

# The Methodist Church in West Somerset

England & Wales · Charity number 1147036

## Details

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**Other names** ALCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2012-04-27

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION 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.

**Activities:** Christian worship, pastoral care and mission.Sunday services.Midweek groups for worship, discussion and social activity.Rites of passage: baptisms, weddings and funerals.Work with other Churches and community groups in sharing the Christian message and serving the community.Regular use of Church premises by a wide variety of organisations.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£165,591	£266,764	-	-
2024-08-31	£442,514	£116,667	-	-
2023-08-31	£147,869	£143,782	-	-
2022-08-31	£129,952	£131,444	-	-
2021-08-31	£113,979	£95,465	-	-
2020-08-31	£103,527	£124,815	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Andrew Richard Day</b>	Chair	2024-10-01
ANDREW MERVYN THOMAS BRANFIELD		2024-10-01
Alison Clare Robinson		2022-09-01
CLIVE CHARLES WOOLDRIDGE		2024-10-01
Christine Hope		2022-09-01
Clive Andrew Longhurst		2024-10-01
Elizabeth Westlake		2024-10-01
Gillian Tapp		2022-09-01
Haydn Sperring		2024-10-01
Howard Mounfield		2024-10-01
JEAN ARMIN		2022-09-01
MARGARET CATHERINE LINTERN		2024-10-01
MARGARET FLORENCE NEVELL		2022-09-01
MARGARET IRENE HILL		2024-10-01
Marilyn Ruth Jennings		2024-10-01
Rev Carol Elizabeth Gill		2024-10-01
Rev JANE MARGARET SPERRING		2024-10-01
Rev LINDA BARRIBALL		2024-10-01
SUSAN ELIZABETH ROSE		2024-10-01
Timothy John Hedgecock		2024-10-01

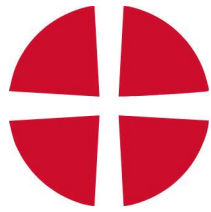
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# Accounts

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West Somerset  
**Methodists**  
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**METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER – 1147036**

**CIRCUIT OFFICE  
MINEHEAD METHODIST CHURCH  
7 THE AVENUE  
MINEHEAD  
SOMERSET  
TA24 5AY**

# METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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# METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET

## YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

#### Structure, Governance & Management

##### MANAGING TRUSTEES

During this period, the managing trustees have been changed according to a new constitution which considers the One Church set up. These changes were made on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. A copy of the constitution is available.

J Armin	M Hill – from 1.10.24
C Hope	L Barriball – from 1.10.24
M Nevell	C Gill – from 1.10.24
H Sperring	E Westlake – from 1.10.24
J Sperring	A Branfield – from 1.10.24
G Tap	M Jennings – from 1.10.24
S Rose – from 1.10.24	H Mounfield – from 1.10.24
A Robinson – from 1.10.24	T Hedgecock – from 1.10.24
C Longhurst – from 1.10.24	M Lintern – from 1.10.24
A Day – from 1.10.24	

**CHURCH SECRETARY** J Armin

**CHURCH TREASURER** J Armin

**PRESBYTER IN PASTORAL CHARGE** Rev A Day

**LAY PASTORAL AND COMMUNITY WORKER** P Williams

**CHURCH STEWARDS**  
C Longhurst  
J Sperring  
C Wooldridge

For the one church, Circuit Stewards have responsibility for Churches and Circuit.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS**  
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TSB Bank PLC  
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# **METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET**

## **YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

#### **Structure, Governance & Management**

Acronyms used in this report are as follows:

**WSC** – West Somerset Circuit

**MCiWS** – Methodist Church in West Somerset

**LA** – Local Arrangement

**LPCW** – Lay Pastoral & Community Worker

**WL** – Worship Leader

#### **Leadership structure**

During this year a One Church Model has been more fully embraced, with the gradual amalgamation of banking for the churches and the conversion of Alcombe's charity status to encompass the whole Methodist Church in West Somerset.

These joint Church Council meetings three times a year, include all presbyters; Supernumeraries; Circuit Lay Employees; Circuit Stewards; fully accredited Local Preachers and Circuit Officers; the Church Treasurer and representatives from the Churches.

#### **Governing Document**

The Methodist Church in West Somerset is subject to a governing document dated 1932 and amended in March 2022.

#### **Structure changes in year**

Methodist church in West Somerset was previously known as Alcombe Methodist Church. On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 the new name of Methodist Church in West Somerset was utilised, when the churches of Minehead, Porlock, Watchet and Brendon Hill joined with the Alcombe church charity. Previous year financials have been pooled to show combined church adjusted comparatives.

#### **Objectives & Activities**

Methodist Church in West Somerset (MCiWS) is part of the West Somerset Circuit (WSC), whose Mission Statement states:

*'We are committed to working together as a Circuit to enable personal growth and every church to be a place of welcome, love and acceptance in the name of Jesus Christ.'*

MCiWS and WSC are run according to the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church in Great Britain. (Registered Charity No. 1132208.)

# **METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET**

## **YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

#### **Objectives & Activities**

##### **Worship**

WSC produces in each quarter a plan for the worship in the churches across the whole circuit. Four Churches hold a public service of worship each Sunday morning at 10.30am and another has an evening service (afternoon in Winter).

Services of Holy Communion are held about once per month, in each church.

There are two accredited Worship Leaders, one at Alcombe, the other at Minehead church, available to assist visiting preachers leading the worship services and to assist the Church Stewards in the leading of any Local Arrangement services that are planned at the church.

Each church works with ecumenical partners, whenever appropriate.

Each church is available for Baptisms, weddings and funerals, as required.

##### **Pastoral Care**

Rev Andy Day, the WSC Superintendent Presbyter, has oversight of the pastoral care of Porlock, Alcombe and Watchet; Rev Chloe Kingdon has Minehead and Brendon Hill, Day to day pastoral care of the church community is covered informally by natural groupings of those who meet regularly in various capacities during the week as well as at worship.

##### **Discipleship, Nurture and Learning**

Discipleship, Nurture and Learning at the churches covers a wide range of activities, which include...

- A regular pattern of worship, including rites of passage: baptisms, weddings and funerals, in addition to hosting Circuit services
- Hosting of an Annual ecumenical holiday club for children aged 5-11
- Church events for fellowship, fun and fundraising
- Appropriate training for volunteer workers with children and young people
- Safeguarding training is available for all those required to attend
- Other training and sharing opportunities make use of the projection facilities
- Special worship occasions
- 'Friendship Centre' meetings weekly at AMC for those who are alone and lonely, offering a cooked meal, an interesting talk and an opportunity for fellowship
- A fortnightly 'Bright Hour' fellowship; monthly Thursday Circle & Tuesday Club.
- Bible studies, eg regularly at Watchet, plus elsewhere for Advent, Lent etc.
- Registration at Fair Trade and Eco Church at some churches.

# **METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET**

## **YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

#### **Objectives & Activities**

##### **Evangelism and Outreach**

MCiWS is committed to support, encourage and challenge the members of the church in their life and mission. Evangelism and outreach is about having a Christian presence in the local community; being salt and light in the local area. This involves making connections with the various groups who use the building and moving outside the church building to make connections with the local community. Charitable agencies supported include: Action for Children, MHA, All We Can, West Somerset Food Cupboard, Quantock Food Cupboard, Exmoor Youth Project.

Ongoing community outreach includes our Super and our Lay Worker as School Governors at the Community Church School, also running Open the Book and an annual Journey to Bethlehem, Christian Escape rooms for Church and community occasions.

Our buildings serve as a venue for a wide variety of Church and community events.

One church holds regular coffee morning which welcome the community while fund-raising for local causes.

Two churches host weekly 'Warm Spaces', offering an open invitation to members of our community who join us for conversation, light lunches and simple activities. These Spaces offer opportunities for new friendships.

##### **Safeguarding**

Chloe Kingdon (name changed in November 2024) is the Church Safeguarding Coordinator who liaises between MCiWS and WSC on matters relating to safeguarding and keeps the Church Council up to date with any changes in legislation and procedures. Each church holds a copy of the current WSC Safeguarding Policy document. The Church Council has adopted the Methodist safeguarding policy and reviews this policy annually. WSC runs the Creating Safer Space Foundation Module as and when required, so that all those who need to attend this training from MCiWS are able to do so.

##### **Communications**

WSC produces a Circuit magazine, 'The Messenger', published ten times per year. This magazine is a showcase for events around the circuit. Two churches produce a weekly notice sheet to help disseminate information and to aid communication, which is circulated electronically and by paper copies. The church stewards have an important role in making sure that communication happens amongst the church community throughout MCiWS.

During the year WSC has upgraded its website to <https://www.westsomersetmethodists.org.uk>. Chaz Hardiman is the webmaster.

# **METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET**

## **YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

#### **Objectives & Activities**

##### **Property**

Property is overseen by a small team with people at each church building taking the lead to feedback to CLT and Circuit Meeting where appropriate.

##### **Finance**

Jean Armin is the MCIWS treasurer. Jean is responsible for overseeing the correct procedures and accounting relating to MCIWS church finances. Bookkeeping is now undertaken by James Price who is available in the Office once a week.

#### **Achievements & Performance**

##### **Main achievements of the year**

- The churches which are able to let out their halls for parties, rehearsals and other meetings have seen a return to pre-pandemic levels of use and income.
- The Friendship Centre Lunch at Alcombe has proved popular but is faced with staffing issues and is under review. (Closed in May 2025.)
- The Tuesday Warm Space at Alcombe is welcoming increasing numbers of 'guests' and a new venture at Minehead is becoming established.
- The Toddlers Group is proving very successful, now running at Minehead on Mondays, Williton on Wednesdays, Alcombe on Fridays and plans are underway for a new group at Porlock on Tuesdays.
- Christian Escape rooms for Church and community occasions have engaged the local community with the Bible in a meaningful way and is being requested for wider use.

##### **Progress of Aims and Objectives for MCIWS during the period 01.09.24 – 31.08.25**

- To meet the needs of the lonely and disadvantaged in our community.
- To ensure pastoral care is offered through natural groupings.
- To continue to hold a meet in various ways for fellowship and support.
- To attend safeguarding training, including both foundation and advanced sessions, wherever required

#### **Financial Review**

The charity now consists of five churches, which all have main funding sources of collections & hall lettings. The merging of the churches will provide improved financial performance and stability.

MCWS has no current reserves level set as it has no committed projects, or ongoing commitments, and instead budgets to spend all its annual income on its and its circuits activities

**METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

**Public benefit statement**

The trustees of MCWS have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their responsibilities.

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed – .....

Full Name – Rev Andy Day

Position – Superintendent Minister

Date – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

**METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**Independent Examiners Report**

I report to the trustees of Methodist Church in West Somerset on accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 13.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed - .....

Date - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Name - Anthony Smith FCMA

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# METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year 2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<i>Offerings</i>				
Offerings	52,989	-	52,989	53,842
Gift aid	4,174	-	4,174	15,716
Donations	887	-	887	4,270
	<u>58,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,050</u>	<u>73,828</u>
<i>Bank Interest</i>				
CFB Interest	4,814	-	4,814	6,367
TMCP Investment	34,337	-	34,337	32,041
	<u>39,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,151</u>	<u>38,408</u>
<i>Lettings</i>	<u>21,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,458</u>	<u>23,383</u>
<i>Other Income</i>				
Little Fishes Toddler group Income	1,137	-	1,137	1,337
Electricity Solar rebate	3,155	-	3,155	2,851
Warm Space grant	750	-	750	-
Bright hour collection	97	-	97	95
Coffee Morning collection	881	-	881	621
Holiday Club Income	199	-	199	-
Legacies	12,370	-	12,370	1,000
VAT reclaim on Building work	5,653	-	5,653	-
Insurance claim	3,700	-	3,700	8,693
Little Fishes Donation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Minehead Garden collection	-	275	275	-
Plant Sales	45	-	45	58
Funeral Fees	321	-	321	-
Xmas Tree festival	250	-	250	566
Card Sales	436	-	436	641
Open the book collections	321	-	321	-
Summertime stall sales	80	-	80	85
Gift Collection	-	-	-	73
Circuit share of costs	10,617	-	10,617	2,238
Alcombe Friendship centre	2,128	-	2,128	2,980
External Organisations collections	6,662	-	6,662	6,514
	<u>48,800</u>	<u>1,275</u>	<u>50,075</u>	<u>27,752</u>
<i>Asset &amp; Investment sales</i>				
Unrealised Gains/(losses) on Investments	(3,143)	-	(3,143)	607
Realised Gains/(losses) on Investments	-	-	-	391,188
	<u>(3,143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,143)</u>	<u>391,795</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>164,316</u></b>	<b><u>1,275</u></b>	<b><u>165,591</u></b>	<b><u>555,166</u></b>

# METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year 2024 £
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<i>Circuit Assessment</i>	145,375	-	145,375	109,750
<i>Donation</i>	2,699	-	2,699	1,327
<i>Repairs</i>	30,642	-	30,642	72,120
<i>Utilities</i>				
Light, Heat & water	16,861	-	16,861	15,998
Insurance	10,214	-	10,214	9,443
	27,075	-	27,075	25,441
<i>Wages</i>	22,546	-	22,546	31,667
<i>Other Expenditure</i>				
Phone	1,619	-	1,619	1,317
Transport	7,559	-	7,559	2,426
Stationery	1,339	-	1,339	904
Gardens	1,568	275	1,843	229
Cleaner	3,886	-	3,886	2,517
Bank/Investment Charges	3,379	-	3,379	2,981
Kitchen exp	3,673	-	3,673	4,945
Accountancy & bookkeeping fee	1,397	-	1,397	2,683
Secretarial fees	2,012	-	2,012	2,314
Subscriptions	1,200	-	1,200	1,217
Little Fishes Costs	1,264	-	1,264	1,534
Sundry	3,351	-	3,351	4,986
Projector	-	-	-	11,022
Bossington church expenditure	-	-	-	2,491
Roadwater Church expenditure	-	-	-	6,279
External Organisation donations	5,907	-	5,907	7,758
	38,152	275	38,427	55,603
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>266,489</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>266,764</b>	<b>295,909</b>
Net of Receipts/Payments	(102,173)	1,000	(101,173)	259,257
Cash Funds at 1st September 2024	726,740	-	726,740	467,483
Cash Funds at 31st August 2025	624,567	1,000	625,567	726,740

## METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SOMERSET

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Prior Year 2024 £</b>
Cash Funds				
Cash held at Bank	37,462	1,000	38,462	56,982
Cash on hand	559	-	559	264
CFB Account	72,045	-	72,045	140,468
TMCP Investment cash	514,500	-	514,500	529,026
	<hr/> 624,567	<hr/> 1,000	<hr/> 625,567	<hr/> 726,740
 TMCP Investment held	 £ 444,844			

## Methodist Church in West Somerset

Simple statement of financial activities for Year ended 31 August 2025

Church ID	<u>Alcombe</u>	<u>Minehead</u>	<u>Watchet</u>	<u>Porlock</u>	<u>Williton</u>	<u>Brendon Hill</u>	<u>Total</u>
	30238	30243	30233	30239	372513	30236	
<b>INCOME</b>							
<i>Offerings</i>							
Offerings	14,344.22	13,080.05	16,642.85	5,887.89	-	3,034.23	52,989.24
Gift aid	597.48	1,701.17	89.83	292.90	-	1,492.73	4,174.11
Donations	-	16.42	870.70	-	-	-	887.12
	<u>14,941.70</u>	<u>14,797.64</u>	<u>17,603.38</u>	<u>6,180.79</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,526.96</u>	<u>58,050.47</u>
<i>Bank Interest</i>							
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CFB Interest	1,932.23	617.93	2,045.11	61.54	42.12	114.63	4,813.56
TMCP Investment	<u>27,148.23</u>	<u>7,085.81</u>	<u>16.79</u>	<u>80.48</u>	<u>5.90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,337.21</u>
	29,080.46	7,703.74	2,061.90	142.02	48.02	114.63	39,150.77
<i>Lettings</i>	3,739.00	11,070.90	5,143.00	1,407.00	-	-	21,359.90
<i>Other Income</i>	16,192.70	12,990.11	13,081.19	111.00	-	-	42,375.00
<i>Little Fishes Income</i>	284.17	284.16	284.16	284.16	-	-	1,136.65
<i>Unrealised Gains/(losses) on Investments</i>	(3,158.39)	14.70	-	0.75	-	-	(3,142.94)
	<u>61,079.64</u>	<u>46,861.25</u>	<u>38,173.63</u>	<u>8,125.72</u>	<u>48.02</u>	<u>4,641.59</u>	<u>158,929.85</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
<i>Circuit Assessment</i>	83,875.00	45,750.00	10,625.00	2,500.00	500.00	2,125.00	145,375.00
<i>Donation</i>	100.00	481.25	1,768.00	-	25.00	325.00	2,699.25
<i>Repairs</i>	3,000.81	17,776.83	6,447.53	2,116.10	-	1,300.60	30,641.87
<i>Utilities</i>							
Light, Heat & water	2,192.66	8,293.86	5,312.02	1,062.82	-	-	16,861.36
Insurance	1,429.69	3,319.75	2,579.33	2,429.35	-	455.58	10,213.70
	<u>3,622.35</u>	<u>11,613.61</u>	<u>7,891.35</u>	<u>3,492.17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>455.58</u>	<u>27,075.06</u>
<i>Wages</i>	17,225.51	5,321.01	-	-	-	-	22,546.52
<i>Other Expenditure</i>							
Phone	868.00	750.80	-	-	-	-	1,618.80
Transport	5,407.60	2,151.20	-	-	-	-	7,558.80
Stationery	33.87	490.66	813.99	-	-	-	1,338.52
Gardener	390.00	1,353.22	39.44	60.00	-	-	1,842.66
Cleaner	57.90	1,689.47	1,112.89	1,025.76	-	-	3,886.02
Bank/Investment Charges	2,825.62	545.80	1.14	6.21	-	-	3,378.77
Kitchen exp	3,219.12	318.23	83.32	52.45	-	-	3,673.12
Bookkeeping fee	1,243.40	88.00	65.50	-	-	-	1,396.90
Secretarial fees	-	2,011.98	-	-	-	-	2,011.98
Subscriptions	302.40	254.40	395.72	247.00	-	-	1,199.52
Little Fishes Costs	284.17	411.66	284.17	284.15	-	-	1,264.15
Sundry	622.00	1,731.97	934.53	22.04	-	40.00	3,350.54
	<u>15,254.08</u>	<u>11,797.39</u>	<u>3,730.70</u>	<u>1,697.61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>32,519.78</u>
	123,077.75	92,740.09	30,462.58	9,805.88	525.00	4,246.18	260,857.48
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u>(61,998.11)</u>	<u>(45,878.84)</u>	<u>7,711.05</u>	<u>(1,680.16)</u>	<u>(476.98)</u>	<u>395.41</u>	<u>(101,927.63)</u>
<i>External Organisations</i>							
Income	157.25	607.50	5,497.32	299.44	-	100.00	6,661.51
Expenditure	(157.25)	(607.50)	(4,742.93)	(299.44)	-	(100.00)	(5,907.12)
Transfers	( 0.00 )	0.00	-	-	-	-	( 0.00 )
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u>(61,998.11)</u>	<u>(45,878.84)</u>	<u>8,465.44</u>	<u>(1,680.16)</u>	<u>(476.98)</u>	<u>395.41</u>	<u>(101,173.24)</u>
BWFD FUND	878,609.65	196,246.75	61,768.63	12,288.22	15,230.37	7,440.27	1,171,583.89
CFWD FUND	<u>816,611.54</u>	<u>150,367.91</u>	<u>70,234.07</u>	<u>10,608.06</u>	<u>14,753.39</u>	<u>7,835.68</u>	<u>1,070,410.65</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Bank	(15,709.45)	(205.76)	30,239.77	8,178.48	13,968.64	1,990.50	38,462.18
Cash	179.63	246.76	(0.01)	46.01	-	87.00	559.39
TMCP	806,806.74	150,055.88	367.55	1,985.93	127.79	-	959,343.89
CFB	25,334.62	271.03	39,626.76	397.64	656.96	5,758.18	72,045.19
	<u>816,611.54</u>	<u>150,367.91</u>	<u>70,234.07</u>	<u>10,608.06</u>	<u>14,753.39</u>	<u>7,835.68</u>	<u>1,070,410.65</u>

**The Methodist Church in West Somerset**

England & Wales - Charity number 1147036

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# Accounts

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Alcombe Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Circuit	Circuit no.	24/25
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1147036
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If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and  
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Minister:

Rev Andy Day
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Church Stewards:

Patrick Armin
Margaret Nevell
Christine Hope
Clive Wooldridge

Treasurer:

Jean Armin
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	17,874		17,874	13,866
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	23,826		23,826	25,091
a4	Lettings	3,580		3,580	3,275
a5	Other receipts	394,634		394,634	105,637
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>439,914</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>439,914 (a7)</b>	<b>147,869</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	65,500		65,500	65,500
b3	Donations	50		50	200
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	1,417		1,417	1,663
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,711		5,711	4,461
b6	Community/Family Worker/Wages	27,308		27,308	61,298
b7	Other payments	11,386		11,386	10,660
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>111,372</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>111,372 (b9)</b>	<b>143,782</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>328,542</b>	<b>4,087</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	107,814		107,814 (c6)	103,727
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>436,356</b>	<b>107,814</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(3,185)		(3,185) (c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>433,171 (c8)</b>	<b>107,814 (c6)</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 above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	65	65
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	120	266
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	120	266
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>65</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 August 2024 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/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Wesley Guild	0	0	0	(15)	199	184
e2 Bossington Church	0	2,491	(2,491)		2,491	(0)
e3 Alcombe Friendship Centre	2,480	2,684	(204)	573	42	411
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,480	5,175	(2,695)	558	2,732 (e11)	595 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	439,914 (a7)	111,372 (b9)	328,542	(3,185) (c7)	107,814 (c6)	433,171 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>442,394</b>	<b>116,547</b>	<b>325,847</b>	<b>(2,627)</b>	<b>110,546 (x)</b>	<b>433,766 (y)</b>
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 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	6	6
f2 Bank Current Account	3,629	4,658
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	76,888	63,531
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		364,851
f6 Other funds	27,291	125
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>107,814 (c6)</b>	<b>433,171 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,732 (e11)	595 (e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>110,546 (x)</b>	<b>433,766 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	750,222	444,844
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,104,762	1,104,762
g3 Other Assets	116,700	116,700
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 Alcombe Methodist Church No.....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 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 ..... Date.....

Name and address of treasurer .....

..... Post Code.....

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13th June 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Andrew Day .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Andrew Day Date 17/6/25

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

### Alcombe Methodist Church

Charity Number 1147036

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Alcombe Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to .... 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 Alcombe Methodist Church No 24/25

**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 ANTHONY SMITH

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ANTHONY SMITH LTD (C) LTD

Address 4 MIDDLE STREET

TAUNTON Post Code TA1 1SH

Date 16 JUNE 2025

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**Notes to the accounts - Alcombe 2024**

Other Receipts	2024	2023
Donations		
Gifts,catering, events		
Minehead Methodist Church		£4,230
Lidl Neighbourhood fund		£555
Full Tummies		
Ukraine lunches		
Holiday Club		£84
Alcombe Friendship Centre	£ 2,480.00	£1,919
Collection for action for Children		£63
Womans Bright Hour	£ 95.00	£40
World Mission	£ 65.00	£90
Bossington	£ 1,489.75	£757
All we can	£ 55.00	£113
Electricity FIT	£ 2,850.76	£2,786
Transfer from Timberscombe Church		
Investment Sales		£94,999
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,036</b>	<b>105,637</b>

Other Payments		
Stationery	£ 66.17	£49
Cleaner & Bookkeeper	£ 1,778.85	£1,526
Worship Expenses		
Gifts, catering events from church funds	£ 40.75	£251
Full Tummies	£ -	£17
Ukraine Lunches	£ -	
Transport	£ 1,669.20	£2,752
Bank	£ 138.46	£149
R Edwards Expenses	£ -	£741
TMCP administration charge	£ 2,178.80	£2,444
Copyright Licence	£ -	£366
Bossington Expenses	£ 294.40	£1,224
All we can	£ 55.00	£113
Wesley Guild	£ -	£15
World Mission	£ 65.00	£90
Unrealised Losses on Investments	£ -	(£3,293)
Action for Children	£ -	£63
Photocopier	£ -	£614
Alcombe Friendship Lunches	£ -	£700
Womans Bright Hour	£ -	£75
Alcomber friendship Centre Expenses	£ 2,183.80	£3,458
Telephone Charges	£ 560.93	
Freezer (Wedned=sday Lunch Club)	£ 769.99	
Other	£ -	(£697)
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,801</b>	<b>10,659</b>

**The Methodist Church in West Somerset**

England & Wales - Charity number 1147036

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# Accounts

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# The Methodist Church

## Annual Report of Alcombe Methodist Church

*1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023*

### Reference and administrative details

- Alcombe Methodist Church is a Registered Charity, No 1147036.
- **Correspondence Addresses:**  
Jean Armin,  
Alcombe Methodist Church secretary  
Mews End Cottage  
Quay Lane  
Minehead  
TA24 5QU

[armln\\_admin@btinternet.com](mailto:armln_admin@btinternet.com)

### Managing Trustees

Jean Armin  
Patrick Armin  
Eileen Burley  
Margaret Ellis  
Margaret Nevell  
Jeanette Perkins  
Clive Wooldridge  
Lynne Wooldridge  
Christine Hope  
Janys Pentland

*Acronyms used in this report are as follows:*

**WSC** – West Somerset Circuit

**AMC** – Alcombe Methodist Church

**LA** – Local Arrangement

**LPCW** – Lay Pastoral & Community Worker

**WL** – Worship Leader

## Structure, governance and management

### Presbyter in pastoral charge

Rev Nick Lakin

### Lay pastoral and community worker

Penny Williams

### Circuit management officer

#### Church stewards

Patrick Armin (Property)  
Christine Hope  
Margaret Nevell  
Clive Wooldridge (from 09 03 22)

#### Church treasurer

Jean Armin

#### Church secretary

Jean Armin

## Leadership structure

### **Church Council Meetings** (*meeting four times per year*)

Presbyter in pastoral charge

All members of the churches who are willing to serve (SO 610 (x))

### **Church Leadership Team** (*meeting as and when required*)

Presbyter in pastoral charge

All church stewards

Church secretary

Church treasurer

## Activities

- **Alcombe Methodist Church (AMC) is part of the West Somerset Circuit (WSC), whose Mission Statement states:**

*'We are committed to working together as a Circuit to enable personal growth and every church to be a place of welcome, love and acceptance in the name of Jesus Christ.'*

Alcombe Methodist Church and WSC are run according to the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church in Great Britain. (Registered Charity No. 1132208.)

## WORSHIP

1. WSC produces in each quarter a plan for the worship of the whole circuit, which includes a planned preacher for each service held at AMC. The Church holds a public service of worship each Sunday morning at 10.30am.
2. Services of Holy Communion are held once per month in one of the morning worship services.
3. Clive Wooldridge is the accredited Worship Leader at AMC. Clive assists visiting preachers leading the worship services and will assist the Church Stewards in the leading of any Local Arrangement services that are planned at the church.
4. AMC works with ecumenical partners, whenever appropriate.
5. AMC is available for Baptisms, weddings and funerals, as required.

## PASTORAL CARE

Rev Nick Lakin, the WSC Superintendent Presbyter, has pastoral charge of AMC. He has oversight of the pastoral care of the church community and is assisted in this task by the Lay Pastoral and Community Workers, with Penny Williams holding particular responsibility for AMC. There is also a pastoral group system operating in the church, where each member and adherent is placed with a pastoral group leader, who share in the work of pastoral care. Circuit staff are kept informed of particular pastoral needs or requests, however, much of the pastoral work is undertaken by the pastoral group leaders. Meetings of the church pastoral visitors take place as and when required, chaired by Penny Williams. The church pastoral committee meetings offer an opportunity for AMC to identify its pastoral needs, offer training, share experiences and thereby promote good practice.

## **DISCIPLESHIP, NURTURE and LEARNING**

Discipleship, Nurture and Learning at AMC covers a wide range of activities, which include...

- a) A regular pattern of worship, including rites of passage: baptisms, weddings and funerals
- b) Annual ecumenical holiday club for children aged 5-11
- c) Church events for fellowship, fun and fundraising
- d) Appropriate training for volunteer workers with children and young people
- e) Safeguarding training is available for all those required to attend
- f) Special worship occasions
- g) 'Friendship Centre' meetings fortnightly at AMC for those who are alone and lonely, offering a cooked meal, an interesting talk and an opportunity for fellowship
- h) A fortnightly 'Bright Hour' fellowship groups,

## **EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH**

AMC is committed to support, encourage and challenge the members of the church in their life and mission. Evangelism and outreach is about having a Christian presence in the local community; being salt and light in the local area. This involves making connections with the various groups who use the building and moving outside the church building to make connections with the local community. AMC supports other charitable agencies, such as Action for Children, MHA, All We Can etc. AMC also actively supports the West Somerset Food Cupboard. AMC's building serves as a venue for a wide variety of Church and community events.

A weekly 'Warm Space' offers an open invitation to members of our community who have joined us for lunch and friendship.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Lynne Wooldridge is the Church Safeguarding Coordinator who liaises between AMC and WSC on matters relating to safeguarding, and keeps the Church Council up to date with any changes in legislation and procedures. AMC holds a copy of the current WSC Safeguarding Policy document. The Church Council has adopted the Methodist safeguarding policy and reviews this policy annually. WSC runs the Creating Safer Space Foundation Module as and when required, so that all those who need to attend this training from AMC are able to do so.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

WSC produces a Circuit magazine, 'The Messenger', published ten times per year. This magazine is a showcase for events around the circuit, including AMC. AMC produces a weekly notice sheet to help disseminate information and to aid communication, which is circulated primarily electronically with paper copies being available for those who are not able to receive communication electronically. The church stewards have an important role in making sure that communication happens amongst the church community at AMC. WSC has developed its own website, <https://westsomerset.2day.uk/> Chaz Hardiman is the webmaster.

## **PROPERTY**

Patrick Armin is the property coordinator for AMC, supported by the property committee, which meets as and when required. Patrick keeps an overview of all property matters within the life of AMC.

## **FINANCE**

Jean Armin is the AMC treasurer. Jean is responsible for overseeing the correct procedures and accounting relating to AMC church finances.

### **Achievements and performance**

- **Main achievements of the year**

During this year the church hall has continued to be used as a local vaccination centre, which has enabled the church to provide support for the local community in this vital work following the Covid pandemic.

### **Progress of Aims and Objectives for AMC during the period 01 09 22 – 31 08 23**

1. To meet the needs of the lonely and disadvantaged in our community.
2. To regroup pastoral care to better reflect natural groupings.
3. To continue to hold a meet in various ways for fellowship and support.
4. To attend safeguarding training, including both foundation and advanced sessions, wherever required

### **Financial Review**

*Independently examined accounts attached*

### **Public benefit statement**

The trustees of Alcombe Methodist Church have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their responsibilities.

This annual report has been approved by the Methodist Church in West Somerset Church Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Signed ..... (Chair of the Church Council Meeting)

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>Alcombe Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>24/25</b>
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Mr Patrick Armin
Mrs Margaret Nevell
Mrs Christine Hope
Mr Clive Wooldridge

Treasurer:

Mrs Jean Armin
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	13,866		13,866	9,876
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	25,091		25,091	25,494
a4	Lettings	3,275		3,275	3,050
a5	Other receipts	105,637		105,637	91,532
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>147,869</b>		<b>147,869 (a7)</b>	<b>129,952</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	65,500		65,500	65,500
b3	Donations	200		200	645
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	1,663		1,663	1,141
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,461		4,461	4,247
b6	Community/Family Worker/Wages	61,298		61,298	46,990
b7	Other payments	10,660		10,660	12,920
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>143,782</b>		<b>143,782 (b9)</b>	<b>131,443</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>4,087</b>	<b>4,087</b>	<b>(1,491)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		103,727	103,727 (c6)	105,218
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>107,814</b>	<b>107,814</b>	<b>103,727</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>107,814</b>	<b>107,814 (c8)</b>	<b>103,727 (c6)</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 above)		
		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	65	65
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		109
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		109
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>
	(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
e1	Wesley Guild					199	199
e2	Bossington Church	757	1,224	(467)		2,958	2,491
e3	Alcombe Friendship Centre	1,414	1,612	(198)		240	42
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,171	2,836	(665)		3,397 (e11)	2,732 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	147,869 (a7)	143,782 (b9)	4,087	(c7)	103,727 (c6)	107,814 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>150,040</b>	<b>146,618</b>	<b>3,422</b>		<b>107,124 (x)</b>	<b>110,546 (y)</b>
	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 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	6
f2	Bank Current Account	3,993
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board	76,516
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	
f6	Other funds	23,211
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>103,726 (c6)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>3,398 (e11)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>107,124 (x)</b>
		<b>110,546 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	834,477
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,456,741
g3	Other Assets	137,224
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 ..... ALCOMBE METHODIST ..... No.....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

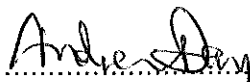
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date 12/6/2024

Name and address of treasurer ..... JEAN ARMIN, MEWS END COTTAGE  
5 QUAY LANE, MINEHEAD ..... Post Code TA24 8QU

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 12/6/24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... ANDREW DAY ..... Date 19/6/24 .....

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

ALCOMBE METHODIST ..... Church

Charity Number 1147036

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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Name of Church ALCOMBE METHODIST No 24/25

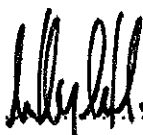
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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner ANTHONY SMITH.

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ANTHONY SMITH AND CO LTD.

Address 4 MIDDLE STREET  
TAUNTON Post Code TA1 1SH.

Date 18 JUNE 2024

\* delete or circle as appropriate

### Notes to the accounts - Alcombe 2023

Other Receipts	2023	2022
Donations		£30
Gifts,catering, events		£197
Minehead Methodist Church	£4,230	£5,640
Lidl Neighbourhood fund	£555	£500
Full Tummies		£2,000
Ukraine lunches		£100
Holiday Club	£84	
Alcombe Friendship Centre	£1,919	
Collection for action for Children	£63	
Womans Bright Hour	£40	
World Mission	£90	
Bossington	£757	
All we can	£113	
Electricity FIT	£2,786	£2,516
Transfer from Timberscombe Church		£51
Investment Sales	£94,999	£80,499
Total	<u>105,637</u>	<u>91,533</u>
Other Payments		
Stationery	£49	£477
Cleaner & Bookkeeper	£1,526	£6,305
Worship Expenses		£70
Gifts, catering events from church funds	£251	£135
Full Tummies	£17	£313
Ukraine Lunches		£11
Transport	£2,752	£690
Bank	£149	
R Edwards Expenses	£741	
TMCP administration charge	£2,444	£3,122
Copyright Licence	£366	
Bossington Expenses	£1,224	
All we can	£113	
Wesley Guild	£15	
World Mission	£90	
Unrealised Losses on Investments	(£3,293)	
Action for Children	£63	
Photocopier	£614	
Alcombe Friendship Lunches	£700	
Womans Bright Hour	£75	
Alcomber friendship Centre Expenses	£3,458	
Other	(£697)	£1,798
	<u>10,659</u>	<u>12,921</u>

**The Methodist Church in West Somerset**

England & Wales - Charity number 1147036

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# Accounts

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# The Methodist Church

## Annual Report of Alcombe Methodist Church

*1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021*

### Reference and administrative details

- Alcombe Methodist Church is a Registered Charity, No 1147036.
- **Correspondence Addresses:**  
Jean Armin,  
Alcombe Methodist Church secretary  
Mews End Cottage  
Quay Lane  
Minehead  
TA24 5QU

[arm1n\\_admin@btinternet.com](mailto:arm1n_admin@btinternet.com)

### Managing Trustees

Jean Armin  
Patrick Armin  
Jen Bates  
Eileen Burley  
Margaret Ellis  
Margaret Nevell  
Jeanette Perkins  
Clive Wooldridge  
Lynne Wooldridge  
Christine Hope  
Janys Pentland

*Acronyms used in this report are as follows:*

**WSC** – West Somerset Circuit

**AMC** – Alcombe Methodist Church

**LA** – Local Arrangement

**LPCW** – Lay Pastoral & Community Worker

**LWP** – Leaders of Worship and Preachers

**WL** – Worship Leader

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Presbyter in pastoral charge**

Rev Nick Lakin

### **Lay pastoral and community workers**

Penny Williams

Rose Woods (until March 2021)

**Children's & Families Worker**

Rebecca Edwards

**Church Stewards**

Patrick Armin (Property)

Jen Bates (UNTIL 1 JULY 2021)

Christine Hope

Margaret Nevell

**Church Treasurer**

Margaret Ellis (JEAN ARMIN FROM 4 AUG 2021)

**Church Secretary**

Jean Armin

## Leadership structure

**Church Council Meetings** (*meeting twice per year*)

Presbyter in pastoral charge

All members of the church who are willing to serve (SO 610 (x))

**Church Leadership Team** (*meeting as and when required*)

Presbyter in pastoral charge

All church stewards

Church secretary

Church treasurer

## Activities

- **Alcombe Methodist Church (AMC) is part of the West Somerset Circuit (WSC), whose Mission Statement states:**

*'We are committed to working together as a Circuit to enable personal growth and every church to be a place of welcome, love and acceptance in the name of Jesus Christ.'*

Alcombe Methodist Church and WSC are run according to the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church in Great Britain. (Registered Charity No. 1132208.)

## WORSHIP

1. WSC produces in each quarter a plan for the worship of the whole circuit, which includes a planned preacher for each service held at AMC. The Church holds a public service of worship each Sunday morning at 10.30am. It holds a

public service of Alternative Worship once per month at 6.30 pm on a Sunday evening.

2. On 23 March 2020, the church closed due to the national lockdown and remained closed until Pentecost Sunday, 23 May, 2021. During this time, worship was offered as a twice-weekly circuit video service at 10.30 am on Sunday mornings and at 7.30 pm on a Thursday evening. Weekly written devotions were circulated electronically where possible, and in paper format where required. From Sunday 23 May 2021, live worship resumed in the church building at 10.30 am each week.

3. When the church building is open for live worship, services of Holy Communion are held once per month in one of the morning worship services.

4. Clive Wooldridge is the accredited Worship Leader at AMC. Clive assists visiting preachers leading the worship services and will assist the Church Stewards in the leading of any Local Arrangement services that are planned at the church.

5. AMC works with ecumenical partners, whenever appropriate.

6. AMC is available for Baptisms and funerals, whenever required. It is also a registered building for the solemnisation of marriages.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Rev Nick Lakin, the WSC Superintendent Presbyterian, has pastoral charge of AMC. He is oversight of the pastoral care of the church community and is assisted in this task by the Lay Pastoral and Community Workers, with Penny Williams holding particular responsibility for AMC. There is also a pastoral group system operating in the church, where each member and adherent is placed with a pastoral group leader, who share in the work of pastoral care. Circuit staff are kept informed of particular pastoral needs or requests, however, much of the pastoral work is undertaken by the pastoral group leaders. Except for the period when the church was closed, meetings of the church pastoral visitors take place as and when required, but at least once per annum. The church pastoral committee meetings offer an opportunity for that church to identify its pastoral needs, offer training, share experiences and thereby to promote good practice. During the pandemic, pastoral support was primarily offered via phone calls.

## **DISCIPLESHIP, NURTURE and LEARNING**

Discipleship, Nurture and Learning at AMC covers a wide range of activities, which include...

- a) A regular pattern of worship, prayer and fellowship groups, including rites of passage: baptisms, weddings and funerals
- b) Annual ecumenical holiday club for children aged 5-11
- c) Fortnightly on a Tuesday, coffee and chat meeting followed by Bible study & prayer

- d) Church events for fellowship, fun and fundraising
- e) Training for volunteer workers with children and young people
- f) Bi-monthly Messy Church and weekly 'Mustard Seeds' toddler group
- g) Safeguarding training is available for all those required to attend
- h) Special worship occasions, including monthly 'Alternative Worship'
- i) 'Alcombe Friendship Centre' meetings fortnightly for those who are alone and lonely, offering a cooked meal, an interesting talk and an opportunity for fellowship
- j) During the period when the church was closed due to the pandemic, the above activities and events were temporarily suspended.

## **EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH**

AMC is committed to support, encourage and challenge the members of the church in their life and mission. Evangelism and outreach is about having a Christian presence in the local community; being salt and light in the local area. This involves making connections with the various groups who use the building and moving outside the church building to make connections with the local community. AMC supports other charitable agencies, such as Action for Children, MHA, All We Can etc. AMC also actively supports the West Somerset Food Cupboard. AMC's building serves as a venue for a wide variety of Church and community events. During the period when the church was closed due to the pandemic, most of these activities were suspended.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Lynne Wooldridge is the Church Safeguarding Coordinator who liaises between AMC and WSC on matters relating to safeguarding, and keeps the Church Council up to date with any changes in legislation and procedures. AMC holds a copy of the current WSC Safeguarding Policy document. The Church Council has adopted the church safeguarding policy and reviews this policy annually. WSC runs the Creating Safer Space Foundation Module as and when required so that all those who need to attend this training from AMC are able to do so.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

WSC produces a Circuit magazine, 'The Messenger', published ten times per year. This magazine is a showcase for events around the circuit, including AMC. AMC produces a weekly notice sheet to help disseminate information and to aid communication, which is circulated primarily electronically with paper copies being available for those who are not able to receive communication electronically. The church stewards have an important role in making sure that communication happens amongst the church community at AMC. During the pandemic, 'The Messenger' continued to be produced, being circulated electronically where possible.

WSC has developed its own website, <https://westsomerset.2day.uk/> Chaz Hardiman is the webmaster.

## **PROPERTY**

Patrick Armin is the property coordinator for AMC, supported by the property committee, which meets as and when required. Patrick keeps an overview of all property matters within the life of AMC. Patrick made regular visits to the property during the pandemic to check security and respond to any maintenance issues that arose.

## **FINANCE**

Margaret Ellis is the AMC treasurer, supported by the church secretary, Jean Armin. Margaret is responsible for overseeing the correct procedures and accounting relating to AMC church finances.

## **Achievements and performance**

- **Main achievements of the year**

During the period of the pandemic, the main achievement of the church was to maintain contact and pastoral support in appropriate ways, according to the context the pandemic restrictions allowed.

Since the summer of 2021, the church hall has been used as a vaccination centre, which has enabled the church to provide support for the local community in this vital work during the pandemic.

## **Progress of Aims and Objectives for AMC during the period 01 09 19 - 31 08 20**

UNTIL THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN BEGAN ON 23 MARCH 2020 AND AMC CLOSED, PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE TOWARDS ALL OF THESE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.

1. To build up the life of the church and Circuit through a fortnightly lunchtime Bible Study and prayer.
2. To regroup pastoral care to be more effective
3. To review the future of the Organ School
4. To continue to hold a regular meetings of the Bright Hour and the Wesley Guild
5. To attend safeguarding training, including both foundation and refresher sessions, wherever required

## **Aims and Objectives for AMC during the period 01 09 20 - 31 08 21**

The main aim for this Connexional year is to open the church whenever the managing trustees decided by majority vote that it is safe to do so and to gradually introduce whatever activities are deemed appropriate according to government and Methodist Church guidance. The managing trustees voted to open the church for live worship from Sunday 23 May, with restrictions in place according to the Risk Assessment prepared for this purpose. None of the other church activities were deemed possible for the remainder of this Connexional year.

## **Financial Review**

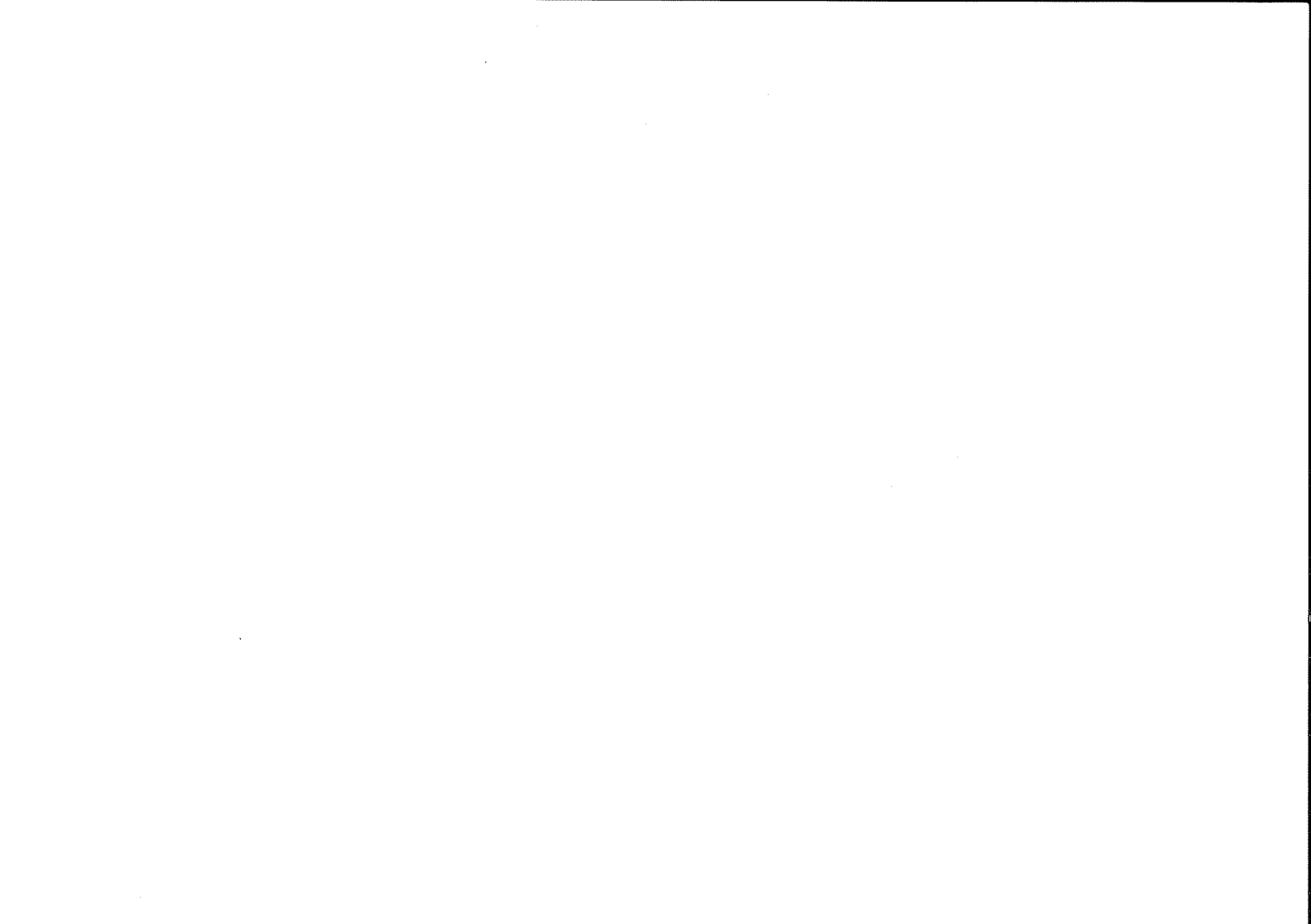
*INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED accounts to be added here*

## **Public benefit statement**

The trustees of Alcombe Methodist Church have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their responsibilities.

This annual report has been approved by the Alcombe Methodist Church Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 November 2021.

Signed .....*N P LAKIN*..... (Chair of the Church Council Meeting)



THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Alcombe Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Circuit	Circuit no	24/25
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1147036

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 Nicholas Lakin

Church Stewards:

Mr Patrick Armin

Mrs Margaret Nevell

Mrs Christine Hope

Treasurer:

Mrs Jean Armin

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	10,153		10,153	11,959
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	23,082		23,082	25,807
a4	Lettings	2,760		2,760	2,093
a5	Other receipts	77,984		77,984	63,668
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>113,979</b>		<b>113,979 (a7)</b>	<b>103,527</b>
<b>SECTION B</b>					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	36,199		36,199	39,398
b3	Donations	50		50	2,165
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	914		914	2,174
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	1,527		1,527	5,746
b6	Community/Family worker/Wages	49,737		49,737	60,593
b7	Other payments	7,039		7,039	14,740
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>95,465</b>		<b>95,465 (b9)</b>	<b>124,815</b>
<b>SECTION C</b>					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	18,514	18,514	(21,289)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	86,639	65	86,704 (c6)	107,993
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	105,153	105,218	86,704
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>105,153</b>	<b>105,218 (c8)</b>	<b>86,704 (c6)</b>

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	65	45
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		53
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		33
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>65</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 August 2021 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/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Wesley Guild					199	199
e2 Bossington Church	866	1,211	(344)		4,036	3,692
e3 Timberscombe Church	117	5,791	(5,675)		5,726	51
e4 Alcombe Friendship Centre					240	240
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	983	7,002	(6,019)		10,202 (e11)	4,182 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	113,979 (a7)	95,465 (b9)	18,514	(c7)	86,704 (c6)	105,218 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	114,962	102,467	12,495		96,905 (x)	109,400 (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 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	50	32
f2 Bank Current Account	5,097	3,880
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	24,989	32,527
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds	56,568	68,778
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	86,704 (c6)	105,218 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	10,202 (e11)	4,182 (e12)
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## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	938,227	1,027,197
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,630,787	1,350,787
g3 Other Assets	143,777	128,777
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: Alcombe Methodist Church

Charity No 1147036

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date: 09/03/2022

Name and address of treasurer : Mrs Jean Armin

Mews End Cottage, Quay Lane, Minehead Post Code: TA24 5QU

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 9.3.22.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Nick Lakin

Date: 09/03/2022

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Signature of independent examiner .....  .....

Name of independent examiner: K H D Preston BSc, FCA, TEP

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ICAEW

Name of firm: Amherst & Shapland Limited

Address: 4 Irnham Road, Minehead, Somerset

Post Code: TA24 5DG

Date: 01 August 2022