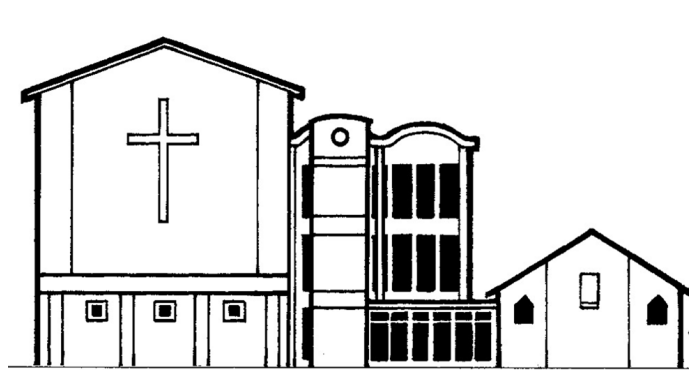


**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
RAINSFORD ROAD, CHELMSFORD
CM1 2XB**



ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2018 - AUGUST 2019

CONTENTS

Index	2
Trustees Report	3 - 16
Accounts	17 - 22
Reference and administrative information	23

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 August 2019

Governing Documents and Objectives

Trinity Methodist Church is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trusts of the Methodist Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of: (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church; (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church; (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Trinity Methodist Church has taken into account the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance on advancing a charity's aims when carrying out its range of activities. The trustees consider that these provide benefit to those who worship in our church and to the wider local community.

Organisational Structure

Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference.

The Connexional office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Ministers in this Circuit.

Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation. Trinity is part of the Chelmsford Circuit which is part of the Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex District.

The District passes control down to circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, supported by ministerial staff and circuit stewards. At local church level authority is delegated to the Church Council as the decision making body. The policies of the Church Council are implemented by the minister in pastoral charge supported by church stewards. In addition to this, the Church Council is required to ensure all property and financial reports are submitted to the Circuit in a timely fashion.

Trustees of the church who served during the year are listed at the end of this report.

Church Growth

Trinity began the year with 187 members. 4 members died, 2 people transferred out and 2 were recorded as having moved away or ceased to meet leaving 179. We have once again been blessed with new worshippers joining our fellowship from other churches/circuits and countries.

However, growth is not simply a matter of numbers but one of spirituality.

We have continued to provide opportunity for fellowship through our House groups, special Sunday services and seasonal study evenings. Over the course of the year we have moved to a one Presbyter / one Deacon team of five churches sharing the mission of God in the City

Staffing

There have been changes in staff over the last year with the arrival of Deacon Ramona Samuel as the Chelmsford team family worker. The church office is open three mornings a week, staffed by volunteers. We have two fully accredited Local Preachers, and two worship Leaders.

Training

Training has continued on meeting the requirements of the Creating Safer Space and DBS Safeguarding.

Members have been trained in operating the sound and digital projection systems

Support

One of the Circuit Stewards attends our Church Council meetings, held three times each year. S/he takes note of issues raised at these meetings and reports back to the Circuit Leadership Team which offers encouragement and guidance as necessary.

The church property committee has undertaken a risk assessment and all electrical appliances have been PAT tested.

Representatives from the Church council attend the Circuit Meeting.

Plans for the Forthcoming Year

We shall continue to do those things which we do well and follow the Spirit's guidance into new ways of being Good News in our local community and beyond. We will continue to develop and take opportunities to grow our work with families. We will continue to be a place of welcome, worship and service, where all are welcome.

We shall continue to endeavour to deepen our relationship with our covenanted partner churches, Chelmsford Cathedral and The Church of the Ascension.

Trustees

Expenses: it is the policy to reimburse trustees and others involved in the administration of church affairs for expenditure properly incurred in carrying out their duties.

Apart from ministers no trustees were in receipt of any payment for work undertaken on behalf of the church, although certain travelling and administration costs were re-imbursed as set out in financial statements.

Recruitment

We follow the guidelines of Connexional safer recruitment and whilst the appointment of trustees is determined in accordance with Methodist procedures it is the aim to ensure that the Church Council has a broad experience to include pastoral, financial and property matters. Training for stewards and council members is available at circuit level.

Responsibilities

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently,
- prepared accounts on a cash and receipts basis,
- followed applicable accounting standards,
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the trustees is aware, there is no relevant information that has not been disclosed to the independent examiner and each of the trustees believes that all steps have been taken that ought to have been taken to make him/her aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner has been made aware of that information.

Reserves Policy

The policy ensures that adequate funds are held to meet the day to day expenditures of the church. However, this always acknowledges that the continued payment of the church assessments, as agreed prior to the start of each financial year, will be sufficient to cover the main costs of the church including the circuit assessment. In September 2011 the Reserves Policy was set to require that the church maintains sufficient reserves to be held to cover 6 months expenditure, to pay the circuit assessment and church expenditure.

At the end of this financial year we had £201,865.31 in reserves (£162,728.14 Legacies). The previous year we had £81,573.79 (£41,798.05 Legacies) as reserves. We have met our 6 Months policy requirement.

Activities

Our mission is to proclaim the love of God, in Jesus, to all people by: being a place of welcome, worship and nurture; belonging, learning and growing together; serving the community in whatever way we can.

Trinity provides training and support to its members and the wider church community to enable them to carry out the mission of the Church. It supports other charities in the UK and overseas, financially and with prayer.

Trinity seeks ways of engaging with the local community and several members of the congregation serve as school governors, members of local charities and community care and support projects.

Groups for young people

14th Chelmsford Scout Group

David Fenton – Group Scout Leader

The Scout Group remains strong with good numbers in each of the three sections. The leadership team has been strengthened by the addition of two former Scouts, James Allen and Rachel Murray. We also have a number of former Scouts helping with Beavers and Cubs as Young leaders.

The Group Executive Committee headed by Chair Anthony Thomas continues to ensure The Group remains on a sound financial footing and complies with The Scout Association requirements.

Each section continues to provide a varied programme with much centred on The Centenary Challenge during 2019. The group supports many District & County activities and is well represented in The Scout & Guide Gang Show held at The Civic Theatre.

A number of The Troop attended Winter Camp, in February with six enjoying Summer Camp near Ipswich

The Trinity Quiz Night in January was well attended with funds raised going to The Group and to support one of the Young Leaders who attended the World Jamboree in the USA

Brownies & Rainbows

Sue Williams

Rainbows

Numbers were low but gradually increased through the year.

We started work on the new programme, which was completely in use by the end of the year. Rainbows have completed a couple of challenge badges and 3 of their new skills builder badges. Rainbows now have interest badges they can work on at home, there are 12 to choose from.

Brownies

Numbers have stayed steady at around 15.

We started work on the new programme, which was completely in use by the end of the year. Brownies have completed a couple of challenge badges and 3 of their new skills builder badges. Brownies interest badges have all changed and there are 18 to choose from, from the 6 themes. Brownies went on a Christmas themed residential, where Penguin (Nicola Williams) was working on her Brownie holiday license. In the summer the Brownies went on a Taskmaster themed residential.

Children and Young People **Sunday Club**

John Cullum

Our staffing levels have remained at six, with two staff attending each week. Throughout most of the year the monthly All Age Worship service meant that each pair of staff covered only one Sunday each month. However, All Age Worship was dropped from the plan towards the end of the year. (I understand that this decision is now being reviewed).

Some of the staff have been in post for many years and younger helpers would now be very welcome.

Attendance by our young people tends to change from week to week and so there is little opportunity to develop themes from one week to another.

However, we try to provide some interesting sessions, although this can be difficult when there is a large differences in the children's ages.

It is good that some of the older children now attend the main service with their parents. Sadly, we have lost some children at this transition stage.

There are also groups for adults

Music and Drama

Janet Wintle

We began our year by supporting Gerald Hindes and Chelmsford City Opera in their concert production of Patience which took place at St John's Church in Moulsham Street. Immediately after this we started rehearsals for our concert "Lest We Forget " We raised over £1000 for our chosen charities " Royal British Legion and Help For Heroes "

Straight after Christmas we began rehearsing for our May production of Oliver at the Civic Theatre. We welcomed new people to the group and we hope that they will continue to perform with us. Oliver was very well received by cast and audience alike and has been nominated for a NODA award (Results will be known 8th March)

We were very pleased to take part in the Mayor's Charity Concert in March 2019 at the Civic Theatre along with other amateur societies from Chelmsford, helping to raise money for the Mayor's chosen charities

Ladies Group Report for the AGM

Kay Burton

Ladies group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings but the starting time has been altered to earlier at 7-15 pm in order to accommodate the difficulties with parking. However a couple of regular members decided to leave because of the difficulties.

At the Group's AGM in July a decision was made to continue despite the lower numbers, 10-15 people meeting regularly, with a review after 6-9 months. It was also decided to have a longer break after Christmas, not meeting again until the beginning of February. Unfortunately, owing to ill health, the numbers have diminished further at present but it is hoped that the better weather and lighter evenings may improve the attendance.

The meetings consist of a variety of topics with some meetings led by the members and others with differing outside speakers. We have been very grateful for regular input from church members who have such interesting experiences. There continues to be a willingness to support a charity each year and a cheque was given to Rainbow Rural, a local charity which offers support to people with disabilities in a rural setting. Some members spent a very pleasant afternoon on a visit to the farm with tea included, in order to hand over the cheque.

The viability of the group continues to be a topic for discussion but it is hoped to continue until the Summer.

Bowls Club

Phil Roberts

The bowls club meet every Wednesday & Saturday afternoon at 2.15pm from the last Saturday in April until the last Saturday in September & on Tuesday evenings at 6.15pm when we play in the local CMBL league this year we finished fourth in the league.

The club organise competitions for members in Singles, Pairs, 3 Sevens, 2 Woods & the American Tournament. Some members also enter the Singles & Pairs competitions organised by the CMBL league, this year we had little success.

The most important part of our meetings is the break for tea & biscuits, this can take up more time than actually playing bowls.

During this year we sadly lost Peter Hindes who was a long time senior member of the club who held most of the offices during his tenure.

We also had a party of 27 who went to Potters Resort at Hopton on Sea for a few days at the World Bowls Championships in January.

SUPPER CLUB

Eric Smart

The group met six times during the year. The programme which was issued at the AGM was adhered to and whilst it provided entertainment it was informative at the same time.

Numbers remain fairly static but Don Whelpdale and Keith Gannicott do not attend now due to failing health. Sadly, we have lost Peter Hinds, who had been a member of the club for many years – in fact, he was probably our elder statesman. It is particularly pleasing to have Alex Smith with us, he and Maureen having left Trinity some months ago. It would be nice to see some new members join and men from within the congregation, and indeed from outside the church, should be encouraged. We tend to have around 12 – 18 attend each session.

The programme provided varied topics such as communication satellites, the day to day life of a football referee, 'Tools With A Mission', (a charity which provides tools and equipment to third world countries), the life of a vet (our ladies' night) and I gave a talk on my involvement with musicals over the years. As a result of the Tools With A Mission talk, we set aside a day when members of the club, the congregation and other local Methodist church members came and donated a huge amount of tools, knitting machines, gardening equipment and wools and materials, all of which will now be put to good use in Africa. Our members' night gave us all an opportunity to put things forward that irritated us so much that we wanted to remove them into Room 101. The programme for next year is complete and we look forward to talks on the subjects of Jay's Hospice, dental hygiene, the year of being Chelmsford's Mayor and the work of the Wilderness trust.

Our members' evening next year requires us all to bring half a dozen general knowledge questions for all of us to answer in a 'round table' quiz. Our ladies' night continues to be popular and we look forward to having as many female guests with us next year as we did this. I am deeply indebted to Dave Pitt who has tirelessly carried out the job of Invitations Secretary and we thank him for all his efforts. Thanks too, to Eddie Cassels for handling the finances and I'm delighted that he is willing to continue next year. And finally, thanks to all who have undertaken the catering for our meetings. After all, we are the Men's Supper Club and we would have to change our name if the suppers were not a feature. So thanks and please offer your help in this capacity in the coming year.

Incidentally, do let me know of any speakers you may know of who might be interested in coming along to talk to us.

Trinity Women's Fellowship

Joy Petts

Once again we have enjoyed a successful year and the number of members attending meetings has been at an all time high.

We have been pleased to welcome Revd Mike sharing his artistic skills with his paintbrush and Deacon Ramona who talked to us about her early days in the Caribbean and how she became a Deacon. Great fun talking about her cat. It has been good to have visits from other friends at Trinity, Judy Molyneaux on healthy eating for winter, Carol Kellingray with an update on the Food Bank, Frances Couch on her walk of faith and Doreen Holliday once more entertaining with relaxing exercises from an armchair.

We have travelled abroad from our armchairs with Pam French talking about all the wonderful animals she had encountered and then from Barbara and Ian Armstrong on their trip to India. Not to be outdone our own Laurel Fletcher spoke of her various travels abroad.

From outside the church, but from the circuit, Margaret Kliskey spoke of her time in the armed forces and for our open afternoon we enjoyed a talk from a representative of Age UK. Unfortunately not many extra came, but we were able to donate £25 to the charity.

We have had some members' afternoons, when we talked about our jobs on leaving school and, at the end of June, a wonderful tea afternoon at Roxwell by kind invitation of Mary.

Once again thank-you to all who provided cakes and biscuits, made the tea and did the washing-up. Although she could not attend meetings due to family commitments, Jackie Andrease agreed to be in charge of birthday cards..

Our year has been tinged with sadness as we said goodbye to Sheila Rendell and Rita de Keyser who have both sadly passed away. Both remembered with great affection.

Our meeting is now a lifeline to the church for members who can no longer attend morning services at the early time of 9.30am.

Pastoral

Hilary Walden

The Pastoral Visitors team continues its care of members of the congregation. This care and support is extended by lots of others members who are not 'officially' Pastoral Visitors. PVs keep in contact by phone calls, letters, cards, text messages and visits.

The annual BBQ with the pastoral teams of the Covenant churches was extended to all members of the three churches in July 2019, we enjoyed a shared meal at Guy Harlings after a joint service.

Choir

Kathy Ashton

During the past twelve months the Choir members have done their best to lead the singing during the 9.30 am Services, with the help of organists Keith Byatt and Gerald Hindes and pianist Val Scott when they are available.

In February we were very sad to hear that our Organist, Peter Hindes had died. Peter had given many years of service to the music in Trinity and, in addition to playing the organ in Church on many occasions, had conducted Friday evening choir practices after our Choir Mistress, Liz Tiplin, was unable to continue travelling from South London to Chelmsford every week. We miss her too, as do many of the congregation who appreciated the work Liz put in to preparing the singing at the Church services.

At present we have a membership of fifteen people – 9 sopranos, 2 altos, 2 tenors and 2 basses – not an ideal balance but we live in hope of more recruits in the future.

Worship & Nurture Report

Janet Cassels, Secretary

Over the year Worship and Nurture have continued to consider the areas in our remit. These include consideration and organisation of seasonal services and activities, the choir and music for worship, booking a preacher for Church Anniversary and organising events linked to this and support for pastoral visitors.

The group have continued to have oversight of Messy Church and discussed its effectiveness and numbers attending.

Timings of services were reviewed and it was decided that the afternoon communion should be on the same day as singles lunches.

An Away Day to consider how we work with other Methodist Churches in Chelmsford, was organised for 26th January. This was attended by approx 40 people.

It was arranged that Rev Norman Hooks would preach on Church Anniversary weekend.

Music in church continues to be regularly reviewed.

Any person interested in the worship in Trinity is welcome and encouraged to attend the group meetings.

Outreach & Fellowship

Tony Bender

The Outreach Group convenes three meetings each year. For the current year these were held on the 25th Sept. 2018, 22nd January 2019 and 11th June 2019. The number of attendees at these have averaged between nine to 12 people a slight increase on previous years partly reflecting the enlarged activities covered by the Group.

Special Services/Events :

- a) Mission Shaped Church. A series of talks on the developing and future of Methodist worship were held during the summer of 2019 at a number of local Churches.
- b) An Awayday at St. Augustines Church North Springfield was arranged on the 26th Jan. to look at how the Church sees its future Mission.
- c) The new venture of Messy Church has lapsed somewhat due to various difficulties. Suggested it runs alongside Morning Worship replacing the Junior Church.
- d) Harvest Weekend took place on the 6th and 7th Oct. 2018 with a Supper and Quiz night raising funds for All We Can. The harvest gifts from this were distributed to Chess, Safer Places and the Whitechapel Mission.
- e) Missions Weekend. Gary Crook spoke at this service about working in Northern Ireland during the Troubles.
- f) Social Justice Service. The 2nd of these Annual Services was held on the 23rd June 2019 with Tony Lees talking about the role and activities of the Street Pastors.
- g) The Church Anniversary service which was held on the 18th November 2018 and led by the Rev Norman Hooks was well received.

Trinity Excursions

The 1940's Themed Xmas Lunch was successful and attended by 38 persons. A number of excursions run by Karen Murrell, Diane Potter and the office Team that included visits to Anglesey Abbey and Leeds Castle over the 2019 summer period generated a lot of interest, were well supported and enjoyed.

Christian Aid

Collections made for this work again included funds raised at the annual Cathedral Fayre, Hunger lunches and door collections during Christian Aid Week and Trinity Musical Events. Some £770 was raised from the Oliver production, £680 from the Fayre stall and £167.50p from the Hunger Lunches.

Outreach & Fellowship continued.....

One World Project

Trinity finally reached its intended target of £6000 in September raised over three years . The project run by the Kibwezi team in Kenya has manufactured invalid wheelchairs and represented rape victims. A new project is to be shortly identified.

Prison Fellowship/Angel Tree Trust

The new Managing Chaplain Pat Morrow arrived in January 2019. Various local Churches helped fund the Angel Trust Xmas presents for prisoners children whilst the group held five well attended services for the prison population. The Group Chair investigated the possibility of Trinity being a Welcome Church for ex-prisoners.

Chelmsford Foodbank

Trinity members again provided meals over several weeks for 4 Families during the summer 2019.

Whitechapel,Chess and Homeless

During 2018/2019 Keith and Jenne Essam made several visits to the Whitechapel Homeless Centre taking donations from Trinity. Also the local University Muslim community again prepared meals for the homeless using the Link facilities in 2019.

JMA/Shoeboxes

The JMA Collectors who raised £381 in 2018 were presented with their awards at the 4th Nov. Service alongside the dedication of 95 Shoe Boxes.

Action for Children

It was reported that Trinity supporters had raised £623.15p for this cause in 2018 with £206 of this being from the Christmas card collection.

Methodist Women In Britain

The District group had raised £1690.47p by the 2019 Easter service which now goes towards the unfinished Tabitha House Project.

Methodist Housing Association

Collections made through an envelope collection were down this year on previous.

Trinity Link Care Group

Margaret Gannicott

We have continued to hold our regular weekly meetings but our numbers have sadly decreased. We are trying to encourage more people to come along by handing out leaflets. Those who attend participate in the various activities with enthusiasm and our two course lunch cooked each week is much appreciated.

Property

Eric Smart

In 2018/19 we have not applied the same degree of austerity that has been seen over the previous couple of years due to some substantial legacies received. Health and Safety and continuing maintenance of the property have remained as the highest priorities and consequently, such work has been carried out as deemed necessary. The rolling programme of redecoration resulted in the main hall having a major make-over although we pulled back from hanging new curtains, which would have been nice. In addition, the office was redecorated, and a new carpet purchased for the Vestry. A survey has been carried out revealing some inexpensive alterations to make the overall building more welcoming to members, visitors and hirers.

This will be addressed over the next few months. Once again, the annual Spring clean was completed but not without a session time being set aside to complete the work in the Link. We are, as always deeply indebted to the band of helpers from the congregation who give of their time most willingly to get this work completed. David & Joy Petts deserve special mention for their good work in keeping the small bits of garden in good shape.

Although some weeding has taken place around the perimeter of the building, some hard work needs to be done annually to keep the weeds at bay. Two new water boilers have been installed in the kitchens. Car parking continues to be a problem and has impacted negatively on the hiring of the building. However, our lettings overall, have continued to increase. Some minor property related tasks are currently noted and will be actioned over the coming months. May I take this opportunity to thank the hard working property committee, especially Phil Roberts, for all that they do to ensure the satisfactory upkeep of the premises.

Housegroups

Admirals

Janet Cassels

We have 12 members and usually meet on the evening of the last Monday in the month. We have been meeting for over 15 years and our topics are very varied. In the last year we have covered bible studies, newspaper discussions, speakers, including Ramona , CDs of television programmes on faith and not forgetting our summer party! New members would be warmly welcomed. Please contact me.

Housegroups continued...

Galleywood

David Evans

Over the past few years a number of our original members have died, but we now have 8 members who attend most meetings.

We meet once a month and rotate the venue at members houses.

Over the period you mention we have been studying the Methodist Church booklet entitled 'Talking of God Together', which we have now almost finished and we will shortly be deciding what to do next.

I hope this is sufficient for your report,

Springfield

Ian Armstrong

We meet monthly in members' homes on a Wednesday afternoon, usually the second or third week in the month, from 2- 3.30 or 4pm. We are a small group of 6 or 7 and sadly had to say farewell recently to Joyce Gelder on her move to MHA Dovercourt but I am pleased to say that having been to see her last week she seems to be settling in very well and is happy. Our meetings usually take the form of a discussion on various topics and have often involved looking at books of the Bible which have included Nehemiah, Leviticus, Mark, Acts, and a number of Paul's letters as well as Ruth which we looked at last week. We usually come with a miscellany of different Bibles which allows us to compare them to see how translations differ. We have also looked at other topics such as Judaism, Pentecost, The Lord's Prayer, Quakers, the Sermon on the Mount to mention a few. Two meetings ago we had a discussion about the Report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group.

Although the subject matter may sound heavy or difficult we try hard not to get bogged down and to keep things light. Everyone can take part or just listen as they wish and is free to express their own opinion. In a small way our House Group helps us all to get to know each other better and relax in each other's company. Our next meetings are on 18th March (when we will look at aspects of Lent) at 4 Llewellyn Close and 22 April at 14 Juniper Road Boreham.

Housegroups continued...

Young Group

Gareth Crooks

During 2018/19 the younger house group continued to meet regularly for lunch at Mike & Pam's, taking turns at supplying a main course or dessert. Lunch was deemed the most appropriate time given the number of young children that also came along.

Group numbers hovered around the 8-10, and despite a few children inadvertently ending up in their pond(!), a good time was had by all. Rather than an overall 'theme', discussion focused on contemporaneous matters facing the church, such as the definition of marriage .

First Steps

Diane Potter

1 child was baptised and welcomed into the church.

Treasurers Report end of year August 2019

As we have now finished the financial year 2018 to 2019, I can report on our finances for that period.

Bank account

We have £8,552.00 in our bank account.

Reserve funds

CFB General fund £82,111.80

CFB Lift Fund £1,672.28

TMCP £121,238.03

Total £205,022.11

Approximately **£163,000.00** came from legacies. The true reserve figure is £40,000 (Not including the lift fund)

We are over the required 6 months reserves that our policy requires (£60,000) if you include the legacies but not on the true reserve figure.

Lift fund £1,672.28. This figure is reducing as we pay any cost for any Lift repair and servicing. There will be more bills to follow I am sure.

Offerings

We have only received £51,256.39 in offerings this year. Last year we received £58,117.74. We are £6,861.35 down from the previous year. **We must look for ways to increase this figure.**

Property Lettings

Lettings raised over £36,242.38 this year. Last year £37,281.30. £1,038.92 down from last year. Losing the car park opposite has been a factor in this so, **we must look for ways to increase this figure going forward.**

Thank you one again Janet for all your efforts, they are very much appreciated

General

Bills continue to increase yearly. This year we paid for our services £12,934.16 and increase of £3,768.19 from the previous year. We must look to reducing our consumption of electricity & gas i.e. making sure that lights are turned off when not in use.

Circuit

Our contribution was £63,170.00 an increase of £10,763.00 from the previous year. (We did receive a rebate of £10,917.00 in the previous year).

General Comments

With our ever-increasing costs (e.g. gas & electricity) to maintain any sort of status quo we must look **at all income streams to generate more funds. Especially offerings & lettings as they underpin our church finances, otherwise we will be unable to match our expenses going forward.**

We **MUST** be very careful how we spend the reserves as we are not able to replace them at this time.

The legacy money we have, will be used for the benefit of the church. i.e. the projector in the worship area and lights in the link, more to follow. As agreed at church council.

Nigel Murrell

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH CHELMSFORD	Church
--	---------------

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2019

Circuit	Circuit no	34/9
----------------	-------------------	-------------

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1144627

If not a registered charity **Her 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:

Rev Mark Pengelly

Church Stewards:

PAM	French
ROGER	Fairclough
Eddie	Cassels
Gillian	Harrington
Carol	Kellingray
Shelia	Makuma

Treasurer:

Nigel Murrell

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	64,921.06		64,921.06	86,647.13
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,415.35		1,415.35	164.93
a4	Lettings	36,742.38		36,742.38	37,281.30
a5	Other receipts	129,365.15		129,365.15	49,375.51
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	232,443.94	-	232,443.94 (a7)	173,468.87

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	63,170.00		63,170.00	52,407.00
b3	Donations	200.00		200.00	600.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	22,838.23		22,838.23	13,982.45
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,934.16		12,934.16	9,165.97
b6				-	
b7	Other payments	21,338.80		21,338.80	20,133.24
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	120,481.19	-	120,481.19 (b9)	96,288.66

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	111,962.75	-	111,962.75	77,180.21
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		101,611.36		101,611.36 (c6)	24,431.15
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	213,574.11	-	213,574.11	101,611.36
c4	Transfers and adjustments		-	-	- (c7)	-
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	213,574.11	-	213,574.11 (c8)	101,611.36 (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		1,284.12		3,543.00
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		3,673.91		4,386.89
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,777.75		6,645.77
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	2,180.28		1,284.12

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 2019 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 Mens Supper club	515.00	592.45	- 77.45		230.92	153.47
e2 Womans Fellowship	193.25	199.28	- 6.03		13.00	6.97
e3 Womans Luncheon Club		548.78	- 548.78		548.78	-
e4 Coffee Shop	822.90	1,283.59	- 460.69		1,081.49	620.80
e5 Ladies Group	1,175.10	1,018.13	156.97		658.86	815.83
e6 Music & Drama	8,759.00	4,812.00	3,947.00		13,909.00	17,856.00
e7 Trinity Events	1,320.00	1,379.00	- 59.00		316.00	257.00
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	12,785.25	9,833.23	2,952.02	-	16,758.05 (e11)	19,710.07 (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	232,443.94 (a7)	120,481.19 (b9)	111,962.75	(c7)	101,611.36 (c6)	213,574.11 (c8)
e9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	245,229.19	130,314.42	114,914.77	-	118,369.41 (x)	233,284.18 (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 2019

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	-	-
f2 Bank Current Account	18,073.68	8,552.00
f3 Bank Deposit Account	-	-
f4 Central Finance Board	83,537.68	83,784.08
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	-	121,238.03
f6 Other funds	-	-
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	101,611.36 (c6)	213,574.11 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	16,758.05 (e11)	19,710.07 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	118,369.41 (x)	233,284.18 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2018	At 31 August 2019
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	-	-
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,103,853.00	4,235,183.00
g3 Other Assets	150,403.00	155,216.00
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

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

N c Murrell

Date

23/2/20

Name

Nigel Murrell

Address

10A Tower Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 2PW

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

11/2/2020

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

M. F. Pengelly

Name of the Chair of the meeting

M. F. PENGELLY

Date

11/2/2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

TRINITY

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2019

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

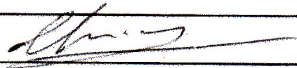
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate

- (3) I have have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

* Please circle as appropriate

Name	Chris Regan
Signature	
Relevant Professional qualification or body	MAAT, ATT
Address	CityGate House, R/O 197-199 Baddow Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 7PZ
Date	17/1/2020

Trustees of the Church

Minister

Rev Mike Lewis Chair

Stewards

Pam French

Eddie Cassels

Roger Fairclough

Gillian Harrington

Carol Kellingray

Sheila Mukumba

Church Representatives

Val Scott

Nigel Murrell

Hilary Walden

Kay Burton

Tony Bender

Diane Potter

Eric Smart

Ian Armstrong

Russell Burton

Keith Byatt

Margaret Gannicott

Jeff Green

Joyce Lees

Tony Lees

Karen Murrell

Gwen Mumby

Janet Wintle

Church Council Secretary

Treasurer

Pastoral secretary

Worship & Nurture Group

Outreach & Fellowship Group

Office representative

Property Steward

Circuit Steward

Congregational representative

Congregational representative

Congregational Representative

Congregational representative

Congregational Representative

Congregational Representative

Congregational representative

Congregational representative

Congregational representative

