



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	01	09	2022	To 31 08 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Dale Street Methodist Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1153330

Charity's principal address Dale Street

Leamington Spa

Postcode

CV32 5HL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office(s) held during the year (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Margaret Begg	Steward	From May 23	
2	John Bowen			
3	Maureen Darby	Property Committee Secretary		
4	Andrew Emm	Property Steward		
5	Margaret Ferrer	Property Committee Chair		
6	Elisabeth Freeman	MHA Circuit Rep		
7	June Gabbitas			
8	Rebekah Harris		Until May 23	
9	Caroline Holden		Until Feb 23	
10	Graham Howe	Steward		
11	Edwina McConville	Steward	From May 23	
12	Jo Parkinson			
13	Tony Parkinson	Steward		
14	Mark Preedy	Uniformed Organisation Rep		
15	Joanna Rhodes	Treasurer		
16	Penny Sharples	Safeguarding Officer		
17	Margaret Weir	Pastoral Committee Secretary		
18	Pamela Weston	Church Council Secretary	Until May 23	
19	Mark Whitehouse	Steward		
20	Rev. Jeongsook Kim	Minister	Until Aug 23	
21	Rev Tina Brooker	Minister	From Sept 23	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Approved governing document issued by the Methodist Church
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Annual Church Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees (the Church Council) meet as a minimum twice each year. Extraordinary meetings can be called as needed. At each ordinary meeting the Trustees receive detailed reports of the activities of the church and its financial performance. The Trustees approve the reserves policy, safeguarding policy, budget and major matters to do with property. The Finance and Property Committees provide additional management and scrutiny during the year.

There is an annual Meeting to which all adherents of the Church (whether or not members or trustees) are invited. This meeting appoints Trustees (voting being by members only) and receives annual reports of activities.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purposes of the Dale Street Methodist Church are in accordance with those of all other churches of the Methodist Connexion namely 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

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The activities of Dale Street Methodist Church are centred around

- a) The provision of regular acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- b) The provision of space for prayer and contemplation and the support of small groups for bible study and fellowship
- c) The provision of activities for the young and their carers, and the elderly, all with a Christian ethos.
- d) The promotion of the mission of the church
- e) The practical demonstration of care for the community by the support of social projects and activities and through a small Benevolent Fund
- f) The provision of space for community activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Church has provided regular acts of worship, space for prayer and demonstrated its care for the community by supporting a number of social projects and activities.

Work with children and young people includes a separate act of worship focused on young people and their families at 9:15 on most Sunday mornings in the month.

Missional activities include a Monday morning coffee drop-in session which is open to all. On Thursdays there is a Babies and Toddlers session when parents can meet and their children play with a wide range of toys. On Saturdays there is a Dads and Tots session famous for its egg and bacon butties. An active support group for Action for Children organises a variety of fundraising events each year. These activities are supported by a church mission group.

In Summer 2021 the church eco group turned the surrounding grounds into a Good News garden and wildflower area. There are regular gardening sessions and there is much interest from local residents and passers-by.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Church's current policy has to been stabilise general income and expenditure following the covid pandemic, and then seek to maintain general reserves and investments of £45,000 to £50,000, this being approximately 45%-50% of the annual ordinary operating expenditure of the Church.

During 2022/23 general income and expenditure stabilised with general income for the year of £104,967.77 compared to general expenditure of £106,865.00, a small in-year loss of £1898.22. There was an overall loss of £377.39 on the church's expendable investments. In July 2023 the Church received a new legacy of £47,515.20 which was added to a Legacy Fund which the Church seeks to use for major expenditure. The Church's overall reserves therefore increased.

As at 31st August 2023 total general reserves and associated investments stood at £94,503.20 made up of

- £85,338.76 in general reserves,
- £53,844.84 in the Legacy Fund,
- £559.19 in the Benevolent Fund

In addition, the Church benefits from interest from two permanent endowments, invested in funds managed by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, with a combined value of £21,757.73 providing £606.27 in interest to the Church in 2022/23.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sources of funds

The Church raises its funds by weekly offerings and donations from members and those attending worship and attending groups run by the Church; through lettings of the Church's buildings and feed-in-tariffs from solar panels. Interest is received on Church funds held in bank/savings accounts and from investments.

Investments

Of its general reserves of £85,338.76 at the end of the financial year the Church held £38,157.28 in investments managed by the Central Finance Board (CFB) of the Methodist Church in the CFB Managed Mixed Fund.

Use of reserves

Following the receipt of a substantial legacy in 2014/15 the Church employed a children and young families missionary to further its charitable objectives; it also implemented a number of building improvement projects. The balance on the fund at the start of the financial year was £6,257.42. There was no expenditure from the fund during the year. The fund increased by a small amount of net interest and the new legacy. None of the Legacy Fund is invested.

Accounts for 2022/23

The accounts for the year are attached to this annual report. Receipts during the year including the new legacy amounted to £152,482.97 and payments to £106,865.99. Decreases in the value of the investments comprise a decrease of £377.39 in general investments and a decrease of £949.92 in the value of permanent endowments.

Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul Mondal	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary to Church Council	
Date	19 May 2024	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Dale Street Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

South Warwickshire Circuit	Circuit	Circuit no	5/12
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1153330

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MARGARET BEGG

Treasurer:

JOANNA RHODES

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	65,861		65,861	63,761
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,129		1,129	607
a4	Lettings	32,110		32,110	27,345
a5	Other receipts	5,868		5,868	3,022
	Legacy	47,515		47,515	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	152,483		152,483 (a7)	94,735

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	69,276		69,276	69,276
b3	Donations	1,500		1,500	1,992
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	24,522		24,522	30,764
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,408		10,408	6,337
b6	Church Missioner salary, expenses and events				10,681
b7	Other payments	1,160		1,160	1,382
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	106,866		106,866 (b9)	120,432

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	45,617	45,617	(25,696)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		55,409	559	55,969 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	101,026	559	101,586
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	101026.32	559	101,586 (c8)
					55,969 (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		25		5
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		701		1,160
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		726		1,140
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			25

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Midis	518	472	46		421	467
e2	Dads and Tots	3,511	3,565	(54)		125	71
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,029	4,037	(8)		545 (e11)	538 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	152,483 (a7)	106,866 (b9)	45,617	(c7)	55,969 (c6)	101,586 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	156,512	110,903	45,609		56,514 (x)	102,123 (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**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	29,392	22,884
f3	Bank Deposit Account	20,036	37,751
f4	Central Finance Board	4,072	10,894
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	2,469	30,056
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	55,969 (c6)	101,586 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	545 (e11)	538 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	56,514 (x)	102,123 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	61,242
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,409,918
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

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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 31/03/2024

Name and address of treasurer JOANNA RHODES

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19th May 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Tina Brooker Date 19 May 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Dale Street Methodist Church

Charity Number 1153330

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Dale Street 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.

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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
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Signature of independent examiner:

Name of independent examiner: David Leslie Dumper

~~Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner F.C.A~~

~~Name of firm (where appropriate) n/a~~

Address :.....

Date 15 April 2024

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Signature of independent examiner:

Name of independent examiner: David Leslie Dumper

~~Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner F.C.A~~

~~Name of firm (where appropriate) n/a~~

Address :.....

Date 15 April 2024

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