

**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
RAINSFORD ROAD, CHELMSFORD
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**ANNUAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2022 - AUGUST 2023**

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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

By the end of Church Year 2023 we were feeling the effects of the pandemic less, although it had still affected our Sunday congregations. During this period we concluded our online worship services with less people joining them.

We continued to adapt our 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 its work of witness and praise to God. Membership has dropped slightly to at 134. 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

Staffing

Ministerial input remains the same in the Circuit since the previous year: Deacon Ramona Samuel finished her time of service in the Circuit at the end of the Church year. Presbyter Mark Pengelly is now the only employed minister in this part of the Circuit. We have also been a placement church for a presbyter in training, Heather Simmonds. Her ministry has been much appreciated. The Circuit continues to employ part time workers for Safeguarding, Administration and Financial control. Staff in the Church office continue to support the work of Trinity, and have gradually been able to resume duties on site. We have two worship Leaders.

Training

Creating Safer Space Safeguarding training has continued to meet the requirements of our Safeguarding Policy: a renewed effort to deliver Safeguarding training post pandemic has been successful, both online and face to face.

Support

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

Representatives from the Church council attend the Circuit Meeting.

Plans for the Forthcoming Year

In the 2023-24 year Trinity seeks to engage with a growing number of people who slowly return post pandemic. Trinity continues to have conversations with the other Methodist Churches in the City and these present both challenges and exciting opportunities. A steering group to implement the ideas and visions of an Away Day has been established and will continue to work under the name of Action Group.

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.

Responsibilities cont.

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 £123,853.17 in reserves (All Legacy Money). The previous year we had £135,591.94 (All Legacy Money) 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.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding officers continued to ensure that DBS certificates were renewed when appropriate and advertised and facilitated the take up of safeguarding training for those needing to renew the Methodist church's training scheme - Creating Safer Spaces.

The safeguarding officers were available to offer advice, ensured the annual renewal of the safeguarding policy for the church and updating of

Pastoral Visitors

Hilary Walden

There were some resignations among the pastoral visitors.

Pastoral Visitors agreed it was more appropriate to be named as Pastoral Links to more accurately reflect how pastoral care is given.

First Steps

Diane Potter

Three children were baptised and welcomed into the church.

Music and Drama 2022-2023

Janet Wintle Chairman

This has been a very successful year for Music and Drama. After many years of absence we returned to a concert at Christmas , this time teaming up with Chelmsford Opera. Thanks to Gerald for all his work in this.

Our May show at the Chelmsford Theatre was the very popular Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. This was a massive show for the group but everyone who came to see it loved it .

Before the show we held a very successful quiz at Beulieu Community Centre . Many thanks to Eric for organising.

We are starting to look forward to My Fair Lady in May 24. Our cast is ready and rehearsals begin in January.

Worship and Nurture

Janet Cassels

This group meet 3 times a year under the leadership of Kay Burton.

Topics covered by this group include:

Consideration and planning of worship at special times of year eg Christmas and Easter. At each meeting plans are made for worship events for next few months. The arrangements at back of church are seen as a success

It was decided that Trinity would continue to meet at 9.30 each Sunday with communion being held once a month and after singles lunch.

Church anniversary services: It has been decided that due to the difficulty in arranging preachers this may have a different format in future.

The music in church is regularly reviewed and different styles of music and worship to be encouraged. It was felt that the band performing on AAW was a success and should continue when members are available.

Housegroups: These are reviewed at every meeting. Housegroups are to be encouraged to re-start or new ones to be initiated. Three of the original housegroups continue to meet and efforts are going to be made to start a group of younger members possibly meeting on Sunday afternoons.

Sunday Club: Children and Young people are on the agenda for every meeting and any issues discussed and problems resolved.

The Outreach and Fellowship Group was renamed Mission and Outreach during the year to cover changes and its altered role in relation to activities at Trinity. Responsibility for Special Services has been transferred to the Worship and Nurture Group. All three meetings held over the year (on the 13th September 2022, 24th January and 20th June 2023) had the attendance of between six to ten Trinity members and were conducted online.

Mission Work. A successful Away Day was held on the 1st of October 2022 at Roxwell Village Hall using the theme 'To Proclaim the Love of God to All People'. Some of the ideas from this where attendees had looked at ways to grow Trinity's membership by improving its appeal to newcomers and develop its Mission activities for the future were implemented and discussed at the new Steering Group. It was proposed Trinity members support the Circuit wide programme Homes for Ukrainian families whereby funds raised would contribute to housing deposits. A new element of the service named **Mission Matters** was introduced whereby Trinity members spoke briefly about the various Mission type causes, projects and activities they are involved in proved a popular spot in the weekly services.

Steering Group. The Steering Group set up to raise the profile of Trinity has held monthly meetings and instigated a range of changes to the layout of the Church Hall and refurbishment. To date it has identified areas where there is a volunteer shortfall and created a jobs list. It has been ensuring that volunteers undertake EDI and Affirmative training. The Affirmation scheme though is to commence when all the EDI training has been completed this year.

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Most of those attending services now wear name badges to help newcomers, who should also receive a welcome leaflet.

One World Project. The fundraising project to buy 20 bicycles for Zimbabwean Methodist Ministers and run by Sheila Mukumba was highly successful reaching its target 1 ½ years early. Therefore, it was decided to undertake a new target of 40 bicycles and then start looking for a new project that would likely begin in September 23.

Eco-Church. Report prepared for Feb. 23 Church Council by Sheridan P. set out how Trinity can move to Silver level Eco Church from its current Bronze level. A combined service for the four Chelmsford Churches based on an Eco theme was held on the July 25th 2023.

CtiC. Both Chelmsford and Essex Churches Together held their AGM's in the later part of 2022. The Bradwell Pilgrimage was also held on the 1st July of that year. A prayer cycle rota has been set up by CtiC for all the Churches in the Chelmsford area to be involved with. Various City based projects such as Made for More continued throughout year and included a G Exhibition at the Cathedral which had the purpose of raising concern for the global environment.

Christian Aid. A sum of £490 was collected after the performance of **Chitty Bang Bang** by the M&D group in 2023. Additional Christian Aid collections were made through the series of Coffee meets and during Christian Aid week itself which are made either online or through the CAW envelopes available.

Prison Fellowship and Angel Trust. Prison Fellowship members are helping out with the **12 weeks to go scheme**. The prayerline system is well used and Bible studies have resumed at Chelmsford Prison. Staffing problems here continue and the Chaplaincy is stretched with loss of both Chaplains and the Chief Chaplain. Some 146 Xmas gifts were distributed to prisoners' children through the local Angel Trust scheme for Xmas 2022.

Bible Study and Educational Courses. Mike Fogg ran a well attended online and face to face Bible course prepared by the Bible Society in late March/April 23 called **Journey through The Bible**. Another 10 week course on Romans is to be held starting in 28th Feb. 2024.

JMA & Samaritan Purse Boxes. Some 38 boxes and 8 footballs were collected and dedicated at a November 2022 Service. Five JMA collectors received badges and awards and one new collector came forward at the same time. Julia Henderson has agreed to continue with both schemes ordering the necessary resources.

Whitechapel, Chess and Homeless. Keith and Jenny Essam made visits taking clothes and gifts to the Whitechapel Mission before Christmas again.

Equality and Inclusion. Ramona S. as Church representative attended a District meet on EDI on the 1st October 2022. Steering Group looked at how Trinity can register as an **Inclusive Church** which may be difficult. EDI training for all Volunteers covered by scheme it is hoped will be completed in the start of 2024.

The Men's Supper Club AGM was held in November of 2022. They continue to hold regular meetings some five to six times throughout the year with an average attendance of ten.

The Singles' Lunches which are held every month and run by Jenne and Keith Essam are well attended and have been renamed the Sunday Friendship Club. These are followed by a 2.pm Holy Communion service. Extra helpers for these are welcome.

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The Scout Group remains active in all sections but numbers generally are lower than before Covid 19 which resulted in a 25% drop nationally in membership across both young people and adult volunteers. We did not have a Beaver Colony during 2020/2021/2022 which effectively meant the loss of whole two year cohort but happily the Colony started again in September 2022 under the leadership of Martina McGettigan who previously assisted with the Cub Pack. She has now passed the reins onto Charlotte Oscroft who has joined the leadership team.

Scouting generally is going through a planned transition nationally which will not be fully implemented until 2024 but which affects all levels including governance, leader names, volunteer training and activities.

During the year both Cub and Scouts have taken part in various District activity days and competitions. The Cub Pack attended the County Cub Mega Camp at Skreens Park and Scouts held a Winter Camp at Riffhams, Little Baddow and had Summer Camp at Hallowtree Scout Camp near Ipswich. Scouts also completed the Plainsman Hike, which is completed over two days.

The Group Executive Committee has not met since Covid 19 and although most members remain in post we currently lack a Chair. As part of the transition the Group Executive will disappear and governance will be undertaken by a Trustee Board.

Following the covid pandemic, a number of people in the congregation wanted to see what could be done to try to get us back to normal – or at least recognise the new normal. The steering group was set up with representatives from leading organisations and stewards – eleven people in all. With the minister on sabbatical, the group made some decisions which did not need to be rubber stamped by him before progressing.

The group undertook a number of ‘quick fixes’ including introducing a 3-monthly printed calendar of events, organise free lunchtime concerts once a month, suggested a reduction to YouTube services and encouragement to return to Trinity, set up training sessions for church members on IT issues and usage, purchase a card reader to accept card donations in church, rearrange seating in the church to encourage congregation to move forward, attempted to resurrect the choir in the form of Trinity Singers (this subsequently developed into a singing group comprising members of the 4 Chelmsford Churches), reinstated the welcoming door stewards rota, introduced weekly coffee mornings, looked into forming a litter-picking group and agreed to upgrade the entrance vestibule. These were the things we agreed at our first meeting.

At the next few meetings we agreed to introduce a bookcase for book exchanges for a donation in aid of charity, instigate contact with church hirers in an endeavour to recruit church members and introduce rolling slides before services advising the congregation of upcoming events.

Trinity Steering group cont:

Following the church Away Day in January, the group looked at issues arising from EDI guidelines and again, did some quick fixes in response – particularly addressing needs of disabled church attendees. We also considered things that could be introduced following the renewed Mission Statement prepared at the Away Day. To assist with becoming more inclusive, attendees were going to be asked to say the Lord's Prayer in their own language.

A significant step was taken in March 2022 when we introduced Mission Matters into our weekly services. This was presented by many different members of the congregation who highlighted activities they carried out, outside of church, but with a church connection. Some also talked about their faith journeys and how that had affected them. There was a wonderful response to this and ran for well over a year.

We re-introduced the wearing of name badges to assist with identities for the benefit of newcomers. Currently we are preparing job descriptions for all activities undertaken by Trinity members. We have just introduced bible readings from the pews and will shortly conduct a Friendship service where members are asked to bring a friend to church.

The group continues to meet, with the blessing of the church Council and will be devoting some time to the Affirmations Scheme.

Housegroups

Admirals Housegroup

Janet Cassels

We continue to meet once a month on the third Thursday. We cover a wide range of issues including a visit to food bank when David had us working for our keep, great leaders, favourite quotes, current good news and impact of social media on our lives not forgetting lunch party at Mary's. Numbers vary according to circumstances but we enjoy getting together and catching up on Trinity news

Springfield House Group

Ian Armstrong

We are a group of around 10 and meet monthly in members' homes, usually on a Tuesday afternoon from 2-4pm. Our meetings usually take the form of discussions and cover a wide range of subjects which have included Women of the Bible, famous hymn writers and the background to their hymns, the use of colour in different religions, and examining different books of the bible seeing how different translations present information. We try not to become too serious and encourage members to have their say, but everyone is free to take part or to listen as they choose. We hope that we get to know each other better and are enabled to relax in each other's company.

Writtle Housegroup

Jeff Green

We have continued with our, by now, established pattern of meeting face to face but having a Zoom opportunity for those who have now moved from the area. In this way, we maintain good fellowship with friends near and far.

Our meetings are on Thursday evenings, once each month. We have a mixed programme involving study, discussion and learning, often with an outside speaker.

The club met 6 times during the year with an average attendance of 15 members. Sadly ,we record the passing of our erstwhile member, Don Whelpdale and the loss of Rev Brain due to his stationing move to Scotland. We wish him, his wife Sheila, and his family the best of luck in his new appointment. But on the positive side, we have gained a new member Brian Greatrex and he is very welcome. We continue to be on the outlook for new members.

Looking back to October for our first meeting, we found ourselves being forced to have a members' evening as our intended speaker was struck down with covid. The theme for the evening was 'My Home Town' and every member present outlined the place in which they were born and grew up. Ironically, not one member was born in Chelmsford, and all were incomers to the city. But this made for a most entertaining and informative evening where members' memories were tested, and many had rekindled fondness for their birthplace.

Following our AGM in November, Gerald, our church organist, gave us a piano recital, playing some of his favourite pieces and this was a very pleasant diversion from our normal type of talk. His efforts were warmly applauded.

In January, Amanda Harris, Dental Hygienist of the Year in 2019, gave a most interesting and instructive talk on how we could all look after our teeth in a better way. We trust that her advice continues to be followed.

Men's Supper Club cont.

In May, Gale Fogg gave us an insight to her work with Citizen's Advice. She has been a volunteer for many years and had a wealth of experience to share with us. May saw Gale's husband, Mike, one of our circuit's lay preachers, deliver a talk on 'Dodgy Scales and Delivering The Mail, which was full of historical information about South Woodham Ferrers. His talk was illustrated with many slides which added an extra dimension to his presentation.

In July, in our endeavour to explore other faiths, we were privileged to welcome Tarsem Sehda, a member of the Sikh community in Southend. He enlightened us to what his faith means to him and how he practices it. This was our annual ladies' night, and, without exception, we were bowled over to discover that the fundamental principles of Sikhism and Christianity were so closely aligned. We were truly indebted to Tarsem for his insightful talk.

As usual, some members gave of their time and effort to cook some wonderful suppers for us to enjoy and we express our grateful thanks to them all.

Treasurers AGM Report end of year August 2023.

As we have now finished the financial year 2022 to 2023, I can report on our finances for that period.

Bank account.

We have £6,860.76 in our bank account.

Reserve funds.

CFB General fund £93,452.70

TMCP £30,400.47

Total £123,853.17

Our policy states that we must keep 6 months money in reserve at all times, that is £55,000.

Total After the 6-month reserve fund deduction

£68,853.17

Offerings

We received £43,596.30 in offerings this year.

Property Lettings

Lettings raised £17,067.00 this year. This is an increase of £2,850.75 from the previous year.

As you can see lettings have started to slowly increase, let's hope that it continues to do so.

We have let 6 car parking spaces to local businesspeople. They each pay £80 per month (rising to £85pcm from September 2023). A total of £5,760.00 for the year. This will help in the general running costs of the church.

We must still look for other ways to increase the lettings figure going forward, otherwise our reserve figures will continue to fall.

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 £20,000 deficit but we managed to reduce that to £12,848.07. This deficit is mainly due to installing new guttering at a cost of £13k. In reality if we exclude the guttering then we broke even for the year. This is good news but as always there are still a few very expensive repairs we need to make, such as brick work pointing.

You are all aware, the cost of utilities have increased enormously. The church is no exception to this. We moved as many bookings as we could from the upstairs hall to the link. As to heat the hall is very expensive. This I believe saved us a lot of money. During the year we intentionally built up a substantial balance in the electricity account, this helped us to keep our bills under control. Also, we had the government subsidy.

Circuit

Our contribution was £53,004 the same as the previous year. It will remain the same for 2023 – 2024.

Future

The next financial year, I think will also be challenging.

We have set a budget for lettings of £20k. even with this there will be a predicted **deficit of £17k.**

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 be more imaginative in the way we operate and cannot just sit on our hands and do nothing.

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

Our future is uncertain, but this is the same for all of our Chelmsford churches.

We must make some difficult decisions going forward.

Nigel Murrell

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TRINITY METHODIST, CHELMSFORD

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Beds, Essex & Herts	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

Church Stewards:

Pam	French
Jeff	Green
Gillian	Harrington
Christine	Elles
Lance	Molyneux
Tony	Bender

Treasurer:

Nigel Murrell

**TRINITY
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Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	55,475.06	-	55,475.06	56,250.81
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,261.23	-	4,261.23	392.71
a4	Lettings	17,067.00	-	17,067.00	14,216.25
a5	Other receipts	20,658.83	-	20,658.83	16,166.50
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	97,462.12	-	97,462.12 (a7)	87,026.27
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	53,004.00	-	53,004.00	63,582.00
b3	Donations	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	20,984.10	-	20,984.10	7,308.61
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,438.68	-	17,438.68	7,992.78
b6			-	-	
b7	Other payments	19,622.06	-	19,622.06	18,901.76
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	111,248.84	-	111,248.84 (b9)	97,985.15
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	- 13,786.72	- 13,786.72	- 10,958.88
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	144,902.16	-	144,902.16 (c6)	155,861.04
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	131,115.44	131,115.44	144,902.16
c4	Transfers and adjustments		-	- (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	131,115.44	131,115.44 (c8)	144,902.16 (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			1,340.16	1,059.73
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			4,755.24	5,943.85
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			5,693.89	5,663.42
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		401.51	1,340.16

RINITY METHODIST, CHELMSFOR 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 2023 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	474.00	401.74	72.26	-	87.50	159.76
e2 Coffee Shop	931.62	831.15	100.47	-	195.68	296.15
e3 Tea at Two	-	-	-	-	553.73	553.73
e4 Trinity Bowls Club	-	841.61	- 841.61	-	841.61	-
e5 Trinity Music & Drama	47,473.87	42,796.20	4,677.67	-	18,014.28	22,691.95
e6 Trinity Events	-	-	-	-	140.00	140.00
e7 Trinity Link Care Club	890.00	1,100.22	- 210.22	-	458.69	248.47
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	49,769.49	45,970.92	3,798.57	-	20,291.49 (e11)	24,090.06 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page tals column)	97,462.12 (a7)	111,248.84 (b9)	- 13,786.72	(c7)	144,902.16 (c6)	131,115.44 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	147,231.61	157,219.76	- 9,988.15	-	165,193.65 (x)	155,205.50 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,310.22	7,262.27
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	93,435.18	93,452.70
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	42,156.76	30,400.47
f6 Other funds		
f7 TOTAL - Church accounts	144,902.16 (c6)	131,115.44 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	20,291.49 (e11)	24,090.06 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	165,193.65 (x)	155,205.50 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,853,502.00	4,420,808.00
g3 Other Assets	177,876.00	185,664.00
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)

Name of Church Trinity Methodist, Chelmsford No 1144627

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 M M Date 21/9/2023

Name and address of treasurer 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 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Mark Pengelly

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd. Mark Pengelly Date 13/12/2024

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 2023 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.

Name of Church Trinity Methodist No1144627

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Chris Regan

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT, ATT

Name of firm (where appropriate) Chris Regan Ltd

Address Citigate House R/O 197 - 199 Baddow Road

Chelmsford, Essex Post Code CM2 7PZ

Date 31/10/2023

Trustees of the Church

Minister

Rev Mark Pengelly

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Pam French

Jeff Green

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Tony Bender

Lance Molyneux

Church Representatives

Val Scott

Nigel Murrell

Hilary Walden

Kay Burton

Tony Bender

Diane Potter

Janet Wintle

Sheridan Pengelly

Ian Armstrong

Russell Burton

Roger Fairclough

Karen Murrell

Eric Smart

Church Council Secretary

Treasurer

Pastoral Secretary

Worship and Nurture Chair

Mission and Outreach Chair

Office representative

Property Steward

Circuit representative

Congregational representative

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