

**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

Circuit

Circuit no

5/1

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1162079

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

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	RECEIPTS	Note			
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	TOTAL RECEIPTS	95,174	1,648	96,822 (a7)	107,108

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
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	TOTAL PAYMENTS	93,936	1,222	95,158 (b9)	122,105

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	1,238	426	1,664	(14,997)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	44,044	39,201	83,245 (c6)	98,560
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	45,282	39,627	84,909	83,563
c4	Transfers and adjustments	476		476 (c7)	(318)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	45,758	39,627	85,385 (c8)	83,245 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		
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	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	1,453	977

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

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Baby & Co					258	258
e2 Friendly Corner	820	313	507	10	423	940
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)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	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		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

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

CC No: 1162079

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 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 

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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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.

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

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

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Address *66 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD*

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