



Trinity Methodist Church Leighton Buzzard

Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2025

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 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	Community Links	General Fund	Community Links
			(restricted)	(unrestricted)		
		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



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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**SECTION E**

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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)
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 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)
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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		

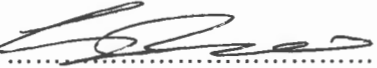
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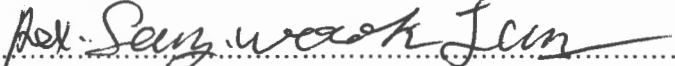
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Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

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

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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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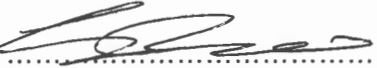
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