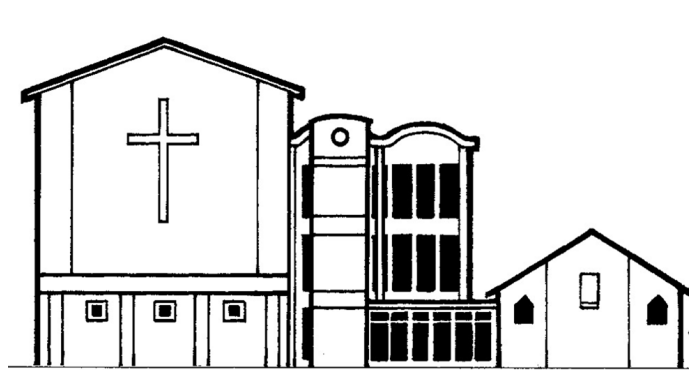


**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
RAINSFORD ROAD, CHELMSFORD
CM1 2XB**



ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2020- AUGUST 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 August 2021

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 Membership

The period covered in this report was seriously affected by the COVID Pandemic. For much of the year there were no services or events on the premises, when the entire country and much of the world was in lockdown. During this period the church adapted its worshipping life and many of groups and committees working online in various ways. It has been good to realise that whatever challenges we face the church continues it's work of witness and praise to God.

Membership remains at 137. 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

Ministerial input remains the same in the Circuit since the previous year: Deacon Ramona Samuel and Presbyterian Mark Pengelly being the ministers. The Circuit employed a new part time safeguarding officer to support local Church safeguarding officers. Staff in the Church office continue to support the work of Trinity. Before the pandemic lockdowns the church office was open three mornings a week, staffed by volunteers. We have two fully accredited Local Preachers, and two worship Leaders. Since lockdown office volunteers have continued to support the life of the church from home, including the provision of hard copy notices and service sheets for those not online, as well as emailed information for those who are.

Training

Creating Safer Space Safeguarding training has continued to meet the requirements of our Safeguarding Policy: since March 2020 such training has not been available. Online courses have now been made available. Following the installation of new projection equipment members of the AV team have been further 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

The pandemic has brought into question almost everything that our church has done, and many things have had to have a radical rethink of approach. This includes pastoral care, severely affected by the inability to have face to face encounters; with the closing down of our buildings worship has gone online (mainly YouTube); all of the fellowship meetings ceased to meet on the premises after March, and even in the summer when some restrictions were eased there was very little opportunity to meet. Latterly some fellowship and study opportunities re-established themselves using Zoom.

In the coming year Trinity will hope to re-establish many of its meetings and worship and to re-think how we offer ministry when so much has been restricted. Innovation and thinking differently have been inspired by the Spirit.

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 Connexional 'Safer Recruitment' guidelines 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 £160,487.89 in reserves (£136,714.94 Legacies). The previous year we had £203,349.83 (£163,728.14 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.

Treasurers Report end of year August 2021.

As we have now finished the financial year 2020 to 2021, I can report on our finances for that period.

Bank account

We have £11,524.69 in our bank account.

Reserve funds

CFB General fund £50,712.03

CFB Lift Fund £577.70

TMCP £91,987.20

Total £143,276.93

£134,110.81 is from legacy money. Our true reserve figure is £8,588.42 (Not including the lift fund)

We are over the required 6 months reserves that our policy requires (£60,000) if you include the legacy money.

Lift fund amount is £577.70. This is now 0.00 as we have had to pay several bills for the lift to be fixed.

Offerings

We have only received £43,271.26 in offerings this year. Last year we received £46,017.05. We are £2,745.79 down from the previous year. This is mostly due to the church being closed due to Covid-19.

Property Lettings

Lettings raised only £3,060.00 this year. Last year £15,935.61 Down £12,875.61 down from last year. This is mostly due to the church being closed due to Covid-19. We must **urgently** look for ways to increase this figure going forward, otherwise our reserve figures will decrease rapidly.

Thank you once again Janet and Nick for all your efforts, they are very much appreciated

General

This has been a very challenging year. I predicted a £25k deficit but we managed to reduce that to £14k. This was mainly due to reduced utility charges, contracts stopped and lastly a Grant of £6,437.93 for covid issues. Obviously on our income side our lettings plummeted to only £3,060.

We must look to reducing our consumption of electricity & gas i.e., making sure that lights are turned off when not in use. We should urgently look at replacing the old electrical heaters in the upstairs hall, these are old and inefficient. Although there will be an initial outlay, we will very soon recoup this with reduced electricity charges.

Circuit

Our contribution was £63,582.00 the same as the previous year

Treasurer's Report continued,,,,

Future

The next financial year, I think will be even more challenging. We all agreed to continue paying the same assessment to circuit as the previous year.

£63,582. We set a budget for lettings of £15k. even with this there will be a predicted **deficit of £24k.**

We must increase our income in all areas. Increased lettings, fundraising and welcoming new people into our congregation to generate more income. We have the space in our building to achieve the lettings issue as long as we have a vision to do so. We must all be more imaginative in the way we operate and cannot just sit on our hands and do nothing.

We have major and expensive issues with our building. Unless we generate more income, the financial future looks uncertain for us at Trinity.

Nigel Murrell

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Trinity Methodist Chelmsford	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

Circuit	Circuit no	34/9
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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	
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Church Stewards:

Carol	Kellingray
Eddie	Cassels
Pam	French
Roger	Fairclough
Gillian	Harrington
Sheila	Makumba

Treasurer:

Nigel Murrell	
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

**Trinity Methodist
Chelmsford**

Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	55,572.98		55,572.98	58,160.77
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income and TMCP	216.66		216.66	1,161.67
a4	Lettings	3,060.00		3,060.00	15,935.61
a5	Other receipts	18,684.42		18,684.42	9,837.25
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	77,534.06	-	77,534.06 (a7)	85,095.30

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	63,582.00		63,582.00	63,582.00
b3	Donations	300.00		300.00	300.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,370.00		7,370.00	4,861.52
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,177.93		10,177.93	16,766.28
b6				-	
b7	Other payments	12,533.66		12,533.66	40,869.04
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	93,963.59	-	93,963.59 (b9)	126,378.84

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	- 16,429.53	-	- 16,429.53		- 41,283.54
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		172,290.57		172,290.57	(c6)	213,574.11
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	155,861.04	-	155,861.04		172,290.57
c4	Transfers and adjustments				-	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	155,861.04	-	155,861.04	(c8)	172,290.57 (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	622.00	2,180.28
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,672.73	2,749.56
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,235.00	4,307.84
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	1,059.73	622.00
	(d1+d2-d3)		

Name of Church Trinity Methodist Church..... No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 N C Murrell Date 6/4/22

Name and address of treasurer Nigel Murrell.....

10A Tower Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex..... Post Code CM1 2PW.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 6/4/22.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting - Mark Pengelly.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Mark Pengelly Date 6/4/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Trinity Methodist Church

Charity Number 1144627

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trinity Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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

Trinity Methodist Chelmsford Church

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 2021 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
c1 Mens Supper Club	70.00	170.00	- 100.00	-	169.92	69.92
e2 Womans fellowship	121.47	153.34	- 31.87	-	31.87	-
e3 Coffee shop	174.23	225.00	- 50.77	-	173.77	123.00
e4 Ladies Group	-	200.00	- 200.00	-	630.23	430.23
e4a Trinity Bowls Club	1,849.71	1,223.50	626.21	-	-	626.21
e5 Trinity Music & Drama	2,408.92	3,532.59	- 1,123.67	-	20,526.15	19,402.48
e6 Trinity Events	-	-	-	-	140.00	140.00
e7 Trinity Link Care Club	-	-	-	-	1,258.56	1,258.56
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,624.33	5,504.43	- 880.10	-	22,930.50 (e11)	22,050.40 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	77,534.06 (a7)	93,963.59 (b9)	- 16,429.53	(c7)	172,290.57 (c6)	155,861.04 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	82,158.39	99,468.02	- 17,309.63	-	195,221.07 (x)	177,911.44 (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 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	10,906.01	12,584.11
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	69,522.84	51,289.73
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	91,861.72	91,987.20
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	172,290.57 (c6)	155,861.04 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	22,930.50 (e11)	22,050.40 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	195,221.07 (x)	177,911.44 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,298,764.00	4,380,440.00
g3 Other Assets	157,546.00	160,539.00
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

a1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church Trinity Methodist Church Chelmsford No

Independent Examiner's Statement

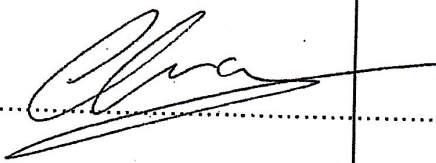
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
 - the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner Chris Regan

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAAT, ATT

Name of firm (where appropriate) - Chris Regan Ltd

Address CityGate House R/O 197-199 Baddow Road

Chelmsford Essex Post Code CM 7PZ

Date 1/3/2022

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Trustees of the Church

Minister

Rev Mark Pengelly 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

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

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