

CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 August 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1155090

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 *

Miss Christine Pott *

Mr Owen Terwilliger

Mrs Janet Woollett*

Mr Vladimir Kersoovic *

Ann Pompei

- *Those marked with an asterisk are Church Stewards*

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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 Widmore 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.

Relevant members of the church have attended a workshop on Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

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 2025

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

There is a nursey school which operates mornings Mondy to Friday during term-time.

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

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

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

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

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

Guides & Brownies meet on the premises

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. For 2024 donations were allocated to CASPA – a local service for people with autism.

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.

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 £86,114. This fund derives from various legacies, including one received during the current year. 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

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

Sunday, August 31, 2025

WIDMORE	Circuit	Circuit no.	35/42
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Minister:

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Paul Crowther	Janet Woollett
Vladimir Kerosovic	Tsion Gebreegziabher

Treasurer:

Joan Mayes

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	27,225		27,225	29,841
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					
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					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	7,803	13,258	21,061	11,481
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 (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**

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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)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	13,138	7,559
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	76,145	89,525
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	72,855	86,114
f6	Other funds		
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		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
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g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Chislehurst

Charity Number 1155090

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...Chislehurst. Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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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Independent Examiner's Statement

- 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 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.

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