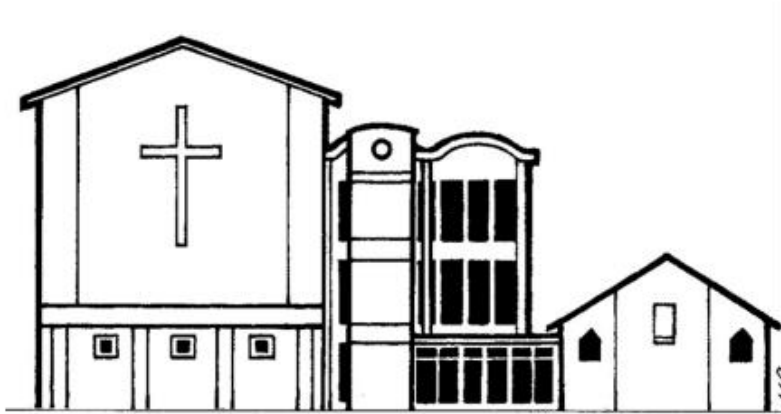


**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH**  
**RAINSFORD ROAD, CHELMSFORD**  
**CM1 2XB**



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**SEPTEMBER 2023 – AUGUST 2024**

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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 2024 there was a positive feeling that recovery post pandemic was continuing. Numbers in worship have been maintained and there are a number of people coming to Trinity to explore if it might be their church when they relocate. It has been good to remember that whatever challenges we face the church continues its work of witness and praise to God. Membership has declined slightly in the year to 127 members. The main reason for this being the death of members slightly outweighing new members joining, of which there have been an encouraging number - new worshippers have joined our fellowship from other churches/circuits and countries. We have continued to provide opportunity for fellowship through our House Groups, special Sunday services and seasonal Bible study sessions.

## **Staffing**

Ministerial input remains the same in the Circuit since the previous year: Presbyters Mark Pengelly and Barry Allen are the employed ministers in the Circuit, with Rev Sue King voluntarily helping with Halstead Methodist. Our student in training of the last three years, Heather Simmonds, began an appointment in the Southend Circuit. From the new Church Connexional year (Sept 2024), Rev Asif Karam, who will join the Circuit and be based mainly at Trinity, working in Chelmsford. The Circuit continues to employ part-time workers for Safeguarding, Administration and Financial control, although the Safeguarding officers post was vacant since January (2024). By the end of the church year a newly recruited Circuit Safeguarding Officer had been appointed. Staff in the Church office continue to support the work of Trinity. We have two worship Leaders who assist preachers in the leading of worship. The number of volunteers in the life of Trinity is very large and they are an essential part of the life of the Church.

## **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. All Church stewards have received Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training in this year.

## **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 report 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 2024-25-year Trinity is exploring continued working with the other Methodist Churches in the city, with the possibility of forming a single governing body, based on three sites of the existing churches. A harvest Arts and Crafts weekend, held jointly with the other churches, is a new development that will offer a new kind of harvest celebration. What was a Steering Group is now re-named the Action Group, and this group continues to focus on developing the life and mission of the Church with fresh ideas. Trinity looks forward to welcoming Rev Asif Karam from September and will host the Welcome Service for him, which will be lead by the District Chair. This appointment allows Rev Mark Pengelly to spend more time with the other Churches in the city and at Halstead, as Rev Sue King steps down.

## **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 traveling and administration costs were re-reimbursed 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 £135,591.94 in reserves (£143,276.93 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

### **Safeguarding**

**Hilary Walden**

Diane and Hilary have begun to work with the new Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

Records are updated regularly. Safeguarding training has been offered and completed by those who are new to their roles or who need to renew their training.

### **Pastoral Visitors**

**Hilary Walden**

Pastoral Links have continued to offer friendship and a link to the rest of Trinity activities. Pastoral Links were glad to meet our new minister Rev. Asif in the autumn when he shared his ideas about the role of Pastoral Links. Tickets of membership have been distributed by Pastoral Links to their groups of members.

### **First Steps**

**Diane Potter**

There were no children baptised at Trinity during the year 2023 – 2024

### **Property Report**

**Janet Wintle, Property Steward**

Having had major difficulties getting the lift repaired we have now changed our maintenance company and we now have a working lift. We are very pleased with this company who seem to know what they are doing.

All Risk Assessments have been updated and are now on the Church's website.

We are continuing to do regular maintenance and thanks must go to Nigel who during the warmer months is continuing his painting of the rooms.

We continue to try to improve our Eco standing and we are working towards our Silver Award. An Eco notice board can now be found outside the Link Kitchen.

The external pointing is still outstanding. This is due to financial costs although having been noted in the last 2 Quinquennial reports this is now getting urgent.

Lettings are slowly picking up but are nowhere near pre pandemic. Part of the reason is lack of car parking space especially in the evening. Our hire prices are very competitive and it is hoped that this year lettings will improve again.

Many thanks to all on the Property Committee for their commitment and hard work this year.

The Action Group has been very active since the end of the last Connexional year. During the year we changed the name of the group from Steering Group to Action Group, which more accurately reflects our work. We give thanks for the time given by Pam French and Ian Armstrong who both stood down from the group during the year. Rev Mark will continue to be a member of the group and we look forward to working with our new minister also, Asif.

Things which we introduced or reintroduced during the year were

- Name Badges
- Church Singers
- Job Descriptions for all volunteer roles in the church
- A Friendship service
- Readings from the pews (not really taken up by readers)
- Upgraded the look of the entrance Vestibule
- A credit card machine for digital giving
- Prayer Walk for the 4 churches (now 3)
- Major review of our 'Welcome Process'
- Provided training for new computer operators
- Instigated a review of our sound system – with outcomes to be agreed shortly.
- Provided a working party to clear the vestry in preparation for our new minister
- Provided a working party to tidy and clear the bottom committee room
- Masterminded the Arts & Crafts weekend for the 3 churches
- Initiated a new notice board in The Link for ECO tips

We have provided representation at the 4 (now 3) churches meetings and contributed positively to their initiatives.

The largest piece of work undertaken this year has been the preparation of a draft of a new Mission Statement, which was unanimously accepted by Church Council and forwarded to the circuit for their consideration. The work required to respond to this Mission Statement is now being considered and advanced by this group. The work falls into three categories i.e. Growing Membership {incorporating Outreach & Fellowship and Worship & Nurture}, ECO and EDI.

In the coming months we hope to instigate a team of Litter Pickers, make more use of our wall hangings and consider elements of training for different volunteers. We also look forward to hearing of other tasks from any members of the congregation which the group may address and advance.

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 music** in church is regularly reviewed and different styles of music and worship are encouraged.
- ❖ **House Groups:** These are reviewed at every meeting. House Groups are to be encouraged to re-start or new ones to be initiated. Three of the original House Groups continue to meet and efforts have been made to start a group of younger members possibly meeting on Sunday afternoons.
- ❖ **Children and Young People:** This is on the agenda for every meeting and any issues discussed and problems resolved. It is considered an important part of the remit. Uniformed groups are to be encouraged to attend AAW. It was felt important that children feel known and welcomed in church.
- ❖ **Welcome to Trinity:** A good amount of time and thought has been spent on reviewing the current welcome process in an effort to ensure that new members and visitors feel as welcome as possible. A few amendments were made to the plan put forward by the Action Group. Welcome cards to be given to visitors. It was felt that a warm welcome but no pressure was the ideal. More use to be made of WhatsApp, Facebook etc.

**House Groups****Writtle House Group****Jeff Green**

The Writtle House Group has continued to meet monthly, following an annual programme consisting of presentations and discussions on various subjects, both spiritual and contemporary. We have been fortunate to have welcomed a numbers of guest presenters. We have around fourteen members; from this number, two couples, being former members who have left the area, join us regularly by Zoom.

**Admirals House Group****Janet Cassels**

We continue to meet once a month on the morning of the third Thursday. This year's topics have included a bible study, prayer walk, Good Samaritan then and now, current affairs, a Christian perspective on protesting, a talk from Jim Lowe and lunch at Mary Stevenson's. Our numbers are small and new members are always welcome.

**Springfield House Group****Eric Smart**

The group met less frequently than normal due to illnesses. The day of the week varies depending on member availability. Topics discussed this year included Women of the Bible, Heroes and Villains, Art in Religion, Use of Colour in Religion, Popular Hymn Writers as well as the exploration of some books of the Bible. We have been fortunate to secure three new members and would welcome others if they feel so inclined. Currently, we have 12 members who normally attend.



## **Men's Supper Club**

**Eric Smart, Chair**

The Supper Club has met six times during the year with an average attendance of 15. We were sorry to lose Brain and Brian Whitfield from our membership but were pleased to welcome Dylan as a new member.

We have had a most enjoyable year at the Men's Supper Club with a wide variation of topics being covered by our speakers who were all most informative and entertaining. In October we welcomed John Frankland who gave a most interesting talk about the Revd. William Potter, an aeronautical pioneer based here in Essex. What he did was right on our doorstep and we knew nothing of him before. In November, we held our AGM, where we identified that we would be able to make a small donation to the church. Then, into 2024, we heard from Susan Ronaldson about her rowing across the Atlantic with two friends and what an exciting talk that was! March saw Major Ian Mountford of the Salvation Army tell us about the Army's operations, and we learned a lot! A friend from Moulsham Lodge, Jim Lowe, gave us a most entertaining delivery about things that happened in Chelmsford over the years which most people know nothing about. We know now! At our ladies' night in July, we were disappointed that our scheduled speaker from the Muslim Community let us down. But with some ingenuity, we decided to have a members' evening and had a lively discussion where we most certainly put the world to rights on all sorts of topics. So, all in all a very varied year

We have had very enjoyable suppers at each of the meetings and I am grateful to those who undertook cooking duties. We are also especially grateful to Dave Pitt for handling the invitations for each of the meetings and Doug Hubble for handling the finances. Val Scott was also very kind in preparing our programme cards. I am very keen to hear of any speakers whom we might approach for future meetings.

## **14<sup>th</sup> Chelmsford Scout Group**

**David Fenton (Group Leader Volunteer)**

The Scout Group remains active in all sections but numbers are still lower than before Covid 19. Numbers in the Beaver Colony have increased over the last 12 months which bodes well for the future.

The planned changes across the Scout Association are still being implemented and will not be complete until late 2024. These are mainly governance changes and do not affect weekly running of the section.

During the year both Cubs and Scouts have taken part in various District activity days and competitions including the Handicraft Competition, Festive Hike and the Swimming Gala. The Cub Pack held a summer camp weekend and the Scout Troop had a summer camp at Hallowtrees, Ipswich.

The Cub Pack and Scout troop took part in the Scout & Guide Gang Show at Chelmsford Theatre in May and several of the Leadership Team were involved in putting on the show together.

In line with national transitions Governance of the Group now rests with a Trustee Board rather than an Executive Committee but the responsibilities are largely similar.

We are now looking forward to numbers continuing to increase through the last quarter of 2023 and 2024.

Our first event of our new year was the very successful Night at The Oscars Concert, ably produced by Helen Wilson with Gerald Hindes as MD. The whole company did a fantastic job with this.

Committee-wise, this has been a pretty hectic year. With the loss of Janet and Judy from the committee, some considerable experience went with them. However, as you will recall, we found a number of people who were willing to come on to the committee and were equally enthusiastic and energetic. We started by creating a job description to match every role on the committee as well as every production job which regularly requires to be filled. I am pleased to confirm that every committee member has a role which is clearly defined and I am doubly pleased to report that these jobs are now all being done very well. I thank all of them for their hard work and commitment. We have also updated our policies and procedures with a new version of the members' Handbook being issued to all members.

Following on the heels of last year's AGM, we performed alongside Chelmsford Male Voice Choir in a Christmas concert. This was very well supported bringing in some very welcome revenue to the society. As auditions had already taken place for My Fair Lady by then, we went straight into rehearsals in January. I was delighted to direct the show with some very able helpers – Helen as Assistant and Gerald as MD and of course, Julie as choreographer. The show was an ambitious choice but we were blessed with an extraordinarily good strong cast and, whilst we didn't sell as many tickets as we would have liked, we turned out a loss that was £2,000 less than we had budgeted for. It is interesting to note that of the four major amateur societies who perform at the Chelmsford Theatre, we lost less than all of the others. But, a loss is a loss and we must look for ways to ensure that where losses are budgeted for in the future, we raise funds in other ways to offset these. We entered into a new hiring regime with the theatre this year and whilst I do want to mention the considerable costs involved in the hiring – some £14,000, we have established a very good working relationship with the staff and management and hope that this will continue.

Alison Carmichael has done a sterling job in organising a number of social events throughout the year – our Christmas social, our big fundraising quiz, regular visits to other local groups productions (usually with a meal) and our very successful garden party hosted by Jan & Gerald Moore. May I thank all of you who supported us in these endeavours,

Jan Moore has been very diligent in providing members with a regular Newsletter and I have been pleased to issue my briefing for members following every committee meeting. Some people have said how much they appreciate this as they feel fully informed of all that's going on in the society.

Lastly, we were sad to see Rev Mark Pengelly relinquishing his role as our President due to his moving from Trinity. He has been a marvellous support to the society and we have appreciated all that he has done during his tenure in office. However, we are pleased to welcome Rev Asif Karam as our new President and look forward to working with him for the next few years.

The Mission and Outreach Group is responsible for informing the Church about a variety of matters concerning the mission and outreach activities of Trinity and making decisions on these where necessary.

For the period of the Annual Report, Zoom meetings were held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the 19th June 2024. Attendance at these ranged from between six to ten Trinity members.

- **Action Group and Mission Matters:**

- a) A Mission Statement/Plan outlining a future vision for Trinity was prepared and approved and work on a Circuit wide Plan underway.
- b) Decided to set up three groups who will be focusing on Growing the Membership, EDI issues and improve Trinity's ecological position. The Eco group will seek to enrol young people and the Growing Membership Group is preparing a Plan to achieve membership growth.
- c) The Action Group which meets regularly believes radical measures are required by local Methodists to meet the challenges of the future. The sound system is to be upgraded and Welcome Procedures upgraded and expanded.
- d) Eric Smart has created a job description list for when volunteer vacancies occur and all Volunteers are now required to undertake EDI, Safeguarding and Affirmative Training.

- **One World Project :**

A new project **LET THERE BE LIGHT** which supports an orphanage in Kenya was approved this year. Sheila Mukumba will again lead this and replaces the scheme of bicycles for Zimbabwean Ministers, a very successful fund-raising project which provided an extra 20 cycles in Dec.23. The orphanage scheme intends to raise £5000 over three years and sought Council approval to increase this to £8000 to provide solar panels in place of firewood stoves as local wood sources were becoming scarce.

- **Eco-Church:**

Trinity is seeking to move to a silver level Eco Church status which is difficult given the age of the building. A blister basket for pill medication packs has been provided and is well used. An audit of Trinity's building, worship/services conducted and community engagement in relation to various environmental criteria is being conducted by Eric S. and Sheridan P.

- **Churches Together In Chelmsford:**

The CtiC online newsletter continues to provide a comprehensive list Church events, job vacancies, bible studies and Christian courses in the Chelmsford area. In July 24 CtiC ran a series of activities with partner Churches using the High Street as main focus. A CtiC Big Sleepover was organised on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 23 prayers for Church unity made on the 18th-25th January.24 and their AGM held on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 24.

- **Christian Aid 2024:**

Jeff Green banked the envelopes for this year's collection for Trinity and a combined service. Together with a retiring collection from **My Fair Lady** a total of £1070.70p was raised. Other amounts were donated online.

- **Prison Fellowship and Angel Trust:**

Chelmsford Prison remains under pressure from staff shortages and overcrowding. Most Chaplaincy places are now filled though. The prayer line system is well used and Services which can attract 70 prisoners and Bible studies have resumed. The local Angel Trust scheme provided

over 100 Christmas presents for prisoners children this year and the local Prison Fellowship grew in membership.

- **JMA & Samaritan Purse Boxes:**  
Some 38 shoeboxes for the SM scheme were collected and dedicated in November 2023. The JMA scheme which has two new supporters raised £ 171.26p with an extra £45 in donations.
- **Bible Studies:**  
Mike Fogg ran a Bible course on Revelations via Zoom and in person in September 2023 which was well attended and from February 24 on Romans. Guy Goodall has been running Bible courses from Christchurch URC throughout the year.
- **Foodbank:**  
David Exell regularly informs Trinity of current requirements at Foodbank. Last year has seen a substantial rise in demand on the Foodbank. It has plenty of volunteers working there though. Food collected from the 2023 Harvest Festival was donated to the Foodbank.
- **Supper Clubs:**
  - a) The Men's Supper group continued to a be fairly well attended event with speakers booked for all of them. Six were held this year drawing over a dozen attendees. Their AGM was held in November 23.
  - b) The Friendship Club continued to provide meals after services attracting approx. 25 persons on a monthly basis.
  - c) The Ladies Circuit Tea group which books speakers was well attended and has continued throughout the year attracting 20 plus attendees at four meetings.
- **Coffee/Tea Meets:**  
Due to poor support the tea social has discontinued and the coffee social just for special fund raising such as the McMillian Charity.
- **Chancellor Bowling Club:**  
Jeff Green reported that although the merged group has worked well the Club is having mixed success and suffers from a lack of members.
- **Action for Children:**  
The collection boxes organised by Anthea Tyler raised over £600 this year. Anthea has informed us she intends to stand down from this in 2024 and her replacement is sought.
- **Methodist Homes for Aged:**  
A special MHA service was planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> June but due to unavailability of the preacher did not go ahead. A coffee morning was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June though and a collection made at the Sunday service. Barbara Armstrong our Trinity representative has informed us she intends to stand down from this role this year and that therefore a replacement is sought for this role.
- **Uniformed Youth Groups:**  
David Fenton reported that whilst Scout numbers remain low the Cubs and Beavers numbers are good and that the Beavers have a new leader. With major change taking place in the structure and organisation of Scouting a Trustee Board has replaced the Executive Committee and he is now a Group Leader Volunteer.
- **Trinity Music and Drama:**  
A Music from Movies Concert was held in October 23, a Joint Concert with Chelmsford Male Voice Choir in December 23 and My Fair Lady in May 24. All three were very successful.

## **AGM Treasurers Report for year end 31st August 2024**

### **Bank account.**

At the end of the financial year there was £8,686.33 in our bank account.

Overall, we had a surplus in the financial year of £23,631.84.

This is due to a legacy of £25,000 we received. If you remove that amount, we made a loss of £1,368.16. This is much less than expected due to increased interest rates on our reserve accounts, Utility bills not hitting as hard as I thought and careful management from all the areas concerned.

We also had to spend about £4 to 5K on repairing the lift. If you factor that out, we made a surplus in the year. But as always there are unexpected costs.

### **Reserve funds.**

CFB General fund £112,699.35

TMCP £32,960.09

Less Reserve policy amount (6 months) £55,000

Total remaining £90,659.44

### **Offerings**

We received £42,330.70 this year, which is only £269.30 under budget. Which is £1,265.60 down on the previous year.

### **Property Lettings**

Lettings raised £20,013.68. Over budget by £13.68. Up on the previous year by £2,946.68.

Lettings are slowly increasing. Let's hope they continue to do so, and we can attract even more.

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

### **General**

Bills continue to increase yearly. We must look to reducing our consumption of Gas & Electricity, making sure that lights are turned off and heating when not in use. Re the use of the Hall. We have moved bookings from the hall to the Link where we can reduce the costs to us. This only left large groups like the scouts that will use it. This kept our heating bills to a minimum.

The accounts have been audited and signed off on the 19th November 2024.

### **Circuit**

Our contribution to Circuit was £53,004 (£4,417 monthly) This will increase next year to £56,364 (£4,697 monthly) An increase of just over 6%.

### **General Comments**

This has been another challenging year. With our ever-increasing costs, to maintain any sort of status quo we must look at all income streams to generate more. There will be tough times ahead especially on our finances. As we seem to be under pressure from all sides.

We MUST be careful how we spend the reserves as we are not able to replace them at any time soon.

I don't know what the future holds for Trinity but rest assured that the people looking after the running of the Church are doing a wonderful job in sometimes difficult circumstances.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

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
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Church Stewards:

Jeff	Green
Christine	Elles
Tony	Bender
Janet	Cassels
John	Cullum

Treasurer:

Nigel Murrell
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

TRINITY  
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	54,049.21		54,049.21	55,475.06
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,306.27		6,306.27	4,261.23
a4	Lettings	20,013.68		20,013.68	17,067.00
a5	Other receipts	47,504.48		47,504.48	20,658.83
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	127,873.64	-	127,873.64 (a7)	97,462.12

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	53,004.00		53,004.00	53,004.00
b3	Donations	200.00		200.00	200.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	18,431.50		18,431.50	20,984.10
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,413.43		16,413.43	17,438.68
b6		-		-	-
b7	Other payments	15,927.32		15,927.32	19,622.06
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	103,976.25	-	103,976.25 (b9)	111,248.84

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	23,897.39	-	23,897.39	- 13,786.72
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	131,115.44		131,115.44 (c6)	144,902.16
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	155,012.83	-	155,012.83	131,115.44
c4	Transfers and adjustments			- (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	155,012.83	-	155,012.83 (c8)	131,115.44 (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	401.51	1,340.16
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	6,277.91	4,755.24
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	6,012.36	5,693.89
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	667.06	401.51



**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 2024 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	399.00	454.28	- 55.28	-	159.76	104.48
e2 Coffee Shop	939.65	842.90	96.75	-	296.15	392.90
e3 Tea at Two	-	-	-	-	553.73	553.73
e4 Trinity Music & Drama	6,274.28	12,849.27	- 6,574.99	-	22,691.95	16,116.96
e5 Trinity Events	-	-	-	-	140.00	140.00
e6 Trinity Link Care Club	665.00	717.00	- 52.00	9.00	248.47	187.47
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	8,277.93	14,863.45	- 6,585.52	9.00	24,090.06 (e11)	17,495.54 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	127,873.64 (a7)	103,976.25 (b9)	23,897.39	(c7)	131,115.44 (c6)	155,012.83 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	136,151.57	118,839.70	17,311.87	9.00	155,205.50 (x)	172,508.37 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	7,262.27	9,353.39
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	93,452.70	112,699.35
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	30,400.47	32,960.09
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	131,115.44 (c6)	155,012.83 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	24,090.06 (e11)	17,495.54 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	155,205.50 (x)	172,508.37 (y)

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 01-Sep-23	At 31-Aug-24
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	-	-
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,420,808.00	4,575,585.00
g3 Other Assets	185,664.00	192,164.00
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 2024 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 ..... *Nigel Murrell* ..... Date *4/10/2024*

Name and address of treasurer Nigel Murrell

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

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Trinity Methodist, Chelmsford

Charity Number 1144627

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Methodist, Chelmsford Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Name of Church      Trinity Methodit, Chelmsford      No 1144627

### 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      Chris Regan Ltd

Address      Citigate House R/O 197 199 Baddow Road

Chelmsford, Essex Post Code      CM2 7PZ

Date ..... 19/11/24 .....

## **Trustees of the Church**

### **Minister**

Rev Mark Pengelly

### **Stewards**

Jeff Green

Janet Cassels

Christine Elles

Tony Bender

John Cullum

### **Church Representatives**

Judy Molyneux

Nigel Murrell

Janet Wintle

Hilary Walden

Eric Smart

Kay Burton

Tony Bender

Diane Potter / Hilary Waden

Diane Potter

Sheridan Pengelly

Jeff Green

Janet Cassels

Russell Burton

Karen Murrell

Val Scott

Church Council Secretary

Treasurer

Property Steward

Pastoral Secretary

Action Group Chair

Worship & Nurture Chair

Mission & Outreach Chair

Safeguarding Officers

Office representative

Circuit representative

Circuit representative

Circuit representative

Congregational representative

Congregational representative

Congregational representative