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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**

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**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	

<b>CHURCH SECRETARY</b>	J Armin
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<b>CHURCH TREASURER</b>	J Armin
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<b>PRESBYTER IN PASTORAL CHARGE</b>	Rev A Day
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<b>LAY PASTORAL AND COMMUNITY WORKER</b>	P Williams
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<b>CHURCH STEWARDS</b>	C Longhurst J Sperring C Wooldridge
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For the one church, Circuit Stewards have responsibility for Churches and Circuit.

<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS</b>	A Smith & Co Ltd 4 Middle Street Taunton Somerset TA1 1SH
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<b>BANKERS</b>	TSB Bank PLC 19 The Parade Minehead Somerset TA24 5LU
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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.

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## **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

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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

Address – 44 Mayfield Avenue  
Weston Super mare  
BS22 6AA

# 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>	<u><b>164,316</b></u>	<u><b>1,275</b></u>	<u><b>165,591</b></u>	<u><b>555,166</b></u>

# 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> 30238	<u>Minehead</u> 30243	<u>Watchet</u> 30233	<u>Porlock</u> 30239	<u>Williton</u> 372513	<u>Brendon Hill</u> 30236	<u>Total</u>
<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
	14,941.70	14,797.64	17,603.38	6,180.79	-	4,526.96	58,050.47
<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	27,148.23	7,085.81	16.79	80.48	5.90	-	34,337.21
	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)
	61,079.64	46,861.25	38,173.63	8,125.72	48.02	4,641.59	158,929.85
<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
	3,622.35	11,613.61	7,891.35	3,492.17	-	455.58	27,075.06
<i>Wages</i>	17,225.51	5,321.01	-	-	-	-	22,546.52
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<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
	15,254.08	11,797.39	3,730.70	1,697.61	-	40.00	32,519.78
	123,077.75	92,740.09	30,462.58	9,805.88	525.00	4,246.18	260,857.48
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(61,998.11)</b>	<b>(45,878.84)</b>	<b>7,711.05</b>	<b>(1,680.16)</b>	<b>(476.98)</b>	<b>395.41</b>	<b>(101,927.63)</b>
<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>	<b>(61,998.11)</b>	<b>(45,878.84)</b>	<b>8,465.44</b>	<b>(1,680.16)</b>	<b>(476.98)</b>	<b>395.41</b>	<b>(101,173.24)</b>
<b>BWFD FUND</b>	<b>878,609.65</b>	<b>196,246.75</b>	<b>61,768.63</b>	<b>12,288.22</b>	<b>15,230.37</b>	<b>7,440.27</b>	<b>1,171,583.89</b>
<b>CFWD FUND</b>	<b>816,611.54</b>	<b>150,367.91</b>	<b>70,234.07</b>	<b>10,608.06</b>	<b>14,753.39</b>	<b>7,835.68</b>	<b>1,070,410.65</b>
<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
	<b>816,611.54</b>	<b>150,367.91</b>	<b>70,234.07</b>	<b>10,608.06</b>	<b>14,753.39</b>	<b>7,835.68</b>	<b>1,070,410.65</b>