayer web for anyone who requests it.

We're arranging a church wheelchair for a church member so she can keep attending services; this will benefit others in the future as well.

### **Discipleship:**

The house group that previously met at Stan's place continues, rotating locations among members' homes. The other house groups are thriving, and we held another successful Lent group this year. Mic and Hayley continue participating in the weekly Pilgrim course alongside me, Sharon, and Pearl, and we've moved onto the second book. A few more individuals may become church members soon, following discussions with James.

**Ruth Wilde, Pastoral & Discipleship Team Chair**

## **Church & Community Pastor's Report**

### **Worship**

On average, I attend church three Sundays each month, leading worship solo once per quarter and co-leading with my father once per quarter. I also lead a Thursday service quarterly and meet with John Marsh for feedback to improve my preaching and leadership. Most months, I facilitate the Tuesday Fellowship, and every Tuesday I hold midday prayers, supporting prayer whenever possible within the staff team.

I now also lead services at three local care homes on a regular basis.

### **Churches Together/Ecumenism**

I participate in Churches Together prayer breakfasts and aim to assist with ecumenical activities, such as the Nicene Creed celebration and the recent Palm Sunday Churches Together in Redditch service at St Stephen's, where I was invited to deliver a short talk. I continually strive to foster stronger relationships among local churches.

### **Outreach and Evangelism**

Sharon and I have collaborated extensively across both pastoral care and outreach initiatives. Recently, we've worked together on preparing for Redditch Pride—where Emmanuel's congregation, James, Sharon, and I staffed a stall on June 7th—and organizing the Pilgrimage Walk in June.

**Ruth Wilde, Church & Community Lay Pastor**



## **The Contact Centre**

The Redditch Child Contact Centre, which has supported hundreds of children in maintaining relationships with non-resident parents since 1991, closed at the end of September due to a lack of volunteers. Sincere thanks go to all volunteers, especially Pearl Swanborough, and to Trinity (now Emmanuel) Church for providing the venue free of charge. This support allowed families, many unable to pay other centres' fees, to access contact sessions. Your contributions have had a lasting impact.

**Elisabeth Grove**  
**Co-ordinator.**

## **Fund Raising Team**

Over the past year, FORT has hosted several events, including a Beetle Drive in October, a Christmas Fellowship in December, and a Ukulele Band performance in May, all well received by attendees. Upcoming activities include another Beetle Drive (6 September), Christmas Fayre (29 November), and Christmas Fellowship Gathering (15 December 2025). A sale was held in the coffee bar in June to support church funds. We remember Diane, who passed away in February; her idea for the Christmas Fayre continues through our efforts, and we hope for your support. From the Ukulele event, we raised £343.90 and are donating £50 to Christian Aid.

## **Helen Carr, Fellowship and Outreach Team**

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees identify and record major risks, seeking professional advice when needed, typically from the Methodist Birmingham District or United Reformed Church West Midlands Synod. Risks and mitigation are reviewed annually.

Finance and Property Meetings, held every six weeks, monitor income and expenditure to identify trends and manage reserves appropriately. The Church Meeting approves signatories for all accounts.

Located in the Kingfisher Shopping Centre, our building benefits from 24-hour fire monitoring and sprinkler systems. Comprehensive insurance covers Trustees, volunteers, the building, and its contents. External facility users must provide their own indemnity insurance, as specified in our hire conditions.

Fire and Health & Safety procedures are updated and reviewed annually. Kitchen volunteers receive hygiene training, staff are trained in first aid, and both staff and Trustees complete safeguarding training provided by the Methodist Church.

### **Finance Review**

As of 31st August 2025, our total assets amounted to £1,903,182 with £621,850 in the General Fund and £1,281,331 in the Reserve Fund. This is a small reduction of £30,887 compared to last year. We sold £30,000 of shares in our Reserve Fund to keep our cash balance at a working level while we continue to run at a deficit. Income loss over expenditure was £38,256, which is considerably higher than last year's £11,908, due to much lower returns on our investments; also last year we benefited from the £20k legacy from Jean Wright. However, we have benefited this year from a £10k donation from Kidderminster Baxter Church. All these swings and roundabouts can get confusing, however we expect the continuation of monthly losses of around £3,000–£4,000. To maintain sufficient liquidity, up to £30,000 of stocks and shares will be sold as agreed at the Church Meeting.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Church's Reserves Policy is to maintain funds equal to six months' average General Fund expenditure plus the Mary Gatecliff Legacy. This covers unexpected building costs and ensures funding for planned activities, including payments to the Bromsgrove and Redditch Circuit and the United Reformed Church West Midlands Synod. The Church also designates reserves for specific purposes as needed; details are in the financial statements.

## **Keith Thomas, Church Treasurer**

## **Safeguarding**

All DBS checks are current. Two individuals completed safeguarding training in Bromsgrove on 28th June.

Our church is now listed as a welcoming congregation on the Welcome Directory, which identifies churches collaborating with the probation service to support and integrate ex-offenders into church communities upon their release from prison. Following our addition to the directory, staff members expressed concerns; James and I are addressing these matters and will discuss them with the secretaries as soon as possible.

A monitoring and support group has been established for a prison leaver who participates in a weekly group in the church narthex. Oversight is provided by me, Sue Pinfield (Circuit Safeguarding Officer), the probation worker, and the police case worker. The arrangement is ongoing and progressing smoothly—meetings with the probationer now occur annually, per the agreement with both the Circuit and District.

Ruth and Jan (Church Safeguarding Officers) have conducted regular meetings and successfully completed the Church Safeguarding Audit, leading to continued improvements. The Methodist Circuit Safeguarding Meeting was held on 15 February with Sue Pinfield, the Circuit Safeguarding Lead, which proved valuable in maintaining consistency across the churches.

We adhere to the Safer Recruitment and Volunteer Policy, updated in 2024.

Safeguarding Bulletin updates are received via the circuit from Sue Holder, the District Safeguard Lead.

Ruth and Jan also maintain regular correspondence with the United Reformed Church Safeguarding Lead, while following the Methodist procedure as adopted by Emmanuel Church.

## **Ruth Wilde, Church Safeguarding Officer (Vulnerable Adults)**

## **Jan Channer - Church Safeguarding Officer (Children & Young People)**

## **Safeguarding Policy**

## **Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy for Emmanuel United Reformed & Methodist Church**

The church's safeguarding policy aims to ensure proper procedures are in place and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of those entrusted with making the church a safe space for everyone. This policy was officially approved at the Annual Church Meeting on June 9th, 2024. The Methodist Church, along with the wider Christian community, believes that every person has inherent value and dignity stemming from being created in God's image. Christians also understand this as being fully realised through Christ's renewal of us. This belief carries with it a duty to value each individual and protect them from harm.

Emmanuel Church is dedicated to safeguarding all children, young people, and adults, affirming that the needs of vulnerable individuals must always come first. The church recognises its special responsibility towards those who are vulnerable due to disabilities, reduced capacities, or challenging circumstances. Such vulnerability may be temporary or permanent, visible or invisible, but does not reduce anyone's humanity or their unique gifts and contributions.

This policy covers the safeguarding of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Its purpose is to help the church be a safe, caring, and supportive community for all—children, young people, vulnerable adults, survivors of abuse, communities, and those affected by abuse. Emmanuel Church acknowledges the serious issue of abuse, which can take many forms: physical, emotional, sexual, financial, spiritual, discriminatory, domestic, institutional, neglect, online abuse, child sexual exploitation, or human trafficking. The church is aware of the significant impact abuse can have on a person's development, including their spiritual growth. As such, it accepts its duty to ensure the safety, dignity, and right to be heard for everyone in its care, while supporting, listening to, and working towards healing for survivors, offenders, communities, and those who care about them. Promoting welfare is central, so everyone can fulfil their potential with God's grace.

Emmanuel Church commits to:

**1. RESPONDING** promptly to any allegations or concerns regarding the harm of a child or vulnerable adult, whether inside or outside the church. The church is committed to challenging the abuse of power by anyone in positions of trust.

- **IMPLEMENTING** the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, as well as government legislation, guidance, and best practices throughout the circuit and churches.
- **PROVIDING** support, advice, and training for lay and ordained staff to ensure everyone understands their safeguarding responsibilities.
- **AFFIRMING** and expressing gratitude for those working with children, young people, and vulnerable adults, alongside recognising the shared responsibility we all hold for safeguarding everyone who comes onto church premises.

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025**

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024-25 £
<b>Income</b>						
1 Offerings	4	44,766	0	0		44,766
2 Gift aid	5	10,280	0	0		10,280
3 Donations and Legacies	6	10,862	1,000	0		11,862
4 Interest and investment income	7	9,760	77	23,023		32,859
5 Income from investment properties	8	9,705	0	0		9,705
6 Grants	9	34,850	0	0		34,850
7 Room Hire	10	29,015	0	0		29,015
8 Internal organisations	11	0	1,166	0		1,166
9 Other charitable income	12	9,843	4,788	0		14,631
<b>10 Total income</b>		<b>159,082</b>	<b>7,031</b>	<b>23,023</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>189,135</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
12 Circuit assessment or share	13	18,000				18,000
13 URC Ministry Fund	13	40,936				40,936
14 Grants and donations	14	0				0
15 Employment Expenses, Incl Tax and F	15	69,048		29,668		98,716
16 Property maintenance	16	14,165				14,165
17 Insurance,utilities etc	17	17,292				17,292
18 Depreciation	18	0				0
19 Office expenses	19	19,823				19,823
20 Other expenditure	20	12,293	4,788			17,081
21 Internal organisations	21	0	1,380			1,380
<b>22 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>191,555</b>	<b>6,168</b>	<b>29,668</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>227,392</b>
<b>23 Net Loss/Gain Income Expenditure</b>		<b>-32,474</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>-6,645</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-38,256</b>
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investmen	22	37	1,497	5,836		7,369
25 Gains/(losses) on investment propertie	23					0
<b>26 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>-32,437</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>-809</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-30,887</b>
27 Transfers between funds	24	54,000	0	-54,000		0
28 Other gains/(losses)						0
<b>29 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>21,563</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>-54,809</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-30,887</b>
30 Total funds brought forward		163,751	434,178	1,336,140		1,934,069
<b>31 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>185,314</b>	<b>436,537</b>	<b>1,281,331</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,903,182</b>

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £
<b>Income</b>						
1 Offerings	4	45,565				45,565
2 Gift aid	5	10,382				10,382
3 Donations and Legacies	6	1,189	22,306			23,494
4 Interest and investment income	7	12,902	84	30,919		43,906
5 Income from investment properties	8	12,752				12,752
6 Grants	9	32,400				32,400
7 Room Hire	10	25,708				25,708
9 Other charitable income	11	23,847	5,880			29,726
8 Internal organisations	12		970			970
<b>10 Total income</b>		<b>164,744</b>	<b>29,240</b>	<b>30,919</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>224,903</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
12 Circuit assessment or share	13	18,000				18,000
13 URC Ministry Fund	13	40,162				40,162
14 Grants and donations	14	0				0
15 Employments Expense plus Tax and Pension	15	66,392		27,853		94,246
16 Property maintenance	16	28,339				28,339
17 Insurance, utilities etc	17	21,619				21,619
18 Depreciation	18					0
19 Office expenses	19	16,351				16,351
20 Other expenditure	20	11,458	5,979			17,437
21 Internal organisations	21		656			656
<b>22 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>202,322</b>	<b>6,635</b>	<b>27,853</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>236,811</b>
<b>23 Net Loss/Gain Income Expenditure</b>		<b>-37,578</b>	<b>22,604</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11,908</b>
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	22	361	19,847	60,942		81,150
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	23					0
<b>26 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>-37,218</b>	<b>42,452</b>	<b>64,008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69,242</b>
27 Transfers between funds		3,066		-3,066		0
2 Other gains/(losses)	24					0
<b>29 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-34,152</b>	<b>42,452</b>	<b>60,942</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69,242</b>
30 Total funds brought forward		<b>197,903</b>	<b>391,726</b>	<b>1,275,198</b>		<b>1,864,827</b>
<b>31 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>163,751</b>	<b>434,178</b>	<b>1,336,140</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,934,069</b>

**BALANCE SHEET****Unrestricted****Restricted****Total****Prior Year**

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>NOTE</b>				
Cash	26	27,021	44,005	71,026	99,532
Accounts Receivable	27	21,336	-	21,336	141
Prepayments	28	2,431		2,431	2,709
Non-Current Assets	29	-	-	-	-
Fixed Assets	30	225,000	240,500	465,500	465,500
Investments	31	348,829	996,826	1,345,655	1,368,286
Current Liabilities	32	-	-	-	-
Accounts Payable	33	2,767	-	2,767	2,099
Deferred Income	34	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Liabilities	35	-	-	-	
Long Term Loan / Mortgage	36	-	-	-	-

**Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)****621,850****1,281,331****1,903,181****1,934,069****Represented By**

General (Unrestricted)	185,617		185,617	163,750
Flower Fund (Designated)	329		329	339
Godly Play (Designated)	461		461	461
Womens Fellowship Interest (Designated)	717		717	923
Ipsley Housing trust (Designated)	10,147		10,147	10,147
Benevolent Fund (Designated)	202		202	522
Centre Refurbishment Fund (Designated)	-		-	
Choir (Designated)	385		385	385
Harriet Smith (Designated)	941		941	941
Social Committee (Designated)	1,020		1,020	1,020
Legacies (Designated)	79,790		79,790	78,790
Legacy TMCP Investment (Designated)	341,289		341,289	340,096
Womens Fellowship CFB (Restricted)		1,000	1,000	1,000
Govier Fund (Restricted)		1,439	1,439	1,377
Reserve Fund - Wilf Carpenter (Restricted)		1,278,892	1,278,892	1,333,763
Pandemic Recovery Fund (Designated)	-		-	-
Friday Warm Welcome FWW (Designated)				
Craft Club (Unrestricted)	555		555	556
Collections on Behalf of Others (Designated)	-		-	
FORT - Fundraising & Outreach Revenue Team (Designated)	399		399	

**Totals****621,850****1,281,331****1,903,182****1,934,069**

# INDIVIDUAL FUND MOVEMENTS

## GENERAL FUND

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	ReValuation	Asset Revaluation	Closing Balance
General (Unrestricted)	163,751.00	159,081.67	191,555.32	54,000.00	340.07	-	185,617.42

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	ReValuation	Asset Revaluation	Closing Balance
Flower Fund	338.61	-	10.00	-	-	-	328.61
Godly Play	461.29	-	-	-	-	-	461.29
Womens Fellowship Interest	922.57	211.87	417.93	-	-	-	716.51
Ipsley Housing trust	10,147.00	-	-	-	-	-	10,147.00
Benevolent Fund	522.45	30.00	350.25	-	-	-	202.20
Centre Refurbishment Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Choir	385.05	-	-	-	-	-	385.05
Harriet Smith	940.52	-	-	-	-	-	940.52
Social Committee	1,019.62	502.00	502.00	-	-	-	1,019.62
Legacies	78,789.95	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	79,789.95
Legacy TMCP Investment	340,095.69	-	-	-	1,193.00	-	341,288.69
Craft Club	554.85	-	-	-	-	-	554.85
Collections on Behalf of Others	-	4,788.09	4,788.09	-	-	-	-
FORT - Fundraising & Outreach Revenue Team	-	498.70	100.00	-	-	-	398.70
	434,177.60	7,030.66	6,168.27	-	1,193.00	-	436,232.99

## RESTRICTED FUNDS

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	ReValuation	Asset Revaluation	Closing Balance
Womens Fellowship CFB	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Govier Fund	1,376.90	62.48	-	-	-	-	1,439.38
Reserve Fund - Wilf Carpenter	1,333,763.14	22,960.34	29,667.94	- 54,000.00	5,836.18	-	1,278,891.72
	1,336,140.04	23,022.82	29,667.94	- 54,000.00	5,836.18	-	1,281,331.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,934,068.64	189,135.15	227,391.53	-	7,369.25	-	1,903,181.51

## Fund Transfers

## To General Fund

From Reserve Fund Sale of Shares 2025	30,000	29/01/2025
From Reserve Fund Sale of Shares 2021	24,000	19/08/2021
	<u>54,000</u>	

## Investment Summary Report

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year	
Market Value Brought Forward	347,296	1,020,990	1,368,286	1,287,136	
Additions	42,050	114,960	157,010	90,825	
Disposals	40,517	139,124	179,641	9,675	
Gains (losses)	1,533	24,164	22,631	81,150	
Market Value Carried Forward	348,829	996,826	1,345,655	1,368,286	Restricted fund includes £30,000 share sale

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **1. Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investment property and other investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

### **2. Funds**

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted and Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the Balance Sheet. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

#### **Investments**

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month or quarter. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

#### **Capital commitments and contingent liabilities.**

We will require to sell some £30k of stocks and shares in the next financial year to cover our excess of expenditure over income.

### **3. Accounting policies**

#### **Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

#### **Income**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.



## **Expenditure**

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

## **Grants**

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

## **VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

## **Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church**

The freehold property is shown at most recent valuation, which was May 2024.

## **Investment Properties**

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

## **Investments**

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

## **Debtors and Prepayments**

Debtors include outstanding bills due.

## **Creditors**

Creditors include outstandings relating to collections.

## **House Rental Income**

All the rental income from the Reserve Fund house, 42 Harport Road, is used to support the General Fund, as is the income from 75 Prospect Hill

## **TMCP Management Charges**

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purpose (TMCP), charge 0.285% of our TMCP assets to cover the work they are doing in managing our investments.

**GENERAL FUND**

Category Group	Note	Category	Income Year 2024-25	Income Year 2023-24
<b>Free will offerings</b>	4	Cash	383	1,247
	4	Envelopes	44,383	44,317
			<b>44,766</b>	<b>45,565</b>
	5	HMRC Tax refund	<b>10,280</b>	<b>10,382</b>
<b>Donations</b>		Anonymous Donations	172	18
		Peter Turner		1,000
		Baxter Church	10,000	
		100 years Piano	15	
		Contact Centre	198	
		Craft Club	150	100
		Funerals	265	
		Uniformed Organisations	62	71
	6	<b>Total Donations ANON</b>	<b>10,862</b>	<b>1,189</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	7	Bank Interest	2,131	2,839
	7	Investment Income TMCP MGatecliff	7,629	10,064
		<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>9,760</b>	<b>12,902</b>
	8	<b>House Rents</b>	<b>9,705</b>	<b>12,752</b>
		Projects Paid by URC Trust		
		URC Redditch Trust	34,850	32,400
	9	<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>34,850</b>	<b>32,400</b>
<b>Lettings of Rooms</b>		Ad Hoc Hiring	73	115
		Regular Hirers	11,855	5,318
		Indoor Bowls	692	866
		Tenants	16,395	19,409
	10	<b>Total Lettings of Rooms</b>	<b>29,015</b>	<b>25,708</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		Beacon Church	235	92
		Funeral		50
		Coffee Bar	3,730	3,888
		Contra	150	44
		Covid Insurance Claim		
		DSP Friday Warm Welcome	1,789	2,520
		Legacy		
		Return of grant to Methodist Pension Fund		10,856
		Other	1,929	4,160
		Realised Gains from TMCP Investment		
		Solar Panels	1,701	1,496
		Tots & Co	310	741
	11	<b>Total Other/Miscellaneous income</b>	<b>9,843</b>	<b>23,847</b>
<b>General Fund Total Income</b>			<b>159,082</b>	<b>164,744</b>

Category Group		Category	Expenditure year 2024-25	Expenditure year 2022-23
<b>Methodist URC Assessments</b>	<b>13</b>	Methodist Circuit	<b>18,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>
	<b>13</b>	URC Ministry and Mission	<b>40,936</b>	<b>40,162</b>
<b>Grants and Donations</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Grants and Donations</b>		<b>0</b>
				0
<b>Staffing</b>	<b>15</b>	Employment Costs	54,005	50,828
		Expenses - Meetings	36	234
		Expenses - Sundry	44	444
		Expenses - Travel	384	898
		HMRC	7,741	8,516
		Pensions	4,233	3,750
		Staff Parking - St Stephen's	301	800
		Training	2,305	923
		<b>Total Staffing cost</b>	<b>69,048</b>	<b>66,392</b>
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	<b>16</b>	Ad hoc Maintenance	2,102	10,275
		Defibrillator		216
		Electrical Work inc PAT	4,332	11,687
		Fire Protection	1,707	2,509
		Gas Boilers and Heating	750	30
		Houses Maintenance	1,132	500
		Lifts	4,142	3,123
		Window Cleaning		
		<b>Maintenance Total</b>	<b>14,165</b>	<b>28,339</b>
<b>Utilities and Insurance</b>	<b>17</b>	Insurance	4,193	4,139
		Electricity Centre	6,375	9,333
		Electricity Flat	951	271
		Gas Centre	4,293	5,634
		Gas Flat	512	669
		Telephone	0	
		Water Centre	969	1,573
		Water Flat		
		<b>TOTAL Utilities and Insurance</b>	<b>17,292</b>	<b>21,619</b>
<b>Admin and Office</b>	<b>19</b>	Cleaning	6,993	6,814
		Photocopier	1,562	1,575
		Stationery and Postage	685	456
		Telephone and Internet	6,034	3,775
		Website	751	445
		Equipment & Consumables	1,913	1,593
		IT	1,886	1,448
		Licences		245
		<b>Total Admin</b>	<b>19,823</b>	<b>16,351</b>

			Expenditure year 2024-25	Expenditure year 2022-23
Other Expenditure	20	Bank Charges	383	325
		Books-Magazine	0	90
		Catering Events	0	
		Contra	141	44
		Flowers and Bulbs	97	203
		Junior Church C2C	337	184
		Messy Church	6	
		Minister Travel	438	231
		Misc Church Expenditure	7,682	6,054
		Music and Video Licences	887	791
		Musicians		
		Preaching Fees		
		Subscriptions to Associated Societies	105	105
		TV Licence	170	159
		Tots & Co	40	40
		Coffee Bar	1,679	2,297
		DSP Friday Warm Welcome		
		Evangelism	329	934
		Friday Warm Welcome		
		Total Centre Activities		12,293
General Fund Total Expenditure		191,555	202,322	
Surplus / Deficit		-32,474	-37,578	

## NOTE

## DEDICATED FUNDS

		This Year	Last Year
<b>Benevolent Fund</b>			
	Category	Actual Income	
3	Donation	30	5
	Category	Actual Expenditure	
20	To someone in need	350	60
<b>Collections on Behalf of Others</b>			
		Actual Income	Last Year
10		4,788	5,829
	Category	Actual Expenditure	
	All We Can	-	310
	Bible Society	245	50
	Centre Users ( Victim Support and Carers Care Line )	307	318
	Child Contact Centre		
	Christian Aid	241	1,679
	Christians Against Poverty	339	
	Commitment For Life		
	Crisis	404	
	Disaster Emergency Committee	1,208	
	Easter Offerings - Methodist World Mission	255	215
	Embrace the Middle East		
	Food Bank	270	
	Harvest Appeal	-	10
	Holland House	266	
	Madagascar	-	596
	Mary's Meals	353	430
	Methodist Homes for the Aged	226	297
	Nixon Memorial Hospital	-	664
	Operation Noah	-	261
	Promrose Hospice	64	242
	Radiate Redditch	376	584
	Sarah Leeson - Retirement Collection		
	Touchstone	235	174
	Twinning Toilets		
20	<b>Total</b>	4,788	5,829
<b>Craft Club</b>			
	Category	Actual Income	Last Year
8	Sales of Goods		67
		Actual Expenditure	
	Donations	-	
21	Purchase of Materials	-	
<b>Flower Fund</b>			
	Category	Actual Income	Last Year
8	Donation		46
	Category	Actual Expenditure	
21	Purchase of Flowers	10	
	Purchase of Materials	-	
<b>FORT - Fundraising &amp; Outreach Revenue Team</b>			
	Category	Actual Income	
	Fundraising Events	499	
	Category	Actual Expenditure	
	Donations	100	
<b>Godly Play</b>			
			Last Year
	Category	Actual Income	
8	Subs	-	
	Category	Actual Expenditure	
21	Toys and Equipment	-	
<b>Harriet Smith</b>			
	Category	Actual Income	Last Year
4	Interest	-	
	Category	Actual Expenditure	
21	Expense	-	

Ipsley Housing trust		Last Year
	Category	Actual Income
3	Donation	-
9	From General Fund	-
	Category	Actual Expenditure
16	Contracts Gas etc	90

Legacies		Last Year
	Category	Actual Income
3	Legacy Pat Cartright	1,000
		22,306
	Category	Actual Expenditure
21	Transfer to General Account	-

Legacy TMCP Investment		Last Year
	Category	Actual Income
4	Dividends TMCP to General Fund	-
	Category	Actual Expenditure
21	Expenditure	-

Social Committee		Last Year
	Category	Actual Income
8	Catering Event	860
8	Social Event	-
8	Social - Trips	502
	Category	Actual Expenditure
21	Social Event	216
21	Social - Trips	286

Womens Fellowship Interest		Last Year
	Category	Actual Income
4	Donation	55
8	Quiet Day	80
8	CFB Interest	77
		84
	Category	Actual Expenditure
21	Expenses Misc	42
21	Quiet Day	376

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS

Govier Fund		Last Year
	Category	Actual Income
4	CFB Interest	62
		44
	Category	Actual Expenditure
21	Transfers from General Fund	-

Womens Fellowship CFB		Last Year
	Category	Actual Income
4	CFB Interest	
	Category	Actual Expenditure
21	Transfer to General Account	-

Reserve Fund - Wilf Carpenter		Last Year
	Category	Actual Income
4	Interest	1,292
4	TMCP	21,669
		22,960
		30,851
	Category	Actual Expenditure
15	Employment Costs	23,771
	Pensions	1,729
	HMRC	4,168
		29,668
		27,853

		Notes to Balance Sheet				
BALANCE SHEET		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Petty Cash		116			116	99
HSBC BMM (Business Money Manager)		2,672			2,672	451
HSBC Current		4,728			4,728	4,459
HSBC Credit Card		-598			-598	-310
CFB Reserve Account			31,576		31,576	27,116
CFB CARR Account		6,270			6,270	5,998
CFB Society Account		13,070	9,989		23,059	58,656
CFB Womens Fellowship		763	1,000		1,763	1,687
CFB Govier			1,439		1,439	1,377
Cash	26	27,021	44,005	0	71,026	99,532
Lettings invoices yet to be paid		423			423	141
Grant From Baxter Church		10,000			10,000	
HMRC Tax Refund		10,913			10,913	
Accounts Receivable	27	21,336	0	0	21,336	141
Lift and Fire maintenance paid in advance		931			931	1,209
Methodist Assessment 1 month in advance		1,500			1,500	1,500
Prepayments	28	2,431	0	0	2,431	2,709
Non-Current Assets	29				-	
42 Harport Road			228,000		228,000	228,000
2 acres arraw valley park			12,500		12,500	12,500
75 Prospect Hill		225,000			225,000	225,000
Fixed Assets	30	225,000	240,500	0	465,500	465,500
CFB Managed Mixed			899,471		899,471	926,247
CFB Property			0		0	94,582
Trustees Interest Fund			97,355		97,355	160
Caroline Hayes		50			50	50
CFB Managed Mixed Fund		290,703			290,703	290,167
CFB Property Investment		0			0	34,815
Trust Income Fund		35,776			35,776	0
Charles Terry		5,032			5,032	5,023
P of Sale Bates Hill		15,141			15,141	15,114
Smith & Fair Bates Hill Ben		779			779	779
Various Bequests		1,347			1,347	1,347
Investments	31	348,829	996,826	0	1,345,655	1,368,286
Current Liabilities	32				-	
Ministers Expenses		0			0	99
External Accountants cost		2,000			2,000	2,000
Debit card purchase					0	0
Collections on behalf of others		767			767	0
Accounts Payable	33	2,767	0	0	2,767	2,099
Deferred Income	34	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Liabilities	35					
Long Term Loan / Mortgage	36	-	-	-	-	-
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)		621,851	1,281,331	0	1,903,182	1,934,069

#### ADJUSTMENTS as of 31st August 2025

##### Money we are owed 27

Lettings of rooms	423
Grant from Baxter Church	10,000
Tax Refund HMRC	10,913
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,336</b>

##### Paid in Advance 28

Alliance Insurance Lift Inspections 10 months in advance	931
Methodist URC Assements: Methodist Circuit	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,431</b>

##### Yet to be paid 33

External Examiner Fees estimate	2,000
To DSP	102
Victime Support	102
Carers Careline	102
MHA	226
Touchstone	235
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,767</b>

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP &amp; Direct Employees

## MINISTER

Rev James Hamilton

## Employees

		Per Week
Hospitality and Outreach	Sharon Forrest	25 hours
Lay Pastor	Ruth Wilde	25 hours
Centre Manager	Nicki Farnes	20 hours
Tots	Laura Darby	4 hours
Housekeeper	Caren Price Hunt	20 hours
Finance assistant	Lucy West	5 hours

## CHURCH ELDERS

Ann Gee	Mike Schofield
Fiona White	Olive Hall
Jackie Marsh	Pearl Swanborough
Kay Bradley	Ros Williams
Tony Pitt	Rosemarie Davies
Mary Thomas	Janet Chaney
Keith Thomas	Chris Allured
Helen Carr	Glynn Carr

## CHURCH SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR

Children and Young People	Jan Channer
Vulnerable Adults	Ruth Wilde

## GDPR CO-ORDINATOR

Chris Allured

## CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

- 1 Methodist Circuit Meeting  
Keith Thomas  
Chris Allured, Pearl Swanborough
- 2 URC West Midlands Synod  
Jackie Marsh and Olive Hall
- 3 Churches Together in Redditch  
Tony Pitt
- 4 Radiate Redditch (formerly Redditch Winter Shelter)  
Sharon Forrest, Kay Bradley, Rosemarie Davies
- 5 Redditch Town Centre Churches  
Tony Pitt, Kay Bradley
- 6 Women's World Day of Prayer  
Sharon Forest
- 7 Fellowship Outreach Team (FORT)  
Grahm Martin
- 8 Carers Careline  
Sarah Leeson
- 9 DSP  
Graham Martin



## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 .....K Thomas.....Date.....

Name and address of treasurer .....

..... Post Code.....

### 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 .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: .....Rev James Hamilton.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: .....Rev James Hamilton..... Date .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the ...Emmanuel Church Redditch..

**Charity Number 1143847**

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...Emmanuel Church Redditch Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 25. 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

## Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of *(insert name of applicable listed body)*]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 ..... Mr John Harris.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... Charles Lovell & Co

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Date .....

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