

BINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1158426

Details

Other names BMC

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-09-02

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

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND 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 PERPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Methodist Church providing spiritual car and guidance to all those who wish to come and worship at the Bingham Methodist Church. Provides a worship space for regular services for Methodists, Roman Catholics, community groups and families. provides a community facility for the town.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£209,509	£108,930	-	-
2024-08-31	£177,009	£91,796	-	-
2023-08-31	£176,273	£88,122	-	-
2022-08-31	£159,651	£87,196	-	-
2021-08-31	£110,395	£88,079	-	-

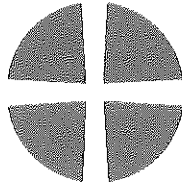
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anish Thomas		2025-09-01
Anne Ward		2019-10-26
Audrey Cawthorn		2018-10-23
BRIAN MELLORS		2019-10-26
Carole Cooper		2021-10-20
Carole Wiltshire		2021-10-20
Chak Yin Lee Noah		2025-09-01
Dr Richard Pye		2021-10-20
Frances Bailey		2025-09-01
GRAHAM WHITEHEAD		2017-10-26
Geoff Cawthorn		2018-10-23
Hazel Wallis		2016-09-07
JANET RITCHIE		2019-10-26
Jane Wakerley		2025-09-01
LYNN MELLORS		2018-10-23
Martin Watson		2018-10-23
Maxwell Teare		2019-10-26
Mita Saxena		2025-09-01
PETER BROEKHUIZEN		2015-05-28
ROBERT BRIAN RITCHIE		2019-10-26
Rev Dawn Brown		2025-09-01
SARAH WHITTAKER		2018-10-23
Sarah Hobbs		2026-04-28
Suannah LOUISE RITCHIE		2019-10-26
Sue Lockwood		2025-09-01
Tanya Bainbridge		2021-10-20
Wai Ho Chow Simon		2025-09-01

BINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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Accounts



**Church
Accruals Accounts
2024-2025**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2025

Bingham Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number

1158426

Circuit No 22/15

Minister Rev'd Tim Morris

Church Stewards
Max Teare
Geoff Cawthorn
Anne Ward
Hazel Wallis
Martin Watson
Hilary Taylor
Sue Lockwood

Church Treasurer Brian Mellors

Bingham Methodist Church
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Introduction:

We are pleased to present the annual accounts for Bingham Methodist Church on an accruals basis.

Aims and organisation:

We are part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which in turn is part of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The building was opened in 2016 and continues to attract newcomers to join in our worship and activities. Additionally, the Community use the building for many varied activities. Our policy and Mission statement has been reviewed and meets with the Connexion, District and Circuit Mission for the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

We seek to make our worship stimulating, challenging and relevant to the needs of our congregation using a variety of styles and a mixture of traditional and modern hymns. As well as regular worship, we share in fellowship through study, fundraising activities and social groups. Our services are live streamed to meet the needs of those who are unable to attend worship. Celebrations have included Christingle, Christmas and Easter services - including a Tenebrae style reflection of hymns, readings and prayers, a Bible month in June studying St John's Gospel followed by a weekly study group. Our worship services have been adapted to be inclusive for other nations families who have come to live within Bingham and the local area.

Our engagement with the community is through regular activities including Upper Room, Wholeness, Sunday School, Parent and Toddler Group, Who let the Dads out, Brigades, Youth Group, Thursday Market Day café, Messy Church, Memory Cafe and Community Cinema. Our Youth and Family worker is jointly employed to support work within primary schools in Bingham and East Bridgford as well as a leading role with young peoples' Church activities in both communities and in Flintham. We hosted in July a Bingham Heritage weekend to display a Celebration of Methodism in the town. Displays were also mounted from St Mary's and All Saints celebrating 800 years in Bingham and by British Rail, 175 years, amongst others.

Review of the Year

This year we have been blessed with more new families who have come to Bingham and joined our community. They have varied backgrounds in their Christian faith and we continue to learn how to welcome them to our community and especially in adapting our worship in ways that help to integrate. We were particularly delighted during the year to welcome 35 new Members to our Church and many newcomers are active in volunteering for Church rota duties. We have continued to be an All We Can partner church as well as raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital, Disasters Emergencies and many more Charitable appeals. We continue to try new ways of making disciples for Christ and will continue with our journey.

At the end of August we said farewell, with thanks to our Minister, Revd Tim Morris. We were fortunate in the same month to welcome the Revd Dawn Brown, with her family, to lead our Christian witness in Bingham and the Vale of Belvoir

Income

Regular Church income is primarily drawn from the donations of the church members, Sunday collections and Gift aid tax credit, with lettings income from community users hiring the community rooms. Income from the commercial units that occupy parts of our premises is sufficient to service our debts and make the necessary capital repayments. We remain solvent and continue with repayment of our loans at a higher rate than was determined at the occupation of the new premises. The Solar Panels on the roof of the property have enabled the reduction in energy bills and of our carbon footprint. The multi-purpose building continues to be popular with the community and is a primary venue in our town.

Expenditure

The major regular Church cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit. This comprises the contribution by the Church to the costs met centrally by the Circuit, including stipends and manse costs for Circuit ministers. The assessment increased by £4,500 this year. Additionally, we pay towards the cost of a Youth and Families employee who manages our children and families work. This valuable work continues to be popular with families in the community. All other costs relate to our activities and overheads and is covered by our income.

Fund balances

The General fund provides for our regular expenditure. There are designated funds for Charitable giving. During the year we have supported Great Ormond Street Hospital, Rainbows Hospice and several Disaster Emergency Committee requests. The Leprosy Mission, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Christian Aid, All We Can (Methodist Church partnership) and our Friendship Fund assist for hardship cases in our Church and Community. The Lively Spirits group has made donations to smaller Children based charities. In excess of £10,000 has been raised for Charitable purposes.

There are no Restricted funds at present.

Endowment funds relate to historic legacies

Plans for 2025/26

We intend to continue with the work that we have initiated in recent years with Charities, youth work, and improving the quality of the streamed services. We continue to support community activities where we are able. We continue to make new community members welcome and feel that they are part of our Church Family. This will be extended to offer "membership discussions" to help those who choose to be accepted into The Methodist Church. A Church Mission and Vision statement was approved at the June Church Council and provides a strategy to help us to bring more disciples to Christ.

Bingham Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity / Church: Bingham Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number: 1158426

The members of the Bingham Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

The treasurer, Mr P Broekhuizen, acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church from 1st September until 28th February; thereafter Mr Brian Mellors assumed the role.

Independent examiner Mr William Frederick Case FCA (retired)

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bingham Methodist Church

Aims and organisation

The Charity objective is to be a Methodist Church providing spiritual care and guidance to all those who wish to come and worship at the Bingham Methodist Church. The Church provides a worship space for regular Christian worship, baptism, marriage and funeral services and a community facility for community groups, families and others in the town.

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 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

The main activities of the church include: Worshipping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship. The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustees' Responsibilities

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year and to prepare an annual report for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using the accruals method
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed the applicable SORP and accounting standard, SORP(FRS102) as updated-adopted the going concern basis

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and ensuring their proper application under charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's web site. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements and trustees' reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.



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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings		40,804				40,804
2 Donations		6,707				6,707
3 Gift aid		9,155				9,155
4 Interest and investment income		1,537			92	1,629
5 Income from investment properties		90,647		14,880		105,527
6 Internal organisations		400				400
7 Other charitable income		38,690	6,597			45,287
8 Total income		187,940	6,597	14,880	92	209,509
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		49,597				49,597
10 Grants and donations		-				0
11 Property maintenance		7,810				7,810
12 Insurance, utilities etc		2,685		14,880		17,565
13 Depreciation		2,290				2,290
14 Office expenses		1,532				1,532
15 Other expenditure		25,634	4,001		11	29,646
16 Internal organisations		490				490
17 Total charitable expenditure		90,038	4,001	14,880	11	108,930
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					5	5
20 Net income/(expenditure)		97,902	2,596	0	86	100,584
21 Transfers between funds		661	-600		-61	0
22 Other gains/(losses)						0
23 Net movement in funds		98,563	1,996	0	25	100,584
24 Total funds brought forward		1,779,271	4,601		3,584	1,787,456
25 Total funds carried forward		1,877,834	6,597	-	3,609	1,888,040

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023- 24
		£	£	£	£		£
Income							
1 Offerings		39,351					39,351
2 Donations		2,195					2,195
3 Gift aid		8,955					8,955
4 Interest and investment income		1,890			106		1,996
5 Income from investment properties		92,248		11,207			103,455
6 Internal organisations		907					907
7 Other charitable income		31,463	5,990				37,453
8 Total income		177,009	5,990	11,207	106		194,312
Expenditure							
9 Circuit assessment or share		44,028					44,028
10 Grants and donations							0
11 Property maintenance		14,287					14,287
12 Insurance, utilities etc		2,291		11,207			13,498
13 Depreciation		2,290					2,290
14 Office expenses		1,249					1,249
15 Other expenditure		26,758	5,772				32,530
16 Internal organisations		864					864
17 Total charitable expenditure		91,767	5,772	11,207	0		108,746
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					213		213
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		85,242	218	0	319		85,779.00
21 Transfers between funds		384	-300		-84		0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 Net movement in funds		85,626	-82	0	235		85,779.00
24 Total funds brought forward		1,693,645	4,683	-	3,349		1,701,677
25 Total funds carried forward		1,779,271	4,601	-	3,584		1,787,456

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2025 £	Totals 2024 £
Fixed Assets						
Church building and other property	1,373,157				1,373,157	1,375,447
Investment properties	500,000				500,000	500,000
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets	1,873,157	0	0	0	1,873,157	1,875,447
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	19,903				19,903	15,316
Loans by the Churches					0	
Investments with TMCP				3,609	3,609	3,584
Central Finance Board Deposits	64,190				64,190	34,596
Cash at Bank and in hand	25,528	6,597			32,125	28,954
Total current assets	109,621	6,597	0	3,609	119,827	82,450
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	60,844				60,844	51,941
Grants payable within 2025-26					0	
Total current liabilities	60,844	0	0	0	60,844	51,941
Net current assets/liabilities	48,777	6,597	0	3,609	58,983	30,509
Total assets less current liabilities	1,921,934	6,597	0	3,609	1,932,140	1,905,956
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2025-26					0	
Loans to the Church	44,100				44,100	118,500
					0	
Net assets	1,877,834	6,597	0	3,609	1,888,040	1,787,456
Funds of the Church						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,877,834				1,877,834	1,779,271
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		6,597			6,597	4,601
Total Unrestricted Funds					1,884,431	1,783,872
Restricted Funds			0		0	
Endowment Funds				3,609	3,609	3,584
Total Funds	1,877,834	6,597	0	3,609	1,888,040	1,787,456

Signed



Church Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute:

General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted.
legacies received.

Endowment funds arising from
Details of each material fund are disclosed in note

13. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

The Church is VAT registered and where applicable income and expenses are net of the related VAT. Where the Church is not entitled to reclaim input VAT this is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown at cost.

Depreciation of Fixed Assets

Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at rates to write off the cost over the estimated useful life of the assets.

Investment Properties

The commercial units and office space are deemed to be held for investment purposes in that they are held for letting on a commercial basis to generate income to service long term loans.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include, VAT recoverable and Circuit Assessment paid in advance.

Creditors

Creditors include accruals for expenses, interest on loans, VAT payable and deferred income in respect of commercial rents received in advance.

4. Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church. (2022 £nil)

5. Fees for examination of the accounts

There were no payments to the Independent Examiner. (2023 £nil).

6. Paid employees

There were no paid employees during the year.

Bingham Methodist Church

Notes to the Accounts - continued

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
Balance brought forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196
Additions	45,831		45,831
Balance carried forward	1,380,027	500,000	1,880,027
Accumulated depreciation			
Balance brought forward	4,580		4,580
Depreciation charge for year	2,290		2,290
Balance carried forward	6,870		6,870
Net book value			
Brought forward	1,329,616	500,000	1,829,616
Carried forward	1,373,157	500,000	1,873,157

The properties have not been depreciated as in the opinion of the trustees their market value is not less than

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8. Investments with TMCP

	This year £	Last year £
CFB Managed Mixed Fund units	3,010	2,969
Trustees Investment Fund	599	615
	3,609	3,584

9. Analysis of debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Prepayments	14,722	12,455
Other	5,181	2,861
Total debtors and prepayments	19,903	15,316

10. Analysis of creditors and accruals

Commercial letting income received in ad	4,868	4,868
Accrual for interest payable on loans (General)	591	2,394
Expense Accruals	12,042	3,027
Tenants Service Charges	1,405	1,468
Tenants Deposit	3,000	3,000
Current portion of loans (note 12)	31,200	31,200
VAT Payable	7,738	5,984
Total Current Liabilities	60,844	51,941

Bingham Methodist Church

Notes to the Accounts - continued

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2025 has capital commitments of £Nil (2024 Nil).
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2025 (2024 £Nil).

12. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source
Methodist Chapel Aid Limited
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit
Private Loans

Amount brought forward £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
127,200	64,400	62,800
22,500	10,000	12,500
0	0	0
149,700	74,400	75,300

Repayment due

Due within 12 months (note 10)
Due after more than 12 months
Total

31,200	31,200
118,500	44,100
149,700	75,300

Purpose of loans

The loans are all in connection with the finance of the property construction. The Methodist Chapel Aid Limited loan bears interest at 5.65% and is secured on the property, other loans are unsecured. The Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit is the Circuit related to the Church and the loan bears interest related to the deposit rate available to it.

13. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General fund	1,754,719	156,982	(66,349)	661		1,846,013
Property Fund	23,027	30,557	(23,198)			30,386
Internal organisations Brigades	1,525	400	(490)			1,435
General Funds	1,779,271	187,939	(90,037)	661		1,877,834
Friendship fund	1,178	858	(854)			1,182
Rainbow fund	581	808				1,389
Lively Spirits fund	2,033	1,686	(472)	(600)		2,647
Charity Fund	809	3,245	(2,675)			1,379
Designated Funds	4,601	6,597	(4,001)	(600)	0	6,597
Totals	1,783,872	194,536	(94,038)	61	0	1,884,431

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Memory Mrs S E Langstaff	120	6		(6)		120
H N Fewster Bequest	2,627	46		(47)	5	2,631
G H White Bequest	378	8		(8)	1	379
F A Sheppenson Bequest	451	21				472
Bingham	8					8
Totals	3,584	81	0	(61)	6	3,610

Fund purposes

Unrestricted funds: The General fund is the main unrestricted fund of the Church. The Property fund is a fund used to The Friendship, Rainbow, Lively Spirits and Church Charity funds are separate designated fundraising funds.

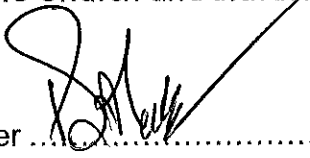
Endowment funds: These are mainly funds set up as a result of historic legacies received.

Name of Church Bingham Methodist Church

No 1158426

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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  Date 15/12/25

Name and address of treasurer Brian Mellors .
Ashlea, 1 Beetham Close, Bingham, Nottingham

Post Code NG13 8EQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 was presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 25th February 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Dawn Brown

Date 25/2/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bingham Methodist Church

Charity Number 1158426

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bingham Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages ~~1~~ to ~~17~~. 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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Schedule of Managing Trustees

Rev Tim Morris (Resigned 31.08.25)
Rev Dawn Brown (Appointed 01.09.25)
Frances Bailey
Tanya Bainbridge
Peter Broekhuizen
Geoff Cawthorn
Audrey Cawthorn
Simon Chow (Appointed 01.09.25)
Carole Cooper
Robert Dixon-Smith (Resigned 31.08.25)
John Eagles (Resigned 31.08.25)
David Hadfield (Deceased February 25)
Pat Hiley (Appointed 01.09.25)
Marion Hingley Hickson (Resigned 31.08.25)
Sarah Hobbs
Noah Lee (Appointed 01.09.25)
Sue Lockwood
Dorothy Marshall (Resigned 31.08.25)
Ron Maxwell (Resigned 31.08.25)
Lynn Mellors
Brian Mellors
Richard Pye
Robert Ritchie
Lousie Ritchie
Janet Ritchie
Mita Saxena (Appointed 01.09.25)
Hilary Taylor (Resigned 31.08.25)
Max Teare
Anish Thomas (Appointed 01.09.25)
Jane Wakerley
Hazel Wallis
Anne Ward
Martin Watson
Graham Whitehead
Sarah Whittaker
Carole Wiltshire

Independent Examiner's Statement

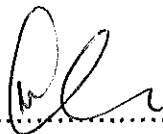
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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Mr William Frederick Cass

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FEA (Retired)

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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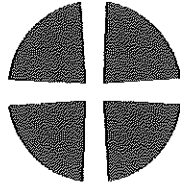
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BINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1158426

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)**

for the year ended 31 August 2024

Bingham Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number

1158426

Circuit No

22/15

Minister

Rev'd Tim Morris

Church Stewards

Max Teare

Geoff Cawthorn

Susan Otter

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Church Treasurer

Peter Broekhuizen

Bingham Methodist Church

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Introduction

We are pleased to present the annual accounts for Bingham Methodist Church on an accruals basis.

Aims and organisation

We are part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which in turn is part of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The building was opened in 2016 and continues to attract newcomers to join in our worship and activities. Additionally, the Community use the building for many varied activities. Our policy and Mission statement has been reviewed and meets with the Connexion, District and Circuit Mission for the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

We seek to make our worship stimulating, challenging and relevant to the needs of our congregation using a variety of styles and a mixture of traditional and modern hymns and share in fellowship through study, fundraising activities and social groups. This has included adapting our worship space to stream our services to meet the needs of those who cannot attend worship through infirmity and illness. Our engagement with the community is through regular activities including Upper Room, Wholeness, Parent and Toddler Group, Brigades, Thursday Market Day cafe, Messy Church, Memory Cafe and Community Cinema. This year we have restarted a Youth Group which attracts youth from all cultures represented in our community. Our Worship services have been adapted to be inclusive of our Hong Kong and other nations families who have come to live within Bingham and the local area.

Review of the year

This year we have been blessed with many new families who have come to Bingham and joined our community. They have varied backgrounds in their Christian faith and we continue to learn how to welcome them to our community and especially in adapting our worship in ways that we integrate as God's disciples. We have continued to be an All we Can partner church as well as raising funds for Prostate Cancer, Disasters Emergencies and many more Charitable appeals. We continue to try new ways of making disciples for Christ and will continue with our journey.

Income

Regular Church income is primarily drawn from the donations of the church members, Sunday collections and Gift aid tax credit, with lettings income from community users hiring the community rooms plus rents from commercial tenants who occupy part of our building. There has been an increase in our offertories and in the lettings income. We remain solvent and continue with repayment of our loans at a higher rate than we determined at the occupation of the new Church. The "Solar Panels", have reduced the energy bills and our carbon footprint. We will benefit in this investment in the future. The multi-purpose building continues to be popular with the community and is a major venue in our town.

Income from the commercial units is sufficient to service our debts and make the necessary capital repayments.

Expenditure

The major regular Church cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit. This comprises the contribution by the Church to the costs met centrally by the Circuit, including stipends and manse costs for Circuit ministers. Additionally we pay towards the cost of a "families worker" who manages our children and families work which continues to be popular, especially with the newer families who have joined our community this year.

All other costs relate to our activities and overheads and is covered by our income.

Fund balances

The General fund provides for our regular expenditure. There are designated funds for Charitable giving, during the year we have supported Prostate Cancer research, Rainbows Hospice, Two Disaster Emergency Committee requests. The Leprosy Mission, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Christian Aid All We Can (Methodist Church partnership) and our Friendship fund assist for hardship cases in our Church and Community. The Lively Spirits group has made donations to smaller Children based charities. In excess of £10,000 has been raised for Charitable purposes.

There are no Restricted funds at present.

Endowment funds relate to historic legacies

Plans for 2024/25

We intend to continue with the work that we have initiated in recent years with Charities, youth work, and improving the quality of the streamed services. We continue to support community activities where we are able. We continue to make the new community members welcome and feel that they are part of our Church Family. This will be extended to offer "membership discussions" to help those who choose to be accepted into The Methodist Church .We have prepared a Circuit and Church Mission and Vision statement that will be introduced at the next Church Council and that will provide a strategy to help us in our path to bring more disciples to Christ.

Bingham Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity / Church: Bingham Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number: 1158426

The members of the Bingham Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

The treasurer, Mr P Broekhuizen, acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent examiner Mr Peter Mellors FCA
29 Cumberland Avenue
Beeston, Notts

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bingham Methodist Church

Aims and organisation

The Charity objective is to be a Methodist Church providing spiritual care and guidance to all those who wish to come and worship at the Bingham Methodist Church. The Church provides a worship space for regular Christian worship, baptism, marriage and funeral services and a community facility for community groups, families and others in the town.

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 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

The main activities of the church include: Worshipping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship. The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustees' Responsibilities

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year and to prepare an annual report for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using the accruals method
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed the applicable SORP and accounting standard, SORP(FRS102) as updated-adopted the going concern basis

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and ensuring their proper application under charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's web site. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements and trustees' reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £
Income						
1 Offerings		39,351				39,351
2 Donations		2,195				2,195
3 Gift aid		8,955				8,955
4 Interest and investment income		1,890			106	1,996
5 Income from investment properties		92,248		11,207		103,455
6 Internal organisations		907				907
7 Other charitable income		31,463	5,990			37,453
8 Total income		177,009	5,990	11,207	106	194,312
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		44,028				44,028
10 Grants and donations						0
11 Property maintenance		14,287				14,287
12 Insurance, utilities etc		2,291		11,207		13,498
13 Depreciation		2,290				2,290
14 Office expenses		1,249				1,249
15 Other expenditure		26,758	5,772			32,530
16 Internal organisations		864				864
17 Total charitable expenditure		91,767	5,772	11,207	-	108,746
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					213	213
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		85,242	218	-	319	85,779
21 Transfers between funds		384	300		84	-
22 Other gains/(losses)						-
23 Net movement in funds		85,626	82	-	235	85,779
24 Total funds brought forward		1,693,645	4,683		3,349	1,701,677
25 Total funds carried forward		1,779,271	4,601	-	3,584	1,787,456

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings		37,079				37,079
2 Donations		3,026				3,026
3 Gift aid		8,866				8,866
4 Interest and investment income		574			94	668
5 Income from investment properties		93,807				93,807
6 Internal organisations		658				658
7 Other charitable income		27,485	4,684			32,169
8 Total income		171,495	4,684	-	94	176,273
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		45,120				45,120
10 Grants and donations			3,166			3,166
11 Property maintenance		11,870				11,870
12 Insurance, utilities etc		4,445				4,445
13 Depreciation		2,290				2,290
14 Office expenses						0
15 Other expenditure		20,302	280			20,582
16 Internal organisations		648				648
17 Total charitable expenditure		84,675	3,446	0	0	88,121
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					-122	-122
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		86,820	1,238	0	-28	88,030
21 Transfers between funds		682	600		82	0
22 Other gains/(losses)						0
23 Net movement in funds		87,502	638	0	-110	88,030
24 Total funds brought forward		1,606,143	4,045		3,459	1,613,647
25 Total funds carried forward		1,693,645	4,683	-	3,349	1,701,677

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Fixed Assets						
Church building and other property	1,375,447				1,375,447	1,377,737
Investment properties	500,000				500,000	500,000
Investments					0	0
Total fixed assets	1,875,447	0	0	0	1,875,447	1,877,737
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	15,316				15,316	13,858
Loans by the Churches					0	0
Investments with TMCP				3,584	3,584	3,349
Central Finance Board Deposits	34,596				34,596	36,923
Cash at Bank and in hand	24,353	4,601			28,954	44,183
Total current assets	74,265	4,601	0	3,584	82,450	98,313
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	51,941				51,941	50,473
Grants payable within 2022-23					0	0
Total current liabilities	51,941	0	0	0	51,941	50,473
Net current assets/liabilities	22,324	4,601	0	3,584	30,509	47,840
Total assets less current liabilities	1,897,771	4,601	0	3,584	1,905,956	1,925,577
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23					0	
Loans to the Church	118,500				118,500	223,900
					0	
Net assets	1,779,271	4,601	0	3,584	1,787,456	1,701,677
Funds of the Church						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,779,271				1,779,271	1,693,645
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		4,601			4,601	4,683
Total Unrestricted Funds					1,783,872	1,698,328
Restricted Funds			0		0	0
Endowment Funds				3,584	3,584	3,349
Total Funds	1,779,271	4,601	0	3,584	1,787,456	1,701,677

Signed

P Brockhauser

Church Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute:

General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted.
from legacies received.
note 13. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Endowment funds arising
Details of each material fund are disclosed in

3. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

The Church is VAT registered and where applicable income and expenses are net of the related VAT. Where the Church is not entitled to reclaim input VAT this is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown at cost.

Depreciation of Fixed Assets

Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at rates to write off the cost over the estimated useful life of the assets.

Investment Properties

The commercial units and office space are deemed to be held for investment purposes in that they are held for letting on a commercial basis to generate income to service long term loans.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include, VAT recoverable and Circuit Assessment paid in advance.

Creditors

Creditors include accruals for expenses, interest on loans, VAT payable and deferred income in respect of commercial rents received in advance.

4. Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church. (2022 Enil)

5. Fees for examination of the accounts

There were no payments to the Independent Examiner. (2023 Enil).

6. Paid employees

There were no paid employees during the year.

Bingham Methodist Church

Notes to the Accounts - continued

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
Balance brought forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196
Additions	45,831		45,831
Balance carried forward	1,380,027	500,000	1,880,027
Accumulated depreciation			
Balance brought forward	2,290		2,290
Depreciation charge for year	2,290		2,290
Balance carried forward	4,580		4,580
Net book value			
Brought forward	1,377,737	500,000	1,877,737
Carried forward	1,375,447	500,000	1,875,447

The properties have not been depreciated as in the opinion of the trustees their market value is not less than original cost.

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8. Investments with TMCP

	This year £	Last year £
CFB Managed Mixed Fund units	2,969	2,755
Trustees Investment Fund	615	594
	<u>3,584</u>	<u>3,349</u>

9. Analysis of debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Prepayments	12,455	12,207
Other	2,861	1,651
Total debtors and prepayments	15,316	13,858

10. Analysis of creditors and accruals

Commercial letting income received in ac	4,868	4,868
Accrual for interest payable on loans (General)	2,394	1,818
Expense Accruals	3,027	2,449
Tenants Service Charges	1,468	1,468
Tenants Deposit	3,000	3,000
Current portion of loans (note 12)	31,200	31,200
VAT Payable	5,984	5,670
Total Current Liabilities	51,941	50,473

Bingham Methodist Church

Notes to the Accounts - continued

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2024 has capital commitments of £Nil (2023 Nil).
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024 (2023 £Nil).

12. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source
Methodist Chapel Aid Limited
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit
Private Loans

Amount brought forward £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
222,600	95,400	127,200
32,500	10,000	22,500
0	0	0
255,100	105,400	149,700

Repayment due

Due within 12 months (note 10)
Due after more than 12 months
Total

31,200	31,200
223,900	118,500
255,100	149,700

Purpose of loans

The loans are all in connection with the finance of the property construction. The Methodist Chapel Aid Limited loan bears interest at 5.40% and is secured on the property, other loans are unsecured. The Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit is the Circuit related to the Church and the loan bears interest related to the deposit rate available to it.

13. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General fund	1,672,536	151,362	(69,563)	384		1,754,719
Property Fund	19,627	24,740	(21,340)			23,027
Internal organisations Brigades	1,482	907	(864)			1,525
General Funds	1,693,645	177,009	(91,767)	384		1,779,271
Friendship fund	2,086	940	(1,348)	(500)		1,178
Rainbow fund	918	663	(1,000)			581
Lively Spirits fund	1,647	1,561	(875)	(300)		2,033
Charity Fund	32	2,826	(2,549)	500		809
Designated Funds	4,683	5,990	(5,772)	(300)	0	4,601
Totals	1,698,328	182,999	(97,539)	84	0	1,783,872

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Memory Mrs S E Langstaff	120	6		(6)		120
H N Fewster Bequest	2,438	67		(67)	189	2,627
G H White Bequest	354	11		(11)	24	378
F A Sheppenson Bequest	429	22				451
Bingham	8					8
Totals	3,349	106	0	(84)	213	3,584

Bingham Methodist Church

Notes to the Accounts - continued

Fund purposes

Unrestricted funds: The General fund is the main unrestricted fund of the Church. The Property fund is a fund used to The Friendship, Rainbow, Lively Spirits and Church Charity funds are separate designated fundraising funds.

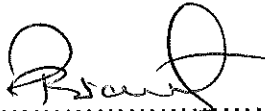
Endowment funds: These are mainly funds set up as a result of historic legacies received.

Name of Church **Bingham Methodist Church**

Church No **1158426**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 1.10.2024

Name and address of treasurer PETER BROOKMAN & THE TRUSTEES

..... BINGHAM NOTTS. NG13 8TY Post Code.....

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 4.3.2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev. Ian Morris Date 4.03.2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bingham Methodist Church

Charity Number 1158426

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bingham Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 6 to 12. 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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Signature of independent examiner *P. Mellors*

Name of independent examiner Peter Mellors

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) /

Address 29 Cumberland Avenue,
Chilwell, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 4DH

Date 12 October 2024

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP & KEY LAY WORKERS

MINISTER(S)

Rev'd Timothy Morris

LAY WORKERS

Sarah Hobbs

TREASURER

Peter Broekhuizen

CHURCH STEWARDS

Max Teare

Sue Lockwood

Geoff Cawthorn

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CHURCH SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR

Louise Ritchie

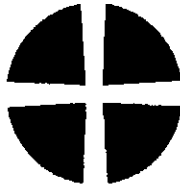
CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

1	Richard Pye Gift Aid Secretary	z
2	Brian Ritchie Finance and Facilities	
3	Audrey Cawthorn	
4	Doroty Marshall	
5	Brian Mellors	
6	Lynn Mellors	
7	Sarah Whittaker Junior Church	
8	Carole Cooper	
9	Janet Ritchie	
10	Anne Ward	
11	David Hadfield	
12	Graham Whitehead	
13	Carole Wiltshire	
14	Ron Maxwell	
15	John Eagles	
16	Robert Dixon Smith	
17	Tanya Bainbridge	
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**Bingham Methodist Church
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Introduction

The attached accounts present the financial activity of Bingham Methodist Church in an accruals format.

Aims and organisation

We are part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which in turn is part of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. With the, 2016 new build we continue to provide the mission and outreach in accordance with the Connexional, Circuit and Church's vision as presented in the Mission Policy documents at all three levels.

We seek to make our worship stimulating, challenging and relevant to the needs of our congregation using a variety of styles and a mixture of traditional and modern hymns and share in fellowship through study, fundraising activities and social groups. This has included adapting our worship to stream our services to meet the needs of those who cannot attend worship through infirmity and illness. Our engagement with the community is through regular activities including Upper Room, Wholeness, Parent and Toddler Group, Brigades, Thursday Market Day cafe, Messy Church, Memory Cafe and Community Cinema. In addition our services have been adapted to meet the needs of our Hong Kong families who have come to live within Bingham and the local area.

Review of the year

This year we have been blessed with many new families who have come to Bingham and joined our community. They have varied backgrounds in their Christian faith and we continue to learn how to welcome them to our community and especially in adapting our worship in ways that we integrate as God's disciples. We have continued to be an All we Can partner church as well as raising funds for Prostate Cancer, Disasters Emergencies and many more Charitable appeals. We continue to try new ways of making disciples for Christ and will continue with our journey.

Income

Regular Church income is primarily drawn from the donations of the church members, Sunday collections and Gift aid tax credit, with lettings income from community users hiring the community rooms. There has been an increase in our offertories and in the lettings income. We remain solvent and continue with repayment of our loans at a higher rate than we determined at the occupation of the new Church. We have invested in "Solar Panels" to reduce our carbon footprint and assist in reducing our future energy bills. The multi-purpose building continues to be popular with the community and is a major venue in our town.

Income from the commercial units is sufficient to service our debts and make the necessary capital repayments.

Expenditure

The major regular Church cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit. This comprises the contribution by the Church to the costs met centrally by the Circuit, including stipends and manse costs for Circuit ministers. Additionally we pay towards the cost of a "family worker" who manages our children and families work which continues to be popular, especially with the newer families who have joined our community this year.

All other costs relate to our activities and overheads and is covered by our income.

Fund balances

There are designated funds for Charitable giving, during the year we have supported MS Society, Rainbows Hospice, Friendship fund for hardship cases and Lively Spirits which have made donations as shown in the accounts of £3166 . In addition we have held special appeals supporting Churches Together, TLM, DEC MHA, AWC, Christian Aid , Water Aid and others with donations during the year totalling £3,955

There are no Restricted funds at present.

Endowment funds relate to historic legacies

Plans for 2023/24

We intend to continue with the work that we have initiated in recent years with Charities, youth work, and Improving the quality of the streamed services. We are in the process of furnishing a room with suitable furniture that the teenagers come to expect so providing a space for them in the community. We continue to make the new community members welcome and feel that they are part of our Church Family. We have prepared a Circuit and Church Mission and Vision statement that will be introduced at the next Church Council and trust that this guidance will help us in our path to bring more disciples to Christ.

Bingham Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity / Church: Bingham Methodist Church
Registration Charity Number: 1158426

The members of the Bingham Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

The treasurer, Mr P Broekhuizen, acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent examiner Mr Peter Mellors FCA
29 Cumberland Avenue
Beeston, Notts

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bingham Methodist Church

Aims and organisation

The Charity objective is to be a Methodist Church providing spiritual care and guidance to all those who wish to come and worship at the Bingham Methodist Church. The Church provides a worship space for regular christian worships, baptism, marriage and funeral services and a community facility for community groups, families and others in the town.

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 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

The main activities of the church include: Worshipping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship. The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustees' Responsibilities

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year and to prepare an annual report for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using the accruals method
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed the applicable SORP and accounting standard, SORP(FRS102) as updated-adopted the going concern basis

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and ensuring their proper application under charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's web site. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements and trustees' reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Bingham Methodist Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required and through Connexion and government advise. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Bingham Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Bingham Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. We are, as trustees, taking the Equality, Diversity and Integration webinar to ensure we meet the good practice criteria and are able to understand the needs of all people.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue our normal activities, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. Funds will also be reserved to pay the mortgage and interest to the MCA and Circuit loans. All personal loans have now been repaid.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings		37,079				37,079
2 Donations		3,026				3,026
3 Gift aid		8,866				8,866
4 Interest and investment income		574			94	668
5 Income from investment properties		93,807				93,807
6 Internal organisations		658				658
7 Other charitable income		27,485	4,684			32,169
8 Total Income		171,495	4,684	-	94	176,273
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		45,120				45,120
10 Grants and donations			3,166			3,166
11 Property maintenance		11,870				11,870
12 Insurance, utilities etc		4,445				4,445
13 Depreciation		2,290				2,290
14 Office expenses						0
15 Other expenditure		20,302	281			20,583
16 Internal organisations		648				648
17 Total charitable expenditure		84,675	3,447	0	0	88,122
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary Investments					122	-122
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20 Net Income/(expenditure)		86,820	1,237	0	-28	88,029
21 Transfers between funds		682	600		82	0
22 Other gains/(losses)						0
23 Net movement in funds		87,502	637	0	-110	88,029
24 Total funds brought forward		1,606,143	4,045		3,459	1,613,647
25 Total funds carried forward		1,693,645	4,682	-	3,349	1,701,676

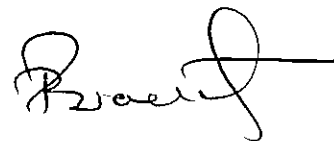
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021- 22 £
Income						
1 Offerings		34,070				34,070
2 Donations		693				693
3 Gift aid		7,544				7,544
4 Interest and investment income		123			67	190
5 Income from investment properties		89,716				89,716
6 Internal organisations		1,191				1,191
7 Other charitable income		23,636	2,678			26,314
8 Total income		156,973	2,678	-	67	159,718
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		46,476				46,476
10 Grants and donations			1,941			1,941
11 Property maintenance		17,250				17,250
12 Insurance, utilities etc		6,153				6,153
13 Depreciation						0
14 Office expenses						0
15 Other expenditure		14,282				14,282
16 Internal organisations		1,094				1,094
17 Total charitable expenditure		85,255	1,941	0	0	87,196
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					193	-193
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		71,718	737	0	-126	72,329
21 Transfers between funds		566	500		66	0
22 Other gains/(losses)						0
23 Net movement in funds		72,284	237	0	-192	72,329
24 Total funds brought forward		1,533,859	3,808		3,651	1,541,318
25 Total funds carried forward		1,606,143	4,045	-	3,459	1,613,647

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2023	Totals 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Church building and other property	7	1,377,737			1,377,737	1,334,196
Investment properties	7	500,000			500,000	500,000
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets		1,877,737	0	0	1,877,737	1,834,196
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	9	13,858			13,858	25,215
Loans by the Churches					0	
Investments with TMCP	8			3,349	3,349	3,459
Central Finance Board Deposits		36,923			36,923	9,837
Cash at Bank and In hand		39,500	4,683		44,183	73,172
Total current assets		90,281	4,683	0	98,313	111,683
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	10	50,473			50,473	55,932
Grants payable within 2022-23					0	
Total current liabilities		50,473	0	0	50,473	55,932
Net current assets/liabilities		39,808	4,683	0	47,840	55,751
Total assets less current liabilities		1,917,545	4,683	0	1,925,577	1,889,947
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23					0	
Loans to the Church	12	223,900			223,900	276,300
					0	
Net assets		1,693,645	4,683	0	1,701,677	1,613,647
Funds of the Church						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	13	1,693,645			1,693,645	1,606,143
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	13		4,683		4,683	4,045
Total Unrestricted Funds					1,698,328	1,610,188
Restricted Funds				0	0	
Endowment Funds	13			3,349	3,349	3,459
Total Funds		1,693,645	4,683	0	1,701,677	1,613,647

Signed



Church Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute:

General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted.

Endowment funds arising from legacies received.

Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 13. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are received in accordance with the established terms.

VAT

The Church is VAT registered and where applicable income and expenses are net of the related VAT. Where the Church is not entitled to reclaim Input VAT this is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

Depreciation of Fixed Assets

Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at rates to write off the cost over the estimated useful life of the assets.

Investment Properties

The commercial units and office space are deemed to be held for investment purposes in that they are held for letting on a commercial basis to generate income to service long term loans.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include, VAT recoverable and Church Assessment paid in advance.

Creditors

Creditors include accruals for expenses, interest on loans, VAT payable and deferred income in respect of commercial rents received in advance.

4. Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church. (2022 £nil)

5. Fees for examination of the accounts

There were no payments to the Independent Examiner. (2022 £nil).

6. Paid employees

There were no paid employees during the year.

Notes to the Accounts - continued

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
Balance brought forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196
Additions	45,831		45,831
Balance carried forward	1,380,027	500,000	1,880,027
Accumulated depreciation			
Balance brought forward			0
Depreciation charge for year	2,290		2,290
Balance carried forward	2,290		2,290
Net book value			
Brought forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196
Carried forward	1,377,737	500,000	1,877,737

The properties have not been depreciated as in the opinion of the trustees their market value is not less than

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8. Investments with TMCP

	This year £	Last year £
CFB Managed Mixed Fund units	2,755	2,878
Trustees Investment Fund	589	581
	3,344	3,459

9. Analysis of debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Prepayments	12,207	12,455
Other	1,651	12,760
Total debtors and prepayments	13,858	25,215

10. Analysis of creditors and accruals

Commercial letting income received in ac	4,868	4,868
Accrual for interest payable on loans (General)	1,818	1,435
Expense Accruals	2,449	2,757
Tenants Service Charges	1,468	1,505
Tenants Deposit	3,000	3,000
Current portion of loans (note 12)	31,200	36,200
VAT Payable	5,670	6,167
Total Current Liabilities	50,473	55,932

Notes to the Accounts - continued

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2023 has capital commitments of £Nil (2022 £45830).

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023 (2022 £Nil).

Notes to the Accounts - continued

12. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
Methodist Chapel Aid Limited	265,000	42,400	222,600
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit	42,500	10,000	32,500
Private Loans	5,000	5,000	0
	312,500	57,400	255,100

Repayment due

Due within 12 months (note 10)	36,200	31,200
Due after more than 12 months	276,300	223,900
Total	312,500	255,100

Purpose of loans

The loans are all in connection with the finance of the property construction. The Methodist Chapel Aid Limited loan bears interest at 5.40% and is secured on the property, other loans are unsecured. The Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit is the Circuit related to the Church and the loan bears interest related to the deposit rate available to it. Private loans are loans advanced by individuals connected with the Church and are interest free.

13. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General fund	1,588,180	149,097	(65,423)	682		1,672,536
Property Fund	16,491	21,740	(18,604)			19,627
Internal organisations Brigades	1,472	658	(648)			1,482
General Funds	1,606,143	171,495	(84,675)	682		1,693,645
Friendship fund	1,331	922	(167)			2,086
Rainbow fund	552	366	0			918
Lively Spirits fund	1,632	1,296	(681)	(600)		1,647
Charity Fund	530	2,100	(2,598)			32
Designated Funds	4,045	4,684	(3,446)	(600)	0	4,683
Totals	1,610,188	176,179	(88,121)	82	0	1,698,328

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Memory Mrs S E Langstaff	120	4		(4)		120
H N Fewster Bequest	2,546	68		(68)	(108)	2,438
G H White Bequest	368	10		(10)	(14)	354
F A Sheppenson Bequest	417	12				429
Bingham	8					8
Totals	3,459	94	0	(82)	(122)	3,349

Fund purposes

Unrestricted funds: The General fund is the main unrestricted fund of the Church. The Property fund is a fund used to manage the running of the property.

The Friendship, Rainbow, Lively Spirits and Church Charity funds are separate designated fundraising funds.

Endowment funds: These are mainly funds set up as a result of historic legacies received.

14. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) / (return of loans from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2023
			£	£	£	£
JMA						
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission In Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund						
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit	Circuit to which the Church belongs	Circuit Assessment, contribution to Community worker and loan to assist with the financing of the building		45,120	10,000	(32,500)
Various private Individuals - no loan exceeds £5,000 in total	Various individuals associated with the Church	Loans to assist with the financing of the building		0	5,000	0
Total			0	45,120	15,000	(32,500)

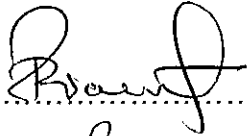
Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) / (return of loans from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2021
			£	£	£	£
JMA						
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission In Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund						
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit	Circuit to which the Church belongs	Circuit Assessment, contribution to Community worker and loan to assist with the financing of the building		46,476	10,000	(42,500)
Various private Individuals - no loan exceeds £5,000 in total	Various individuals associated with the Church	Loans to assist with the financing of the building		0	0	(5,000)
Total			0	46,476	10,000	(47,500)

Name of Church: **Bingham Methodist Church**Church No **1158426**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

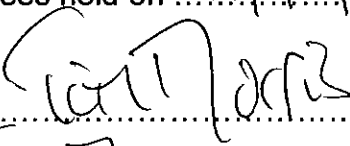
Signature of treasurer  Date 10 Oct 2023

Name and address of treasurer PETER BLOEKHUIZEN

8 THE TEASELS, BINGHAM, NOTTS. Post Code NG13 8TY

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 27.12.24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev. Ian Morris Date 27/12/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bingham Methodist Church

Charity Number **1158426**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bingham Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 10. 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.

Name of Church: **Bingham Methodist Church**Church No **1158426****Independent Examiner's Statement**

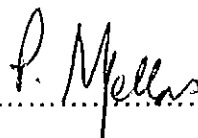
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 :

Peter Mellors FCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Chartered Accountant

Address : 29 Cumberland Avenue, Chilwell, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 4DH

Date : 15 October 2023

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP & KEY LAY WORKERS

MINISTER(S)

Rev'd Timothy Morris

LAY WORKERS

Sarah Hobbs nee Cody

CHURCH STEWARDS

Max Teare

Martin Watson

Geoff Cawthorn

Hilary Taylor

Eric Roberts

Peter Broekhuizen

Hazel Wallis

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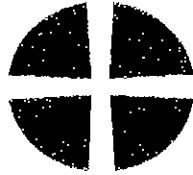
CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

1	Robert Dixon Smith	2
2	John Eagles	
3	Audrey Cawthorn	
4	Doroty Marshall	
5	Brian Mellors	
6	Lynn Mellors	
7	Richard Pye	
8	Brian Ritchie	
9	Janet Ritchie	
10	Anne Ward	
11	Sarah Whittaker	
12	Graham Whitehead	
13	Carole Wiltshire	
14	Carol Cooper	
15	David Hadfield	
16	Frances Balley	
17	Tanya Bainbridge	
18	Ron Maxwell	

BINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1158426

Accounts



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2011-2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2022

Bingham Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number

1158426

Circuit No

22/15

Minister

Rev'd Martin T Smithson

Church Stewards

Max Teare

Goëff Cawthorn

Susan Otter

Hazel Wallis

Martin Watson

Hilary Taylor

Eric Roberts

Church Treasurer

Peter Broekhuizen

Bingham Methodist Church
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Introduction

The attached accounts present the financial activity of Bingham Methodist Church in an accruals format.

Aims and organisation

We are part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which in turn is part of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. We will continue to "go for growth" in line with 'Our Calling' and District policy.

We seek to make our worship stimulating, challenging and relevant to the needs of our congregation using a variety of styles and a mixture of traditional and modern hymns and share in fellowship through study, fundraising activities and social groups. Our engagement with the community is through regular activities including Upper Room, Wholeness, Memory Cafe, Who let the Dads out, Games Club, Parent and Toddler Group, Boys' Brigade and Girls association, weekly drop-in cafe, Messy Church and Community Cinema.

Review of the year

This year we have again, focussed on being an 'All We can' partner Church and engaging with the community. MS Society was our Church Charity and we responded to all requests from the Disasters Emergency Committee. We continue to try new ways of making disciples for Christ and will continue with our Journey.

Income

Regular Church Income is primarily drawn from the donations from the church members, Sunday collections and Gift Aid tax credit, with lettings income from community users hiring the community rooms. The multi-purpose building has proved very popular as a venue in the town for activities and concerts.

Income from the commercial units is sufficient to service our debts and make the necessary capital repayments.

Expenditure

The major regular Church cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit. This comprises the contribution by the Church to the costs met centrally by the Circuit, including stipends and manse costs for Circuit ministers.

All other costs relate to our activities and overheads and is covered by our income.

Fund balances

There are designated funds for Charitable giving, presently support of AWC, MS Society, TLM, 'Rainbows', Friendship fund for needy people in the community.

There are no Restricted funds at present.

Plans for 2022/23

We have renewed our commitment to being a AWC partner church for another year. We have equipped the Church with live streamed services through Facebook and will enable us to open for worship, live services, streaming as well as paper service sheets to meet all needs of the congregation as we enter the new connexional year post the Covid pandemic. We are planning a course entitled "Everyone an Evangelist". We have contracted to install some 109 solar panels to reduce our carbon footprint and to offset our reliance on electric power from the grid and its high cost. We will continue to engage with the community at all age levels and especially encourage the young to find Christ.

Bingham Methodist Church
Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity / Church: Bingham Methodist Church
Registration Charity Number: 1158426

The members of the Bingham Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

The treasurer, Mr P Broekhuizen, acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent examiner Mr Peter Mellors
29 Cumberland Avenue
Beeston, Notts

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bingham Methodist Church

Aims and organisation

The Charity objective is to be a Methodist Church providing spiritual care and guidance to all those who wish to come and worship at the Bingham Methodist Church. The Church provides a worship space for regular services for Methodists and provides a community facility for community groups, families and others in the town.

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 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

The main activities of the church include: Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisation linked to this church is the 33rd Nottingham The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association.

Bingham Methodist Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Bingham Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Bingham Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. Funds will also be reserved to pay the mortgage and interest to the MCA and Circuit loans as well as a reserve to repay personal loans as they are required for return by the lender or the lender's estate. Where possible, the mortgage is paid from the retail lease payments, maintenance from lettings income and the assessment is paid from general Church income.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31. August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowments Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		49,186			49,186	46,859
- Collections and tax credit		41,614	-		41,614	41,659
- Donations, grants and fundraising		7,572	-	-	7,572	5,200
- Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		19,434			19,434	4,361
- Fund raising		-	-	-	-	-
- Community lettings		19,434	-		19,434	4,361
Other trading activities		89,716			89,716	58,638
- Commercial lettings		89,716			89,716	58,638
- Miscellaneous		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		124	-	67	191	231
Other		1,191	-	-	1,191	350
- Internal organisations		1,191	-	-	1,191	350
- Miscellaneous		-	-	-	-	-
Total		159,651	-	67	159,718	110,439
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	-	-	-	-	-
Circuit Assessment		41,476	-	-	41,476	41,476
Contribution towards Community worker		5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000
Maintenance / Cleaning		17,250	-	-	17,250	10,255
Utilities (Insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		6,153	-	-	6,153	4,989
Rent and storage		-	-	-	-	-
Estate agent & legal costs (re commercial lettings)		-	-	-	-	-
Interest payable on loans		8,210	-	-	8,210	10,548
Internal organisations		1,094	-	-	1,094	681
Grants and Donations		1,254	-	-	1,254	2,520
Other expenditure		6,759	-	-	6,759	12,610
Total		87,196	-	-	87,196	88,079
Net Income/(expenditure)		72,455	-	67	72,522	22,360
Transfers between funds		66	-	(66)	-	-
		72,521	-	1	72,522	22,360
Other recognised gains / (losses)		-	-	193	193	476
Net movement in funds		72,521	-	192	72,329	22,836
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		1,537,667	-	3,651	1,541,318	1,518,482
Total funds carried forward		1,610,188	-	3,459	1,613,647	1,541,318

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations
Balance carried forward

	1,533	399
	5,063	4,519
	5,849	3,385
	747	1,533

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
£		£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Notes					
Land & Buildings	7	1,334,196		0		1,334,196
Equipment	7					0
Investment properties	7	500,000				500,000
Investments				0	2,878	2,878
Total fixed assets		1,834,196	0	0	2,878	1,837,074

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	9	22,738	2,477			25,215
Cash at Bank and In hand		58,046	15,126	0		73,172
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					581	581
Central Finance Board Deposits		9,837				9,837
Other-Property						0
Total current assets		90,621	17,603	0	581	108,805
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	10	54,820	1,112	0		55,932
Net current assets (liabilities)		35,801	16,491	0	581	52,873
Total assets less current liabilities		1,869,997	16,491	0	3,459	1,889,947

Loans	12	276,300		0		276,300
Provisions for liabilities and charges						0
Net assets		1,593,697	16,491	0	3,459	1,613,647

Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		1,593,697	16,491			1,610,188
Restricted funds				0		-
Endowment funds					3,459	3,459
Total Funds	13	1,593,697	16,491	0	3,459	1,613,647

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing Balances
Internal Organisations	0	0	0	0	0	0
33rd Nottingham The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association	1,375	1,191	1,094	97	0	1,472
Total	1,375	1,191	1,094	97	0	1,472

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute:

General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose.

Endowment funds arising from legacies received.

Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 13. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

The Church is VAT registered and where applicable income and expenses are net of the related VAT. Where the Church is not entitled to reclaim input VAT this is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown at cost.

Investment Properties

The commercial units and office space are deemed to be held for investment purposes in that they are held for letting on a commercial basis to generate income to service long term loans.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include, VAT recoverable and Circuit Assessment paid in advance.

Creditors

Creditors include accruals for expenses, interest on loans, VAT payable and deferred income in respect of commercial rents received in advance.

4. Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church. (2021 £nil)

No trustees were paid expenses. (2021 nil).

5. Fees for examination of the accounts

There were no payments to the Independent Examiner. (2021 £nil).

6. Paid employees

There were no paid employees during the year.

Notes to the Accounts - continued

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
Balance brought and carried forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196
Accumulated depreciation			
Balance brought and carried forward	0	0	0
Net book value			
Brought forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196
Carried forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196

The properties have not been depreciated as in the opinion of the trustees their market value is not less than original cost.

8. Investments

	This year £	Last year £
CFB Managed Mixed Fund units	2,878	3,070

9. Analysis of debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Prepayments	12,455	12,694
Other	12,760	1,294
Total debtors and prepayments	25,215	13,988

10. Analysis of creditors and accruals

Commercial letting income received in advance	4,868	4,561
Accrual for interest payable on loans (General)	1,435	1,665
Expense Accruals	2,757	2,806
Tenants Service Charges	1,505	920
Tenants Deposit	3,000	3,000
Current portion of loans (note 12)	36,200	36,200
VAT Payable	6,167	3,639
Total Current Liabilities	55,932	52,791

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 has capital commitments of £45,830 (2021 £Nil).
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022 (2021 £Nil).

Notes to the Accounts - continued

12. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source
Methodist Chapel Aid Limited
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit
Private Loans

Amount brought forward £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
307,400	42,400	265,000
52,500	10,000	42,500
5,000		5,000
364,900	52,400	312,500

Repayment due

Due within 12 months (note 10)
Due after more than 12 months
Total

36,200	36,200
328,700	276,300
364,900	312,500

Purpose of loans

The loans are all in connection with the finance of the property construction. The Methodist Chapel Aid Limited loan bears interest at 3.25% and is secured on the property, other loans are unsecured. The Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit is the Circuit related to the Church and the loan bears interest related to the deposit rate available to it. Private loans are loans advanced by individuals connected with the Church and are interest free.

13. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General fund	1,512,024	136,348	(60,758)	566		1,588,180
Property fund (designated)	20,460	19,434	(23,403)			16,491
Friendship fund	1,516	555	(740)			1,331
Rainbow fund	190	362	0			552
Lively Spirits fund	1,561	1,258	(687)	(500)		1,632
Dove Hospice	514	0	(514)			0
Charity Fund	27	503				530
Internal organisations	1,375	1,191	(1,094)			1,472
Totals	1,537,667	159,651	(87,196)	66	0	1,610,188

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Memory Mrs S E Langstaff	120	1		(1)		120
H N Fewster Bequest	2,717	58		(58)	(171)	2,546
G H White Bequest	390	7		(7)	(22)	368
F A Sheppenson Bequest	416	1				417
Bingham	8					8
Totals	3,651	67	0	(66)	(193)	3,459

Fund purposes

Unrestricted funds: The General fund is the main unrestricted fund of the Church. The Property fund is a fund used to manage the running of the property.

The Friendship, Rainbow, Dove, Lively Spirits and Church Charity funds are separate designated fundraising funds. The Internal organisations are listed on the foot of the Balance Sheet.

Endowment funds: These are mainly funds set up as a result of historic legacies received.

14. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) / (return of loans from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2022
			£	£	£	£
JMA						
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission In Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund						
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit	Circuit to which the Church belongs	Circuit Assessment, contribution to Community worker and loan to assist with the financing of the building		46,476	10,000	(42,500)
Various private individuals - no loan exceeds £5,000	Various individuals associated with the Church	Loans to assist with the financing of the building		0	0	(5,000)
In total						
Total			0	46,476	10,000	(47,500)

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) / (return of loans from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2021
			£	£	£	£
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Various private individuals - no loan exceeds £5,000	Various Individuals associated with the Church	Loans to assist with the financing of the building		0	0	(5,000)
In total						
Total			0	46,476	10,000	(57,500)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer Date
 Name of Treasurer
 Address

Presentation to the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group* for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 10 October 2022 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting
 Name of the Chair of the meeting
 Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bingham Methodist Church
 Charity Number 1158426**
Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bingham Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 5 to 10. 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.

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 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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.

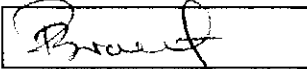
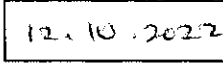
I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet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


Signature of Independent Examiner Date
 Relevant professional qualification of Independent examiner
 Address


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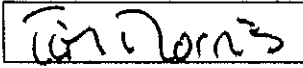
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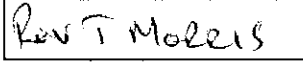
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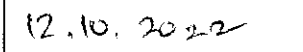
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Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting 

Date 

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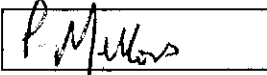
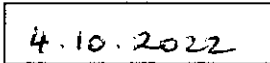
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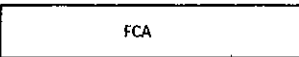
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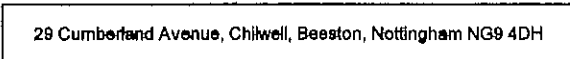
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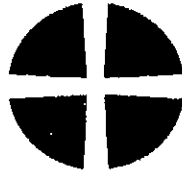
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BINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1158426

Accounts



THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2021

Bingham Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number

1158426

Circuit No

22/15

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**Bingham Methodist Church
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Introduction

The attached accounts present the financial activity of Bingham Methodist Church in an accruals format.

AIMS and organisation

We are part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which in turn is part of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. With the new build we will continue to "go for growth" in line with 'Our Calling' and District policy.

We seek to make our worship stimulating, challenging and relevant to the needs of our congregation using a variety of styles and a mixture of traditional and modern hymns and share in fellowship through study, fundraising activities and social groups. Our engagement with the community is through regular activities including Upper Room, Wholeness, Parent and Toddler Group, Boys' Brigade and Girls association, twice weekly drop-in cafe, Messy Church, Memory Cafe and Community Cinema.

Review of the year

The year we have focussed on being an 'All We can' partner Church and engaging with the community. We continue to try new ways of making disciples for Christ and will continue with our journey.

Income

Regular Church Income is primarily drawn from the donations from the church members, Sunday collections and Gift Aid tax credit, with lettings income from community users hiring the community rooms. The multi-purpose building has proved very popular as a venue in the town for activities and concerts.

Income from the commercial units is sufficient to service our debts and make the necessary capital repayments.

Expenditure

The major regular Church cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit. This comprises the contribution by the Church to the costs met centrally by the Circuit, including stipends and manse costs for Circuit ministers.

All other costs relate to our activities and overheads and is covered by our income.

Fund balances

There are designated funds for Charitable giving, presently support of AWC, Air Ambulance, TLM, 'Rainbows', Friendship fund for needy people in the community and the Dove Hospice.

There are no Restricted funds at present.

Plans for 2020/21

We have renewed our commitment to being a AWC partner church for another year. We are about to purchase camera equipment to enable us to open for worship through meetings, live services streaming as well as paper service sheets to meet all needs of the congregation as we enter the new connexional year under Covid 19 restrictions. We will continue to engage with the community at all age levels and especially encourage the young to find Christ.

Bingham Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity / Church: Bingham Methodist Church
Registration Charity Number: 1158426

The members of the Bingham Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

The treasurer, Mr P Broekhuizen, acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent examiner Mr Peter Mellors
29 Cumberland Avenue
Beeston, Notts

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bingham Methodist Church

Aims and organisation

The Charity objective is to be a Methodist Church providing spiritual care and guidance to all those who wish to come and worship at the Bingham Methodist Church. The Church provides a worship space for regular services for Methodists and Roman Catholics and provides a community facility for community groups, families and others in the town.

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 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

The main activities of the church include: Worshipping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisation linked to this church are the 33rd Nottingham The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association.

Bingham Methodist Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- in all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Bingham Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Bingham Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. Funds will also be reserved to pay the mortgage and interest to the MCA and Circuit loans as well as a reserve to repay personal loans as they are required for return by the lender or the lender's estate. Where possible, the mortgage is paid from the retail lease payments, maintenance from lettings income and the assessment is paid from general Church income.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		46,859			46,859	47,977
- Collections and tax credit		41,659	-		41,659	38,986
- Donations, grants and fundraising		5,200	-	-	5,200	8,991
- Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		4,361			4,361	17,210
- Fund raising		-	-		-	-
- Community lettings		4,361	-		4,361	17,210
Other trading activities		58,638			58,638	88,792
- Commercial lettings		58,638			58,638	88,792
- Miscellaneous		-	-		-	-
Investments		187	-	44	231	594
Other		350	-	-	350	1,532
- Internal organisations		350	-	-	350	1,532
- Miscellaneous		-	-	-	-	-
Total		110,395	-	44	110,439	156,105
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	-	-		-	-
Circuit Assessment		41,476	-		41,476	35,672
Contribution towards Community worker		5,000	-		5,000	5,000
Maintenance / Cleaning		10,255	-		10,255	14,573
Utilities (Insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		4,989	-		4,989	5,698
Rent and storage		-	-		-	-
Estate agent & legal costs (re commercial lettings)		-	-		-	-
Interest payable on loans		10,548	-		10,548	11,761
Internal organisations		681	-	-	681	1,822
Grants and Donations		2,520	-	-	2,520	1,055
Other expenditure		12,610	-	-	12,610	11,893
Total		88,079	-	-	88,079	87,474
Net income/(expenditure)		22,316	-	44	22,360	68,631
Transfers between funds		43	-	(43)	-	-
		22,359	-	1	22,360	68,631
Other recognised gains / (losses)		-	-	476	476	(46)
Net movement in funds		22,359	-	477	22,836	68,585
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		1,515,308	-	3,174	1,518,482	1,449,897
Total funds carried forward		1,537,667	-	3,651	1,541,318	1,518,482

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

	399	482
	4,519	3,463
	3,385	3,546
	1,533	399

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

		Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£		£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets							
	Notes						
Land & Buildings	7	1,334,196		0		1,334,196	1,334,196
Equipment	7					0	0
Investment properties	7	500,000				500,000	500,000
Investments				0	3,070	3,070	2,631
Total fixed assets		1,834,196	0	0	3,070	1,837,266	1,836,827
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	9	11,685	2,303			13,988	14,244
Cash at Bank and In hand		1,272	19,429	0		20,701	29,610
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					581	581	543
Central Finance Board Deposits		50,273				50,273	91,024
Other-Property						0	0
Total current assets		63,230	21,732	0	581	85,543	135,421
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	10	46,519	1,272	0		47,791	46,266
Net current assets (liabilities)		16,711	20,460	0	581	37,752	89,155
Total assets less current liabilities		1,850,907	20,460	0	3,651	1,875,018	1,925,982
Loans	12	333,700		0		333,700	407,500
Provisions for liabilities and charges						0	0
Net assets		1,517,207	20,460	0	3,651	1,541,318	1,518,482
Funds of the Church							
Unrestricted funds		1,517,207	20,460			1,537,667	1,515,308
Restricted funds				0		-	-
Endowment funds					3,651	3,651	3,174
Total Funds	13	1,517,207	20,460	0	3,651	1,541,318	1,518,482
		Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing Balances
Internal Organisations							
Scarrington Methodist Church		0	0	0	0	0	0
33rd Nottingham The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association		1,706	350	681	(331)	0	1,375
Total		1,706	350	681	(331)	0	1,375

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute:

General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose.

Endowment funds arising from legacies received.

Details

of each material fund are disclosed in note 13. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

The Church is VAT registered and where applicable income and expenses are net of the related VAT. Where the Church is not entitled to reclaim input VAT this is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown at cost.

Investment Properties

The commercial units and office space are deemed to be held for investment purposes in that they are held for letting on a commercial basis to generate income to service long term loans.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include, VAT recoverable and Circuit Assessment paid in advance.

Creditors

Creditors include accruals for expenses, interest on loans, VAT payable and deferred income in respect of commercial rents received in advance.

4. Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church. (2020 £nil)

No trustees were paid expenses. (2020 nil).

5. Fees for examination of the accounts

There were no payments to the Independent Examiner. (2020 £nil).

6. Paid employees

There were no paid employees during the year.

Notes to the Accounts - continued

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
Balance brought and carried forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196
Accumulated depreciation			
Balance brought and carried forward	0	0	0
Net book value			
Brought forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196
Carried forward	1,334,196	500,000	1,834,196

The properties have not been depreciated as in the opinion of the trustees their market value is not less than original cost.

8. Investments

	This year £	Last year £
CFB Managed Mixed Fund units	3107	2631

9. Analysis of debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Prepayments	12,694	14,244
Other	1,294	0
Total debtors and prepayments	13,988	14,244

10. Analysis of creditors and accruals

Commercial letting income received in adv.	4,561	4,257
Accrual for interest payable on loans (General)	1,665	2,010
Expense Accruals	2,806	671
Tenants Service Charges	920	753
Tenants Deposit	3,000	0
Current portion of loans (note 12)	36,000	31,000
VAT Payable	3,639	7,575
Total Current Liabilities	52,591	46,266

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2021 the Church has no capital commitments (2020 £Nil).
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021 (2020 £Nil).

Notes to the Accounts - continued

12. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
Methodist Chapel Aid Limited	371,000	63,600	307,400
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit	62,500	10,000	52,500
Private Loans	5,000	0	5,000
	438,500	73,600	364,900

Repayment due

Due within 12 months (note 10)	31,000	36,000
Due after more than 12 months	407,500	328,900
Total	438,500	364,900

Purpose of loans

The loans are all in connection with the finance of the property construction. The Methodist Chapel Aid Limited loan bears interest at 2.9% and is secured on the property, other loans are unsecured. The Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit is the Circuit related to the Church and East Bridgford Methodist Church is another church in the same Circuit. Both these loans bear interest related to the deposit rate available to those entities. Private loans are loans advanced by individuals connected with the Church and are interest free.

13. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General fund	1,478,032	103,582	(69,633)	43		1,512,024
Property fund (designated)	31,344	4,361	(15,245)			20,460
Friendship fund	946	1,090	(520)			1,516
Rainbow fund	165	25	0			190
Lively Spirits fund	2,561	0	(1,000)			1,561
Dove Hospice	514	0				514
Charity Fund	40	987	(1,000)			27
Internal organisations	1,706	350	(681)			1,375
Totals	1,515,308	110,395	(88,079)	43	0	1,537,667

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Memory Mrs S E Langstaff	120					120
H N Fewster Bequest	2,296	38		(38)	421	2,717
G H White Bequest	335	5		(5)	55	390
F A Sheppenson Bequest	415	1				416
Bingham	8					8
Totals	3,174	44	0	(43)	476	3,651

Fund purposes

Unrestricted funds: The General fund is the main unrestricted fund of the Church. The Property fund is a fund used to manage the running of the property.

The Friendship, Rainbow, Dove, Deffbrillator, Lively Spirits and Church Charity funds are separate designated fundraising funds. The Internal organisations are listed on the foot of the Balance Sheet.

Endowment funds: These are mainly funds set up as a result of historic legacies received.

14. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) / (return of loans from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2021
			£	£	£	£
JMA						
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund						
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit	Circuit to which the Church belongs	Circuit Assessment, contribution to Community worker and loan to assist with the financing of the building		46,476	10,000	(52,500)
Various private Individuals no loan exceeds £5,000 in total	Various Individuals associated with the Church	Loans to assist with the financing of the building		0	0	(5,000)
Total			0	46,476	10,000	(57,500)

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) / (return of loans from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2020
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JMA						
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Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund						
Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit	Circuit to which the Church belongs	Circuit Assessment, contribution to Community worker and loan to assist with the financing of the building		41,672	10,000	(62,500)
Various private Individuals no loan exceeds £5,000 in total	Various Individuals associated with the Church	Loans to assist with the financing of the building		0	500	(5,000)
Total			0	41,672	10,500	(67,500)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer Date

Name of Treasurer

Address

Presentation to the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group* for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 12 October 2021 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bingham Methodist Church
Charity Number 1158426

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bingham Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 5 to 10. 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.

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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signature of Independent Examiner Date

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

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Signature of Independent Examiner

P. Mellors

Date

8th October 2021

Name of Independent Examiner

Peter Mellors

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

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