

CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1155090

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2013-12-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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: Engages in religious activities, teaching and communicating the gospel, with the premises providing a resource for community activities and public benefit for people of all ages. Raises for other charities for use in the UK and overseas

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bromley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£154,248	£133,187	-	-
2024-08-31	£138,058	£126,577	-	-
2023-08-31	£117,929	£139,169	-	-
2022-08-31	£102,632	£125,738	-	-
2021-08-31	£87,650	£81,875	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Duncan John MacBean	Chair	2015-09-01
Ann Pompei		2025-04-01
Christine Pott		2020-09-01
DAVID EWART JACKSON		2026-04-07
ELAINE CHRISTINE BATTARBEE		2013-12-09
Evelyn Nenneh Lovetta Maclean		2026-03-08
JOAN ELIZABETH MAYES		2013-12-09
OWEN TERWILLIGER		2013-12-09
PAUL ALANDER CROWTHER MA., BA		2013-12-09
Satu Linda Maria Francis		2025-09-01
THOMAS GARDINOR COWIE		2013-12-09
TSION GEBREEGZIABHER		2013-12-09
Tracey Large		2024-09-01
VALERIE MARGARET BESSANT		2013-12-09
Vladimir Kerošević		2024-09-01

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 August 2025

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Charity Principal Address:

Chislehurst Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5LX

Managing Trustees

Revd Hannah Faal-Heim – Chair from 1/9/24

Mrs Elaine Battarbee

Mrs Valerie Bessant

Mrs Susan Cope

Mr Thomas Cowie

Mr Paul Crowther*

Ms Tsion Gebreegziabher *

Ms Tracy Large

Mrs Joan Mayes – Treasurer *

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Risks relating to safety, safeguarding and other aspects are considered by the Church Stewards – Both groups report to the Church Council
Professional advice is taken as necessary
There is a regular review process
The Church has adopted a safeguarding Policy – covering children and vulnerable adults – and has ensured all relevant members of the local church receive appropriate training which is an ongoing process. The Policy is on public display.
Relevant members of the church have attended a workshop on Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

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The Christmas Tree Festival raised funds for CASPA.

We collect items for local food bank providers.

Public Benefit

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

Examples of Public Benefit

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Bereavement Counselling Service and a Ukrainian School are among the users.

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There was no call upon this contingency during the year

As the accounts reflect, a significant part of our income derives from letting the premises.

Pension Deficit Refund

Pension deficit payment of £29,250 paid during the 2021-22 year has been

Refunded in 2024-25 with interest. Amount of £31,753.30 reported in Section A5 of the SFA includes initial amount and interest of £2,503.30

Reserves

The reserves policy for the Church is to hold a sum equivalent to six months average expenditure.

It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to meet the payment of the quarterly assessment and the monthly salary for the part-time administrator and ongoing support for the church's maintenance and activities.

Declaration

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

Signatures:

Chair of Church Council
Rev'd Hannah Faal-Heim

Church Treasurer
Joan Mayes

Date: 23 September 2025

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

CHISLEHURST METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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WIDMORE	Circuit	Circuit no.	35/42
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Treasurer:

Joan Mayes

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
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a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,878	3,495	7,373	7,057
a4	Lettings	70,976		70,976	88,332
a5	Other receipts inc ref MPF	38,674	10,000	48,674	12,828
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	140,753	13,495	154,248 (a7)	138,058

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	31,600		31,600	31,600
b3	Donations	3,000		3,000	14,525
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	37,330		37,330	43,428
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	33,689		33,689	13,755
b6	Administrato'rs Salary	23,669		23,669	19,799
b7	Other payments	3,662	237	3,899	3,470
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	132,950	237	133,187 (b9)	126,577

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
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c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	89,050	73,088	162,138 (c6)	150,657	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	96,853	86,346	183,199	162,138
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	96,853	86,346	183,199 (c8)	162,138 (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	0	999
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,207	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,207	999
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	0	0
		(d1+d2-d3)	

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 Monday Focus	9,609	9,466	143		2,121	2,264
e2 Messy Church			0		(16)	(16)
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	9,609	9,466	143	0	2,105 (e11)	2,248 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	154,248 (a7)	133,187 (b9)	21,061	(c7)	162,138 (c6)	183,199 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	163,857	142,653	21,204	0	164,243 (x)	185,447 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	13,138	7,559
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f4 Central Finance Board	76,145	89,525
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	72,855	86,114
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g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church ... Chislehurst

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 ...Joan Mayes..... Date..... 9/23/2025

Name and address of treasurer Joan Mayes

28 White Horse Hill, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 6DL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 23/9/2025.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting HC Faal Heim

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev H Faal Heim..... 9/23/2025

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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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This is the final year of our commitment to allocate £9,000 per annum for three years toward the support of teachers' salaries for a rural school in Sierra Leone. They are registered as a charity in the UK

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Rev'd Hannah Faal-Heim
Date 17 September 2024

Church Treasurer
Joan Mayes
Date 17 September 2024

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

CHISLEHURST METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	29,841		29,841	25,279
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,013	4,044	7,057	4,900
a4	Lettings	88,332		88,332	70,442
a5	Other receipts	12,828		12,828	17,308
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	134,014	4,044	138,058 (a7)	117,929

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	31,600		31,600	31,600
b3	Donations	14,525		14,525	21,846
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	43,428		43,428	43,067
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	13,755		13,755	21,116
b6	Administrator's Salary & NI	19,799		19,799	16,312
b7	Other payments	2,973	497	3,470	5,228
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	126,080	497	126,577 (b9)	139,169

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,934	3,547	11,481	(21,240)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	81,116	69,541	150,657 (c6)	171,897	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	89,050	73,088	162,138	150,657
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	89,050	73,088	162,138 (c8)	150,657 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
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d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	999	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,005
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e2 Messy Church			0		(16)	(16)
e3			0			0
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e6			0			0
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e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6,506	7,664	(1,158)	0	3,263 (e11)	2,105 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	138,058 (a7)	126,577 (b9)	11,481	(c7)	150,657 (c6)	162,138 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	144,564	134,241	10,323	0	153,920 (x)	164,243 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1 Cash in hand				
f2 Bank Current Account	15,968		13,138	
f3 Bank Deposit Account				
f4 Central Finance Board	65,381		76,145	
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	69,308		72,855	
f6 Other funds				
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	150,657	0	162,138	(c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,263 (e11)		2,105 (e12)	
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	153,920 (x)		164,243 (y)	

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
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Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer *J Mayes*..... Date 17 September 2024

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chislehurst Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to 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:

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Signature of independent examiner ... *N Crawford-Piper*.....

Name of independent exa Nadine Crawford-Piper

Relevant professional qualification of independent ACCA

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Addre 30 Vine Square, Eastbourne

BN22 7QD

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CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

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Accounts

CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023

Registered Charity Number: 1155090

Charity Principal Address:

Chislehurst Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5LX

Names of the Managing Trustees:

Revd Duncan MacBean - Chair

Mrs Elaine Battarbee

Mrs Valerie Bessant

Mr Lynton Cope

Mrs Susan Cope

Mr Thomas Cowie *

Mr Paul Crowther *

Ms Tsion Gebreegziabher *

Mrs Gillian Johnson

Ms Tracy Large (joined March 2023)

Mrs Joan Mayes – Treasurer *

Miss Christine Pott *

Mr Owen Terwilliger

Mrs Janet Woollett *

- *Those marked with an asterisk are Church Stewards*

Custodian Trustee: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Bankers: HSBC
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Structure governance and management

Description of the Charity's Trust

Type of Governing Document: Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

How the Charity is constituted: Act of Parliament

Trustee selection method Appointed by the Church Council.
The Minister is automatically an ex-officio trustee.

Induction and Training

There is a range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion.

All trustees are given a copy of the leaflet, "The Role of a Trustee"

There is briefing on the Role of the responsibilities of a Trustee in the Methodist Church

Structure

Part of the Orpington and Chislehurst Circuit

Part of the London Methodist District

Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

Risks relating to property and finance are considered by the Finance & Property group

Risks relating to safety, safeguarding and other aspects are considered by the Church Stewards –

Both groups report to the Church Council

Professional advice is taken as necessary

There is a regular review process

The Church has adopted a safeguarding Policy – covering children and vulnerable adults – and has ensured all relevant members of the local church receive appropriate training which is an ongoing process. The Policy is on public display.

Objects of the Charity

These are set out in the Methodist Church act 1976 (clause 4) –

Advancement of Religion and any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or church organisation

Summary of Main Objectives

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Deed of Union the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit and 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 main achievements during the year to August 2023

Monday Focus continues to provide a well supported venue for older people with a programme which provides lunch and a variety of talks and activities

A fortnightly Thursday lunchtime service continues, facilitated by Zoom

We have links with Ukraine via the Ukraine school, who use our premises.

Chislehurst Artists group have use our premises for their twice yearly exhibitions as well as their meetings. This is a collaborative arrangement as they have willingly loaned us their equipment for church displays.

The Christmas Tree Festival resumed

We collect items for local food bank providers.

Public Benefit

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

Examples of Public Benefit

NHS Blood Transfusion service use the premises on a frequent basis.

Cocaine Abuse Anonymous (CA) and Ukrainian School are users.

The Chislehurst Society use the premises for exhibitions, public meetings and lectures.

The Chislehurst Art Society uses the premises for bi-annual exhibitions

The National Trust (local group) hold monthly afternoon lectures.

Coffee Morning – September for Macmillan Cancer support.

There is a weekly drop-in centre for those bereaved organised by St Christopher's Hospice and Local GP Surgeries.

The Christmas Tree Festival, much appreciated by the community resumed in 2022. Donations were allocated to the Petts Wood Play Group for children with special needs and Living on Bereavement Service, which caters for children who have lost a close family member.

The Administrator gives time to Mottingham Methodist church, which enables them to let their premises more effectively. The increase in income has made a considerable difference to their financial stability.

Supporting a rural school in Sierra Leone with a grant toward the cost of teachers.

There are numerous different activities, both physical and educational for all ages from infants to older people.

Financial Review:

The Chislehurst Church Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year-end of £69,308. This fund derives from three legacies. Its use is restricted by the Methodist Conference. The Church Council has determined that £25,000 of this fund be reserved to meet the cost of any unexpected expenditure, arising from an emergency, for which there are insufficient funds available in the Church's current account. There was no call upon this contingency during the year, however it is expected there will be a call on some of the funds to meet major costs in bringing fire alarm, fire protection and electric wiring systems up to date during 2023-24.

There is a reduction in the worshipping community, resulting in a downturn in income from this source. As the accounts reflect, majority of our income derives from letting the premises.

We have committed the sum of £9,000 per annum for three years toward the support of teachers' salaries for a rural school in Sierra Leone. They are registered as a charity in the UK. Due to a hold up in opening a bank account, the first year's contribution was delayed. During the current accounting period, two payments have been made representing Years 1 & 2.

Reserves

The reserves policy for the Church is to hold a sum equivalent to six months average expenditure.

It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to meet the payment of the quarterly assessment and monthly salary and related costs for the part-time administrator and ongoing support for the church's maintenance and activities.

Declaration

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

Signatures: Chair of Church Council
Duncan MacBean

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f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	176,052 (x)	153,920 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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Name of Church ...CHISLEHURST..... No...35/43.

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Name of independent examiner Nadine Crawford-Piper

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 30 Vine Square, Eastbourne

BN22 7QD

Date 26/02/24

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Thursday, August 31, 2023

Circuit

Circuit no.

35/43

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1155090

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Paul Crowther

Treasurer:

Joan Mayes

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	25,279		25,279	28,719
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,739	2,161	4,900	687
a4	Lettings	70,442		70,442	63,570
a5	Other receipts	17,308		17,308	9,656
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	115,768	2,161	117,929 (a7)	102,632

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	31,600		31,600	28,200
b3	Donations	21,846		21,846	2,840
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	43,067		43,067	25,656
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	21,116		21,116	20,987
b6	Administrator's Salary & NI	16,312		16,312	14,531
b7	Other payments	5,036	192	5,228	33,525
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	138,977	192	139,169 (b9)	125,739

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	1,969	(21,240)	(23,107)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	104,325	67,572	171,897 (c6)	195,003
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	69,541	150,657	171,896
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	69,541	150,657 (c8)	171,896 (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	0	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,005	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,006	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	999	0
	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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e1 Moday Focus	4,441	5,333	(892)		4,171	3,279
e2 Messy Church			0		(16)	(16)
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Organisations funds	4,441	5,333	(892)	0	4,155 (e11)	3,263 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	117,929 (a7)	139,169 (b9)	(21,240)	(c7)	171,897 (c6)	150,657 (c8)
e10 BY CHURCH	122,370	144,502	(22,132)	0	176,052 (x)	153,920 (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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	16,163	15,968
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	88,395	65,381
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	67,339	69,308
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	171,897 (c6)	150,657 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,155 (e11)	3,263 (e12)
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CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1155090

Accounts

CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 August 2022

Registered Charity Number: 1155090

Charity Principal Address:

Chislehurst Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5LX

Names of the Managing Trustees:

Revd Duncan MacBean - Chair	Ms Tsion Gebreegziabher *
Ms Jennifer Alabi	Mrs Gillian Johnson
Mrs Elaine Battarbee	Mrs Joan Mayes – Treasurer *
Mrs Valerie Bessant	Miss Christine Pott *
Mr Lynton Cope	Mr Owen Terwilliger
Mrs Susan Cope	Mrs Helen Van Teutem * (Resigned 31/12/21)
Mr Thomas Cowie *	Mr Arend Van Teutem (Resigned 31/12/21)
Mr Paul Crowther	Mrs Janet Woollett *
Ms Joy Fraser-Amosun* (Resigned 31/8/21)	

- *Those marked with an asterisk are Church Stewards*

Custodian Trustee: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Bankers: HSBC
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Structure governance and management

Description of the Charity's Trust

Type of Governing Document: Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

How the Charity is constituted: Act of Parliament

Trustee selection method Appointed by the Church Council.
The Minister is automatically an ex-officio trustee.

Induction and Training

There is a range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion.

All trustees are given a copy of the leaflet, "The Role of a Trustee"

There is briefing on the Role of the responsibilities of a Trustee in the Methodist Church

Structure

Part of the Orpington and Chislehurst Circuit

Part of the London Methodist District

Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

Risks relating to property and finance are considered by the Finance & Property group

Risks relating to safety, safeguarding and other aspects are considered by the Church Stewards –

These groups report to the Church Council

Professional advice is taken as necessary

There is a regular review process

The Church has adopted a safeguarding Policy – covering children and vulnerable adults – and has ensured all relevant members of the local church receive appropriate training which is an ongoing process. The Policy is on public display.

Objects of the Charity

These are set out in the Methodist Church act 1976 (clause 4) –
Advancement of Religion and any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or church organisation

Summary of Main Objectives

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Deed of Union the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit and 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 main achievements during the year to August 2022

Monday Focus continues to provide a well supported venue for older people with a programme which provides lunch and a variety of talks and activities

A fortnightly Thursday lunchtime service continues, facilitated by Zoom

We have linked with the Ukraine school, who use our premises, for the collection of medical supplies for people in Ukraine.

Post Covid, the Chislehurst Artists group have used our premises for their twice yearly exhibitions as well as using us for meetings. This is a collaborative arrangement as they have willingly loaned us their equipment for church displays.

We have resumed collecting items for local food bank providers.

We continue to ensure the property provides a covid safe environment.

Public Benefit

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

Examples of Public Benefit

NHS Blood Transfusion service use the premises on a frequent basis.

Cocaine Abuse Anonymous (CA) and Ukrainian School are users.

The Chislehurst Society use the premises for exhibitions, public meetings and lectures.

The Chislehurst Art Society uses the premises for meetings and exhibitions

The National Trust (local group) hold monthly afternoon lectures.

Coffee Morning – September for Macmillan Cancer support.

For the first time the premises were used for the Local Elections

Another recent service is a drop-in centre for those bereaved organised by St Christopher's Hospice and Local GP Surgeries.

There are also several different activities, both physical and educational for all ages from infants to older people.

Financial Review:

The Chislehurst Church Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year-end of £67,338. This fund derives from three legacies. Its use is restricted by the Methodist Conference. The Church Council has determined that £25,000 of this fund be reserved to meet the cost of any unexpected

expenditure, arising from an emergency, for which there are insufficient funds available in the Church's current account. There was no call upon this contingency during the year. The church has increased the hours worked by the Administrator for the purpose of assisting a much smaller church to let their premises more efficiently. In response to an appeal by the Methodist Church Connexion, we contributed £29,250 – 15% of our balances at 31/8/21 - to the Pension Fund Deficit which is to help with the provision required by the Methodist Ministers Pension Fund and the Lay Workers Pension Fund. We have committed the sum of £9,000 per annum for three years toward the support of teachers' salaries for a rural school in Sierra Leone. They have registered as a charity in the UK, but currently have been unable to open a bank account. As such our contribution remains pending.

Reserves

The reserves policy for the Church is to hold a sum equivalent to six months average expenditure.

It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to meet the payment of the quarterly assessment and monthly salary, National Insurance for the part-time administrator and ongoing support for the church's maintenance and activities.

Declaration

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

Signatures: Chair of Church Council
Duncan MacBean

Church Treasurer
Joan Mayes

12 October 2022

12 October 2022

Date 12/10/2022

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Chislehurst

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Treasurer:

JOAN MAYES

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	28,719		28,719	31,573	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	372	315	687	378	
a4	Lettings	63,570		63,570	38,291	
a5	Other receipts	9,656		9,656	17,408	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	102,317	315	102,632 (a7)	87,650	
SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	28,200		28,200	28,800	
b3	Donations	2,840		2,840	2,840	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	25,656		25,656	15,657	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	20,987		20,987	16,368	
b6	Administrator's Salary & Nat Ins	14,531		14,531	14,001	
b7	Other payments inc PFD	33,333	192	33,525	4,209	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	125,547	192	125,738 (b9)	81,875	
SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(23,230)	124	(23,106)	5,775
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		127,555	67,448	195,003 (c6)	189,227
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	104,325	67,572	171,897	195,002
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	104,325	67,572	171,897 (c8)	195,002 (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			0		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			138	353	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			138	353	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		0	0	

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e1 Monday Focus	4,542	5,233	(691)		4,863	4,172
e2 Messy Church	0	0	0		(16)	(16)
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,542	5,233	(691)	0	4,847 (e11)	4,156 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	102,632 (a7)	125,738 (b9)	(23,106)	(c7)	195,003 (c6)	171,897 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	107,174	130,971	(23,797)	0	199,850 (x)	176,053 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	11,944	16,163
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	115,844	88,395
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	67,215	67,339
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	195,003 (c6)	171,897 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,847 (e11)	4,156 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	199,850 (x)	176,053 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
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Date 10/2/2023...

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CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1155090

Accounts

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	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
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a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	152	226	378	1,228
a4	Lettings	38,291		38,291	45,936
a5	Other receipts	9,828	7,580	17,408	13,096
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,844	7,806	87,650 (a7)	94,567

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	28,800		28,800	21,600
b3	Donations	2,840		2,840	6,242
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8,077	7,580	15,657	21,415
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,368		16,368	17,009
b6	Administrator Salary & NI	14,001		14,001	13,827
b7	Other payments	4,075	134	4,209	5,697
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	74,161	7,714	81,875 (b9)	85,790

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	5,684	92	5,776	8,777
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	121,871	67,356	189,227 (c6)	180,450
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	127,555	67,448	195,003	189,227
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	127,555	67,448	195,003 (c8)	189,227 (c6)

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d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	353	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	353	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	0	0

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 2021 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 Knit and Knatter (A/C closed)	0	34	(34)		34	0
e2 Messy Church (no movement)			0		(16)	(16)
e3 Monday Focus	5,000	249	4,751		112	4,863
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,000	283	4,717	0	130 (e11)	4,847 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	87,650 (a7)	81,875 (b9)	5,775	(c7)	189,227 (c6)	195,002 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	92,650	82,158	10,492	0	189,357 (x)	199,849 (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 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	13,771	11,944
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	108,333	115,844
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	67,123	67,215
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	189,227 (c6)	195,002 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	130 (e11)	4,847 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	189,357 (x)	199,849 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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 Chislehurst Methodist Church..... No 35/43..

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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...2 October 2021.

Name and address of treasurer Joan Mayes.....
28 White Horse Hill, Chislehurst, Kent
Post Code BR7 6DL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 6 October 2021.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Duncan MacBean... Date 6October 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Chislehurst Methodist Church

Charity Number 1155090.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church : Chislehurst Methodist Church ... No 35/43.....


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 NADINE CRAWFORD-PIPER

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 1 Bromley Lane, Chislehurst

KENT Post Code BR7 6LH

Date 27/1/2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 August 2021

Registered Charity Number: 1155090

Charity Principal Address:

Chislehurst Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5LX

Names of the Managing Trustees:

Revd Duncan MacBean - Chair	Ms Tsion Gebreegziabher *
Ms Jennifer Alabi	Mrs Gillian Johnson
Mrs Elaine Battarbee	Mrs Joan Mayes – Treasurer *
Mrs Valerie Bessant	Miss Christine Pott *
Mr Lynton Cope	Mr Owen Terwilliger
Mrs Susan Cope	Mrs Helen Van Teutem *
Mr Thomas Cowie *	Mr Arend Van Teutem
Mr Paul Crowther	Mrs Janet Woollett *
Ms Joy Fraser-Amosun*	

- *Those marked with an asterisk are Church Stewards*

Custodian Trustee: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Bankers: HSBC
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Structure governance and management

Description of the Charity's Trust

Type of Governing Document: Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

How the Charity is constituted: Act of Parliament

Trustee selection method Appointed by the Church Council.
The Minister is automatically an ex-officio trustee.

Induction and Training

There is a range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion.

All trustees are given a copy of the leaflet, "The Role of a Trustee"

There is briefing on the Role of the responsibilities of a Trustee in the Methodist Church

Structure

Part of the Orpington and Chislehurst Circuit

Part of the London Methodist District

Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

Risks relating to property and finance are considered by the Finance & Property group

Risks relating to safety, safeguarding and other aspects are considered by the Church Stewards –

These groups report to the Church Council

Professional advice is taken as necessary

There is a regular review process

The Church has adopted a safeguarding Policy – covering children and vulnerable adults – and has ensured all relevant members of the local church receive appropriate training which is an ongoing process. The Policy is on public display.

Objects of the Charity

These are set out in the Methodist Church act 1976 (clause 4) –
Advancement of Religion and any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or church organisation

Summary of Main Objectives

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Deed of Union the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit and 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 main achievements during the year to August 2021

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, with the exception of socially distanced Sunday worship, during periods when this has been permitted, there has been very limited activity. Junior church and Messy Church have not met since the beginning of the pandemic. The former will recommence on a two-weekly basis in September.

Monday focus resumed its activities during summer 2021, with outings and meeting outside when the weather was suitable.

Due to lack of helpers and a change in the circumstances of the leader, regrettably the Boys Brigade will not reconvene.

During Advent, there was a tableau display outside the church, telling the Christmas Story.

Up to the end of July 2021, there were weekly on-line services provided by people from the Orpington and Chislehurst Circuit and Bromley Circuit. These were much appreciated by those who used the facility.

The printed service for the housebound continues to be circulated via email and posted to those without internet access.

A fortnightly Thursday lunchtime service continued facilitated by zoom

The majority of people who attended the Fiji Methodist Fellowship are in the armed services. They have been relocated to other parts of Britain or overseas, so no longer meet on the premises.

As circumstances ease there is renewed engagement with the community.

We continue to ensure the property provides a covid safe environment.

Public Benefit

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

Examples of Public Benefit

NHS Blood Transfusion service use the premises on a frequent basis.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Cocaine Abuse Anonymous (CA),

Ukrainian Sunday School,

The Chislehurst Society use the premises for exhibitions, public meetings and lectures.

The Chislehurst Art Society has recently started to use the premises.

It is envisaged the The National Trust (local group) will resume their monthly afternoon lectures.

Majority of activities provided by hirers have recommenced and there are new users also making use of the premises.

Financial Review:

The Chislehurst Church Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year end of £67,215. This fund derives from three legacies. Its use is restricted by the Methodist Conference. The Church Council has determined that £25,000 of this fund be reserved to meet the cost of any unexpected expenditure, arising from an emergency, for which there are insufficient funds available in the Church's current account. There was no call upon this contingency during the year.

Though income was lower this year, it exceeded income, due to reduced costs for maintenance, utilities and other overheads. We continue to hold a balance, in excess of the reserves policy.

Reserves

The reserves policy for the Church is to hold a sum equivalent to six months average expenditure.

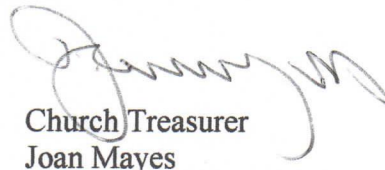
It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to meet the payment of the quarterly assessment and monthly salary, National Insurance and Pension Provision for the part-time administrator and ongoing support for the church's maintenance and activities.

Declaration

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



Signatures: Chair of Church Council
Duncan MacBean



Church Treasurer
Joan Mayes

Date 06/10/2021