

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH LEIGHTON BUZZARD

England & Wales · Charity number 1151861

Details

Other names	TRINITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2013-05-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Trinity Methodist Church North Street Leighton Buzzard LU7 1ES
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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Trinity Methodist Church exists to worship God, share God's love, help others to follow Jesus, encourage other to grow in Christian faith and to serve God

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£122,796	£115,137	-	-
2024-08-31	£358,715	£107,904	-	-
2023-08-31	£108,010	£86,824	-	-
2022-08-31	£85,641	£94,969	-	-
2021-08-31	£83,444	£90,688	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev SEUNG-WOOK JUNG	Chair	2017-09-01
ALISON JAYNE ARNOLD		2016-02-25
Alison Diana Stokes		2021-10-12
Ann Hilary Guy		2025-05-18
Anne Gray		2014-06-11
Anthea Joy Shenton		2025-05-18
Brenda Elizabeth Sinfield		2023-05-21
CHARLES STEPHEN HORSEFIELD BSC		2013-04-24
Catherine Roots		2013-04-24
Christine Amy Bosworth		2023-05-21
Christine Lothian Peckham		2025-05-18
Christopher John Lowe		2019-05-12
Dr Roger James Owers		2021-10-12
Fiona Alice Arscott-Smith		2024-05-19
Jan Cornfoot		2017-11-02
Kathy Keeley		2018-04-29
Marina Mele		2023-05-21
NOREEN HENSHAW		2022-05-15
PETER AUSTIN BAKER		2015-06-11
Richard Keith Bates		2017-03-16
SUE HORSEFIELD		2013-04-24
SUE STOKES		2013-04-24
Sheila Millicent Pollard		2013-04-12
TONY OLDROYD		2013-04-24

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Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2025

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Administrative information

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Aims and organisation

Our Mission statement

Trinity Methodist Church exists to create a community of disciples of Jesus who

- worship God
- share God's love
- help others to follow Jesus
- encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith
- serve God in Leighton Buzzard and throughout the world

Public benefit

In making decisions about the activities of the church, the trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Management

The church is constituted under the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church in Britain. It is part of the South Bedfordshire Circuit.

The church is managed by the Church Council who are the Trustees of the Charity. Members of the Council are elected directly by Church members at the Annual Church Meeting, can be co-opted, or, as post holders in the church community, are members ex officio.

The Church Council is responsible for strategic decisions affecting the management, worship and spiritual life of the church.

Members of Church Council at the date of this report

S-W Jung (Chair & Minister)
M Mele (Secretary to Church Council)
S M Pollard (Treasurer)
A Gray (Senior Steward)

A J Arnold F A Arscott-Smith P A Baker R K Bates C A Bosworth J Cornfoot	A H Guy N Henshaw C S Horsefield S Horsefield K Keeley C J Lowe	A R H Oldroyd R J Owers C L Peckham C Roots A J Shenton B E Sinfield	A D Stokes S Stokes
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The following were also members during the year to 31 August 2025: N S Bibbings, D S Dawes, M C Dover, E M Green, P E Wagner

Committees

The implementation of Church Council decisions is delegated to the Minister, Leadership Team, Treasurer and these Committees.

- Worship
- Pastoral
- Community Action
- Property
- Resources
- Connections
- Development

Review of progress and achievements

We continue to hold two services in the church and one by zoom each Sunday, as well as our bi-weekly bible studies by zoom and a monthly Messy Church service, which is aimed at families. Our mid-week service, held on Tuesday mornings, is regularly attended by 25-30 people from the locality and nearby villages and is particularly appreciated by those who are unable to attend the services on Sunday.

Two biweekly groups meet in the church, a Games Fellowship and “Knit and natter”, giving opportunities for people to meet together. The three sections of the Scout Group continue to meet weekly. There is also a weekly badminton club.

“The Pastoral Leaders continue to work to ensure that all members are supported through regular contact from a member of the congregation and provide help as required. Production of the twice monthly newsletter continues to be carried out by volunteers, ensuring that all members continue to receive updates either by email or in print.

The Community Action Group continues to support Trinity’s engagement in public issues and those facing the wider community, including fairtrade, ecology, homelessness and poverty.

As a church we have a nominated charity of the year which this year was the local branch of Marie Curie. As well as a fund raising collections a number of events have been held at the church to support their work. We also hold retiring collections for other charities throughout the year.

Plans for Future Periods

Following receipt of a generous legacy we have been considering how we can best use these new funds to support our members and our work for the community. Our members have indicated that a priority is to restart our Toddler group which was closed during the COVID pandemic. We are currently advertising for a Families Worker to support this work which we aim to restart in 2026.

The heating system in the church building is becoming unreliable and we are reviewing options to upgrade the heating taking into account the net zero policy of The Methodist Church.

In compliance with General Data Protection Regulations we will update our Church Directory in 2025.

Financial Summary for 2024/25

General statement

Overall the financial performance for 2024/25 was satisfactory with total funds increasing by 2.4% over the year.

General Fund

The General Fund showed a modest deficit of £1,869 for the year. Increased income from letting the rooms at the Church largely offset a decline in offertory giving by members and attendees. The increased interest income from the Legacy Fund enabled us to employ a company to keep the premises clean and to spend money on the fabric of the building to keep that in good condition.

Community Links

The Community Links Fund continued to support the work of Messy Church including the employment of a Messy Church leader. The balance in this Fund fell by £562 during the year to a balance of £3,297 at the close. A decision was taken during the year to spend some of our Legacy Funds on the employment of a Families Worker. The recruitment had not been finalised at the year end but funds were drawn down from the Legacy Fund to cover the cost of this employment and this was credited to a new Community Links (Unrestricted) Fund

Legacies

We drew down money from our Legacy Fund as described above but we also received a £10,000 legacy during the year so the balance in our Legacy Fund at the end of the year was just £831 lower than the previous year at £265,943.

Other Restricted Funds

These funds, which have been donated for particular purposes, stood at £6,555 at the year end.

Painting and Refurbishment Fund

A transfer of £6,000 was made to this Fund from the General Fund during the year and a sum of £6,872 was spent on replacing windows and external decoration. The balance at the end of the year, with interest, was £10,495.

Donations

Trinity donated £1,500 directly from the General Fund.

Financial Information

The accounts for this year have been prepared on a cash basis and have been independently examined. A copy of the independently examined accounts are available on request from the treasurer.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 August 2025

INCOME	General Fund	Community Links (restricted)	Community Links (unrestricted)	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Communi ty Links</i>
	2024/25	2024/25	2024/5	2023/4	2023/4
	£	£	£	£	£
Offertories	59,311	980		65,829	1,570
Gift Aid	13,139	312		12,411	403
Use of Premises	20,552			16,725	
Feed in Tariff	2,087			1,620	
Interest	13,476	176	71	5,144	210
Other	1,518	283		349	467
Transfer from Other Funds			10,914		
	110,083	1,751	10,985	102,078	2,650
EXPENDITURE					
Circuit Assessment	62,164			59,529	
Property	43,677			42,362	
Printing, Copying and Office	1,678	598		1,884	469
Church Life	2,045	275		2,834	729
Donations	1,500			1,500	
Employment		1,440			1,416
Bank Charges	888			25	
	111,952	2,313		108,134	2,614
surplus/(deficit)	(1,869)	(562)	10,985	(6,056)	36

BALANCE SHEET

Summary of Funds	2024/25	2023/24
General Fund	29,513	31,382
Community Links Fund (Restricted)	3,297	3,859
Community Links Fund (Unrestricted)	10,985	
Legacies and Memorials	265,943	266,744
Other Funds (Restricted)	6,555	6,546
Painting and Refurbishment	10,495	10,599
Total Funds	326,788	319,130
Represented by		
Current Account	7,568	13,539
CFB Deposit account	63,807	41,705
TMCP	255,868	263,868
Cash in Hand	42	26
Adjustment	(497)	(8)
Total Funds	326,788	319,130

Donations from Retiring Collections

3,605

Reserves Lower Limit

24,300

Reserves Limit

27,000

Reserves Upper Limit

40,500

End of year reserves are £2,513 above our Reserves Limit of £27,000

Approval

This report was approved by Church Council on 18 March 2026.

Rev Seung-Wook Jung,
Minister



THE METHODIST CHURCH
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	72,451	1,292	73,743	80,244	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	14,429	486	14,915	11,587	
a4	Lettings	20,059		20,059	16,122	
a5	Other receipts	13,606	473	14,079	244,535	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	120,545	2,251	122,796 (a7)	352,488	
SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,164		62,164	59,529	
b3	Donations	1,500		1,500	1,500	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	22,398		22,398	18,730	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,814		9,814	9,954	
b6	Property employment costs	12,336		12,336	7,678	
b7	Other payments	4,612	2,313	6,925	7,656	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	112,824	2,313	115,137 (b9)	105,047	
SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,721	(62)	7,659	247,441
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		308,724	10,405	319,129 (c6)	71,688
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	316,445	10,343	326,788	319,129
c4	Transfers and adjustments		493	(493)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	316,938	9,850	326,788 (c8)	319,129 (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					171
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,605		3,240
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,108		3,411
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		497		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Knit and natter	385	380	5		39	44
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	385	380	5		39 (e11)	44 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	122,796 (a7)	115,137 (b9)	7,659	(c7)	319,129 (c6)	326,788 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	123,181	115,517	7,664		319,168 (x)	326,832 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	26	42
f2 Bank Current Account	13,539	7,568
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	41,705	63,807
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	263,868	255,868
f6 Other funds	(9)	(497)
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	319,129 (c6)	326,788 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	39 (e11)	44 (e12)
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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,983,230	4,102,736
g3 Other Assets	174,703	179,944
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

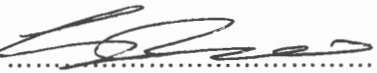
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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 15/10/25

Name and address of treasurer Sheila Pollard

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Presentation to the Church trustees

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Seung-wook Jung

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Seung-Wook Jung Date 4.11.2025

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Charity Number 1151861

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the TRINITY METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 2 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.

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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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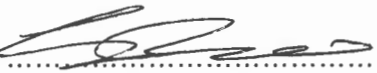
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TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH LEIGHTON BUZZARD

England & Wales - Charity number 1151861

Accounts



Trinity Methodist Church Leighton Buzzard

Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2024

Registered Charity No: 1151861

Administrative information

Address

North Street, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 1ES <http://www.trinitylb.org.uk>

Aims and organisation

Our Mission statement

Trinity Methodist Church exists to create a community of disciples of Jesus who

- worship God
- share God's love
- help others to follow Jesus
- encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith
- serve God in Leighton Buzzard and throughout the world

Public benefit

In making decisions about the activities of the church, the trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Management

The church is constituted under the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church in Britain. It is part of the South Bedfordshire Circuit.

The church is managed by the Church Council who are the Trustees of the Charity. Members of the Council are elected directly by Church members at the Annual Church Meeting, can be co-opted, or, as post holders in the church community, are members ex officio.

The Church Council is responsible for strategic decisions affecting the management, worship and spiritual life of the church.

Members of Church Council at the date of this report

S-W Jung (Chair & Minister)
M Mele (Secretary to Church Council)
S M Pollard (Treasurer)
A Gray (Senior Steward)

A J Arnold F A Arscott-Smith P A Baker R K Bates N S Bibbings* C A Bosworth	J Cornfoot D S Dawes M C Dover E M Green N Henshaw C S Horsefield	S Horsefield K Keeley C J Lowe A R H Oldroyd R J Owers C Roots	B E Sinfield A D Stokes S Stokes P E Wagner
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*Minister in the South Bedfordshire Circuit.

The following were also members during the year to 31 August 2024: A H Guy, R T Hitchcock, P M Owers, J A Roberts

Committees

The implementation of Church Council decisions is delegated to the Minister, Leadership Team, Treasurer and these Committees.

- Worship
- Pastoral
- Community Action Group
- Property
- Resources
- Connections Committee

Review of progress and achievements

We continue to hold two services in the church and one by zoom each Sunday, as well as our bi-weekly bible studies by zoom. Numbers attending our monthly Messy Church service, which is aimed at families, fell following the COVID pandemic but is recovering slowly. Our mid-week service, held on Tuesday mornings, is regularly attended by 25-30 people from the locality and nearby villages and is particularly appreciated by those who are unable to attend the services on Sunday.

Two biweekly groups meet in the church, a Games Fellowship and “Knit and natter”, giving opportunities for people to meet together. The three sections of the Scout Group continue to meet weekly. There is also a weekly badminton club.

The Pastoral Leaders continue to work to ensure that all members are supported through regular contact from a member of the congregation and provide help as required. Production of the twice monthly newsletter continues to be carried out by volunteers, ensuring that all members continue to receive updates either by email or in print.

The Community Action Group continues to support Trinity’s engagement in public issues and those facing the wider community, including fairtrade, ecology, homelessness and poverty.

Plans for Future Periods

Following receipt of a generous legacy we have been considering how we can best use these new funds to support our members and our work for the community. This includes discussions to take forward plans to use our building to increase support for outside groups and organisations, with the possibility of employing an outreach worker.

In compliance with General Data Protection Regulations we will update our Church Directory in 2025.

Financial Summary for 2023/24

General statement

Overall the financial performance for 2023/24 represented a considerable improvement when compared with 2022/23 as the Church benefitted during the year from the receipt of a legacy given by one of our members amounting to £241,688

General Fund

The General Fund showed a deficit of £6,056 for the year which was largely due to a decision of the Trustees to spend more on decorating and repairing the Church property. The effect of this extra expenditure was partly offset by a decision by the Trustees to credit to the General Fund interest earned on the Legacy Fund. This came into effect in June 2024.

Community Links

The Community Links Fund continued to support the work of Messy Church. Income to the Fund was sufficient to meet expenditure, including continuing to pay for the services of a Messy Church Leader, and the overall result was a small surplus of £36.

Legacies

We did not spend any of our legacy or memorial funds during the year so the balance increased with interest and the receipt of the new legacy to £266,744.

Other Restricted Funds

These funds, which have been donated for particular purposes, stood at £6,546 at the year end.

Painting and Refurbishment Fund

The Trustees took a decision to continue to build up this Fund for future contingencies rather than to use it for the decoration and repairs mentioned earlier. A transfer of £6,000 was also made from the General Fund so the balance at the end of the year, with interest, was £10,599.

Donations

Trinity donated £1,500 directly from the General Fund.

Financial Information

As a result of the receipt of our legacy the total income for the year exceeded £250,000 in 2023/24 which is a threshold above which we are required to report our accounts on an accruals basis rather than our more usual cash basis. The accruals basis produced a different result for the year, showing a deficit in the General Fund of £2,608 compared with the cash basis figure of £6,056. In view of the fact that we intend to revert to cash basis accounts for 2024/25, the accounts for 2023/24 were independently examined on both bases and these have been approved by the Trustees on 26 February 2025. Both sets of independently examined accounts are available on request to the treasurer.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 August 2024

INCOME	General Fund	Community Links	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Community Links</i>
	2023/24	2023/24	2022/3	2022/3
	£	£	£	£
Offeratories	65,829	1,570	77,166	2,980
Gift Aid	12,411	403	12,542	570
Use of Premises	16,725		14,460	
Feed in Tariff	1,620		1,276	
Interest	5,144	210	1,068	114
Other	349	467	1,498	230
	102,078	2,650	108,010	3,894

EXPENDITURE

Circuit Assessment	59,529		58,342	
Property	42,362		24,687	
Printing, Copying and Office	1,884	469	2,017	398
Church Life	2,834	729	1,278	415
Donations	1,500		500	
Employment		1,416		857
Bank Charges	25			
	108,134	2,614	86,824	1,670

surplus/(deficit)	(6,056)	36	21,186	2,224
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BALANCE SHEET

Summary of Funds	2023/24	2022/23
General Fund	31,382	37,438
Community Links Fund (Restricted)	3,859	3,823
Legacies and Memorials	266,744	19,675
Other Funds (Restricted)	6,546	6,667
Painting and Refurbishment	10,599	4,088
Total Funds	319,130	71,691

Represented by

Current Account	13,539	8,799
CFB Deposit account	41,705	46,141
TMCP	263,868	16,882
Cash in Hand	26	37
Adjustment	(8)	(168)
Total Funds	319,130	71,691

Donations from Retiring Collections 3,240

Reserves Lower Limit 21,600

Reserves Limit 24,000

Reserves Upper Limit 36,000

End of year reserves are £7,382 above our Reserves Limit of £24,000

Approval

This report was approved by Church Council on 26 February 2025.

Rev Seung-Wook Jung,
Minister

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Trinity Methodist

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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2 Donations		-		1,570		1,570
3 Gift aid		12,936		428		13,364
4 Interest and investment income		5,144	5,892	551		11,587
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9 Circuit assessment or share		58,492				58,492
10 Grants and donations		1,500				1,500
11 Property maintenance		18,098				18,098
12 Insurance, utilities etc		9,863				9,863
13 Depreciation						-
14 Office expenses		1,884		469		2,353
15 Other expenditure		10,856		6,387		17,243
16 Internal organisations		355				355
17 Total charitable expenditure		101,048	-	6,856	-	107,904
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		3,392	247,580	-	161	250,811
21 Transfers between funds		-	6,000			-
22 Other gains/(losses)						-
23 Net movement in funds		-	253,580	-	161	250,811
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Income						
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2 Donations				2,980		2,980
3 Gift aid		13,756		593		14,349
4 Interest and investment income		1,068	623	324		2,015
5 Lettings		14,703				14,703
6 Internal organisations		171				171
7 Other charitable income		2,807	-	3,684		6,491
8 Total income		109,671	623	7,581	-	117,875
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		58,292				58,292
10 Grants and donations		500				500
11 Property maintenance		3,335				3,335
12 Insurance, utilities etc		9,436				9,436
13 Depreciation						-
14 Office expenses		2,067		398		2,465
15 Other expenditure		9,352		4,582		13,934
16 Internal organisations		115				115
17 Total charitable expenditure		83,097	-	4,980	-	88,077
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		26,574	623	2,601	-	29,798
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22 Other gains/(losses)						-
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the
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General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2024	Totals 2023
£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Church building and other property	-				0	
Investment properties					0	
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0	0

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	25,852	170	0		26,022	22,799
Loans by the Churches	408				408	
Investments with TMCP		263,868			263,868	16,882
Central Finance Board Deposits	17,824	13,306	10,575		41,705	46,141
Cash at Bank and in hand	13,564				13,564	8,836
Total current assets	57,648	277,344	10,575	0	345,567	94,658

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	647				647	957
Grants payable within 2022-23					0	
Total current liabilities	647	0	0	0	647	957
Net current assets/liabilities	57,001	277,344	10,575	0	344,920	93,701

Total assets less current liabilities	57,001	277,344	10,575	0	344,920	93,701
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23					0	
Loans to the Church					0	
					0	
Net assets	57,001	277,344	10,575	0	344,920	93,701

Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	56,593				56,593	59,201
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		277,344			277,344	23,764
Total Unrestricted Funds					333,937	82,965
Restricted Funds			10,575		10,575	10,736
Endowment Funds				0	0	
Total Funds	56,593	277,344	10,575	0	344,512	93,701

Signed



Church Treasurer

Name of Church

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

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Going concern

The SOFA has been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed the annual budget, subsequent events and the resources available to the Church and have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that preparing the SOFA on a going concern basis appropriate.

Recognition of income

Revenue is brought into the SOFA when there is entitlement to the income and the amount is reliably measured and when it is likely the economic benefit of that income will be received. Revenue primarily includes collections from the members of the Church and the congregation on a weekly and monthly basis and income derived from the use of the building. All other income is recorded in the period in which the economic benefit arises and in the appropriate fund:

Interest income

Interest is recorded in the period to which it relates and to the specific fund for which the money is held. Any interest earned but not received is accrued for at the year end.

Grants received

Grants received from external sources including circuit, district and connexional grants are shown as income and allocated to the specific fund to which they are made.

Expenditure

Expenditure is brought into the SOFA when a liability is incurred and when the amount is reliably measured and when it is likely there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

Funds

The Church aims to have general, unrestricted funds equal to three months average anticipated expenditure in order to allow the Church to meet its day-to-day obligations and allow time for a considered response to a decrease in income, increase in costs or other financial challenges. Where a large gift, legacy or other planned income is received the Church will identify any restrictions attached to the income and consider the best use of the funds. This income will be placed into a restricted or designated fund.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

Funds (continued)

Restricted Funds – All monies received for a specific purpose, and only for that purpose, are included in the period in which the economic benefit arises and in the fund for that specific purpose. Money gifted or donated to the Church for a specific purpose or income specifically for an internal or external organisations are recorded as restricted funds.

Designated Funds – From time to time the Trustees will set a gift or legacy, received without any restriction, or money held in general funds, aside for a specific purpose and any income and expenditure is recorded in that designated fund. Any designated funds unspent can be redesignated by the Trustees.

General Funds – Any income or expenditure not considered to for a specific fund is recorded in General Funds.

Church Buildings and Other property

No information is available to determine the initial cost of the Church Building and Property and, therefore, the Church Building and Property has been valued at the value determined for insurance purposes. The insurance value has been calculated by the insurance provider and is index linked so for this reason the Trustees do not consider depreciation to be appropriate.

Monetary investments

The Church's investments are in monetary assets and are considered to be basic financial instruments and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. Any valuations, at market value are provided by TMCP and any unrealised gains (losses) are recorded in the SOFA. Any investment income is recorded in the specific fund for which the money is held.

	2024	2023
Church building and other property		
Church Land & Building	3,983,230	3,983,230
Other assets	174,703	174,703
	<u>4,157,933</u>	<u>4,157,933</u>


The values for insurance purposes have been used to value the assets

	2024	2023
Debtors and prepayments		
Circuit assessment in advance	15,660	14,623
Gift Aid reclaim	5,373	4,823
Lettings receivable	1,734	408
Prepayments	3,255	2,945
	<u>26,022</u>	<u>22,799</u>

Name of Church **TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH** **34/4**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals 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..... 14/11/2024

Name and address of treasurer Sheila Pollard

129 Camberton Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2UW

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 26 February 2025.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Seung-Wook Jung Date 24/11/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1151861

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trinity Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 2 to 4 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 **TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH** No 34/4

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 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 C J Sheehan

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 88 Goswell End Road, Harlington, Beds.

Post Code LU5 6NX

Date 14/11/2024

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Funds (continued)

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Designated Funds – From time to time the Trustees will set a gift or legacy, received without any restriction, or money held in general funds, aside for a specific purpose and any income and expenditure is recorded in that designated fund. Any designated funds unspent can be redesignated by the Trustees.

General Funds – Any income or expenditure not considered to for a specific fund is recorded in General Funds.

Church Buildings and Other property

No information is available to determine the initial cost of the Church Building and Property and, therefore, the Church Building and Property has been valued at the value determined for insurance purposes. The insurance value has been calculated by the insurance provider and is index linked so for this reason the Trustees do not consider depreciation to be appropriate.

Monetary investments

The Church's investments are in monetary assets and are considered to be basic financial instruments and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. Any valuations, at market value are provided by TMCP and any unrealised gains (losses) are recorded in the SOFA. Any investment income is recorded in the specific fund for which the money is held.

	2024	2023
Church building and other property		
Church Land & Building	3,983,230	3,983,230
Other assets	174,703	174,703
	<u>4,157,933</u>	<u>4,157,933</u>


The values for insurance purposes have been used to value the assets

	2024	2023
Debtors and prepayments		
Circuit assessment in advance	15,660	14,623
Gift Aid reclaim	5,373	4,823
Lettings receivable	1,734	408
Prepayments	3,255	2,945
	<u>26,022</u>	<u>22,799</u>

Name of Church **TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH** **34/4**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals 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..... 14/11/2024

Name and address of treasurer Sheila Pollard

129 Camberton Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2UW

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 26 February 2025.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Seung-Wook Jung Date 24/11/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1151861

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trinity Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 2 to 4 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 **TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH** No 34/4

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 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 C J Sheehan

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 88 Goswell End Road, Harlington, Beds.

Post Code LU5 6NX

Date 14/11/2024

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH LEIGHTON BUZZARD

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Trinity Methodist Church Leighton Buzzard

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- encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith
- serve God in Leighton Buzzard and throughout the world

Public benefit

In making decisions about the activities of the church, the trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Management

The church is constituted under the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church in Britain. It is part of the South Bedfordshire Circuit.

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Members of Church Council at the date of this report

S-W Jung (Chair & Minister)

M Mele (Secretary to Church Council)

S M Pollard (Treasurer)

A Gray (Senior Steward)

J A Roberts (Circuit Steward)

A J Arnold	D S Dawes	C S Horsefield	R J Owers
P A Baker	M C Dover	S Horsefield	C A Roots
R K Bates	E M Green	K Keeley	B E Sinfield
N S Bibbings*	A H Guy	C J Lowe	A D Stokes
C A Bosworth	N Henshaw	A R H Oldroyd	S Stokes
J Cornfoot	R T Hitchcock	P M Owers	P E Wagner

*Minister in the South Bedfordshire Circuit.

The following were also members during the year to 31 August 2023: E A Hitchcock, J Whyman-Bates

Committees

The implementation of Church Council decisions is delegated to the Minister, Leadership Team, Treasurer and these Committees.

- Worship
- Pastoral
- Community Action Group (from August 2023)
- Property
- Resources
- Connections Committee

Review of progress and achievements

We continue to hold two services in the church and one by zoom each Sunday, as well as our bi-weekly bible studies by zoom. Numbers attending our monthly Messy Church service, which is aimed at families, fell following the COVID pandemic but is recovering slowly. Our mid-week service, held on Tuesday mornings, is regularly attended by 25-30 people from the locality and nearby villages and is particularly appreciated by those who are unable to attend the services on Sunday.

Two biweekly groups meet in the church, a new Games Fellowship and “Knit and natter”, giving opportunities for people to meet together. The three sections of the Scout Group continue to meet weekly. The Girls Brigade, which met at Trinity for many years, formally closed in May with a thanksgiving service.

The Pastoral Leaders continue to work to ensure that all members are supported through regular contact from a member of the congregation and provide help as required. Production of the twice monthly newsletter continues to be carried out by volunteers, ensuring that all members continue to receive updates either by email or in print.

A number of our members have come together to form a Community Action Group to support Trinity’s engagement in public issues and those facing the wider community, including fairtrade, ecology, homelessness. This included supporting the move across the town to open a “warm space” for a regular time each week during the colder months where anyone could come in to the building for activities and refreshments. However, there was very little takeup over the time this was open and this was not continued.

We were able once again, after 3 years absence, to take a stall at the town’s May Fayre where we provided games for the children and told people about the work of the church.

The church was awarded the silver Eco Church Award in July 2023.

Plans for Future Periods

Following a Gift Day in October 2022 which demonstrated the financial commitment of church members we held a special event in June 2023– “Talking about Trinity” – to bring together and understand the aspirations of church members around the building, worship, and our services for the local community. The event was attended by nearly 40 members. A number of these suggestions could be put in place quickly, and we are working on taking other ideas forward where possible.

In compliance with General Data Protection Regulations we are working to update and reprint our church directory later in 2023.

Financial Summary for 2022/23

General statement

Overall the financial performance for 2022/3 represented a considerable improvement when compared with the poor year of 2021/2, with a surplus in the General Fund of £21,186 and in the Community Links Fund of £2,224. Having reduced the balance in our Painting and Refurbishment Fund to zero in the previous year, we were also able to start building up this reserve again during 2022/3 so that the balance at the end of the year was £4,088.

General Fund

The improvement in the General Fund was due mainly to an exceptionally successful Gift Day which was held in October 2022. Members and friends of Trinity responded to our appeal with both lump sum gifts and increases to regular giving which gave rise to an overall increase in giving to the General fund of £17,903 in the year. We also saw a modest increase in our income from use of premises and we were able to restrict our expenditure on property compared with the previous year. The overall effect of this was to generate a surplus of £21,186 in this Fund.

Community Links

The Community Links Fund benefitted from donations by members of the congregation and these gave rise to an overall surplus in this Fund of £2,224. During the year we secured the services of a Messy Church Leader and the cost of this was borne from the Community Links Fund without the need to draw on any reserves.

Legacies

We did not spend any of our legacy or memorial funds during the year so the balance increased with interest to £19,675.

Other Restricted Funds

These funds, which have been donated for particular purposes, stood at £6,667 at the year end.

Painting and Refurbishment Fund

As mentioned earlier, we were able to start building up the balance in this Fund during the year with a £4,000 transfer from the General Fund so the balance at the end of the year, with interest, was £4,088.

Donations

Trinity donated £500 directly from the General Fund.

Financial Information

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 August 2023

INCOME	General Fund	Community Links	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Community Links</i>
	2022/3	2022/3	2021/2	2021/2
	£	£	£	£
Offeratories	77,166	2,980	59,263	1,830
Gift Aid	12,542	570	11,875	436
Use of Premises	14,460		12,602	
Feed in Tariff	1,276		1,282	
Job Retention				48
Interest	1,068	114		
Other	1,498	230	619	653
	108,010	3,894	85,641	2,967
EXPENDITURE				
Circuit Assessment	58,342		57,956	
Property	24,687		30,135	
Printing, Copying and Office	2,017	398	2,039	926
Church Life	1,278	415	1,903	745
Donations	500		200	
Employment		857	2,686	3,751
Bank Charges			50	
	86,824	1,670	94,969	5,422
surplus/(deficit)	21,186	2,224	(9,328)	(2,455)
BALANCE SHEET				
Summary of Funds	2022/3		2021/2	
General Fund	37,438		16,252	
Community Links Fund (Restricted)	3,823		1,599	
Legacies and Memorials	19,675		19,140	
Other Funds (Restricted)	6,667		6,310	
Painting and Refurbishment	4,088			
Total Funds	71,691		43,301	

Represented by

Current Account	8,799	7,775
CFB Deposit account	46,141	19,213
TMCP	16,882	16,385
Cash in Hand	37	32
Adjustment	(168)	(104)
Total Funds	71,691	43,301

Donations from Retiring Collections 3,060

Reserves Lower Limit 21,600

Reserves Limit 24,000

Reserves Upper Limit 36,000

End of year reserves are £13,438 above our Reserves Limit of £24,000

Approval

This report was approved by Church Council on 28 February 2024.

Rev Seung-Wook Jung,
Minister



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*Minister in the South Bedfordshire Circuit.

The following were also members during the year to 31 August 2022: Jo Baker

Committees

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Worship

Property

Pastoral

Resources

Review of progress and achievements

Following lifting of COVID restrictions, face to face church services have resumed with some precautions in place to limit spread of any possible infection. By the date of this report most precautions are no longer mandatory and, while masks and hand sanitiser are still available, their use is down to personal choice. In recognition of the fact that some of our congregation are no longer able to attend in person we have retained one virtual service each Sunday evening to ensure as many as possible of our congregation can attend a service each week. Our bi-weekly bible studies by zoom have proved popular and will also continue.

Our mid-week services, held on Tuesday mornings, resumed in March 2022 after a two-year break as a result of the pandemic. They continue to be appreciated by those who attend, particularly those who are unable to attend the services on Sunday.

Also after a two-year break because of the pandemic, in March 2022 we were able to start serving refreshments after the Sunday morning services to provide an opportunity for fellowship and conversation.

During the year we were also able to restart our in-person Messy Church events and we were pleased to find that these were well-attended in spite of the enforced break caused by the pandemic.

Although our Scouts Groups were able to resume their normal activities during the year, unfortunately two other groups decided to close. These were the Trinity Fellowship Circle and the Girls Brigade both of which, before the pandemic, had met on our premises weekly.

The Pastoral Leaders continue to work to ensure that all members are supported through regular contact from a member of the congregation and provide help as required. All members receive a fortnightly newsletter either by email or in print.

In August 2022, our part-time employee who carried out our church administration and also organised our Messy Church events, moved away from the area. In view of the Church's financial position we made a decision not to recruit a new employee. At the time of writing this report these roles are being carried out by volunteers from within the Church.

Plans for Future Periods

In view of the Church's financial position at the end of the financial year, it was agreed to hold a Gift Day to ask for an ongoing financial commitment from our members. This was successfully held on 15 October 2022 and this has enabled us to make sound financial plans for the next two years.

Now that we have emerged from the disruption caused by the pandemic, we are hoping to carry out a review of our mission during the coming year.

In view of the increasing cost of living we plan to support members of our congregation and the wider public by opening our church premises once per week during the winter months as a "warm space" for activities and refreshments.

We aim to continue using Zoom for those not able to attend the church in person and to reduce our carbon footprint.

Financial Summary for 2021/22

General statement

Overall the financial performance for 2021/2 was very poor with losses in both our General Fund and our Community Links Funs, as well as having to spend the entirety of our Painting and Refurbishment Fund, which normally acts as a reserve fund for expenditure on our property. During the year we successfully moved our current account banking arrangements from HSBC to the Co-operative Bank.

General Fund

The balance in the General Fund declined by £9,328 during the year. This was despite a return to more normal levels of lettings income following the Coronavirus pandemic. The main contributory factor to the loss was the greater amount spent on repairs and maintenance on the property than in previous years, particularly roof repairs at a cost of around £12,000, which was taken partly from the General Fund but also from the Painting and Refurbishment Fund.

Community Links

The deficit in the Community Links Fund was £2,455 which was higher than the deficit of £1,278 in the previous year. This was largely due to the cessation of the Government's Job Retention Scheme payments, which were claimed during the pandemic. In view of the low amount remaining in the Fund at the end of the financial year (£1,599), a decision was taken not to recruit a replacement Church Administrator when our existing employee moved away from the area in August 2022.

Legacies

During the year, we received a donation in memory of one of our members and this was included in the Legacies Fund, which stood at £19,140 at the year end.

Other Restricted Funds

These funds, which have been donated for particular purposes, stood at £6,310 at the year end.

Painting and Refurbishment Fund

As mentioned earlier, this Fund was used in its entirety during the year to help pay for the cost of roof repairs. It is our intention to build up this Fund again, when circumstances permit.

Donations

Trinity donated £200 directly from the General Fund.

Financial Information

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 August 2022

INCOME	General Fund 2021/2	Communi ty Links 2021/2	<i>General Fund 2020/1</i>	<i>Communi ty Links 2020/1</i>
Offertories	59,263	1,830	61,163	2,606
Gift Aid	11,875	436	13,498	339
Use of Premises	12,602		5,069	
Feed in Tariff	1,282		1,475	
Job Retention		48	8	1,247
Other	619	653	671	369
	85,641	2,967	83,444	4,015
EXPENDITURE				
Circuit Assessment	57,956		61,837	
Property	30,135		22,553	
Printing, Copying and Office	2,039	926	1,662	862
Church Life	1,903	745	1,714	414
Donations	200		400	
Employment	2,686	3,751	522	4,017
Bank Charges	50			
	94,969	5,422	90,688	5,293
surplus/(deficit)	(9,328)	(2,455)	(7,244)	(1,278)

BALANCE SHEET

Summary of Funds	2021/2	2020/1
General Fund	16,252	25,579
Community Links Fund (Restricted)	1,599	4,054
Legacies and Memorials	19,140	18,627
Other Funds (Restricted)	6,310	6,098
Painting and Refurbishment		8,137
Total Funds	43,301	62,495

Represented by

Current Account	7,775	6,686
CFB Deposit account	19,213	39,437
TMCP	16,385	16,372
Cash in Hand	32	
Adjustment	(104)	
Total Funds	43,301	62,495

Donations from Retiring Collections	2,128
Reserves Lower Limit	21,600
Reserves Limit	24,000
Reserves Upper Limit	36,000

Present reserves are £5,348 below
our Reserves Lower Limit

Approval

This report was approved by Church Council on 6 February 2023.

Rev Seung-Wook Jung,
Minister

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH LEIGHTON BUZZARD

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The following were also members during the year to 31 August 2021: Julie Bradshaw, Enid Dawson, Marilyn Powell and Jenny Webb

Committees

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- Worship
- Pastoral
- Property
- Resources

Review of progress and achievements

Throughout this year services and activities were interrupted due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We maintained our worship throughout by holding services over zoom for those able to access the internet. Others were supported through material on the church website and circulation of written services for use at home.

We held fortnightly face to face services during the autumn of 2020 under tight Covid restrictions but then had to close completely until April 2021 when we restarted face to face services in the church with risk mitigation measures as required by legislation and the Methodist Church. We continued to hold zoom services to support those who cannot attend in person.

We have established biweekly zoom bible studies for all who wish to attend and held a 12 hour prayer vigil by zoom over Easter 2021.

Coronavirus pandemic

Some worship and regular activities as well as use of the building for local groups resumed in autumn 2020 but then had to close again when lockdown restrictions were reimposed. Services restarted in April 2021 as allowed by the lifting of COVID restrictions with appropriate social distancing, ventilation and hygiene measures in place to ensure the safety of all attendees.

The COVID-19 working group has continued to meet to review procedures to ensure that the building is COVID secure for anyone visiting the building.

Groups using the church premises resumed in summer 2021 on submission of an updated risk assessment to the COVID working group in light of changing COVID restrictions. Church groups intending to resume their activities (including social gatherings and young people's activities) must also submit an updated risk assessment to the COVID working group .

Our cleaner was furloughed until while the church was closed restarting in April when activities in the Church resumed.

It was decided that it was not possible, under the COVID restrictions required, to reintroduce our Toddler group following its closure in March 2020, and therefore after furloughing the Toddler Leader for nine months, she was made redundant in December 2020.

The Church Administrator and Messy Church Co-ordinator continued to work from home until the lockdown was lifted but was partially furloughed for a while, as her workload was lower while restrictions were in force.

The Pastoral Leaders continue to work to ensure that all members were supported through regular contact from a member of the congregation and provide help as required. All members received a weekly newsletter and worship resource either by email or delivered by hand.

Plans for Future Periods

Future plans for worship and community activities are being made in light of changing coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

We aim to continue using Zoom for those not able to attend the church in person and to reduce our carbon footprint.

Financial Summary for 2020/21

General statement

The financial year was affected by the coronavirus pandemic in a number of ways. There were fewer church services than usual because of Covid rules and this reduced income from cash and envelope collections. However, many members of the congregation responded by making their giving by standing order instead, so overall income from giving was only slightly lower than the previous year. Income from those who use our premises fell significantly during the year because of the long period of Covid restrictions during which groups were unable to meet. Fortunately we were helped by the Circuit decision to hold our Circuit assessment at the level of the previous year and also by continued support from the Government furlough scheme to help pay our employees.

General Fund

The balance in the General Fund declined during the year from £32,823 to £25,579 for the reasons stated above. The balance was, however, still above our Reserves Limit of £24,000, thanks to the generosity of the Circuit in waiving a quarter of our Circuit Assessment in 2019/20.

Community Links

The deficit in the Community Links Fund at £ 1,278 was lower than the previous year, mainly due to a decision to move some of the expenditure previously taken from this Fund to the General Fund. The Jib Retention Scheme was also a significant help in maintaining this Fund for another year.

Legacies

During the year, we received a donation in memory of one of our members and this was included in the Legacies Fund, which stood at £18,627 at the year end.

Other Restricted Funds

These funds, which have been donated for particular purposes, stood at £6,098 at the year end.

Painting and Refurbishment Fund

This Fund was bolstered by a transfer of £4,000 from the General Fund during the year, in anticipation of works to be carried out on the property in future years.

Donations

Trinity donated £400 directly from the General Fund.

Financial Information

The independently examined annual accounts of the Church are produced in the Methodist Standard Format. A copy of those accounts is available on request. The information in this report is a summary of the accounts adopted by Church Council on 12 October 2021 and is consistent with the independently examined accounts but has not been subject to an independent examination.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 August 2021

INCOME	General Fund	Community Links	General Fund	Community Links
	2020/1	2020/1	2019/20	2019/20
Offertories	61,163	2,060	61,391	2,020
Gift Aid and interest	13,498	339	14,054	277
Use of Premises	5,069		10,752	
Feed in Tariff	1,475		1,984	
Grant				1,210
Job Retention	1,568	1,247	2,126	1,277
Other	671	369	717	242
	83,444	4,015	91,024	5,026
EXPENDITURE				
Circuit Assessment	61,837		47,376	
Property	22,553		26,063	
Printing, Copying and Office	1,662	862	4,016	1,819
Church Life	1,714	414	2,100	473
Donations	400		400	
Employment	2,522	4,017		6,802
	90,688	5,293	79,955	9,094
BALANCE BETWEEN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
surplus/(deficit)	(7,244)	(1,278)	11,069	(4,068)
BALANCE SHEET				
Summary of Funds	2020/1		2019/20	
General Fund	25,579		32,823	
Community Links Fund (Restricted)	4,054		5,333	
Legacies	18,627		17,605	
Other Funds (Restricted)	6,098		7,714	
Painting and Refurbishment	8,137		4,130	
Total Funds	62,495		67,605	

Represented by

Current Account	6,686	6,388
CFB Deposit account	39,437	44,866
TMCP	16,372	16,350
Adjustment		1
Total Funds	62,495	67,605

Donations from retiring Collections 1,358

Reserves Lower Limit 21,600

Reserves Upper Limit 36,000

Present reserves are above £21,600

Approval

This report was approved by Church Council on 9 February 2022.

Rev Seung-Wook Jung,
Minister