



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 01/09/23 **Period start date** **To:** 31/08/24 **Period end date**

Charity name: United Church Trowbridge

Charity registration number: 1156403

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the celebration of public worship;b) the teaching of the Christian faith;c) mission and evangelism;d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, especially for the retired but also those still in work and families;f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the constitution and the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are awarded.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	United Church provides a caring Christian base for its members and friends. It oversees a weekly coffee morning for the general public, where all are made welcome in the comfortable community building. The church runs a centre (offices, meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet) in another building in the town. This is used for meetings with members from churches and non-religious groups locally. The Christian Debt Centre, which was set up by a Trustee from United Church, continues to use these premises for this vital work.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The church serves the needs of its members and friends through worship, friendship groups and social interaction with the wider public.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising objectives are set.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	United Church is in credit due to the sale of COIF shares to the value of £20,000.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held because the income from church members does not cover the expenditure for the reasons stated above.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£425,876.62 as at 31 st August 2024
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The reserves will cover many years of expenditure. We have benefitted from generous bequests from church members who have died.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The income comes from the giving of the congregation, reclaiming Gift Aid and the GASDS. The church receives dividends and interest from investments managed on our behalf by the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The majority of the church investments are in COIF Ethical Investment Funds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are no risks facing the charity's finances.

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	A Model Governing Document (Constitution and Schedule) for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and seconded prior to the AGM at the Elder's Meeting. There is then a vote to accept the Trustees by the church members at the AGM. There is not a minimum number of Trustees but a maximum of ten Trustees can be appointed. They hold office for three years with an option of a further three. After that they can continue to stand on an annual renewal basis if supported as above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All new Trustees undergo their induction and training on the job and under the supervision of a longer standing Trustee.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The minister, who has oversight of four other churches, works with the Church Secretary and the Serving Elders to run the church. The Church Meeting, where all church members have the final vote on matters, takes place quarterly.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	There is increasing collaboration with the members and friends from Wesley Road Methodist Church, one of our minister's other churches in Trowbridge. The two churches are now working towards legal amalgamation, with a joint Leadership Team, joint committees and meetings.

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	United Church Trowbridge
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1156403
Charity's principal address	United Church 56 Stallard Street Trowbridge BA14 8HH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Clive Jackson	Secretary		Elders' Meeting
2	Lesley Chapman	Treasurer		Elders' Meeting
3	Patti Harrison			Church Meeting
4	Marguerite Denning			Church Meeting
5	Maureen Belgrove			Church Meeting
6	Alison Hicks			Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	N/A
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

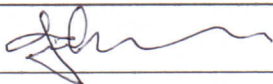
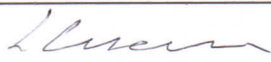
N/A

Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Clive Winston Jackson	Lesley Carol Chapman
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	18/5/2025	

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

WILTSHIRE UNITED AREA Circuit Circuit no. 7/20

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1156403

If not a registered charity His 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. TRACEY LEWIS

Church Stewards:

CLIVE JACKSON

ALISON HICKS

Treasurer:

LESZEY CHAPMAN

Name of Church UNITED CHURCH No. TROWBRIDGE

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 L Chen Date

Name and address of treasurer LESLIE CHAPMAN

49 USHERS COURT Post Code BA14 8GH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 16/1/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting T Lewis

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. TRACEY A. LEWIS Date 16/1/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE Church

Charity Number 1156403

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 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2020

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE									
SUMMARY OF BANK ACCOUNTS									
Year ended 31st August, 2024									
		General Account	30 Day Notice Account	Business Instant Account					TOTAL
		Lloyds A/C no 00173514	Lloyds A/C no 07115285	Lloyds A/C no 07097511					
Balances as at 1/9/23		14,478.96	5,017.00	658.30					20,154.26
INCOME		47,621.98	63.00	8.36					47,693.34
(see separate sheets for details)									-
EXPENDITURE		- 45,105.20	-	-					- 45,105.20
(see separate sheets for details)									
TRANSFERS									
1		- 4,000.00	4,000.00						-
2		2,000.00	- 2,000.00						-
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Balances as at 31/8/24		14,995.74	7,080.00	666.66					22,742.40
		See separate Investment Sheet.							

I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.

Signed.....
J. Horsey PIIA, FMAAT

Dated.....
16/1/25

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE					
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS					
Year ended 31st August, 2024					
Reference	Detail	New Code 31/8/24	Market Value As at 31/8/23	Holdings in Units	Market Value As at 31/8/24
					Interest paid to General Account 1/9/23 to 31/8/24
CCLA	886140098AA	CO3072132	125,708.56	44204.43	137,435.99
CCLA	886140104AA	CO3072138	99,649.45	35040.95	108,945.82
CCLA	886140008AA	CO3072091	152,301.64	53555.68	166,509.96
M & G	360772597				
M & G	24009455				
M & G	24009455				
M & G	24005452				
Scottish Widows	10438181		12,984.85	655	12,984.85
TOTAL			390,644.50		425,876.62
SALE OF CHURCH					
CCLA	831470013AB	CO3068627	729,971.90	154524.1	821,697.41
JUNIOR CHURCH					
M & G	360842057				
CCLA	886140028AA	CO3072101	286.03	100.58	286.03
TOTAL			286.03		286.03
I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.					
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Dated.....					

J. Horsey

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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 John Horsey

Name of independent examiner JOHN HORSEY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner PIIA. FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) /

Address 40, MENDIP DRIVE

FROME SOMERSET Post Code BA11 2HU

Date 16/1/25

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September 2020