

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 50th 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 2nd 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 22nd 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

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 2024

Central Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
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	TOTAL RECEIPTS	102,215	4,800	107,015 (a7)	100,813
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
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
b6					
b7	Other payments	32,215		32,215	32,137
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	113,852	1,986	115,838 (b9)	105,656
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(11,637)	2,814	(8,823)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	53,047	66,501	119,548 (c6)	124,391
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	41,410	69,315	110,725
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	41,410	69,315	110,725 (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			299	449
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			299	449
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

Central Church

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
e1 Central Singers	333		333		6,366	6,699
e2 Busy Bees	433	10	423		89	512
e3 Central Tots	513	571	(58)		149	91
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,279	581	698		6,604 (e11)	7,302 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	107,015 (a7)	115,838 (b9)	(8,823)	(c7)	119,548 (c6)	110,725 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	108,294	116,419	(8,125)		126,152 (x)	118,027 (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 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	21,375	20,616
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	98,173	90,109
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	119,548 (c6)	110,725 (c8)
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g3 Other Assets		
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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**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer Jan Newman Date 8/3/2025

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

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Presentation to the Church trustees

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting JM Short

Name of the Chair of the meeting JEFFREY M SHORT Date 08.05.2025

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 2024 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

FRICS

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