

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 1st 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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1144910

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Treasurer:

Miss Jan Newman

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Central Church

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
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	TOTAL RECEIPTS	94,844	5,969	100,813 (a7)	97,320

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
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
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b7	Other payments	32,137		32,137	28,919
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	103,882	1,774	105,656 (b9)	120,346

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(9,038)	4,195	(4,843)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		62,085	62,306	124,391 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	53,047	66,501	119,548
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	53,047	66,501	119,548 (c8)

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	449		1,890
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	449		1,890
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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Choir aka Central Singers	214		214		6,152	6,366
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e3 Central Tots	603	666	(63)		212	149
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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	102,053	107,332	(5,279)		131,431 (x)	126,152 (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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING 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)
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	At 1 January 2023	At 31-Dec-23
g1 Investments (Include Endowments)	25,663	27,717
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15 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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Name of ChurchCentral 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

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Presentation to the Church trustees

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting Jeffrey M. Short

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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 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.

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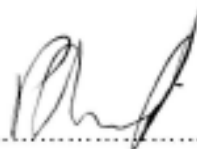
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signature of independent examiner



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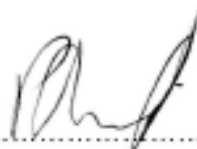
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