



The Methodist Church

Annual Report of Alcombe Methodist Church

1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023

Reference and administrative details

- Alcombe Methodist Church is a Registered Charity, No 1147036.

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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 12th June 2024.

Signed (Chair of the Church Council Meeting)

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Alcombe Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

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
Mr Clive Wooldridge

Treasurer:

Mrs Jean Armin

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
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	TOTAL RECEIPTS		147,869		147,869 (a7)	129,952

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
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	TOTAL PAYMENTS		143,782		143,782 (b9)	131,443

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	4,087		4,087	(1,491)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		103,727		103,727 (c6)	105,218
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	107,814		107,814	103,727
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	107,814		107,814 (c8)	103,727 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		65		65
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				109
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				109
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	65		65

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 2023 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	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	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	150,040	146,618	3,422		107,124 (x)	110,546 (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 August 2023**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	6	6
f2	Bank Current Account	3,993	3,629
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	76,516	76,888
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	23,211	27,291
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	103,726 (c6)	107,814 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,398 (e11)	2,732 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	107,124 (x)	110,546 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	750,222
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,104,762
g3	Other Assets	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 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 [Signature] Date 12/6/2024

Name and address of treasurer JEAN ARMIN, MEWS AND 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 [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting ANDREW DRY Date 19/6/24

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 2023 set out on pages 1 to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ALCOMBE METHODIST No 24/25

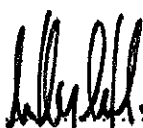
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 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>