

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

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

1144910

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Minister:

Rev Jeff Short

Church Stewards:

The Church Council Members

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	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		41,966	52,041	41,786
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,249	2,060	738
a4	Lettings		38,559	38,559	23,622
a5	Other receipts		3,346	4,660	11,684
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		85,120	97,320 (a7)	77,830

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
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	28,960	12,274
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		24,396	24,396	12,313
b6					
b7	Other payments		28,665	28,919	18,642
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		94,413	120,346 (b9)	62,857

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(9,293)	(13,733)	(23,026)	14,973
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	71,378	76,039	147,417 (c6)	132,444
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	62,085	62,305	124,391	147,417
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	62,085	62,305	124,391 (c8)	147,417 (c6)

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

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e3 Busy Bees	655	520	135		541	676
e4 Fellowship		902	(902)		902	
e5 Central Tots	548	394	152		80	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 (x7)	120,346 (b9)	(23,026)	(c7)	147,417 (c6)	124,391 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	98,547	124,000	(25,453)		156,884 (x)	131,431 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward						
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 December 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	16,199	24,153
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	121,898	100,237
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	9,322	
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	147,417 (c6)	124,390 (c8)
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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

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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 27th April Date 2023 .

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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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.

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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 Sherri A

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

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