

# HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1162079

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2015-06-09

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES.

**Activities:** Christian ChurchCommunity Activities

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Birmingham City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£141,602	£125,535	-	-
2024-08-31	£159,792	£108,521	-	-
2023-08-31	£110,486	£139,172	-	-
2022-08-31	£121,492	£139,906	-	-
2021-08-31	£101,676	£136,732	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN CHARLES PERKINS		2018-06-24
BRIAN DICKENS		2017-11-07
Barbara Anne Kessler		2021-11-21
Blair Edward Kessler		2016-10-03
Hyacinth Sutton		2024-08-19
Julia Parkes		2017-11-06
KEITH DENNIS		2016-06-26
NORMA ICILMA MAYNARD		2017-07-02
Neil David Walker		2019-11-24
Pamela Smith		2018-11-25
Persis Franklin		2024-11-24
Rebecca Saffron Parkes		2017-11-06
Rev Graham Joseph Sweeney		2025-11-09
Rev Mark Richard Meatcher		2024-11-01
Valerie Gillian Dickens		2018-10-01

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# Accounts

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## **Hall Green United Community Church annual report 2025**

*To Worship God, To Know Jesus, To Serve Others*

Rev Mark Meatcher, Chair of Trustees

Hall Green United Community Church (HGUCC) has the responsibility to promote the work of the church in worship, in pastoral care, in service to the local community and, with our three parent denominations, in ecumenical work.

HGUCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church buildings in Reddings Lane, Hall Green, the property of the Methodist Church.

### **Objectives and activities.**

HGUCC is committed to making worship attractive to as many people as possible both in the church buildings and online via Zoom. Our services and worship aim to put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament. It is always our intention to help enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community.

### **Achievements and performance.**

Over the year we have offered a range of services with Holy Communion taking place on the first Sunday in each month. During this financial year we have been blessed by the ministry of Rev. Ping Ting Chen, a Methodist minister appointed by the Circuit. Rev Chen looked after the church well while the church considered the process of 'calling' a minister from the URC tradition. Rev Mark Meatcher answered the call and began to serve the church as its minister, alongside being minister of Solihull URC and Digbeth-in-the-Field URC, as part of the East Birmingham and Solihull Pastorate, on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024. On those occasions when Rev Meatcher is leading worship elsewhere or away for other reasons we continue to be well served by a succession of preachers, both lay and ordained, leading our worship from all three of our parent denominations and other Christian denominations as well as guest speakers from other charitable organisations.

Numerically, our membership numbers have dropped slightly over the year, to 109, due to the death of six members over the period, but we have been

delighted to have received four new members over the same period including two United Reformed Church ministers (one of whom has recently retired).

Our Sunday services continue to attract a congregation numbering between 60 and 75 physically in church with another 7 to 12 joining online. We continue to try and improve our Zoom services with new volunteers being trained on the equipment.

Our online Prayer Group on a Wednesday morning also makes use of our Zoom account, and we also find it helpful to use for some of our meetings occasionally.

During the year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the church building. Featured events continued through to March 2025 and the church has been encouraged through welcoming back preachers who have had a prior connection with the church to lead worship or share in the events with us. This has been a great success.

The church has continued to be represented at both URC and Moravian synods and at meetings of the Birmingham Methodist Circuit, which became part of the West Midlands District, immediately after our year end, on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

We pride ourselves on being a Community Church and, during the year, our services to the community have continued. Friendly Corner Cafe, our weekly community café, has continued to welcome 40 - 60 people who regularly attend for food and fellowship. Though some of the customers are church members and attendees, many are not, and we thank God for this outreach.

Baby & Co., the church run Stay and Play group for parents and toddlers has also continued to serve the local community with many of the families being from the local Asian community. In December we welcomed Year 1 children from Yorkmead school into the church where they heard part of the Christian Christmas Story.

The church buildings continue to host a range of activities, including another Stay and Play group, run by a local Children's Centre, two martial arts group, a musical theatre group, an exercise class, Tuition sessions, individual support for neuro-divergent children and others. We also have one or two bookings

most weekends for private functions including birthdays and other family celebrations. These, as well as supporting our local communities, help to bring income into the church and indirectly to the denominations. A pre and post school group use our premises during term time.

The use of our buildings is, of course, dependent on the condition of those buildings. Maintenance continues to be a major item in our accounts.

None of this would be possible without the small army of volunteers who continue to work untiringly for HGUCC. During the year our property officer, Mrs Jenny Darby, who has served in this role for many years, stepped down and our cleaning supervisor, Mrs Barbara Dennis, also stood down from her role. Both of these women have left a significant hole in our structures but we are gradually working out different ways to re-organise the work that needs to be done.

This has, in part, been helped by the recruitment of an Administrator, Mrs Samantha Beckett, on a part-time basis, who has proved to be a valuable addition to the Hall Green UCC team. She began working for the church in May 2025 and is already taking pressure off some of the volunteers who have worked so hard for the church over the years and bringing some of her many skills to support our work.

### **Structure, governance and management.**

Hall Green United Community Church is managed by Board of Trustees elected by the members. At the end of the year, we had 15 full trustees with Rev Mark Meatcher becoming Chair of Trustees shortly after his appointment as minister of the church in late 2024. The trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matter of general concern and importance to the church including deciding on how the funds of HGUCC are to be spent.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is held in November where reports are considered and matters of concern voted upon. This meeting usually happens following a Sunday service.

As with many churches, an ageing congregation and the lack of young people are concerning. However, we have a thriving, enthusiastic membership who continue to look forward to the future with optimism and, during the year we

have begun to explore with our minister how we might grow both numerically and spiritually as a Christian community moving forward. We have celebrated 100 years as such a community and are keen to plan for the next stage of our journey.

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Brian Dickens		

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a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	72,944		72,944	85,749
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,140		4,140	3,077
a4	Lettings	49,496		49,496	45,712
a5	Other receipts	13,528	1,494	15,022	25,254
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>140,108</b>	<b>1,494</b>	<b>141,602 (a7)</b>	<b>159,792</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Desig/Rest Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,996		62,996	49,088
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SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Desig/Rest Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>17,297 (1,230)</b>	<b>16,067</b>	<b>51,271</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	74,181	13,982	88,163 (c6)	36,863
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>91,478 12,752</b>	<b>104,230</b>	<b>88,134</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(4,999)	4,940	(56) (c7)	29
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>86,479 17,692</b>	<b>104,174 (c8)</b>	<b>88,163 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Desig/Rest Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			59	30
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,070	3,151
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,126	3,122
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	Baby & Co	363	489	(126)			448		322
e2	Friendly Corner	7,611	7,392	219			632		851
e3									
e4									
e5									
e6									
e7									
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7,974	7,881	93			1,080 (e11)		1,173 (e1)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	141,802 (a7)	125,535 (b9)	16,067	(56) (c7)		88,163 (c6)		104,174 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>149,576</b>	<b>133,416</b>	<b>16,160</b>	<b>(56)</b>		<b>89,243 (x)</b>		<b>105,347 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>						

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	1,936	2,129
f3	Bank Deposit Account	3,218	1,526
f4	Central Finance Board	83,009	100,519
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>88,163 (c6)</b>	<b>104,174 (c8)</b>
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**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 31 August 2024	At 31 August 2025
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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date 18.11.25 .....

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting GRAHAM SWEENEY ..... Date 23/2/2026 .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Hall Green United Community Church

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I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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HGUCC is committed to making worship attractive to as many people as possible both in the church buildings and online via Zoom. Our services and worship aim to put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament. It is always our intention to help enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community.

#### **Achievements and performance.**

Over the year we have offered a range of services with Holy Communion taking place on the first Sunday in each month. During this year we have been blessed by the ministry of Rev. Ping Ting Chen, a Methodist minister appointed by the Circuit. We also began the process of 'calling' a minister from the URC tradition and meetings were held with the URC Synod, with a decision to try and call a minister to serve the three congregations of Solihull URC, Digbeth-in-the-Field URC and ourselves. We continue to have been served by a succession of preachers, both lay and ordained, leading our worship.

Numerically, our membership numbers have dropped over the year, due to the death of some members, relocation of others and a sensible "pruning" of the membership list.

Our Sunday services continue to attract a congregation numbering between 60 and 75 physically in church with another 7 to 12 joining online. We continue to try and improve our Zoom services with new volunteers being trained on the equipment.

Our usage of Zoom continues with our online Prayer Group on Wednesday mornings and for occasional meetings.

This year saw the beginning of the year of celebration for the 100th anniversary of the church building. We have invited preachers who have a connection with the church to come back and this has been a great success. It will continue through to March 2025. There have been numerous events including Poetry afternoon, a concert by Marty Elliott, games afternoons and more.

The church has continued to be represented at both URC and Moravian synods and at meetings of the Birmingham Methodist Circuit.

We pride ourselves on being a Community Church and, during the year, our services to the community have continued. Friendly Corner Cafe, our weekly community café, has continued to welcome more than 50 people who regularly attend for food and fellowship. Though some of the customers are church members and attendees, many are not, and we thank God for this outreach.

Baby & Co., the church run Stay and Play group for parents and toddlers has also continued to serve the local community with many of the families being from the local Asian community. In December we welcomed Year 1 children from Yorkmead school into the church where they heard the Christian Christmas Story.

The church buildings continue to host a range of activities, including another Stay and Play group, run by local Children's Centre, two martial arts group, a musical theatre group, tai chi and others. We also have one or two bookings most weekends for private functions including birthdays and other family celebrations. These, as well as supporting our local communities, help to bring income into the church and indirectly to the denominations. In the second half of the year a pre and post school group began to use our premises during term time, which will hopefully be a long-term let.

The use of our buildings is, of course, dependent on the condition of those buildings. Maintenance continues to be a major item in our accounts.

None of this would be possible without the small army of volunteers who continue to work untiringly for HGUCC.

### **Structure, governance and management.**

Hall Green United Community Church is managed by Board of Trustees elected by the members. At the end of the year, we had 13 full trustees. Blair Kessler resigned as Chair in April and was succeeded by Rev. Ping Ting Chen. The trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matter of general concern and importance to the church including deciding on how the funds of HGUCC are to be spent.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is held in November where reports are considered and matters of concern voted upon. This meeting usually happens following a Sunday service.

Much work has been done by the Trustees and a sub-group to organise the calling of a URC minister in co-operation with the two other churches previously mentioned. We have every confidence that this will bear fruit.

As with many churches, an ageing congregation and the lack of young people are concerning. However, we have a thriving, enthusiastic membership who continue to look forward to the future with optimism as we continue celebrate 100 years of Christian worship in the building through to March 2025.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>	<b>Church</b>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Circuit	Circuit no	<b>5/1</b>
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Brian Dickens		

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		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
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a5	Other receipts	24,289	965	25,254	13,287
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>158,827</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>159,792 (a7)</b>	<b>110,486</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Desig/Rest Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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c4	Transfers and adjustments	(9,875)	29	29 (c7)	(969)	
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SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Desig/Rest Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

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e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7,299	6,958	341		739 (e11)	1,080 (e12)
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e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>167,091</b>	<b>115,479</b>	<b>51,612</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37,602 (x)</b>	<b>89,243 (y)</b>
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Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

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## Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer ..... *B. Dickens* ..... Date *14.10.24*

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### 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 *6<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *M. Meath* .....

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The Annual Congregational Meeting is held in November where reports are considered and matters of concern voted upon. This meeting usually happens following a Sunday service.

The trustees have spent much time in preparing plans for the continuing life of the church without a minister. It has been decided that we will apply for a share of a URC minister and this procedure has been started. We do not expect an appointment in the coming year, it is almost certain that the procedure will take well into the last quarter of 2024. In the meantime, the trustees will continue to maintain worship and management.

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
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<b>HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023**

<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Circuit	Circuit no	<b>5/1</b>
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SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Desig/Rest Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
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c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>33,368</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>37,832</b>	<b>66,971</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(969)	(969) (c7)	(453)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>33,368</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>36,863 (c8)</b>	<b>66,518 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Desig/Rest Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			999	1,452
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			4,064	4,030
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			5,033	4,483
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>999</b>

**HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e2 Friendly Corner	4,190	4,391	(201)		670	469
e3 Moravian Men's Fellowship		659	(659)		659	
e4 Moravian Women's Assoc	50	690	(640)		640	
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e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,651	6,176	(1,525)		2,264 (e11)	739 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	110,486 (a7)	139,172 (b9)	(28,686)	(453) (c7)	66,518 (c6)	37,379 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	115,137	145,348	(30,211)	(453)	68,782 (x)	38,118 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	1,772	781
f3 Bank Deposit Account	4,152	2,241
f4 Central Finance Board	60,594	33,841
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	66,518 (c6)	36,863 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,264 (e11)	739 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	68,782 (x)	37,602 (y)

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 31 August 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
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g3 Other Assets	150,000	162,313
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Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date 24.10.23

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Address *66 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD*

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England & Wales - Charity number 1162079

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# Accounts

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**Hall Green United Community Church  
Trustees' Annual Report  
Year ending 31 August 2022**

The past year has been one of progress and consolidation. Following the past few years of restrictions due the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic we have continued our Sunday morning worship service using the hybrid model of worshipping in-church and at-home, utilising the Zoom platform as much as possible. This has not been without its challenges, but we have embraced the opportunities and connections it gives us, and we are remaining a strong family of God because of it. We have, sadly, lost a few members of the church family and they are very much missed but we are happy that new people are choosing to worship with us and make Hall Green United Community Church their spiritual home.

We are very grateful that members and friends have continued to support the church financially during these difficult years and we remain in a strong position because of their dedication.

Maintenance of the building is, and always will be, ongoing and we are blessed with a fabulous team of people who offer their time and talents to keep us up-to-date with repairs and the legalities required.

The use of the building has increased, and we are glad that the community find us a valuable resource in the area. We held an afternoon celebration event for HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum jubilee anniversary. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet the local residents and they enjoyed the atmosphere and welcome of church.

Our focus remains, as ever in our motto, 'To worship God, to know Jesus, to serve others', and we continue to develop relationships with each other and our local and national denominational partners.

May God be with us in the coming year as we continue the work we are called to do and be the people of God we are called to be.

Rev Lorraine C. Shorten  
Minister and Chair of Trustees

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a5	Other receipts	19,828	17,190	37,018	11,612
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>104,301</b>	<b>17,191</b>	<b>121,492 (a7)</b>	<b>96,822</b>

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**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

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**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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CC No: 1162079

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Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date 5-2-23

Name and address of treasurer: Brian Dickens 3 Sandy Croft Birmingham  
..... Post Code: B13 0EP

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I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting LORRAINE C. SHORTEN Date 6/2/2023

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Hall Green United Community Church

Charity Number: 1162079

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner *E G Hall*

Name of independent examiner *E G HALL*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *66 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD*  
*OLDBURY* Post Code *B68 0LJ*

Date *28/1/23*

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2022**

<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Circuit	Circuit no	<b>5/1</b>
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

**1162079**

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

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Minister:

Reverend Lorraine Shorten

Trustees:

Keith Dennis	Blair Kessler	Alan Perkins
Brian Dickens	Louisa Liburd	Linda Ramdharry
Val Dickens	Norma Maynard	Lorraine Shorten
Sarah Fidler	Becky Parkes	Pam Smith
Barbara Kessler	Julia Parkes	Neil Walker

Treasurer:

Brian Dickens

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	56,522		56,522	68,070
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	204	1	205	107
a4	Lettings	27,747		27,747	17,033
a5	Other receipts	19,828	17,190	37,018	11,612
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>104,301</b>	<b>17,191</b>	<b>121,492 (a7)</b>	<b>96,822</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	54,497		54,497	58,549
b3	Donations	3,824		3,824	4,160
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	13,050		13,050	7,395
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,619		12,619	9,552
b6					
b7	Other payments	17,465	38,451	55,916	15,502
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>101,455</b>	<b>38,451</b>	<b>139,906 (b9)</b>	<b>95,158</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)</b>	2,846	(21,260)	(18,414)	1,664
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	45,758	39,627	85,385 (c6)	83,245
c3	<b>Sub total (c1+c2)</b>	48,604	18,367	66,971	84,909
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(453)		(453) (c7)	(476)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)</b>	<b>48,151</b>	<b>18,367</b>	<b>66,518 (c8)</b>	<b>85,385 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	1,452	976
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	4,030	4,854
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	4,483	4,378
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1,452</b>

**HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Baby & Co	70	33	37		258	295
e2 Friendly Corner	3,021	3,291	(270)		940	670
e3 Moravian Men's Fellowship					659	659
e4 Moravian Women's Assoc					640	640
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	3,091	3,324	(233)		2,497 (e11)	2,264 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	121,492 (a7)	139,906 (b9)	(18,414)	(453) (c7)	85,385 (c6)	66,518 (c8)
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

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Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date 5-2-23

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Name of the Chair of the meeting LORRAINE C. SHORTEN Date 6/2/2023

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**HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162079

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# Accounts

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**HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2021**

**Membership**

Membership has reduced slightly over the past year. Visitors are always made welcome to our services.

**Worship**

Regular weekly worship remained on Zoom with our sister congregation at Leominster until August as we felt the risk of returning to in person worship was too great for members' safety and health. The services have continued to be shared on the Zoom platform. This has had a very positive effect on the two congregations, bringing them closer together and now knowing each other's names and faces. For members who have been unable to connect to the internet we have remained in contact with them by telephone and weekly newsletters by post.

**Special services and celebrations**

Special services in the life of the church, have been celebrated including the Methodist Covenant service. Unfortunately, we were not able to offer Holy Communion via Zoom.

**Ministry**

The congregation have supported each other very well during the past year, looking out for each other and helping where needed. This has been very reassuring for the minister who has not been able to offer pastoral visiting as much as she would like due to government Covid restrictions.

Members have joined in with new ventures, such as Bible study, Prayer meetings, special services, etc. on Zoom with Leominster when able and are enjoying the new connections and opportunities Zoom has brought.

Members have read lessons and prayers during Sunday Zoom services.

Meetings for the life and continuity of the church have continued throughout the year with members meeting on Zoom where possible.

Rev Lorraine Shorten, our minister, spent a few hours a week for five months volunteering as a Chaplain at Heartlands Hospital supporting the staff and patients in a pastoral capacity.

**Mission and Outreach**

The Ladies Craft Group joined with Churches Together in Hall Green to make and decorate the outside of the church with Stars during Advent.

On 23 March 2021 an outdoor prayer service was held in the garden, candles were lit and yellow ribbons tied around the railings and trees to remember one year of the first national lockdown and family and friends who we have lost due to the pandemic. The local community appreciated this remembrance service.

A similar service was held on the anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, 25 May, to remind us of the need for continuing work for racial justice.

All this had the effect of bringing church outside of the building into the community, something we are keen to continue.

**Midweek groups and activities**

Most activities remained on Zoom but we were very pleased that Friendly Corner Café was able to reopen its doors on 18 May. This was welcomed by local residents and members and seen as the first step to returning to a 'new' normality.

Members have embraced learning and sharing via Zoom and enjoyed new Bible study and prayer groups. Advent and Lent courses and Godly Play have all been shared on Zoom.

**Ecumenical**

The church is a member of Churches Together in Hall Green. There has been limited activity within the group over the past year, but a joint World Day of Prayer was held on Zoom in March involving most of the churches.

**Direct Giving and Fund-Raising**

Members have continued their financial support to the church throughout the year even though we haven't been meeting in person for which we are very grateful.

**Property**

All necessary and legal fire, health and safety checks have been kept up to date by our Property team.

We are pleased that external lettings have been able to resume.

Covid 19 regulations have been followed, there are hand sanitisers around the church and hall and social distancing rules have been followed.

**Forward looking conclusion**

We are very happy to report that the congregation have weathered the pandemic storm very well and have remained positive throughout the year. Members have taught themselves how to use Zoom and are now much closer with the Leominster congregation, joining in with the Zoom worship services, prayer meeting and study groups.

Our minister says it is a real joy to serve Hall Green UCC as the member's dedication and commitment to the church and each other are exceptional. She has felt very much supported, both in her ministry and personally, during the last very difficult 18 months and has offered the church her sincere thanks and gratitude.

We are excited to see where Jesus and the Holy Spirit leads us in the year to come.

May God bless the work we do in Hall Green.

Trustees of Hall Green United Community Church

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

HALL GREEN UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

BIRMINGHAM

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Minister:

Reverend Lorraine Shorten

Church Stewards:

Dorrie Abbott

Lester Bertie

Barbara Dennis

Brian Dickens

Jennifer Dryden

Ann Ford

Andy Monk

Treasurer:

Brian Dickens

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	68,070		68,070	73,343
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	52	55	107	607
a4	Lettings	17,033		17,033	20,102
a5	Other receipts	10,019	1,593	11,612	13,056
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>95,174</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>96,822 (a7)</b>	<b>107,108</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	58,549		58,549	64,402
b3	Donations	4,160		4,160	3,971
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,395		7,395	17,434
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,552		9,552	11,815
b6					
b7	Other payments	14,280	1,222	15,502	24,483
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>93,936</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>95,158 (b9)</b>	<b>122,105</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	1,238	426	<b>1,664</b>	(14,997)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	44,044	39,201	<b>83,245 (c6)</b>	98,560
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>45,282</b>	<b>39,627</b>	<b>84,909</b>	<b>83,563</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	476		<b>476 (c7)</b>	(318)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>45,758</b>	<b>39,627</b>	<b>85,385 (c8)</b>	<b>83,245 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)</b>		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	977	1,295
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	4,854	5,452
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	4,378	5,770
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>977</b>

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e3 Moravian Men's Fellowship					659	659
e4 Moravian Women's Assoc					640	640
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	820	313	507	10	1,980 (e11)	2,497 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	96,822 (a7)	95,158 (b9)	1,664	(c7)	83,245 (c6)	84,909 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	97,642	95,471	2,171	10	85,225 (x)	87,406 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
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f2 Bank Current Account	4,473	3,396
f3 Bank Deposit Account	838	7,882
f4 Central Finance Board	77,934	74,107
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	83,245 (c6)	85,385 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,980 (e11)	2,497 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	85,225 (x)	87,882 (y)

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,385,330	3,422,541
g3 Other Assets	135,414	136,902
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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Name of Church: **Hall Green United Community Church**

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Signature of treasurer ..... *B. Dickens* ..... Date *10.11.21*

Name and address of treasurer: **Brian Dickens 3 Sandy Croft Birmingham**  
..... Post Code: **B13 0EP**

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 ~~were~~ will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ..... *7th FEBRUARY 2022*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *L. Shorten* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting *L. SHORTEN* ..... Date *4/2/2022*

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### Hall Green United Community Church

Charity Number: 1162079

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Signature of independent examiner ..... *E G Hall*

Name of independent examiner ..... *E G HALL*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... *66 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD*

..... *OLDBURY* ..... Post Code *B68 0LJ*

Date ..... *23/12/21* .....

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Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date 10.11.21

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting L. C. SHORTEN ..... Date 4/2/2022

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Charity Number: 1162079

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hall Green United Community Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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: Hall Green United Community Church

CC No: 1162079

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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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 ..... *E G Hall*

Name of independent examiner ..... *E G HALL*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

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Date ..... *23/12/21* .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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