

# CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY

England & Wales · Charity number 1144910

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2011-12-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES

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

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITARY AUTHORITY OF TORBAY.
- Torbay

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £139,648 | £118,324    | -      | -         |
| 2024-12-31 | £107,015 | £115,838    | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £100,813 | £105,656    | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £97,320  | £120,346    | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £77,830  | £62,857     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                  | Role  | Appointed  |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Rev Jeff Short</b> | Chair | 2022-09-01 |
| Ann Molyneux          |       | 2025-08-10 |
| Jan Newman            |       | 2018-08-01 |
| Jenny Hornby          |       | 2023-09-21 |
| Jenny Price           |       | 2015-08-27 |
| John Tibbetts         |       | 2015-07-16 |
| MARGARET NEWMAN       |       | 2011-11-07 |
| Paul Wescott          |       | 2021-07-11 |
| Sue Norman            |       | 2018-08-01 |
| Susan Ann Coatham     |       | 2014-10-16 |

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' Report on 2025**

2025 was a big year in the life of Central Church.

We started the year with a determination to improve our financial situation and the Trustees made the decision to refurbish and let the old caretaker's flat attached to the Church in order to bring in some rental income but also to stop unnecessary expenses being incurred such as the Council Tax. Work was completed in March and, after one potential tenant falling through, was eventually let in July.

The tenants in our manse at Quinta Road gave notice at the end of 2024 and, after a refresh costing just over £2000, we were able to secure new tenants in February 2025 and to increase the rent to current market levels.

The Trustees also made the decision to invest in a card machine and this was installed in the summer and has been bringing in much needed donations.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June we kicked off a 15 month period of celebrations for our Golden Anniversary. The foundation stone of Central Church was laid by The Bishop of Exeter on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1975 and we started with an Anniversary Service. After a re-dedication of the stone by Bishop Mark Rylands, greetings and prayers of support were conveyed by the Methodist District Chair, Reverend Dr. Daniel Haylett, by the Moderator of The South West Province of the URC, Reverend David Downing, and the Methodist Deputy Regional Chair, the Reverend Kevin Hooke. All remarked on the contribution Central had made to many lives in both the community and beyond through its witness on the Hill during the past fifty years. These thoughts were shared by Bishop Mark Rylands in his sermon that celebrated the local work that Central Church has done, together with other churches in Torquay. The role of the church as a place to care for the vulnerable was particularly highlighted. We are the Living Stones on which the Church is built.

To continue our celebrations, the planning group decided that there would be, if possible, an event each month and so in July we were honoured to have a visit from our MP Steve Darling with his Guide Dog Jenny. The 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the actual opening was remembered on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September when the Moderator of the South West Province of the URC David Downing returned to lead worship. At the end of September we were thrilled to have a weekend visit from Paul Jones (formerly of Manfred Mann) and his wife Fiona who led many sessions about their faith.

In October Jonathan Oliverio and Elsa Lewis led an afternoon of Vintage Gospel singing and at the end of that month Barbara Gissinger arranged an afternoon with Julie Sissons and Hannah Spooner called "Those Were The Days". All the anniversary events have been well supported and very enjoyable.

Unfortunately, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October our gas boiler broke down with two different problems. Although we initially planned to repair the boiler, albeit with a 4-5 week delivery time on the parts, we were given the shock news 3 weeks into the waiting time that the suppliers had made the parts obsolete. We were left without heat for the rest of the Autumn and into the Winter.

As we look forward and trust in God's guiding hand, we are looking into various heating systems and considering going green particularly as both our parent bodies are hoping to hit net zero by 2030. As we end the year with our extra clothes for warmth, this is an ongoing situation which we hope will be resolved in 2026.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

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| <b>Central Church Torquay</b> | Church |
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 December 2025

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| Torbay | Circuit | Circuit no | 24/08 |
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| <b>Registered Charity - Charity Registration number</b> | 1144910 |
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| If not a registered charity <b>Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number</b> | ZD06927 |
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Minister: Rev Jeff Short

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Church Stewards:

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| The Church Council Members |
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Treasurer:

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| Miss Jan Newman |
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Central Church  
Torquay

Church

| SECTION A   |  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year    |                     |
|---|--|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   |  | £                  | £                | £                   | £                   |                     |
| a1  | <b>RECEIPTS</b>  | <b>Note</b>        |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| a2  | Offerings and Tax recovered  | 49,572             | 1,468            | 51,040              | 52,109              |                     |
| a3  | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income  | 1,713              | 2,673            | 4,386               | 1,887               |                     |
| a4  | Lettings   | 44,249             |                  | 44,249              | 37,086              |                     |
| a5  | Other receipts   | 39,973             |                  | 39,973              | 15,933              |                     |
| a6  | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>  | <b>135,507</b>     | <b>4,141</b>     | <b>139,648 (a7)</b> | <b>107,015</b>      |                     |
| <b>SECTION B</b>  |  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| b1  | <b>PAYMENTS</b>  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| b2  | Circuit Assessment or Share  | 35,716             |                  | 35,716              | 34,358              |                     |
| b3  | Donations  | 1,286              |                  | 1,286               | 963                 |                     |
| b4  | Repairs and Maintenance  | 22,688             | 1,970            | 24,658              | 14,954              |                     |
| b5  | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)                              | 23,089             |                  | 23,089              | 33,348              |                     |
| b6  |  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| b7  | Other payments   | 33,575             |                  | 33,575              | 32,215              |                     |
| b8  | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>  | <b>116,354</b>     | <b>1,970</b>     | <b>118,324 (b9)</b> | <b>115,838</b>      |                     |
| <b>SECTION C</b>  |  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| c1  | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  | <b>(a6-b8)</b>     | 19,153           | 2,171               | 21,324              | (8,823)             |
| c2  | Total funds brought forward from last year   | <b>(8,823)</b>     | 41,470           | 69,255              | 110,725 (c6)        | 119,548             |
| c3  | <b>Sub total</b>   | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | 60,623           | 71,426              | 132,049             | 110,725             |
| c4  | Transfers and adjustments  |                    |                  |                     | (c7)                |                     |
| c5  | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>  | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>60,623</b>    | <b>71,426</b>       | <b>132,049 (c8)</b> | <b>110,725 (c6)</b> |
| <b>SECTION D</b>  |  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| d   | <b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b> |                    |                  | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |                     |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year   |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                                  |                    |                  | 373                 | 299                 |                     |
| d3  | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations                                     |                    |                  | 373                 | 299                 |                     |
| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
|   | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |

**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 December 2025 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/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening<br>balances | Closing balances |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| c1 Central Singers  | 304                   |                       | 304                       |             | 6,699               | 7,003            |
| c2 Busy Bees  | 479                   | 961                   | (482)                     |             | 512                 | 30               |
| c3 Central Tots   | 126                   | 212                   | (86)                      |             | 91                  | 5                |
| c4 Catering   | 708                   | 253                   | 455                       |             |                     | 455              |
| c5  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                  |
| c6  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                  |
| c7  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                  |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 1,617                 | 1,426                 | 191                       |             | 7,302 (e11)         | 7,493 (e12)      |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 139,648 (a7)          | 118,324 (b9)          | 21,324                    | (c7)        | 110,725 (c6)        | 132,049 (c8)     |
| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH                                     | 141,265               | 119,750               | 21,515                    |             | 118,027 (x)         | 139,542 (y)      |
|   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                  |

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 December 2025   | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 20,616              | 32,441              |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account  |                     |                     |
| f4 Central Finance Board   | 90,109              | 99,608              |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  |                     |                     |
| f6 Other funds   |                     |                     |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts   | 110,725 (c6)        | 132,049 (c8)        |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | 7,302 (e11)         | 7,493 (e12)         |
| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH   | 118,027 (x)         | 139,542 (y)         |

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 January 2025 | At<br>31 December<br>2025 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 28,649               | 27,481                    |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) |                      |                           |
| g3 Other Assets                                    |                      |                           |
| 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 CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer Jan Newman Date 17/2/2026

Name and address of treasurer - Jan Newman

21 Cecilia Road, Paignton..... Post Code TQ3 1BD

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 16/4/2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting J.M. Short

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV JEFFREY M SHORT Date 16.4.2026

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

### CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY

Charity Number 1144910

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Central Church for the year ended 31 December 2025 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 CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY

### Independent Examiner's Statement

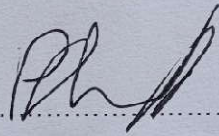
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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

PAUL SHERRIFF

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

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Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 24 Lydwell Park Road

Wellwood, Torquay

Post Code TQ1 3TQ

Date

04/04/2026

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

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Treasurer:

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| Miss Jan Newman |
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Central Church  
Torquay

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| SECTION A |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           | Note  | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| a1        | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             |                    |                  |                     |                  |
| a2        | Offerings and Tax recovered                 | 49,572             | 1,468            | 51,040              | 52,109           |
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| a6        | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>135,507</b>     | <b>4,141</b>     | <b>139,648 (a7)</b> | <b>107,015</b>   |

| SECTION B |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           | Note  | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| b1        | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                  |                     |                  |
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| SECTION D   |   | £   | £   |
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**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

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Name and address of treasurer - Jan Newman

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Name of the Chair of the meeting REV JEFFREY M SHORT Date 16.4.2026

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

### CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY

Charity Number 1144910

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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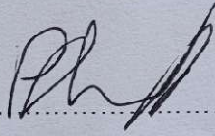
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Name of independent examiner ..... PAUL SHERIFF

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FRICS

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... —

Address ..... 24 Lydwell Park Road

..... Wellwood, Torquay

Post Code TQ1 3TQ

Date ..... 04/04/2026

**CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1144910

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# Accounts

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## **Chairman's Report on 2024**

2024 in general was a difficult year financially with both property issues and utility bills causing concern for the Trustees. However, it was also a very positive year as the members started to look forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stone Laying of Central Church in 1975 and then the opening of the Church in September 2026.

The Bible Study Group entitled Lent Matters returned in March and we held our second Spring Fayre in April. This was a success once again bringing together everyone in the Church and some outside organisations as we all participated to the best of our ability and it also raised much needed funds for the Church. Also in April we joined the Circuit Away Day at Buckfast Abbey which was the first time it had been held and was well supported. We also hosted a concert from the Torbay Police Choir and the Mevagissey Male Voice Choir which was superb.

Central held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Away Day of its own in May and this time it was at the Mount Olive Ministries Hall. It was a good opportunity to share ideas and dreams for taking Central forward and from this has come the new "Feast Sundays" which happen once a month which have a Communion Service followed by lunch and a speaker. In the Feast Days during the Autumn, we heard about the work being done by the Fisherman's Mission in Brixham for example.

During the Summer we set up a Steering Committee to start planning for event to celebrate our Golden Anniversary and this group has met monthly since then. It is planned that there will be one event every month from June 2025 to September 2026.

With the departure of one of our Circuit Ministers, Rev Doug Rix, in July and the arrival of a new part-time minister in September, this brought about a reshuffle of Circuit Methodist Churches and our own Minister, Rev Jeff got busier but these changes have settled in well.

We hosted the Circuit Missions Day in October in which we heard about the work that various organisations are doing in the Bay and we also hosted the Christingle Service for Home Church on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December before rearranging the Church again for our annual Candlelight Service in the evening.

In summary it was a year of thanking God for all He has done for Central in the past and making plans for the future.

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

**Central Church**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2024

|        |         |            |       |
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| a1  | <b>RECEIPTS</b>  | <b>Note</b>        |                   |                     |                     |
| a2  | Offerings and Tax recovered  | 51,020             | 1,089             | 52,109              | 47,852              |
| a3  | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income  | 1,887              |                   | 1,887               | 5,312               |
| a4  | Lettings   | 37,086             |                   | 37,086              | 40,847              |
| a5  | Other receipts   | 12,222             | 3,711             | 15,933              | 6,802               |
| a6  | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>  | <b>102,215</b>     | <b>4,800</b>      | <b>107,015 (a7)</b> | <b>100,813</b>      |
| <b>SECTION B</b>  |  |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| b1  | <b>PAYMENTS</b>  |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| b2  | Circuit Assessment or Share  | 34,358             |                   | 34,358              | 34,381              |
| b3  | Donations  | 613                | 350               | 963                 | 1,314               |
| b4  | Repairs and Maintenance  | 13,318             | 1,636             | 14,954              | 5,802               |
| b5  | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)                              | 33,348             |                   | 33,348              | 32,022              |
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| b8  | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>  | <b>113,852</b>     | <b>1,986</b>      | <b>115,838 (b9)</b> | <b>105,656</b>      |
| <b>SECTION C</b>  |  |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| c1  | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  | <b>(a6-b8)</b>     |                   |                     |                     |
|   |  | (11,637)           | 2,814             | (8,823)             | (4,843)             |
| c2  | Total funds brought forward from last year   | 53,047             | 66,501            | 119,548 (c6)        | 124,391             |
| c3  | <b>Sub total</b>   | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | <b>41,410</b>     | <b>69,315</b>       | <b>119,548</b>      |
| c4  | Transfers and adjustments  |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| c5  | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>  | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>41,410</b>     | <b>69,315</b>       | <b>119,548 (c6)</b> |
| <b>SECTION D</b>  |  |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |  |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| d   | <b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b> |                    |                   | £                   | £                   |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year   |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                                  |                    |                   | 299                 | 449                 |
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| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>  |                    | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b> |                     |                     |

Central Church

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

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| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS  | Receipts              | Payments              | Net Receipts/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening<br>balances | Closing balances   |
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| e4  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e5  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e6  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e7  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 1,279                 | 581                   | 698                       |             | 6,604 (e11)         | 7,302 (e12)        |
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| e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>                              | <b>108,294</b>        | <b>116,419</b>        | <b>(8,125)</b>            |             | <b>126,152 (x)</b>  | <b>118,027 (y)</b> |
|   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                    |

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**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
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Date 28 March 2025 .....

**CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1144910

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# Accounts

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## **Chairman's Report on 2023**

2023 was an eventful year for Central Church with different events taking place and some regular activities starting or re-commencing for the first time in a long while.

In March we hosted the Launceston Male Voice Choir and they gave a concert on the Saturday evening which was enjoyable and raised funds for the Church. This concert spilled over into the refreshments time at the end where a sing-song was appreciated by everyone. Many members of the Choir also joined us for Worship on the Sunday morning.

In April, we resurrected the Spring Fayre. We used to have a Christmas Fayre in December every year but have not had one since before Covid. They were a useful source of income for Central as well as being an event that everyone of whatever age or capability can take part in. The Trustees felt that Spring would be a good time to hold it as members were less busy. The Fayre was a success financially as well as bringing the Church together.

During the Spring and early Summer, Central prepared for an "Away Day". One of the Trustees was given a vision that the Church should meet away from the premises and have a frank discussion about our vision for the future and what we thought God wanted for his Church at Central. April, May and June were set aside for themed preaching around the Bible Book of Nehemiah and what we could learn from his experiences of getting a message from God and carrying it through to completion when rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Every day in June we all prayed the same prayer for guidance for Central in order to surround the Away Day in prayer.

The Away Day itself happened on the 1<sup>st</sup> July in a local hotel. Many members worked hard to rearrange their schedules to clear the majority of the day in order to attend such was the buzz and excitement that had been created in the lead-up. The day was in the most part a positive event filled with excitement at what God had achieved through us since Covid and what his plans were for us in the future. Much of the cost of the event was covered by a District Grant leaving only a small amount for members to pay.

At that Away Day, members were asked to give ideas, suggestions, dreams and visions as to what could be done in the future and a few of those ideas were realised before the end of the year. Some are still a work in progress such as the Solar Panels which many people suggested for our south facing flat roofed building.

One of the requests was the building should have a spring clean and paint. During two weekends, once at the beginning of August and the other in the Autumn half term, we cleared out a lot of rubbish that had been accumulated over the years and also Rooms 1 and 2 were decorated.

Other ideas from the Away Day that have come to fruition are:

- Having pre-worship prayer each week. Room 2 has now been set aside for that function and worshippers are encouraged to have private prayer as they feel led.
- Having a dedicated and comfortable Children's Area which is open each week so that children attending our Worship feel included and part of the Central Family.
- The provision of a take home leaflet

In September we also hosted the Callington Gospel Choir which was a lovely evening of praise.

In December, our Minister and three of our Supernumerary Ministers launched a monthly social event involving hymn singing, bible teaching, fun and games and of course food. The first one was

entitled "Festive Food and Fun". This proved a success and these monthly afternoons are continuing into 2024.

Unfortunately, Central lost 7 longstanding members in 2023 and we mourned their loss. However, several new members have joined and Central as a congregation of worshippers has become more diverse during this time.

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Central Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2023

| Torbay | Circuit | Circuit no | 24/08 |
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1144910

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Minister:

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Church Stewards:

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Treasurer:

Miss Jan Newman

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Central Church

Church

| SECTION A   |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year    |                     |
|---|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   |   | £                  | £                | £                   | £                   |                     |
| a1  | <b>RECEIPTS</b>   | <b>Note</b>        |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| a2  | Offerings and Tax recovered   | 44,995             | 2,857            | 47,852              | 52,041              |                     |
| a3  | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income                                     | 2,200              | 3,112            | 5,312               | 2,060               |                     |
| a4  | Lettings  | 40,847             |                  | 40,847              | 38,559              |                     |
| a5  | Other receipts  | 6,802              |                  | 6,802               | 4,660               |                     |
| a6  | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>   | <b>94,844</b>      | <b>5,969</b>     | <b>100,813 (a7)</b> | <b>97,320</b>       |                     |
| <b>SECTION B</b>  |   |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| b1  | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| b2  | Circuit Assessment or Share   | 34,381             |                  | 34,381              | 35,921              |                     |
| b3  | Donations   | 1,304              | 10               | 1,314               | 2,150               |                     |
| b4  | Repairs and Maintenance   | 4,038              | 1,764            | 5,802               | 28,960              |                     |
| b5  | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)                       | 32,022             |                  | 32,022              | 24,396              |                     |
| b6  |   |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| b7  | Other payments  | 32,137             |                  | 32,137              | 28,919              |                     |
| b8  | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>   | <b>103,882</b>     | <b>1,774</b>     | <b>105,656 (b9)</b> | <b>120,346</b>      |                     |
| <b>SECTION C</b>  |   |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| c1  | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>                                       | <b>(a6-b8)</b>     | <b>(9,038)</b>   | <b>4,195</b>        | <b>(4,843)</b>      | <b>(23,026)</b>     |
| c2  | Total funds brought forward from last year                                      | 62,085             | 62,306           | 124,391 (c6)        | 147,417             |                     |
| c3  | <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | <b>53,047</b>    | <b>66,501</b>       | <b>119,548</b>      | <b>124,391</b>      |
| c4  | Transfers and adjustments   |                    |                  |                     | (c7)                |                     |
| c5  | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>   | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>53,047</b>    | <b>66,501</b>       | <b>119,548 (c8)</b> | <b>124,391 (c6)</b> |
| <b>SECTION D</b>  |   |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |   |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| d   | (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above) |                    |                  | £                   | £                   |                     |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year  |                    |                  |                     |                     |                     |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                           |                    |                  | 449                 | 1,890               |                     |
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| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>   | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>  |                  |                     |                     |                     |

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS  | Receipts              | Payments              | Net Receipts/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening<br>balances | Closing<br>balances |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| e1 Choir aka Central Singers  | 214                   |                       | 214                       |             | 6,152               | 6,366               |
| e2 Busy Bees  | 423                   | 1,010                 | (587)                     |             | 676                 | 89                  |
| e3 Central Tots   | 603                   | 666                   | (63)                      |             | 212                 | 149                 |
| e4  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                     |
| e5  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                     |
| e6  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                     |
| e7  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                     |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 1,240                 | 1,676                 | (436)                     |             | 7,040 (e11)         | 6,604 (e12)         |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 100,813 (a7)          | 105,656 (b9)          | (4,843)                   | (c7)        | 124,391 (c6)        | 119,548 (c8)        |
| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH                                     | 102,063               | 107,332               | (5,270)                   |             | 131,431 (x)         | 126,152 (y)         |
| Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward  | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                     |

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

| CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 December 2023   | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 24,153              | 21,375              |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account  |                     |                     |
| f4 Central Finance Board   | 100,237             | 98,173              |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  |                     |                     |
| f6 Other funds   |                     |                     |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts   | 124,390 (c6)        | 119,548 (c8)        |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | 7,040 (e11)         | 6,604 (e12)         |
| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH   | 131,430 (x)         | 126,152 (y)         |

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 January 2023 | At<br>31-Dec-23 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 25,663               | 27,717          |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value) |                      |                 |
| g3 Other Assets                                    |                      |                 |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end   |                      |                 |
| g5 Other Liabilities                               |                      |                 |

M Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

N Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

O Include any other Investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line 15)

Name of Church ..... Central Church..... No.....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 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 ..... Jan Newman ..... Date..... 29/01/2024

Name and address of treasurer ..... Jan Newman.....

21 Cecilia Road, Paignton, Devon TQ3 1BD

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 14/12/2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... Jeffrey M. Short .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... JEFFREY M. SHORT ..... Date 04/04/2024

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

Charity Number

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Central Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 1-3. 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.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church - Central Church

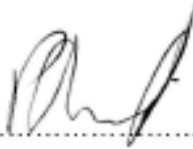
**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 ..... PAUL SHERRIFF .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... F.R.I.C.S. ....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... - .....

Address ..... 24 Lydwell Park Road, Wellwood, Torquay .....

..... Post Code ..... TQ1 3TQ .....

Date ..... 21 March 2024 .....

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

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| <b>Central Church</b> |
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2023

|               |                |                   |              |
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| Rev Jeff Short |
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Treasurer:

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| Miss Jan Newman |
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Central Church

Church

| SECTION A   |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year    |                     |
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**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

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**SECTION G**

| OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES                       | At<br>1 January 2023 | At<br>31-Dec-23 |
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Signature of treasurer ..... Jan Newman ..... Date..... 29/01/2024

Name and address of treasurer ..... Jan Newman.....

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... Jeffrey M. Short .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... JEFFREY M. SHORT ..... Date 04/04/2024

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Charity Number

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Name of Church - Central Church

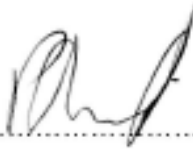
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Signature of independent examiner  .....

Name of independent examiner ..... PAUL SHERRIFF .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... F.R.I.C.S. ....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... - .....

Address ..... 24 Lydwell Park Road, Wellwood, Torquay .....

..... Post Code TQ1 3TQ .....

Date ..... 21 March 2024 .....

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**CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1144910

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# Accounts

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## **Chairman's Report on 2022**

During 2022, we had a change of Chairman when Rev Peter Williamson stepped down at the end of August (although he remains a Trustee) and Rev Jeff Short arrived.

In February and March, we journeyed through Lent together for the first time since 2019 following the Covid pandemic and appreciated what we had missed during the various lockdowns.

Also in March, our Church Secretary, who is also a Local Preacher, was presented with a Certificate for having preached the Gospel for 25 years. This should have been presented a year or so earlier but was delayed because of the pandemic.

In the Spring, work started on some of our worst roofs and this has reduced the amount of water ingress into the building.

In May, Rev Peter wanted to tackle the sometimes contentious issue of same-sex marriage so that it was not an issue that would greet our new incoming Minister at the outset of his time with us. A full Church Meeting was arranged on a May evening so that everyone could attend and we were given presentations from the Methodist Church on the background to the decisions we were now being asked to make. We were asked to consider our response and whether holding such weddings on our premises was biblically sound and in line with the "God in Love Unites Us" paper produced by the Methodist Church. The meeting took place in a very respectful manner with those of differing views expressing them kindly and in love. A vote was taken at the end of the evening which, although not binding on the Trustees, gave a good indication of the wishes of the Congregation as a majority voted in favour of same-sex weddings and blessings being held in our Church.

In the middle of August, the Trustees debated the issue and comments were once again expressed in a respectful and considerate manner. The vote, which does represent the final decision of Central Church, followed that of the Church Meeting and a majority voted "for". Our new wedding licence was applied for in September and issued by the Local Authority in November 2022.

Also in August we received into membership by transfer from other Churches two members and we were also thrilled that one of our young people made a public proclamation of her faith by becoming a member before going off to University in the September.

At the end of August, we said a big thank you to our three supernumerary ministers who had been looking after us for the previous 3 years or so despite having only being co-opted originally for a period of 3 months. The congregation was very generous as they showed their appreciation to Rev Peter Williamson, Rev Jerry Cook and Rev Valerie Price and a presentation was made to them over a lunch after Worship.

Rev Jeff Short and his wife Julia arrived in the September and we held a welcome lunch after Worship to settle them in. Rev Jeff brings different qualities to Central which compliments those of Peter and Val who are still very much part of the spiritual leadership of the Church.

In the autumn the Trustees made the decision that a new kitchen was needed if we wished to continue offering refreshments to our Congregations and the various groups using our premises. This was fitted in October and is being enjoyed by the Catering Committee.

Usual Advent and Christmas celebrations took us up to the end of the year.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Central Church Torquay

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2022

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| Torbay | Circuit | Circuit no | 24/08 |
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Treasurer:

Miss Jan Newman

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Central Church  
Torquay

| SECTION A        |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds        | Totals this year    | Totals last year    |
|------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                  |   | £                  | £                       | £                   | £                   |
| a1               | <b>RECEIPTS</b>   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
|                  | <b>Note</b>   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
| a2               | Offerings and Tax recovered                               | 41,966             | 10,075                  | 52,041              | 41,786              |
| a3               | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income               | 1,249              | 811                     | 2,060               | 738                 |
| a4               | Lettings  | 38,559             |                         | 38,559              | 23,622              |
| a5               | Other receipts  | 3,346              | 1,314                   | 4,660               | 11,684              |
| a6               | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                     | <b>85,120</b>      | <b>12,200</b>           | <b>97,320 (a7)</b>  | <b>77,830</b>       |
| <b>SECTION B</b> |   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
| b1               | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
| b2               | Circuit Assessment or Share                               | 35,921             |                         | 35,921              | 18,224              |
| b3               | Donations   | 2,150              |                         | 2,150               | 1,404               |
| b4               | Repairs and Maintenance                                   | 3,281              | 25,679                  | 28,960              | 12,274              |
| b5               | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 24,396             |                         | 24,396              | 12,313              |
| b6               |   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
| b7               | Other payments  | 28,665             | 254                     | 28,919              | 18,642              |
| b8               | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                     | <b>94,413</b>      | <b>25,933</b>           | <b>120,346 (b9)</b> | <b>62,857</b>       |
| <b>SECTION C</b> |   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
| c1               | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>                 | <b>(a6-b8)</b>     | <b>(9,293) (13,733)</b> | <b>(23,026)</b>     | <b>14,973</b>       |
| c2               | Total funds brought forward from last year                | 71,378             | 76,039                  | 147,417 (c6)        | 132,444             |
| c3               | <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | <b>62,085 62,305</b>    | <b>124,391</b>      | <b>147,417</b>      |
| c4               | Transfers and adjustments                                 |                    |                         |                     |                     |
| c5               | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>                         | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>62,085 62,305</b>    | <b>124,391 (c8)</b> | <b>147,417 (c6)</b> |

| SECTION D   |   |       |   |
|---|---|-------|---|
| FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS    |   |       |   |
| (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above) |   | £     | £ |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year                |       |   |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations | 1,890 |   |
| d3  | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations    | 1,890 |   |
| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>                       |       |   |
|   | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>                                     |       |   |

Central Church Torquay 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 December 2022 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/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening<br>balances | Closing balances |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| e1 Flexercise   |                       | 595                   | (595)                     |             | 595                 |                  |
| e2 Choir  | 28                    | 677                   | (651)                     |             | 6,803               | 6,152            |
| e3 Busy Bees  | 655                   | 520                   | 138                       |             | 541                 | 676              |
| e4 Fellowship   |                       | 902                   | (902)                     |             | 902                 |                  |
| e5 Central Tots   | 548                   | 394                   | 152                       |             | 60                  | 212              |
| e6 Belle Plates   |                       | 566                   | (566)                     |             | 566                 |                  |
| e7  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                  |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 1,227                 | 3,654                 | (2,427)                   |             | 9,467 (e11)         | 7,040 (e12)      |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 97,320 (e7)           | 120,346 (e9)          | (23,026)                  | (c7)        | 147,417 (e6)        | 124,391 (c8)     |
| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH                                     | 98,547                | 124,000               | (25,453)                  |             | 166,884 (x)         | 131,431 (y)      |
|   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                  |

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 December 2022**

|  | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 16,199              | 24,153              |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account  |                     |                     |
| f4 Central Finance Board   | 121,896             | 100,237             |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  | 9,322               |                     |
| f6 Other funds   |                     |                     |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts   | 147,417 (e6)        | 124,390 (c8)        |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | 9,467 (e11)         | 7,040 (e12)         |
| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH   | 156,884 (x)         | 131,430 (y)         |

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 January 2022 | At<br>31 Dec 2022 |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 29,035               | 25,663            |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value) |                      |                   |
| g3 Other Assets                                    |                      |                   |
| 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 . Central Church Torquay

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 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 ..... *Jan Newman* ..... Date *25/12/2023* .

Name and address of treasurer ..... Jan Newman, 21 Cecilia Road, Paignton, Devon

..... Post Code..... TQ3 1BD

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 were/will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .... *27.12.2023*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Jenny M Short* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... *27<sup>th</sup> April* ..... Date *2023* .....

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

Charity Number 1144910

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Central Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 1-3. 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 ..... Central Church Torquay

**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 Paul Sherriff .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner F.R.I.C.S. .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) — .....

Address 24 Lydwell Park Road, Wellwood, .....

Torquay .....

Post Code TQ1 3TQ

Date 10-03-2023 .....

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Central Church Torquay

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2022

|        |         |            |       |
|--------|---------|------------|-------|
| Torbay | Circuit | Circuit no | 24/08 |
|--------|---------|------------|-------|

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1144910

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and  
Customs Gift Aid number

ZD06927

(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 Jeff Short

Church Stewards:

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| The Church Council Members |
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Treasurer:

Miss Jan Newman

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Central Church  
Torquay

| SECTION A        |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds        | Totals this year    | Totals last year    |
|------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                  |   | £                  | £                       | £                   | £                   |
| a1               | <b>RECEIPTS</b>   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
|                  | <b>Note</b>   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
| a2               | Offerings and Tax recovered                               | 41,966             | 10,075                  | 52,041              | 41,786              |
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| a4               | Lettings  | 38,559             |                         | 38,559              | 23,622              |
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| a6               | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                     | <b>85,120</b>      | <b>12,200</b>           | <b>97,320 (a7)</b>  | <b>77,830</b>       |
| <b>SECTION B</b> |   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
| b1               | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                         |                     |                     |
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| c1               | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>                 | <b>(a6-b8)</b>     | <b>(9,293) (13,733)</b> | <b>(23,026)</b>     | <b>14,973</b>       |
| c2               | Total funds brought forward from last year                | 71,378             | 76,039                  | 147,417 (c6)        | 132,444             |
| c3               | <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | <b>62,085 62,305</b>    | <b>124,391</b>      | <b>147,417</b>      |
| c4               | Transfers and adjustments                                 |                    |                         | (c7)                |                     |
| c5               | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>                         | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>62,085 62,305</b>    | <b>124,391 (c8)</b> | <b>147,417 (c6)</b> |

| SECTION D   |   |       |                   |
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| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>                       |       | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b> |

Central Church Torquay Church

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

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| e5 Central Tots   | 548                   | 394                   | 152                       |             | 60                  | 212              |
| e6 Belle Plates   |                       | 566                   | (566)                     |             | 566                 |                  |
| e7  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                  |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 1,227                 | 3,654                 | (2,427)                   |             | 9,467 (e11)         | 7,040 (e12)      |
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| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH                                     | 98,547                | 124,000               | (25,453)                  |             | 166,884 (x)         | 131,431 (y)      |
|   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                  |

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**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 December 2022**

|  | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 16,199              | 24,153              |
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| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH   | 156,884 (x)         | 131,430 (y)         |

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 January 2022 | At<br>31 Dec 2022 |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 29,035               | 25,663            |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value) |                      |                   |
| g3 Other Assets                                    |                      |                   |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end   |                      |                   |
| g5 Other Liabilities                               |                      |                   |

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g1 include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church . Central Church Torquay

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 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 ..... *Jan Newman* ..... Date *25/12/2023* .

Name and address of treasurer ..... Jan Newman, 21 Cecilia Road, Paignton, Devon

..... Post Code..... TQ3 1BD

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 were/will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .... *27.12.2023*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Jenny M Short* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... *27<sup>th</sup> April* ..... Date *2023* .....

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

### Central Church

Charity Number 1144910

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Central Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 1-3. 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 ..... Central Church Torquay

**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~~
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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 Paul Sherriff .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner F.R.I.C.S. .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) - .....

Address 24 Lydwell Park Road, Wellwood, .....

Torquay .....

Post Code TQ1 3TQ .....

Date 10-03-2023 .....

**CENTRAL CHURCH TORQUAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1144910

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# Accounts

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## **Central Church Torquay - Chairman's Report - 2021**

2021 started in the same way as much of 2020 - in lockdown. Although this time Places of Worship were legally allowed to remain open, the Trustees took the decision to protect our members and join with the rest of the country in trying to prevent the spread of the virus.

We re-opened in celebratory style on Easter Sunday and it was a joyful occasion in which to not only rejoice in meeting our risen Jesus but also to meet each other again.

The lockdowns have brought our members and friends closer together and filled us with a real joy in being able to Worship our God together that perhaps was taken for granted pre-Covid.

In Spring and Summer, a few groups started to return but it was done in a slow, controlled way.

On the first Sunday in September, which was our Church Anniversary, we held a Songs of Praise because we wanted to praise God for bringing us safely through the pandemic and celebrate being able to sing in Church once again.

Following a successful Harvest Supper which everyone enjoyed so much, we started to introduce regular social activities often involving food of some description plus various activities and these have been popular.

In November, our Secretary, along with representatives from other Methodist Churches in the Circuit met a prospective new Superintendent Minister, Rev Jeff Short and part of the new Superintendent's role is the oversight of Central. This meeting went very well and, for the Circuit Leadership and for our Secretary, he was number one choice. We have since discovered that the Torbay Circuit was Rev Jeff's number one choice too. God moves in an amazing way!

In December we returned to all our usual Christmas Services that had been curtailed in 2020 as we welcomed Jesus born as a baby.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Central Church Torquay | Church |
|------------------------|--------|

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2021

|        |         |            |       |
|--------|---------|------------|-------|
| Torbay | Circuit | Circuit no | 24/08 |
|--------|---------|------------|-------|

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1144910

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:

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| Rev. Peter Williamson |
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Church Stewards:

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| The Church Council Members |
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Treasurer:

|            |
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| Jan Newman |
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Central Church  
Torquay

Church

| SECTION A |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                | £                |
| a1        | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             |                    |                  |                  |                  |
|           | Note  |                    |                  |                  |                  |
| a2        | Offerings and Tax recovered                 | 41,786             |                  | 41,786           | 43,025           |
| a3        | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 738                |                  | 738              | 1,248            |
| a4        | Lettings                                    | 23,622             |                  | 23,622           | 19,782           |
| a5        | Other receipts                              | 2,514              | 9,170            | 11,684           | 59,657           |
| a6        | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>68,660</b>      | <b>9,170</b>     | <b>77,830</b>    | <b>123,712</b>   |

| SECTION B |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                | £                |
| b1        | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                  |                  |                  |
| b2        | Circuit Assessment or Share                               | 18,224             |                  | 18,224           | 12,393           |
| b3        | Donations   | 1,404              |                  | 1,404            | 274              |
| b4        | Repairs and Maintenance                                   | 12,274             |                  | 12,274           | 1,791            |
| b5        | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 12,313             |                  | 12,313           | 11,898           |
| b6        |   |                    |                  |                  |                  |
| b7        | Other payments  | 18,490             | 152              | 18,642           | 21,102           |
| b8        | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                     | <b>62,705</b>      | <b>152</b>       | <b>62,857</b>    | <b>47,458</b>    |

| SECTION C |  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|           |  | £                  | £                | £                | £                |
| c1        | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  |                    |                  |                  |                  |
|           | (a6-b8)                                    | 5,955              | 9,018            | 14,973           | 76,254           |
| c2        | Total funds brought forward from last year | 76,998             | 55,446           | 132,444          | 56,190           |
| c3        | <b>Sub total</b>                           | <b>82,953</b>      | <b>64,464</b>    | <b>147,417</b>   | <b>132,444</b>   |
| c4        | Transfers and adjustments                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |
| c5        | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>          | <b>82,953</b>      | <b>64,464</b>    | <b>147,417</b>   | <b>132,444</b>   |

| SECTION D   |   | £          | £ |
|---|---|------------|---|
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |   |            |   |
| d   | (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures) |            |   |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year                                    |            |   |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                     | 879        |   |
| d3  | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations                        | 629        |   |
| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>   | <b>250</b> |   |

Central Church Torquay

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

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| e6 Belle Plantes  | 40                    | 200                   | (160)                     |             | 726                 | 566                |
| e7 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 506                   | 279                   | 227                       |             | 9,240 (e11)         | 9,467 (e12)        |
| e8 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 77,830 (e7)           | 62,857 (e9)           | 14,973                    | (e7)        | 132,444 (e6)        | 147,418 (e8)       |
| e9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>                               | <b>78,336</b>         | <b>63,136</b>         | <b>15,200</b>             |             | <b>141,684 (x)</b>  | <b>156,884 (y)</b> |
|   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                    |

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**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

| CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021   | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 13,119              | 16,109              |
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| f4 Central Finance Board   | 110,003             | 121,897             |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  | 9,322               | 9,322               |
| f6 Other funds   |                     |                     |
| f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>  | <b>132,444 (e6)</b> | <b>147,418 (e8)</b> |
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**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>01-Jan-21 | At<br>31-Dec-21 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 25,499          | 29,035          |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) |                 |                 |
| g3 Other Assets                                    |                 |                 |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end   |                 |                 |
| g5 Other Liabilities                               |                 |                 |

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line 15)

Name of Church .. Central Church Torquay

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 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 ..... Jan Newman ..... Date..... 5/12/2022  
Name and address of treasurer ..... JAN NEWMAN, 21 CECILIA ROAD .....  
..... PAIGNTON, DEVON ..... Post Code..... TQ3 1BO .....

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 4th August 2022.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... Peter B Williamson .....  
Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... PETER BOOTH WILLIAMSON ..... Date ..... 4/8/2022 .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

### Central Church Torquay

Charity Number 1144910

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Central Church for the year ended 31 December 2021 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 - Central Church Torquay

No 24/08

**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 Paul Sherriff

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FRICS

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 24 Lydwell Park Road, Wellswood, Torquay

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Date 06 June 2022

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Central Church Torquay | Church |
|------------------------|--------|

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2021

|        |         |            |       |
|--------|---------|------------|-------|
| Torbay | Circuit | Circuit no | 24/08 |
|--------|---------|------------|-------|

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1144910

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. Peter Williamson |
|-----------------------|

Church Stewards:

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| The Church Council Members |
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Treasurer:

|            |
|------------|
| Jan Newman |
|------------|

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**Central Church  
Torquay**

Church

| SECTION A |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                | £                |
| a1        | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             |                    |                  |                  |                  |
|           | Note  |                    |                  |                  |                  |
| a2        | Offerings and Tax recovered                 | 41,786             |                  | 41,786           | 43,025           |
| a3        | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 738                |                  | 738              | 1,248            |
| a4        | Lettings                                    | 23,622             |                  | 23,622           | 19,782           |
| a5        | Other receipts                              | 2,514              | 9,170            | 11,684           | 59,657           |
| a6        | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>68,660</b>      | <b>9,170</b>     | <b>77,830</b>    | <b>123,712</b>   |

| SECTION B |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                | £                |
| b1        | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                  |                  |                  |
| b2        | Circuit Assessment or Share                               | 18,224             |                  | 18,224           | 12,393           |
| b3        | Donations   | 1,404              |                  | 1,404            | 274              |
| b4        | Repairs and Maintenance                                   | 12,274             |                  | 12,274           | 1,791            |
| b5        | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 12,313             |                  | 12,313           | 11,898           |
| b6        |   |                    |                  |                  |                  |
| b7        | Other payments  | 18,490             | 152              | 18,642           | 21,102           |
| b8        | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                     | <b>62,705</b>      | <b>152</b>       | <b>62,857</b>    | <b>47,458</b>    |

| SECTION C |  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|           |  | £                  | £                | £                | £                |
| c1        | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  |                    |                  |                  |                  |
|           | (a6-b8)                                    | 5,955              | 9,018            | 14,973           | 76,254           |
| c2        | Total funds brought forward from last year | 76,998             | 55,446           | 132,444          | 56,190           |
| c3        | <b>Sub total</b>                           | <b>82,953</b>      | <b>64,464</b>    | <b>147,417</b>   | <b>132,444</b>   |
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| SECTION D   |   | £          | £ |
|---|---|------------|---|
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |   |            |   |
| d   | (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures) |            |   |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year                                    |            |   |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                     | 879        |   |
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Date 06 June 2022

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