



STRATFORD ON AVON METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

And

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Receipts & Payments)

Year ending 31 AUGUST 2022

South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit 12/5

CHARITY REGISTRATION Number 1152323

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31 August 2022

Introduction

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2022

Mission Statement

Our vision is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those around us and to provide a place of witness and worship for all people. Our aim is to have a dynamic, growing Church with warm fellowship and outreach where people of all ages and backgrounds can meet the Lord Jesus Christ and feel part of a caring Church family

Review of the year

Income Trends

Church income is primarily drawn from Standing Orders, Sunday cash collections, Gift aid tax credit, Donations, Legacies, Gifts, and Fundraising from church groups and members 58%; and letting income paid by external users of the building 32%.

Following redevelopment of church in 2014 our green features have enabled us to export energy to the National Grid yielding just over 3% of annual income

COVID 19 had a severe impact on both the finances and outreach of the Charity. Since closure of the premises in March 2020 worship services were only able to resume on our premises during August 2021. Weekly services had continued remotely by means of the ZOOM platform. Income from giving reduced significantly and other than rental from Stratford upon Avon Foodbank no other letting income has existed until September 2021 and recovery has been slow during past twelve months representing just 60% of pre covid letting income.

Expenditure Trends

The major cost has been in relation to the annual assessment paid to the South Warwickshire Circuit. Our contribution this financial year represents 47% of annual income.

Other significant expenditures include staff & administration costs of 14%, Maintenance & Cleaning of Church premises 23%, and Utilities & Insurance 9% of annual income. The energy crisis means we will need to find an additional £9,000 this coming year to pay our utility bills on current consumption.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Church had reduced to £27,807

Plans for 2022/23

We welcome Deacon Jane Mills as from September 2022 as our minister replacing our presbyter Rev, Audrey Simpson who retired in August 2022 after seven years in office.

We hope that income from giving and letting will increase to replenish our depleted reserves.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity: **Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church**

Registration Charity Number: **1152325**

Date of Charity registration: **8 June 2013**

Main communication address: c/o Treasurer, Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church Centre, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BG

The members of the Church Council of Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Names of trustees is noted on page 13 of this report.

Treasurer: Mr David Dumper

David Dumper acted as the principal officer overseeing the daily financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent examiner: Mark Whitehouse, 42 Lillington Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 5YZ

Investment Bankers

- Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE
- Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ

Aims and organisation

The Charity provides services and events resulting in the provision of public Christian worship for all and provides a facility for local groups and organisations to use our premises for the purposes of a wider witness within the Stratford-upon-Avon community

The objectives of the Charity are set out in The Methodist Church Act 1976 and include the following - The advancement of

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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 of the Charity

- Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship including the organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- The charity supports Connexional & Mission work in the UK and Overseas including an active Overseas Sponsorship scheme, All We Can, Christian Aid, World Mission Fund, Mission in Britain, Action for Children, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Christian Aid and South Warwickshire Methodist circuit projects
- Additional support is given to Stratford Churches Together, Stratford Ecumenical Homeless Project, Stratford upon Avon Foodbank and Talking Newspapers for the Blind (Stratford)

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ECO Church

In 2003 this church began its Eco-Congregation programme and was given 3 awards over the next 15 years. In 2014 the premises were redeveloped with the aim of becoming more energy efficient and successfully reducing our carbon footprint. In summer 2019 we received the Gold Eco-Church award from A Rocha the first Methodist church in the UK to do so, and only the sixth church in the country of any denomination at that time.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church trustees along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings

Related Parties

The Church regarding its financial year ending 31 Aug 2022 was part of the South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit itself a part of the Birmingham District, also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisations linked to this church during this past year are Wesleys (mother & toddlers); Holiday at Home/Contact the Elderly; and Knit, Stitch & Natter.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the trustees with professional advice taken as required. A regular review process is undertaken and recorded. A separate working party met regularly to update Covid risk assessments with the intention of resuming worship services in line with government restrictions from August 2021, and the return of hirers from September 2021.

Income and Expenditure is monitored and compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. Unfortunately, these past two years has seen the erosion of our reserves and we now hold the equivalent of less than 4 months expenditure.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2021/22 – STRATFORD UPON AVON METHODIST CHURCH

CHARITY Account	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	NOTES	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
Offertory and Tax Recoverable	43208		1, 3	33809	
Interest and Investment Income	55			51	
Lettings	28067		2	9433	
Gifts, Donations, Legacies	170			4302	
Grants & Fund Raising	7200		4	871	
Energy Export	2383		5	2292	
Missc Income	741			289	
Insurance Claims	5197		12		
Mission	348		6	3771	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	87369			54818	
Circuit Assessment		41136	7		41136
Repairs & Maintenance		9381	8		9942
Gas & Electricity		5369	9		2415
Insurance		2960			2669
Cleaning		10536	10		1021
Wesley Leader		3367			3217
Organist Fees		75			162
Office		8687	11		8556
Audit Fee		990			990
Missc Expenditure		2886			1463
Insurance Claims		7129	12		
Mission		1548	6		3410
TOTAL PAYMENTS		94064			74981
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		-6695	13		-20163
	87369	87369		54818	54818

GENERAL Account Reserve

Balance brought forward	30889			51052
Net Incoming Resources	-6695		13	-20163
Balance carried forward	24194			30889

BALANCE SHEET of STRATFORD UPON AVON METHODIST CHURCH 31 Aug 2022

	<u>2022</u>	Notes	<u>2021</u>
<u>CHURCH FUNDS</u>			
General Account	£24,194		£30,889
Internal Organisations	£3,613	14	£3,584
TOTAL of LIQUID FUNDS	£27,807		£34,473
Church Building, Land, Contents	£3,400,775	15	£3,104,870
TOTAL	£3,428,582		£3,139,343

REPRESENTED BY

HSBC Current Account	£10,387		£2,188
Cash in Hand	£13		£45
Internal Organisations	£3,613		£3,584
CFB Deposit	£12,397		£27,259
TMCP 8366	£1,397		£1,397
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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS reporting to CHURCH COUNCIL year end 2022

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balances
Wesleys	2251	1011	-1127	2135
Holiday At Home	733			733
Knit, Stitch & Natter	600	745	-600	745
Total	3584	1756	-1727	3613

Balances held in HSBC Current Account as at 31 Aug
2022

Wesleys	2135.12
Holiday At Home	733.13
Knit, Stitch & Natter	745.00
Total	3613.25

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS year end 2022

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balances
Eco Project 2020/1	830		-830	0
Long Lartin Angel Tree		166	-166	0
Red Cross Ukraine Appeal		126	-126	0
All We Can		482	-482	0
Christian Aid		362	-362	0
MHA		125	-125	0
Action For Children		329	-329	0
Total	830	1590	-2420	0

NOTES to the ACCOUNTS

1. Our regular giving £36,607 a 10% increase upon the previous year, and reflects the gradual return to public worship since lockdown ended. Our thanks to the hard work put in by Graham Collins (Gift Aid Secretary) in obtaining our tax recovery
2. Letting income reflects the return of hirers. This is progress but we have some way to go to return to pre covid levels in excess of £41,000 per annum.
3. Giving included the £6,600 raised by our Gift Day last October.
4. This total includes Bazaar £1,040; Beetle Drive £112; Christmas Card £187; St Georges Day entertainment £420; Naples (Florida) Choir £227; Brunch £804; Wesleys £1,000; Books & Cards £202; Grant Stratford Town Trust £500 & Grant South Warwickshire Circuit for Audio Visual upgrade
5. Electricity sold to the grid is split Solar Panels £1,751 and Ground Source Heat Pump £632
6. Mission is no longer a separate account within the South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit so each individual church is now responsible for collection and payment of Mission funds. Expenditure last year – Heart of England Forest £830; Action for Children £329; Christian Aid £362; All We Can £482; MHA £125; Red Cross Ukraine Appeal £126; Angel Tree (Long Lartin) £166; Overseas Sponsorship (Tax rebate) £255, and Platinum Jubilee Tea £463
7. Our Circuit assessment for 2021/2022 remained at £41,136.
8. Only one item in excess of £1,000 was the upgrading of the Audio/Visual system of £1,063
9. Our Gas & Electric contracts were renewed with Good Energy Ltd as from 1 Jan 2020 for a two-year fixed term. Gas £2,810; Electricity £2,559. However, if we deduct the income from Energy Export (see note 5) the net cost of gas & electric is only £2,986. Good Energy extended our fixed rate by a further 8 months that's the good news. From September 2022 we go onto a monthly variable rate and current estimate for the next twelve months is that our gas & electric spend will increase to £14,000.
10. Cleaning of the church premises is contracted to Goldhill Contracting Ltd with separate contract with Unit Sales Ltd for janitorial supplies
11. Office expenditure is split as follows - salary £6,364; photocopying £947; telephone/Wi-Fi £1,115, office expenses £261.
12. During the last year 4 insurance claims have been made. The first last October was for impact damage to car park wall caused by a third-party motorist. Repairs were agreed with Aviva (TP insurer) and a full recovery of £850 cost was successful.

In Feb/Mar this year we suffered repeated break ins to the church and items were stolen. Our costs amounted to £6,279 and we were able to recover from Methodist Insurance £4,437 net of 3 excesses and improvements to the fabric.

13. General account shows an operating deficit of £6,620 reducing our reserve to £24,269
14. An Internal Organisation is defined by Connexion as being a group or organisation formed or set up by the Church Council. This money comes under the control of the Church Council, though it will sometimes be held in a separate bank account and be the responsibility of a different treasurer. These groups have their own officers appointed by the Church Council. Stratford Methodist Church acts as banker for some of these organisations as detailed on page 9. These monies are included in our reserves, and they belong to the Church not the internal organisation.
15. The building asset value of the Church premises is calculated from the insurance reinstatement cost of £3,365,918 (inclusive of organ) less 15% architects fees and removal of debris costs = £2,861,030. Contents £139,745. However, the current SORP rules applying to these accounts mandate that we now include the market value of our freehold land, which I calculated in 2016 to be £400,000.

RESERVES POLICY of STRATFORD ON AVON METHODIST CHURCH

It is important to ensure sufficient reserves are available to enable the Church to achieve its aims of mission, but on the other hand, holding too much money in reserve can promote criticism and may well cause searching questions to be asked as to whether this Church as a charity is hoarding cash. As Trustees our reserves policy is based on a realistic assessment of our needs present and future. The following formula was adopted by Church Council at its October 2005 meeting.

- Reserves are deemed to be those moneys, which are held in trust by the Church Council, but excluding Endowment Funds. This includes our Bank & CFB accounts plus all Model Trust Bequests, and Redevelopment monies held by our custodian trustees 'Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes,' which are not restricted.
- [Minimum] Reserves should not fall below the equivalent of six months routine expenditure.

or
- [Maximum] Reserves should not exceed the equivalent of six months routine expenditure plus the estimated shortfall between income and expenditure budgeted for the next three financial years plus amounts set aside to be spent in respect of building and development projects as declared under that section of the current schedule A.

The Reserves of Stratford on Avon Methodist Church at 31 August 2022 amounted to £27,807. No endowment or restricted funds are held. This figure includes £3,613 belonging to Internal Organisations.

- Minimum Reserve as per formula is £42,733 see note
- Maximum Reserve as per formula is £72,773 [42,773 + 30,000 operating loss]

Note to Reserves Policy

Minimum reserve is calculated by taking 50% of Charity account expenditure which for 2022 amounted to £85,546 excluding insurance claims (not regular expenditure). The proposed budget for the coming twelve months is difficult and subject to some hard decisions to be made by the trustees to maintain cash flow. The big unknown is energy costs currently estimated on September variable rate to increase our spend by an additional £9,000.

Our reserves will be further depleted, unless we see an increase in regular giving, letting income to pre Covid levels, or a reduction in our circuit assessment. All these factors cannot be accurately estimated. Excluding monies held by internal organisations our current reserve is at 56% of minimum required by said policy.

TRUSTEES WHO MANAGE THE CHARITY (as at 1 Sep 2022)

Revd. Dr Iain Ballard	Chairperson & Superintendent Minister
Deacon Jane Mills	Minister
Mr David Dumper	Church Treasurer & Secretary
Miss Brenda Birnie	Church Representative
Mrs Penny Brain	Church Steward
Mrs Sheila Brown	Circuit Steward
Mr Graham Collins	Resources Committee Secretary
Mr Alan Cumming	Church Representative
Revd. James Dobson	Church Steward
Mrs Shirley Dumper	Property Steward
Mrs Gillian Edwards	Church Representative
Mr Stephen Farmery	Property Steward
Mrs Kathleen Fraser	Church Representative
Ms Janet Grant	Church Steward
Mrs Evelyn Ho	Church Representative
Dr Lim Ho	Church Representative
Mr Michael Ledgard	Church Representative
Mrs Janet Mee	Church Representative
Mr David Loader	Church Representative
Mr Malcolm Smith	Communion Steward
Mrs Susan Rimmer	Church Steward
Mrs Elizabeth Walker	Church Representative

Total number of TRUSTEES is 22

With the passing of our dear friend Margaret Smith the important office of Church Secretary remains vacant. Until a new trustee is appointed David Dumper, our treasurer, has taken on this role in order that we can sign important documents for banking, circuit and connexion.

OUR BANKERS

HSBC	13, Chapel Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV376ET
CFB	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE
TMCP	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

STRATFORD UPON AVON METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Circuit	Circuit no.	5/12
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1152323

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

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Minister:

Rev Audrey Simpson

Church Stewards:

Rev James Dobson	Janet Grant
Susan Rimmer	Penelope Brain

Treasurer:

David Dumper

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	43,208		43,208	33,809
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	55		55	51
a4	Lettings	28,067		28,067	9,433
a5	Other receipts	16,039		16,039	11,525
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	87,369		87,369 (a7)	54,818

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	41,136		41,136	
b3	Donations				41,136
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,510		16,510	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,329		8,329	9,942
b6		27,259		27,259	5,084
b7	Other payments	830		830	18,819
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	94,064		94,064 (b9)	74,981

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(6,695)	(6,695)	(20,163)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		30,889	30,889 (c6)	51,052
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	24,194	24,194	30,889
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	24,194	24,194 (c8)	30,889 (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		830		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,590		2,840
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,420		2,010
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			830

RATFORD UPON AVON METHODIST Church

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 2022 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 Wesleys	1,011	1,127	(116)		2,251	2,135
e2 Holiday At Home					733	733
e3 Knit Stitch & Natter	745	600	145		600	745
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,756	1,727	29		3,584 (e11)	3,613 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	87,369 (a7)	94,064 (b9)	(6,695)	(c7)	30,889 (c6)	24,194 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	89,125	95,791	(6,666)		34,473 (x)	27,807 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	45	13
f2 Bank Current Account	2,188	10,462
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	27,259	12,397
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,397	1,397
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	30,889 (c6)	24,194 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,584 (e11)	3,613 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	34,473 (x)	27,807 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,979,859	3,261,030
g3 Other Assets	125,011	139,745
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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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.....

1 Nov 2022

Name and address of treasurer David Dumper, 99 Shottery Road, Stratford upon Avon

Post Code..... CV37 9QB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 1 Nov 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Dr Iain Danks

Date

1 Nov 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1152323

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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.

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.

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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 MARK WHITEHOUSE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACA (ICAEW)

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 42 LILLINGTON ROAD

..... LEAMINGTON SPA. Post Code CV32 5YZ

Date 16TH MARCH 2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	94,064		94,064 (b9)	74,981

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(6,695)	(6,695)	(20,163)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		30,889	30,889 (c6)	51,052
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	24,194	24,194	30,889
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	24,194	24,194 (c8)	30,889 (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		830		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,590		2,840
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,420		2,010
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			830

RATFORD UPON AVON METHODIST Church

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 2022 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 Wesleys	1,011	1,127	(116)		2,251	2,135
e2 Holiday At Home					733	733
e3 Knit Stitch & Natter	745	600	145		600	745
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,756	1,727	29		3,584 (e11)	3,613 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	87,369 (a7)	94,064 (b9)	(6,695)	(c7)	30,889 (c6)	24,194 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	89,125	95,791	(6,666)		34,473 (x)	27,807 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	45	13
f2 Bank Current Account	2,188	10,462
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	27,259	12,397
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,397	1,397
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	30,889 (c6)	24,194 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,584 (e11)	3,613 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	34,473 (x)	27,807 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,979,859	3,261,030
g3 Other Assets	125,011	139,745
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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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.....

1 Nov 2022

Name and address of treasurer David Dumper, 99 Shottery Road, Stratford upon Avon

Post Code..... CV37 9QB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 1 Nov 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Dr Iain Danks

Date

1 Nov 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1152323

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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.

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.

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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 MARK WHITEHOUSE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACA (ICAEW)

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 42 LILLINGTON ROAD

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Date 16TH MARCH 2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

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