



ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH, SUDBURY

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL

Members (Trustees) at October 2023

Rev Jason Vinyard –Superintendent Minister

Rev Ruth Ridge - Chairman



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

Philip Richardson	Administrator
Rev Ruth Ridge	Minister, St John's
Julie Rix	Steward
Peter Rix	Property/Finance
Ann Smythe	CTISD Rep
Richard Stanford	Property/Finance
Rev Jason Vinyard	Circuit Superintendent
Christine Willis	Choir Director/Action for Children
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 2025

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy year, with much to celebrate. At Easter we welcomed six new members by transfer, as well as one through confirmation and a baptism and in October we held our first equal marriage wedding. It was lovely to celebrate with our new members and to welcome Catherine and Nicola and their families as they affirmed their love and made their wedding vows. 2025 also began with a baptism as we welcomed baby Inara into the church, what a great way to start the year!

The community groups continue to meet regularly and to welcome many new people to the church building. Some families have also attended Messy Church sessions and some have dropped into services through the year too. I'm currently talking to folk from these groups about weddings and baptisms, as they build relationships, so they feel that they belong and questions about faith begin to surface.

The groups nurture new links in the community, whilst our pastoral team continues to support members and regular attendees, especially those no longer able to attend regularly. Thanks go to Maureen and the large team of pastoral visitors for maintaining such strong links and if anyone is interested in joining the pastoral team, please do speak to Maureen or myself. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or home communion, please let us know this too.

The monthly Herald continues to keep the sector well informed and our appreciation goes to Gill the editor and all who contribute regularly to this. The circuit news also keeps us informed about events in other circuit churches. Contributions for both are 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.

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 join with them for their Nativity Play. Playbox are currently exploring options for developing a larger outdoor play area, something that will benefit church groups too and thanks go to the property team for all their work on this as well as the never-ending list of jobs week by week that keep the church building a safe and comfortable place for all.

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 was lovely to welcome Morrison Mahachi to the congregation for three months during the summer and to learn from him about the Harare East circuit. Morrison is planning to return at Eastertime and we look forward to continuing to build links. It is really important to remember that we are part of a world wide church and to pray and learn together with Christians across the world.

Perhaps this is particularly important at a time when political uncertainty and increasing polarisation of different political views are causing fear and uncertainty. We are reminded by the Gospel that we are called to love our neighbour, wherever they may be and whatever they might be like and in faith we commit ourselves to do this in all that we do as a church, whatever the coming year might bring.

My thanks go to all who, in a variety of roles, enable the work of the church to continue, not least to the stewards and the Church Council for all of the work that they oversee.

God bless.

Ruth.

Pastoral Report

Membership 62

Pastoral Roll 107

Baptised

Miss Scarlet Adams
Miss Inara Lochlann

Received into membership

Mrs Sylvia Bambridge
Mr John Brett
Mrs Christine Chaplin
Mrs Jenny Everett
Mr & Mrs Margaret & Barry Hibble
Mrs Daphne Smith

Deceased Members

*We remember with Love and Thanksgiving our friends
who have died in the last year.*

Mr John Phillips
Mrs Margaret Nunn
Mr Tony Turner
Mrs Mavis Baalham
Mrs Jean Webb
Mrs Brenda Bristow Jones

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 2025

The financial climate continues to be difficult for St Johns as it is for most charities, businesses and individuals. The fact that St John's continues to make such a positive impact in so many ways across the community is due to the generosity of the church family in their giving of time and skills as well as money, 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 2023/2024 were approved by the accountants Moore Green and by the autumn church council. They show an overall deficit of £5,302 which is somewhat less than our prediction.

In November, the estimated figures for 2024/2025 gave a projected deficit of around £15,000. This was 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 £3,900 and I currently estimate the deficit at the end of the year will be around £12,000.

Currently, I estimate our income will be around £8,000 down on last year. Offerings and fund raising continue to fall year on year and as interest rates fall, so will our income from investments. Our outgoings I expect to be around £2,000 lower than last year, largely because we moved onto a cheaper tariff for gas and electricity last October. Also moving the Sunday service to the Wesley room saved £250 in January and potentially more in February.

Overall, we are running at a deficit as we have for a number of years and this is unsustainable. As I outlined in my Herald item in January, the giving from our church community does not cover our outgoings. The shortfall has been covered from our reserves, but they are finite and will not last for ever. Indeed, we should be thinking of using the money we hold to fund further work in the community rather than paying off our deficits.

Average giving per member of the congregation at present is around £13.50 per week or £700 per year. To break even last year that figure would have to have been around £17.00 per week or £880 per year.

In conclusion I am very grateful to all who have done what they can to reduce costs and to those who have dug that bit deeper so that the deficit is not greater, but, as always, I would ask you all to give prayerful thought to your giving and to ways in which we might maximise our income to ease the pressure on our accounts.

Simon Willis Treasurer

Salt Shakers Housegroup



Salt shakers continues to meet bi- monthly. We had a lovely Christmas evening at the home of Diane and Simon in December and happy to say were joined by new members.

Each year we collect for the charity Crisis. This year our donation amounted to £400 which was a grand sum for a small group.

Salt shakers group was first formed about twenty years ago. Hopefully we can continue to meet together, supporting, caring, sharing and praying for each other on many more occasions in the future.

Jan Foster



Church Annual Report – Flower Committee

Having fresh flowers in Church gives us opportunity to display fresh flowers in memory of family and friends. Anyone can have a go at arranging (with help if you'd like it), or taking the flowers out after the service 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 will soon be available on the table at the back of the church to begin on Mothering Sunday 30th March, so please add your name. As there are fewer members available to arrange and distribute the flowers we aim to do this monthly only.

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 2024-February 2025

The St John's community team have continued to run our three social groups for community engagement throughout the year. Tea & Tots, for children under 5 with parents and guardians, meets on Friday mornings, Thank Goodness It's Friday (T.G.I.F), for children 6 and over with parents and guardians, meets after school on Fridays, and Coffee and Chat, open for all, meets on Saturday mornings. Between March 2024 and February 2025 we have welcomed approximately 1645 children and adults to our Friday and Saturday groups.

At Coffee and Chat we offer a space for members of the community to gather for a morning of sociable companionship. We have an average of 10 adults attending each week. Every week, there are always boardgames, jigsaw puzzles and knitting supplies available alongside friendly chat and plenty of tea, coffee and cake. Once a month we host a hobbies week, run by our own members, which introduces us to different arts and crafts and encourages our creativity. Hobbies this year have included painting, printing, flower arranging, willow weaving, crochet, and clay modelling. Our members enjoy coming together to share news and learn new skills.



**Coffee and Chat willow
11 weaving February 2025**



Coffee and Chat March 2024

Tea & Tots is our most popular group with 15 families attending regularly each week we are open. Families with babies and toddlers under 5 years join us for a morning of affordable free play, messy crafts, singing and story time. Children are encouraged to explore our toys and games, and meet other babies and toddlers in a safe, nurturing environment. Additionally, adults accompanying babies and toddlers are able to meet and share their achievements and worries with us and each other. Many of our families have been bringing their children to our toddler group for years, and feel strongly connected to our community group.



Tea & Tots March 2024

T.G.I.F meets weekly during Sudbury school's term times and offers a relaxed afternoon of themed crafts, games, and simple cooking activities for children aged 6+ with a parent or guardian. Our membership has an average of 6 children attending each week we are open. Over the last year we have explored space, travelled through time, delved into the different traditions and cultures of our home and shared our individual interests and hobbies. Our members have enjoyed creating items to display on our notice board as well as being involved with church events, such as making decorations for our Harvest Festival and the Sudbury Christmas Tree Festival. This year we've been delighted to welcome some new families, who have become regular members.



**Sunflower grown
and planted out in
the church garden
by members of
T.G.I.F**

We have a number of neuro-divergent children attending both our Friday groups and they and their parents say they feel comfortable at the group, one child said "I like coming here, I feel like I can just be myself without worrying about being judged or picked on". We have begun to develop the support we offer for parents and children in this area through training for our volunteers and hope to continue this further.

In addition to our Friday and Saturday groups, we have continued to hold monthly worship for families in the form of Messy Church. This is run ecumenically with St Andrew's Church in Great Cornard, and The Salvation Army have now joined this group. During August, our Messy Church took place in Belle Vue Park and we have also introduced a 'Lego ' messy church entitled 'Messy Bricks 'into our rota. Messy

Church continues to provide active engagement with the bible through crafts, games and brick building, alongside singing, prayer and story telling. We continue our fellowship with with a meal at the end of each session.

The community team continues to have a team of wonderful, dedicated volunteers who allow us to open our doors to members of the community and operate in the way we do. We are pleased to be able to provide volunteering opportunities for members of our community of all ages.

Elizabeth Lee – Community Worker



Churches Together Report for ACM

The work of Churches Together continues, with quarterly forum meetings this year covering topics such as Eco-church, local outreach projects and praying together. 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. In addition to these, we were delighted to hold a sunrise service on the water meadows on Easter Day and a St Peter's Day service in St Peter's on the Market Square, a wonderful celebration service attended by over 180 people.

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. More people are always welcome so do pass word around, we meet most Thursdays 10am-1.30pm.

Churches Together also continues to support Christian work around Sudbury by supporting organisations such as Future Vision, Storehouse No. 72 and Abi's Footprints. This year we have also offered support to a new initiative co-ordinated by New Life Church placing a community worker in Great Cornard. It is wonderful to be able to share with Christians of different backgrounds in worship and in serving the community.

We are also seeking to update our online presence so keep a look out for a new Facebook page. For those who enjoy social media, we are also now live on Bluesky (like Twitter but much more user friendly). Hopefully this will enable us to engage with a new audience.

Ruth

Bible Study Group.

We have continued to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2:00p.m.



This year we concluded our study of Peter before moving on to study John's Gospel, the Letter of James and the Letter to the Galatians – all New Testament this year! Hopefully we will study some of the Old Testament after Easter.

At each meeting, we read and study the actual Bible passage and have discussions which are often thought provoking, often lively, but relevant to the Bible and to our lives. We try to think about why events occurred rather than when or how, thus emphasizing what the Bible means for us and its relevance for today.

Isabel Hebden.

The Exchange Book Club

We continue to meet every two months and read a wide variety of books chosen by the members.

They cover a wide range of subjects and are always thought provoking.

We welcome new members even if they have not read the book. So if you enjoy reading and would like to explore some new authors why not come along on the second Tuesday of the month and find out if you enjoy it.

Nita Stanford.



Playbox Report 2025

Our continued thanks to Jane Sharp the Chairperson 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 2024 saw us with 45 children and a large number of 2 Year olds list and places are limited but Spring 2025 numbers are 44. We welcomed a new full time member of staff to the team which as necessary for staff ratios for the increasing number of two year olds requiring places.

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

The staff and committee are all up to date with Safeguarding training in January 2025.

We have had a visit from Little City role play company with a Christmas theme which was amazing, and a visit booked for March 2025.

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.

ANNUAL PROPERTY REPORT 2025

The Property & Finance Committee meet as and when necessary. We have installed wi-fi throughout the buildings, for which we owe Mr John Wiseman and Philip Richardson a great deal of thanks. I merely drilled holes and pulled wires.

All the previous year's hard work to renew the underfloor heating and to upgrade taps and cisterns has proved most satisfactory.

Mr Lunn, who for many years had volunteered to cut our grass, has now had to stand down due to health considerations. We have sent a card of thanks and a gift. It would be wonderful to be gifted another volunteer to do this work ... ?

The normal weekly checks on the fire alarm and emergency lights have been undertaken and since the electric cables outside the Church were sorted out we have had a dependable supply.

The main preoccupation at the moment is extending the outside play area for our Playgroup. What had seemed a simple request has turned into a major mission as it requires Consents from Methodist Circuit and Planning Permission from Babergh, all of which are in hand. It will take some time and patience before we actually start doing anything.

I hope that by this time next year someone else will relieve me of the office of Property Secretary. Paper shuffling is not my forte and I would

be happier doing the odd jobs. Do we have any takers? Please step forward.

Richard Stanford, Property Secretary
March 2025

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR REPORT 2024

During 2024, the choir have continued to support worship, both with choir-only pieces and in congregational singing. This always seems to be well received. As a group, we have suffered a number of bouts of (mostly minor) ill health, which have prevented us doing everything we would wish to due to our small numbers. However, it is good to know that our efforts are appreciated.

We have been able to sing special, more demanding pieces on occasions such as Easter and Harvest, and performed 4 pieces at the Carol Service, which was a joyful and celebratory occasion.

Chris Willis

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St Johns Methodist Church Sudbury

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

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

1151379

If not a registered charity **His 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	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	34,546	70	34,616	37,167
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,351	68	4,419	2,952
a4	Lettings	1,000		1,000	700
a5	Other receipts	28,495	4,165	32,660	45,679
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	68,392	4,303	72,696 (a7)	86,498

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	43,852		43,852	44,809
b3	Donations	516		516	225
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,926		5,926	21,956
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,726		9,726	7,497
b6					
b7	Other payments	11,451	6,527	17,978	20,664
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	71,471	6,527	77,998 (b9)	95,151

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(3,078)	(2,224)	(5,302)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	89,263	5,590	94,853 (c6)	103,506
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	86,185	3,366	89,551
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	86,185	3,366	89,551 (c8)
					94,853 (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		547		NIL
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,328		1,536
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,875		989
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			547

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	The Playbox	118,611	111,464	7,147	(4,000)	12,950	16,097
e2	St Johns Community Team	1,341	1,195	146		201	346
e3	Flower Committee		8	(8)		75	67
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	119,952	112,667	7,285	(4,000)	13,226 (e11)	16,510 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	72,696 (a7)	77,998 (b9)	(5,302)	(c7)	94,853 (c6)	89,551 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	192,648	190,665	1,982	(4,000)	108,079 (x)	106,061 (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 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	4,111	4,431
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	65,242	59,620
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	25,500	25,500
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	94,853 (c6)	89,551 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	13,226 (e11)	16,510 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	108,079 (x)	106,061 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
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)

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 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 treasurerJohn 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 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

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 2024 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.

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

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

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:

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Signature of independent examiner V. S.

Name of independent examiner VINCENT CHAMBERLAIN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) MOORE GREEN

Address 22 FARRIS STREET GUDBURN SUFFOLK

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Date 16/12/2024

* delete or circle as appropriate