



# ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH, SUDBURY

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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## ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL

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Rev Ruth Ridge - Chairman



Diane Badrick	Communion Steward/Christian Aid rep
Simon Badrick	Finance
Jane Brooker	Circuit steward/Safeguarding Officer
Francis Carr	Circuit Steward
Rev Rita Carr	Circuit minister
Maureen Hearn	Pastoral Secretary
Isabel Hebden	Senior Steward
Mark Lewis	Church rep 2021
Norma Newcomb	Steward
Gill Phillips	Steward/CTiSD/Playbox Committee
Sue Pugh	Playbox Committee

Sue Rampling	Steward
Judith Reed	Church Council Secretary
Philip Richardson	Administrator
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Julie Rix	Steward
Peter Rix	Property/Finance
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Richard Stanford	Property/Finance
Rev Jason Vinyard	Circuit Superintendent
Christine Willis	Choir Director
Simon Willis	Treasurer/Steward
<i>Elizabeth Lee (not a member or trustee)</i>	Community Worker

## Annual Report

Minister: The Reverend Ruth Ridge

St John's Mission Statement;

**St John's invites you to share the Good News of God's love in Christ.**

**We welcome everyone, and set out to give service to the community near and far.**

### Aims

1. The furtherance of God's work in Sudbury and surrounding area and supporting that work in the wider world.
2. Propagation of the Christian faith.
3. Providing and supporting positive opportunities for the development of activities to benefit the whole community.
4. To work constructively with other churches of other denominations and as appropriate with other organisations.
5. Provide worship opportunities for all ages, and a welcoming atmosphere for all, especially newcomers.

From our Minister

### **Report for St John's ACM 2024**

Dear Friends,

It has been a year of many changes, some sad, as we marked the loss of 6 much loved members and some exciting as we rejoiced in the fitting of a new heating system and floor in the hall. I want once again to extend my thanks to the stewards, treasurer and all church officers who maintain the smooth running of the church. A particular thank you this year goes to Philip, Richard, Peter and the Property Committee for the hard work both in planning and fitting the new underfloor heating. Much of this work was done in house by Richard, Philip and Peter with Simon Willis also lending a hand and this kept costs much below what they could have been. Thank you for the time and hard work you gave in very dusty conditions. The results are definitely greatly appreciated by all who use the hall.



Of course, the church is the people who meet rather than the building and our pastoral team continues to maintain contact with our wide church family. Thank you to Maureen and all of the pastoral visitors for the visits, calls and other contact. This year has seen the loss of a number of our membership and this is hard for all of us. It was good to take some time to be quiet and remember and give thanks at a 'light a candle' service in November and we will take another opportunity to do so in April.

The church magazine 'The Herald' continues to provide valuable information, an interesting read and a smile to readers from this church, Bradfield and Glemsford and our appreciation goes to Gill and all who contribute regularly to this. In addition to the Herald, the Bury Circuit is now producing a monthly newsletter to keep churches across the circuit in touch. Contributions for this are also gratefully received.

Bible Studies continue to provide opportunities for study and book group offers lively discussion. The Salt Shaker housegroup also meets regularly for prayer, fellowship and discussion. If anyone is interested in joining a housegroup, please speak to me as it would be lovely to run more groups if needed.

Our Community worker, supported by the management team, continues to offer Friday and Saturday groups – Tea and Tots, TGIF after school club and Coffee and Chat. Coffee and chat offers a varied programme including craft and monthly films and the Friday groups are growing and lively – take a look at the notice board by the hall for our latest theme! New volunteers are always welcome, so if you would like to know more, please speak to Elizabeth, Gill or myself.

Playbox have also had another good year and my thanks go to all those who maintain regular links through the Playbox committee and providing music and singing. It was lovely to have the children in church for Harvest and to be able to share the Central American tradition of Posada by sending knitted nativity figures to join the group.

Following last year's meeting, we agreed to continue holding a monthly all age service, held café style. These services have been well received and it was lovely to be joined by the Beavers for Remembrance Sunday. Feedback about these services would be gratefully received by the stewards, as we look to future planning.

As a church we continue to support the work of Action for Children and Christian Aid and to promote the work of Fair Trade. We also continue to campaign for environmental issues and to operate as an eco-church.

It has been a busy year and so many people have given selflessly of their time, energy and prayers to make these things happen. We are truly one body, rejoicing in many members with so many different skills. We look forward in faith to what the coming year may bring.

God bless.

Ruth.

## Pastoral Report

Membership	57
Pastoral Roll	120

We remember with love and thanksgiving those friends who have died or moved house since our last A G M.

Rev. Keith Horton

Mrs. Jan Turner

Mr. Andrew Pilgrim

Mr. Tony Clarke

Mrs. Olive Underwood

Mr. Ray Tansley

Mrs. Iris Clare

Mrs Alma Vinter has transferred her membership to Holme upon Spalding Moor.

The pastoral list is being updated and we have several people who are going to become members shortly.

*Maureen Hearn*

## Prayer Chain



We are seven members of St. Johns who pray for others when requests are made.

I am the first point of contact and I phone the other members who then include the requests in their prayers.

We need permission of the person or close family member before names are put on the list and everything is confidential,

It is often a great help and comfort to people knowing that they are held in prayer.

*Maureen Hearn*

## **Treasurer's Report to the Annual Church Meeting** **March 2024**

The financial climate continues to be difficult for St Johns as it is for most charities, businesses and individuals. The rate of inflation, though easing, has imposed a real cost of living crisis on us all. The fact that St John's continues to function in so many ways is due to the generosity of the church community



in their giving of time and skills as well as financially, and for that we continue to be very grateful. At the same time, we have to recognise again this year we have lost a number of members and so the financial load is shared by fewer individuals.

The accounts for the year 2022/2023 were approved by the accountants Moore Green and by the autumn church council. They show an overall deficit of £8,653 which is less than our prediction and also it does not include the grant of £2,000 from the circuit towards the hall floor which did not arrive until after 31<sup>st</sup> August. So this deficit is not as bad as it might have been, but is still a deficit. We have the reserves to cover it, but they will not last forever.

The estimated figures for 2023/2024 give a projected deficit of around £20,000 and were arrived at on the basis of minimum expected income and maximum expected expenditure. This should be the 'worst case scenario' and we might expect the deficit to be less. However, after 6 months of the church financial year, we have run at a deficit of £7,200 and I currently estimate the deficit at the end of the year to be around £19,000.

I estimate our income will be around £23,000 down on last year. Offerings and fund raising are down, and we have already received all the grants that we might expect. The tax refund from gift aided donations is expected to be much the same as last year, and the letting income which is almost entirely from the Playbox will be up £1200 for the year. Last year The Playbox contributed £8,000 on top of their accommodation, this year they have committed to £4,000. Although interest rates have been high and we have earned significant interest on our investments, rates are now falling and so it is unclear how much more we will earn.

I estimate our outgoings will be around £13,000 lower than last year largely because we do not have the expenditure

associated with the new hall floor and heating. Our assessment for next year has been reduced by 5%. However, we have yet to pay any utility bills at the new increased tariff we moved to at the beginning of January, as we pay for gas and electricity 2 months in arrears. We shall see shortly how much more our monthly bills are. Also, Anglian water is increasing its prices by 9 % on 1<sup>st</sup> April and that will be passed on to us.

Overall, we are running at a deficit as we have for a number of years. We do have considerable reserves at the moment and it is right we draw on those to maintain the work of the church, but I would ask you all to give prayerful thought to ways in which we might maximise our income to ease the pressure on our accounts.

In conclusion I would like to thank you again for your generous giving and support in the last year.

Simon Willis Treasurer

### **Salt Shakers Housegroup**



Salt Shaker Housegroup continues to meet every two months on the first Tuesday evening. Our next meeting will be at the home of Carol Whiteman in March.

We always enjoy being together, singing, praying and discussing whatever topic has been chosen by the host. Its a lovely group to be involved in and we are thankful for the fellowship we all share.

Jan Foster



### **Church Annual Report – Flower Committee**

Being able to have fresh flowers in Church gives the opportunity for members and friends to donate towards fresh flowers, have a go at arranging if you'd like, or taking the flowers out after display to give to the sick or anyone in need of cheering up.

It is hoped that fresh flowers can be arranged approximately once a month. For the other weeks we have two pedestals of good quality silk flowers to display .

A new Flower Rota is available on the table at the back of the church, so please add your name. As there are fewer members available to arrange and distribute the flowers we can't manage to do this more than once a month.

Please see if you can help in any way with this aid to our worship, and don't hesitate to speak to me to discuss any of the above.

Julie Rix



## **Community Team March 2023-February 2024**

Throughout the year, the community team has continued to run our groups for community engagement: Tea & Tots for under 5's, Thank Goodness it's Friday for ages 6+ and Coffee and Chat for all. All of our groups have regular members who attend each week, and we welcomed approximately 1050 attendees throughout the year (this number does not include the adults accompanying children), with weekly attendance of approximately 15 children at Tea & Tots, 10 children at TGIF and 9 adults at Coffee and Chat.

Tea & Tots runs on Friday mornings from 9.30am -11.30am. We have many regular members, who have been attending our toddler group with their children for several years, and have a wide range of ages in children from one week to four years. In addition to our regular attendees, we have welcomed many new families throughout the year. Parents and guardians enjoy our group for the friendly and welcoming attitude of our volunteers, as well as the other attendees, and find a great deal of safety and support with us.

Thank Goodness it's Friday (TGIF) is our after school club on Fridays from 3.30pm-5pm. In September we undertook a journey around the world, visiting 13 different countries and finding out about the people, plants and animals that live there. Families responded very well to this theme and were engaged and excited about our activities throughout the term. From this, we decided to continue with a structure of games, crafts and cooking based around a theme that changes each term or half term.

During the summer holidays, we arranged two outdoor meet-ups in Belle Vue Park. These were open to all of our families and offered a chance to meet during the summer break, to maintain contact and to share news.

Coffee and Chat runs weekly on Saturday mornings from 10.30am -12.30pm. Alongside friendly conversation, coffee, tea and cake, we have continued to run optional activities of jigsaw puzzles and board games, different hobbies on the second Saturday of the month, and a film screening on the fourth Saturday of the month. We spent time during October and November knitting sheep to be given to the children in our Friday groups and Playbox for our Posada activity during advent. In February we began a new knitting project to make blankets for use during church services in the winter. Coffee and Chat continues to provide a space to gather and socialise with one another.

In December, we took part in the Sudbury Christmas Tree Festival. We chose a theme inspired by our round the world trip in TGIF “Global Guardians”. In our groups, we spent time thinking about the ways we look after the people, places and creatures around us and things we can do to improve the way we care for each other.

Throughout the year we have continued to run Messy Church with St Andrew’s Church in Great Cornard. We run services once a month, usually on the third Sunday of the month, alternating which church hosts the service. During August we had an outdoor Messy Church at Foxearth Meadows.

Elizabeth Lee

## **Churches Together Report for ACM**

The work of Churches Together continues, with quarterly forum meetings this year covering topics such as FairTrade, God and the Climate, the Christian broadcaster SAT7 and an informal discussion 'Better Together?' looking at the things that we can achieve working across different churches. Quarterly services have also taken place, celebrating the work of Eden's and Christian Aid and providing space to remember in the 'Light up a Life' service. During this year's Week of prayer for Christian Unity service, there was also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the Churches Together Covenant.

We hope to hold an additional joint service at sunrise on Easter Day this year, venue and time to be confirmed.

Prayer breakfasts continue weekly and hospitality from churches around Sudbury is greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray together for the town and the world. Kettle and Fish continues to run a cafe most weeks at Suffolk Road and is supported by a good crowd of regulars, however custom is much reduced from when we were in St Peter's and we need more volunteers to help with setting up and serving. Please pray that the future for Kettle and Fish will become clear.

Churches Together also continues to support Christian work around Sudbury by supporting organisations such as Future Vision, Storehouse No. 72 and Abi's Footprints. It is wonderful to be able to share with Christians of different backgrounds in worship and in serving the community.

Ruth

## **Bible Study Group.**

We continue to meet regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2:15p.m. in the Wesley Room.



This year we have studied Hebrews, Obadiah, Isaiah chapters 40 - 55 (which are known as 'Second Isaiah and which include the four Servant Songs) and Haggai. We are now studying Peter, the rock on which Jesus built the Church.

At each meeting we have good, often lively discussions about the actual Bible passages, discussions related to them and what they all mean for us as individuals and for the Church and the wider community.

New members are always welcome!

Isabel Hebden

## **The Exchange Book Club**

The Exchange book club continues to meet every two months and the books which are chosen by the members are varied. They are not 'religious' in theme but always give us food for thought on moral and ethical matters.



I have been introduced to new authors and have shared some of my favourites with the group.

It is a small friendly group and everyone is welcome even if they have not read the book. So if you enjoy reading please do feel free to join us.

Nita Stanford.

Our continued thanks to Jane Sharp the Chairwoman of the Management Committee for her support to the Playbox staff and children and the PMC for their continued support throughout the year.

Many thanks to Richard Stanford for being 'Mr Fix it' for us and always there to help.

September 2023 saw us with 33 children as a large number of 2 Year olds were on the waiting list and places are limited but Spring 2024 numbers are up to 41.

We had a wonderful nativity this year with parents/carers and families able to come and watch the children perform and sing in 'The first Christmas'.

The staff are all up to date with their training with Makaton signing course booked for April.

We are planning a Mother's Day celebration with the opportunity for the mums to come in and share time and activities with their child. We are providing Tea and cakes and a potted plant and artwork from the children.

We have a visit from Little City role play company planned for the spring, they set up rooms with toys and activities from people who help us e.g. vets, police station, shop, fire station.

The website continues to be a valuable connection with the families to keep them informed of coming activities with photos and videos of their time at Playbox.



## **Property Report March 2024**

The Property Committee have met as and when necessary to address problems and situations as they arise. We are basking in the glory of a well functioning heated floor which is very satisfying after the hard work and expense. Along with upgrade to the toilet facilities which also seems very satisfactory. The regular maintenance and essential checks of alarm and emergency lighting have been carried out. At the moment we are still in a state of flux as the ongoing electric supply in town is being worked on. We have had to address the very tricky safety aspect of keeping fire escape routes clear and safety of children exiting the building via emergency doors. This has been addressed by fixing an extra gate on the car park side with a catch that is easily reached by an adult. It had seemed a good idea to use the redundant hedging as an eco heap but that has been removed to get at the brambles that were becoming dangerous(Nature fighting back). At the moment our long time grass cutter Mr Lunn has had to step back as he attends hospital for an operation, so I will do my best to keep it smart.

Richard

## **ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR REPORT 2023**

The choir has continued to contribute to Sunday worship during 2023, performing an Introit and/or Anthem most weeks. Our numbers are still low, and we would welcome anyone who'd like to come and sing with us. If you're tempted to give it a go, why not try it out – you don't have to commit yourself, and you might find you enjoy it! Practice is every Friday night between 7.00 and 8.15.

This seems the best place to thank Russell for stepping into the breach at Christmas when I had Covid, Isabel was away and Paul was also unwell. I'm sure everyone at St John's would like to thank

him for playing, and for his kind offer to step in if we are again without an organist at short notice. Thank you Russell.

At Christmas, we performed several pieces as part of the Carol Service as usual. We were again fortunate to be able to welcome Chris Francis from Great Waldingfield to boost our male voices. It's lovely to have Chris join us both for the Carol Service and occasionally at other services, and we are very grateful to him.

It was lovely to be invited to perform at the Sudbury Christmas Tree Festival again, as it returned to St Peter's. The choir were very well received, and it was lovely to have Diane Badrick join us. We look forward to singing there again next year.

Chris Willis

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

**St Johns Methodist Church Sudbury**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Bury St Edmunds	Circuit	Circuit no.	1403
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1151379

**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. Ruth Ridge**

Church Stewards:

Miss I Hebden	
Mrs N Newcombe	
Mrs G Phillips	
Mrs S Rampling	
Mrs J Rix	
Mr S Willis	

Treasurer:

**Mr S Willis**

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	37,167		<b>37,167</b>	37,854
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,908	44	<b>2,952</b>	377
a4	Lettings	700		<b>700</b>	130
a5	Other receipts	43,679	2,000	<b>45,679</b>	29,773
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>84,454</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>86,498 (a7)</b>	<b>68,134</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	44,809		<b>44,809</b>	43,158
b3	Donations		225	<b>225</b>	125
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	21,956		<b>21,956</b>	7,850
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,497		<b>7,497</b>	6,403
b6					
b7	Other payments	20,664		<b>20,664</b>	17,192
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>94,926</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>95,151 (b9)</b>	<b>74,728</b>

	SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(10,472)	1,819	(8,653)	(6,594)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		99,735	3,771	103,506 (c6)	110,108
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	89,263	5,590	94,853	103,514
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	(8)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	89,263	5,590	94,853 (c8)	103,506 (c6)

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		NIL		4
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,536		874
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		989		878
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>547</b>		<b>NIL</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 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 The Playbox	110,484	101,275	9,209	(8,000)	11,741	12,950
e2 Hobbies		94	(94)		94	NIL
e3 Flower Committee					75	75
e4 St Johns Community Team	1,171	1,475	(304)		505	201
e5						
e6						
e7						
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	111,655	102,844	8,811	(8,000)	12,415 (e11)	13,226 (e)
e8 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	86,498 (a7)	95,151 (b9)	(8,653)	(c7)	103,506 (c6)	94,853 (c)
e9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	198,153	197,995	158	(8,000)	115,921 (x)	108,079 (t)
	<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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	27,114	4,111
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	45,893	65,242
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	30,499	25,500
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	103,506 (c6)	94,853 (c)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	12,415 (e11)	13,226 (e)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	115,921 (x)	108,079 (t)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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)

# The Playbox at St Johns Methodist Church

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st August 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Incoming Resources		
Local Authority Funding	85,900	72,871
Fees	14,758	19,144
	<u>100,658</u>	<u>92,015</u>
Lunch Club	9,308	7,915
Fundraising and Donations	225	85
Miscellaneous Income	-	-
Bank Interest	293	30
	<u>110,484</u>	<u>100,045</u>
Resources Expended		
Staff Remuneration and Pensions	73,383	67,823
Educational Materials and Consumables	6,813	7,488
Training and mileage Costs		694
Accommodation and Services	20,696	17,217
Other	383	776
Equipment		2,304
	<u>101,275</u>	<u>96,302</u>
Net Incoming Resources for year	<u>9,209</u>	<u>3,743</u>

## Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022

Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets		
Balance at Bank	3,743	20,002
Balance with Methodist Church CFB	9,532	7,241
Cash	-	
	<u>13,275</u>	<u>27,243</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	325	15,502
	<u>12,950</u>	<u>11,741</u>
General Funds		
Balance Brought Forward	11,741	12,998
Less Transfers to St Johns	8,000	5,000
	<u>3,741</u>	<u>7,998</u>
Net Incoming Resources for year	<u>9,209</u>	<u>3,743</u>
	<u>12,950</u>	<u>11,741</u>



# INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM

This form should be used in conjunction with the STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS (Church, Circuit & District)

A separate Report Form should be prepared for each Internal Organisation

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

### SECTION H

#### RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations		
h2	Other receipts		110,484.00
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)		110484

### SECTION I

#### PAYMENTS

i1	Donations		
i2	Other payments		109,275.00
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)		109275

### SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	1209
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		11741
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page 3 in the main accounts)	(j1+j2+/-j3)	12950

### SECTION K

#### HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		12,950.00
k3	Other accounts		
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 above)	(k1+k2+k3)	12950

### SECTION M

#### FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(These amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)

m1	Balance brought forward from last year		
m2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
m3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
m4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(m1+m2-m3)	

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

31/8/23

### SECTION H

#### RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations		
h2	Other receipts		
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)		—

### SECTION I

#### PAYMENTS

i1	Donations		
i2	Other payments		
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)		—

### SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		75-02
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page 3 in the main accounts)	(j1+j2+/-j3)	75-02

### SECTION K

#### HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		75-02
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		
k3	Other accounts		
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 above)	(k1+k2+k3)	75-02

### SECTION M

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

### SECTION H

#### RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations		
h2	Other receipts		
h3	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)</b>		Nil

### SECTION I

#### PAYMENTS

i1	Donations		
i2	Other payments		94 36
i3	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)</b>		94 36

### SECTION J

j1	<b>NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)</b>	(h3 - i3)	(94 36)
j2	<b>OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)</b>		94 36
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	<b>CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page 3 in the main accounts)</b>	(j1+j2+/-j3)	Nil

### SECTION K

#### HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		
k3	Other accounts		
k4	<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 above)</b>	(k1+k2+k3)	Nil

### SECTION M

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## THE METHODIST CHURCH

## INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORT FORM

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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The Managing Trustees are annually required to complete the Annual Accounts setting out the financial affairs of the Church/Circuit/District including all its connected internal organisations.

This form (which can be used for a Church/Circuit, District organisation) requires details of the accounts of your organisation so that all responsibilities can be fulfilled. We ask for your co-operation which will ensure proper public accountability and the protection of those who willingly act as treasurers.

Circuit/District	CIRCUIT: <u>BSE</u>	DISTRICT: <u>EA</u>
Group/Organisation	<u>HOBBIES</u>	

Signatures section

I confirm that I have prepared the information overleaf from the accounts and records of the above named Group or Organisation

R. K Ridge P.P. JAN TURNER  
Treasurer of Group or Organisation

16/11/23  
Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the

HOBBIES

and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.

J S Wills  
Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor

24/9/23  
Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited\* accounts which were/will be\* presented to

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at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Signature of Chair of Meeting

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

### SECTION H

#### RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations		1170.82
h2	Other receipts		
h3	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)</b>		<b>1170.82</b>

### SECTION I

#### PAYMENTS

i1	Donations		
i2	Other payments		1475.06
i3	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)</b>		<b>1475.06</b>

### SECTION J

j1	<b>NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)</b>	(h3 - i3)	<b>(304.24)</b>
j2	<b>OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)</b>		<b>505.04</b>
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	<b>CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page 3 in the main accounts)</b>	(j1+j2+/-j3)	<b>200.80</b>

### SECTION K

#### HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		200.80
k3	Other accounts		
k4	<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 above)</b>	(k1+k2+k3)	<b>200.80</b>

### SECTION M

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Circuit/District

CIRCUIT: BSE

DISTRICT: EA

Group/Organisation

ST JOHNS COMMUNITY TEAM

#### Signatures section

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J Green

Treasurer of Group or Organisation

24/09/2023

Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the

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and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.

SSW

Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor

24/9/23

Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited\* accounts which were/will be\* presented to

at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on

Date

Signature of Chair of Meeting

Date

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Name of Church ...St Johns Methodist Church Sudbury..... No...14302.....

## 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...27/9/23.....

Name and address of treasurer .....John Simon Willis

5 Windsor Green Cockfield..... Post Code IP30 0LY

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 16/11/23

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Ruth Ridge..... Date ..16/11/23.....

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

...St Johns...Methodist....Church

Charity Number ...1151379..

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Johns 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.

Name of Church ...St Johns Methodist Church Sudbury..... No...14302.....

### 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 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 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 ..... Vincent Chandler

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCA FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... Moore Green

Address ..... 22 Friars Street, Sudbury, Suffolk

..... Post Code ..... CO10 2AA

Date ..... 26.10.2023

\* delete or circle as appropriate