



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	01	09	2023	To 31 08 2024

### 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		
2	Maureen Darby	Property Committee Secretary		
3	Andrew Emm	Property Steward		
4	Margaret Ferrer	Property Committee Chair		
5	Elisabeth Freeman	MHA Circuit Rep		
6	June Gabbitas			
7	Graham Howe	Steward		
8	Edwina McConville	Steward		
9	Jo Parkinson			
10	Tony Parkinson	Steward		
11	Mark Preedy	Uniformed Organisation Rep		
12	Joanna Rhodes	Treasurer	Until May 2024	
13	Penny Sharples	Safeguarding Officer		
14	Margaret Weir	Pastoral Committee Secretary		
15	Mark Whitehouse	Steward		
16	Rev Tina Brooker	Minister		
17	David Sandy	Treasurer	From May 2024	
18	Rev Iain Ballard	Minister		
19	Trevor Pethick	Circuit Steward		
20	Derek Dwyer	Cubbington Steward	From May 2024	
21	Chislaine Chirnside	Cubbington	From May 2024	
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#### 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

- The Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church
- 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 centered 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 grant making;
- 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 May 2024 after a period of discernment and evaluation Dale Street merged with Cubbington Methodist to become one church with two locations. Due to the risks associated with the Cubbington Methodist Church premises it was agreed that these premises would not be the responsibility of the combined church but would become the responsibility of the South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit. We are now working as one church supporting both congregations and the various activities. This has increased our worship opportunities with the weekly services at Cubbington and the outreach to Cubbington village particularly with the monthly Saturday coffee mornings which are well supported by the village.



## Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Church's current policy has been to stabilise general income and expenditure and 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 2023/24 general income and expenditure stabilised with general income for the year of £154,402 compared to general expenditure of £169,906, an in-year loss of £15,504. This loss is predominantly due to investing in the church equipment and is in accordance with the policy above. There was an overall gain of £5,352 on the church's expendable investments.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 total general reserves and associated investments stood at £169,867 made up of

- £85,338.76 in general reserves,
- £47,031 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 £23,414 providing £603.23 in interest to the Church in 2023/24.

## 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 £169,867 at the end of the financial year the Church held £41,852 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 2022/23. There was expenditure from the fund during the year for the replacement of the chairs within the worship space to enable the easier use of the space for multiple uses. None of the Legacy Fund is invested. Following the merger with Cubbington Methodist Church the combined reserves have increased above prudent levels and so the church is beginning the process of how the reserves are used wisely.

### Accounts for 2023/24

The accounts for the year are attached to this annual report. The accounts are presented as though the merger of Dale Street and Cubbington Churches happened on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. It is noted that this includes income relating to the renting of the Cubbington premise as well as expenditure till the South Warwickshire Methodist Church took over the responsibilities for the Cubbington Building in May 2024. So, this year accounts are effectively an anomaly.


**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)	Rev Tina Brooker	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair to Church Council	
Date	21/6/25	



## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Dale Street and Cubbington Methodist Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

<b>South Warwickshire Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>5/12</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1153330
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If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV. TINA BROOKER
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Church Stewards:

GRAHAM HOWE
TONY PARKINSON
MARK WHITEHOUSE
EDWINE McCONVILLE
MARGARET BEGG
DAVID CHIRNSIDE

Treasurer:

DAVID SANDY
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	73206		<b>73,206</b>	74,580
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5542		<b>5,542</b>	1,943
a4	Lettings	60641		<b>60,641</b>	68,412
a5	Other receipts	10952		<b>10,952</b>	8,231
	Legacy	4061		<b>4,061</b>	47,515
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>154402</b>		<b>154,402 (a7)</b>	<b>200,682</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	80460		<b>80,460</b>	89,704
b3	Donations	2645		<b>2,645</b>	2,550
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	52143		<b>52,143</b>	35,608
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	25773		<b>25,773</b>	17,646
b6	Church Missioner salary, expenses and events				
b7	Other payments	8885		<b>8,885</b>	2,579
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>169906</b>		<b>169,906 (b9)</b>	<b>148,087</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	-15504	<b>(15,504)</b>	52,595
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		142959	559	<b>143,518 (c6)</b>
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	127455	559	<b>128,014</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>127455</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>128,014 (c8)</b>
					<b>143,517 (c6)</b>

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	10	35
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,976	1,166
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,971	1,191
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>15</b>	
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		

**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	Midis	517	579	(62)		467	405
e2	Dads and Tots	3,018	3,013	5		71	76
e3	CMYG	4		4	(292)	288	
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	3,539	3,592	(53)	(292)	826 (e11)	481 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	154,402 (a7)	169,906 (b9)	(15,504)	(c7)	143,517 (c6)	128,014 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>157,941</b>	<b>173,498</b>	<b>(15,556)</b>	<b>(292)</b>	<b>144,343 (x)</b>	<b>128,495 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand		14		
f2	Bank Current Account		32,321		35,119
f3	Bank Deposit Account		37,751		46
f4	Central Finance Board		25,320		42,304
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		48,111		50,545
f6	Other funds				
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>		<b>143,517 (c6)</b>		<b>128,013 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		<b>826 (e11)</b>		<b>481 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>		<b>144,344 (x)</b>		<b>128,494 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	59,915	65,267
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	6,178,078	6,363,416
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

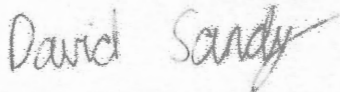
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church DALE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

## Declarations and Scrutiny


I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer .....  Date 06/04/2024

Name and address of treasurer DAVID SANDY, 50 Kingsway, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 9NY

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on Sunday 11th May 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... REV TINA BROOKE Date 21/6/25

Name of Church DALE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below\*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner:



Name of independent examiner: David Dumper

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

Name of firm (where appropriate) n/a

Address : 99 Shottery Road, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 9QB

Date 8 April 2025

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