



St. John's Methodist Church, Parkfield

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name St. John's Methodist Church, Parkfield

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1146373

Charity's principal address St. John's Methodist Church

Wolverhampton Road East

Wolverhampton

WV4 6AA

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Barbara Brown			Church General Meeting
Marcus Brown			Church General Meeting
Irene Brumley			Church General Meeting
Martine Caffyn			Church General Meeting
Evan Carney			Church General Meeting
Geneva Carney			Church General Meeting
Basil Coward			Church General Meeting
William Davis	Reserve Chair		Circuit Meeting
Barbara Easton			Church General Meeting
Martin Easton	Treasurer		Church General Meeting
Dane Fannell			Church General Meeting
Aaron Fannell-Willis			Church General Meeting
Pamela Flavell			Church General Meeting
Lianne French			Church General Meeting
Ken Gough			Church General Meeting
Marcus Hemans			Church General Meeting
Sandra Humphries			Church General Meeting
Steve Jackson	Chair and Minister		Circuit Meeting
Norma Levett			Church General Meeting
Paul Levett			Church General Meeting
Elizabeth Macer-Wright	Pastoral Worker		Church General Meeting
Ethel Mudzonga			Church General Meeting

Jean Oakley			Church General Meeting
David Punfield			Church General Meeting
Janet Punfield	Senior Steward		Church General Meeting
Dalsie Robinson			Church General Meeting
Hugo Robinson			Church General Meeting
Lilian Round			Church General Meeting
Peter Share	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
Emma Veiro			Church General Meeting
David Wheeler			Church General Meeting

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) adopted 20/09/1932
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointment by Church General Meeting; Chairperson appointed by the Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of St. John's Methodist Church are the advancement of:

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities of the church are:

- (a) The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike;
- (b) Promoting the whole mission of the church through engagement with older people, parents and toddlers and other specific need groups;
- (c) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- (d) Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- (e) The provision of women's meetings, men's meetings etc with a Christian ethos.

In carrying out the church's activities, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Due to Covid 19, this year has been very different from any other in the life of St John's.

It has been a year of two halves. The first six months has seen our church groups meeting regularly under the leadership of their committed leaders which include the uniformed organisations, stay and play group, prayer group, ladies friendship group, womens own, keep fit class and knit and natter group.

Young Church has continued to nurture our children and has led worship in which they have brought the whole church together. The Punjabi Christian Fellowship has continued to meet regularly for worship and prayer sessions. The worship group has welcomed new members and continued with evenings of praise and worship and have led worship through invitation at churches in the circuit.

Our church has also been used by the Seventh Day Adventist Church and a dancing school.

Our monthly Coffee Shop has been enjoyed by our local community for friendship and fellowship. Our sick and vulnerable members have benefited from visits from our minister and pastoral worker both at home, in hospital and in care homes.

Since COVID lockdown, things have been very different but our church family has continued to support each other through regular telephone calls and support for individual needs. The Young people of our church have created a Peace Garden for the local community where the children have contributed to the garden by placing objects symbolising peace and offering activity sheets, prayer cards and Candles of peace as gifts for the local community.

We have been very fortunate to continue to meet virtually for worship each Sunday through "Zoom" led by our own minister, including guest speakers. We have supported the Good Shepherd Ministry with food, toiletries and monetary donations and continued with this during lockdown.

Our team of property stewards have continued to maintain the church premises and our project to refurbish our building is due to start very soon.

More about St John's church is available on our website

www.stjohnsmethodist.net

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In order to plan for the financial stability of the church, the Church Council keeps under review the level of reserves it should retain, taking account of expected income available to fund likely costs, and the need to cover forecast deficits, cashflow variations and contingencies. The level of reserves is planned to reduce significantly in the coming year in order to contribute to the costs of the major property improvement programme. However, reserves are being retained to take account of Covid risks and the need for major maintenance and renewals in the next five years or so.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details

The net surplus for the year of £32,005 includes £46,411 of restricted income for the Property Renewal Appeal. The closure of the church buildings due to Covid has resulted in a deficit of £14,905 in the church's Unrestricted Funds. The church is fortunate in this context to have significant reserves, but is conscious of major maintenance and renewal expenditure required in the next few years. The church's property renewal project is planned to start in the coming months. This is described further in the notes to the accounts.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

S. J. Jackson J. Punfield

Full name(s)

Rev. Steve Jackson

Janet Punfield

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Senior Steward

Date

8th October 2020

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St John's Methodist Church, Parkfield, Wolverhampton

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2020

Wolverhampton Circuit	Circuit no	28/01
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1146373

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Rev. Steve Jackson

Church Stewards:

J Punfield	N Carney
G Carney	D Fannell
L Round	A Fannell-Willis
P Levett	N Levett
D Robinson	B Coward

Treasurer:

M Easton

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020
St John's Methodist Church, Parkfield, Wolverhampton

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		29,035	4,071	33,105	52,788
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,280	0	1,280	1,290
a4	Lettings		9,169	0	9,169	15,101
a5	Other receipts		3,684	42,840	46,524	14,511
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		43,168	46,911	90,078 (a7)	83,689

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		33,711	0	33,711	33,384
b3	Donations		45	0	45	42
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		7,995	0	7,995	671
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		8,866	0	8,866	9,259
b6			0	0	0	0
b7	Other payments		7,456	0	7,456	10,197
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		58,073	0	58,073 (b9)	53,805

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SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(14,905)	46,911	32,005	29,884
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		136,702	27,306	164,008 (c6)	134,124
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	121,797	74,217	196,014	164,008
c4	Transfers and adjustments		0	0	0 (c8)	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	121,797	74,217	196,014 (c7)	164,008 (c6)

Note: the net receipts of £32,005 include one-off receipts for the Property Renewal Fund. A net deficit of £14,645 was incurred on the Church's unrestricted funds, due to COVID.

SECTION D					
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			0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,193	3,050
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,193	3,050
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		0	0

St John's Methodist Church, Parkfield, Wolverhampton

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

SECTION E

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1				0			0
e2				0			0
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	90,078 (a7)	58,073 (b9)	32,005	(c8)	164,008 (c6)	196,014 (c7)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	90,078	58,073	32,005	0	164,008 (x)	196,014 (y)

SECTION F

0 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	0	0
f2 Bank Current Account	24,606	45,721
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	126,056	136,946
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	13,346	13,346
f6 Other funds	0	0
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	164,008 (c6)	196,014 (c7)
f8 closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	164,008 (x)	196,014 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

DECLARATIONS

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer



Name

M Easton

Date

8/10/2020

Address

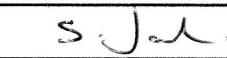
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I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
and were approved.

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Signature of Chair



Name of Chair

Rev S Jackson

Date

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the St John's Methodist Church, Parkfield, Wolverhampton

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

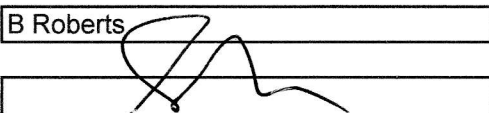
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name	B Roberts
Signature	
Relevant Professional qualification or body	FCA
Address	Coneybury Munslow Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 9ET
Date	21.10.2020

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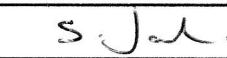
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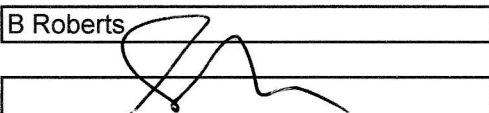
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