

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 August 2024

The mission of Kingston Methodist Church (KMC) is to be a safe, welcoming and diverse community of God, where people of all ages and backgrounds are invited to learn and grow in the Christian faith.

This mission statement reflects the **calling** of the Methodist Church: to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission through **worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism**.

Structure, administration and management of KMC

Kingston Methodist Church (KMC) is one of four Methodist churches within the Kingston Circuit, which in turn is part of the London District - we're all connected! KMC's trustees are its **Church Council**, which it elects from its church membership at its Annual Church Meeting in September.

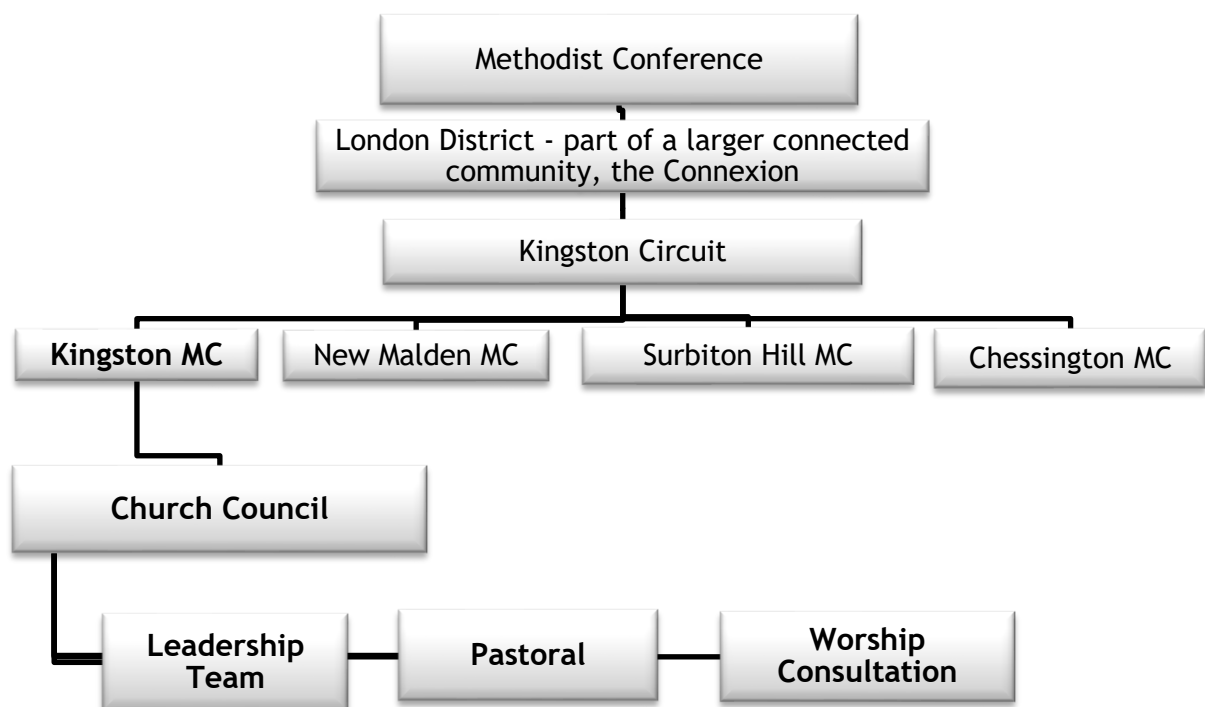
2023-2024 appointed Trustees/Church Council members:

- Rev Dr Karl Rutledge (Chair)
- Charles Abedi Boafo
- Alan Clatworthy
- Steve Dawson
- Maggie East
- Ruby Esson
- Val Hayden
- Mike Park
- Alexander Ritchie
- Nigel Spalding
- Mike Stockbridge
- Chiu Tang
- Liz Taylor

Members are elected/appointed to the Church Council to ensure, wherever possible, that all areas of the church's life are represented. The Church Council generally meets quarterly and is *legally responsible for the management of Kingston Methodist Church, its work and resources*.

In addition, KMC's **leadership team**, appointed by Church Council, meets regularly to consider governance, policies, procedures and property issues, as well as to update its mission priorities. The leadership team reports its recommendations to the Church Council. Additional committees meet to consider the **pastoral care** of KMC's congregation and also its **worship life**.

We confirm that our trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when considering KMC's activities for the year, as well as its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion.



Activities, achievements and performance

Our church picnic in Bushy Park always marks the start of the new Methodist church year in September; we also welcomed Vindra Maraj-Ogden to our Circuit as our Superintendent Minister. Other opportunities for bringing our church family together over the last year included ‘international’ bring-and-share fund-raising lunches for All We Can (harvest), Junior Mission for All (JMA) and Christian Aid. We also had some informative post-service talks from representatives of local charities we support, e.g. Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH) and Refuge who explained how our £1,300 donation from the proceeds of the Plant and Produce sale will assist the work of the Kingston Domestic Violence Hub.

During the past year there has been much discussion and debate about the future use of the church building. Linked to this KMC commissioned an Energy Audit to consider how we might reduce our energy consumption and the type of equipment we could install to help us on the road towards becoming carbon neutral.

Throughout the year KMC continued to review and update its policies to ensure we meet the requirements of Safeguarding (including mandatory training), General Data Protection, Health and Safety etc. Fire drills are now factored into the year’s activities, and some members have carried out online fire safety training courses. Unfortunately KMC continues to experience difficulties in filling all the roles required to maintain church life.

WORSHIP

“The Church exists to increase awareness of God’s presence and to celebrate God’s love.”

At Kingston Methodist Church we offer a range of church services over the course of the year to which anyone and everyone is welcome. We have been delighted to welcome new friends to our informal morning worship and we also continue to offer a reflective, informal and intimate environment for our monthly evening service. At one evening service in January, we celebrated the work of Street Pastors in Kingston with music, dance and space for reflection on the work of this fantastic organisation. In addition, KMC joins the wider church family in occasional evening services with our other three circuit churches.

We hold special and celebratory services over the course of the year which are widely publicised to our local community and include Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival, our Carol and Christmas services and much-loved no-rehearsal Nativity. During Easter Holy Week we joined with our neighbouring churches for a Palm Sunday joint procession and service, Maundy Thursday supper and Good Friday Walk of Witness.

Local arrangements, where members of the congregation are encouraged to lead the worship, are becoming more frequent as the Circuit is reduced from three to two ministers. For people in our congregation who are unable to worship with us physically and for many in the wider community, our Minister, Karl, is able to offer spiritual sustenance through an online worship series, “Windows on Worship”.

KMC’s dedicated Sunday School staff ensure the inclusion of our children and young people in the worship life of the church, while our committed Music Group plays a vital role in leading and enhancing the quality of our worship.

Helping to plan and prepare for our services is the work of the Worship Consultation Group, which meets quarterly to plan any special services and related matters, such as church lunches or celebrations. This meeting, which is open to anyone attending KMC, also considers the many different aspects of worship.

KMC is fortunate to have a growing relationship with Hanbeet Korean Church who now use our premises every Sunday afternoon. Members of KMC’s Leadership Team have enjoyed meeting and sharing fellowship with Hanbeet’s equivalent team and we look forward to working together where we can.

LEARNING AND CARING

“The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.”

In addition to weekly worship Kingston Methodist Church (KMC) has, during the year, nurtured the spiritual life of its congregation by offering a four-week Advent course, ‘Journey to the Manger’ by Paula Gooder which explores biblical and historical texts to give a different slant on the familiar Christmas stories. Then, during the five-week

Lent course, we followed some of the Christian Aid 2024 Lent material: Act on Poverty, looking again later in the year at some of the suggested action we could take.

Eleven of our young people attended the **3Generate** weekend in the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. This is the Youth Assembly of the Methodist Church in Britain. The young people were supported by 3 adult leaders and another 3 adults helped to run the event. A number of young people reported back on their experience of 3Gen during a worship service in November.

Our Tuesday **Reflection** group meets fortnightly at 11.15 and was started about 20 years ago with the aim of providing a weekday opportunity for people to meet together for fellowship. Our 9-12 members have valued the continuity of support and the caring ethos which the group has offered as well as the actual content. Over the past year we have had input from our circuit ministerial staff and other local ministers, speakers from the voluntary sector and further afield, and we were also able to visit our local community garden for one of our meetings. With the increasing pressure on our ministerial staff, it is unrealistic to expect as frequent attendance from them, so several of our sessions have been led “in-house” on a variety of topics and this is likely to continue to be the case. We are not a closed group so visitors are welcome.

Chat Room (KMC’s response to the national call to provide “warm spaces” for people in fuel poverty) continued through the colder months but was suspended during the summer when it was easier for everyone to get out and about. Whilst board games and other activities are always available and enjoyed at Chat Room, what the “regulars” seem to enjoy most is the opportunity just to chat! As yet we haven’t developed Chat Room beyond an informal get together time for KMC friends. **English Chat** also continued through until the summer holidays. A small group of church friends, some of whom have more recently come to live in the UK, and some who have been here for some time, has fun improving and extending their English.

At the beginning of the summer holiday some of our church children and their friends enjoyed cooking up really tasty treats in **KMC’s Kids’ cookery club**.

The **Pastoral Committee** supports members of the church family when needed, and people participating in our **prayer chain** pray for and offer support to those of our congregation and wider community who are unwell or going through difficult times. Our regular newsletter keeps people in touch with what the church is doing.

SERVICE AND EVANGELISM

“The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice. The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.”

Kingston Methodist Church tries to keep abreast of what is happening in its local community and to put faith into action by helping people in need. Over the past year, KMC has maintained its long tradition of financial support to specific charities:

- No-one is really sure when our link between KMC and **Whitechapel Mission** on the other side of London actually began, but it must be almost 50 years! They are a Methodist Charity providing a range of day care services (and overnight accommodation when the temperature drops to zero) to the homeless. Demand

for their services is on the increase. At our annual gift service KMC provided items of clothing, food, toiletries and a cash donation of £250.

- Another charity with Methodist roots is **Action for Children**, which provides a range of services across the UK to children and families who are struggling in a variety of ways. They are also very strong in the areas of campaigning for change and for social justice. This year we raised £321.50 at our Christmas appeal, £25.25 from a collecting box and £190 on our AfC Sunday service in July, totalling £536.75.
- Other global Methodist causes supported by our congregation during the year are **All We Can**, which is the Methodist Relief and Development Fund - an international development and emergency relief organisation - for which KMC members raised £200 at harvest. The second is the Methodist World Mission Fund through **Junior Mission for All (JMA)** where some of our children and young people collected monthly donations amounting to £271.92 to support JMA projects, helping children in the UK, Ireland and around the world.
- KMC is a member of Kingston Churches Christian Aid group which organises/co-ordinates a lot of different activities during Christian Aid week in May each year. In 2024, KMC donated £787.94 to **Christian Aid**, made up of £428.52 from our CA service and lunch and £359.42 from our two remaining house-to-house collectors who have covered the same streets in KT2 for many years.
- Our two main fundraising events - the Christmas Fayre and our Plant and Produce sale involve and benefit our local community and the proceeds go to charities nominated by members of our congregation and agreed by Church Council. This last year we raised an amazing £4,154.74 which was divided between **The Fircroft Trust**, with which KMC has had links for many years, and **Kingston Association for the Blind**.
- KMC's Church Council also agreed the Church's donation of £250 each to KMC-based youth organisations **The Girls'/Boys' Brigades**. Our Boys' and Girls' Brigades are blessed with a team of dedicated leaders who give up much of their own time for the Brigades in planning, training and preparation for the many activities and awards they undertake, including assisting and participating in church events and services. The Brigades' programme of activities culminates in a joint summer camp with other companies from Kent and Devon, this year on the Isle of Wight, a fun-filled week.
- In addition, KMC continued its policy of annual donations of £250 to local charities: **Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH)** and **Refugee Action Kingston**.
- KMC also maintains an internal **benevolent fund**, created by donations from our congregation at each communion service. This fund aims to support those from our local and church communities who seek emergency financial assistance as well as helping people cope with sudden and unexpected costs.
- KMC has continued to support **Cambridge Road Estate Community Group Foodbank (CREst)**, our most local foodbank, with food donations throughout the year.

- **Playbox Playgroup** has been an integral part of KMC since the early 1970s and continues to provide a valuable resource to local families seeking day care for their 2- and 3-year-olds. The service has evolved over the years in the light of changes in legislation, changes in work patterns and parental expectations and we now provide morning care (five days per week during term times) in the lower hall with an additional “stay and play” option available to parents in the church on Mondays.

Over the past year, a major change has been the retirement of Sheila Moore as co-manager after an almost 35-year career with Playbox; this was marked by a leaving party attended by a large number of KMC members as well as Sheila’s family, former staff and attendees which reflects the incredible service she has offered.

Ofsted has given a lot of positives about the quality of the provision on offer at Playbox and the local Authority regards it as a very useful option to be able to offer families. Over the years Playbox has developed a particular expertise with children who have additional needs.

The Management Committee oversee the work (on behalf of KMC as employer) and meet regularly to review all aspects of Playbox activity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church accounts for the year were prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and are presented in the format required by The Methodist Church. The accounts were independently examined by a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA).

The church accounts for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 show:

- Income £91,585
- Expenditure £81,971

At year end, the excess of income over expenditure of £9,214 was transferred to the Church Property Fund - see the Reserves Policy below.

The income of £91,185 came from:

- General offerings from the church congregation plus Gift Aid from HMRC - £33,623
- Money given to the Benevolent Fund plus Gift Aid from HMRC - £1,496
- Interest from monies held with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Finance Board and Methodist Chapel Aid - £13,292
- Room Hire, the Licence with Hanbeet Church and a donation by Playbox Pre-school for use of the premises - £35,281
- Other receipts - £7,893, including money raised at the Christmas Fayre and Plant & Produce Sale (see below)

The main items of expenditure were:

- Monthly payments to The Methodist Church for the 'Circuit Assessment' - £30,000
- Repairs and maintenance - £31,723, most of which was spent in response to recommendations in the 2022 Quinquennial Review of the property
- Insurance and utilities - £8,451
- Donations - £5,155, including £2,077 donated to both Kingston Association for the Blind and The Fircroft Trust from the two Sales (as above)
- Benevolent Fund payments - £1,250
- Other payments - £5,392

The following groups are part of Kingston Methodist Church and had their accounts independently examined by their own examiners, as appointed by the Church trustees:

	Income	Expenditure
Fairfield Playbox Pre-School and Stay & Play	£94,063	£76,227
14th Kingston & Merton Boys' Brigade Company	£1,764	£1,726
1st Kingston Girls' Brigade Company	£8,090	£8,706

Reserves Policy

In September 2024, Church Council agreed that the following financial reserves should be maintained:

1. A **General Reserve Fund**, containing an amount equivalent to half a year's ongoing running costs, ie excluding major property works (£28,000).
2. A **Property Reserve Fund**, containing a minimum of £50k, for work on the development and/or maintenance of the building costing more than £3k (£210,676).
3. A **Playbox Reserve Fund**, containing an amount equal to the cost of staff wages and other essential costs for one term (for use in the event of Ofsted requiring Playbox to close whilst an investigation was carried out) plus the statutory redundancy payments due (based on an annual calculation) in the event of the Playbox Management Committee deciding to make all (in the event of permanent closure) or some staff redundant. This fund would only be called upon once all funds in the Playbox accounts have been exhausted (£45,000).

Signed Date

Rev Dr Karl Rutlidge, on behalf of Kingston Methodist Church Trustees (Church Council)

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Kingston Methodist	Church
---------------------------	---------------

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Kingston upon Thames	Circuit	Circuit no.	
-----------------------------	----------------	--------------------	--

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1163078

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

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

Minister:

Rev Dr Karl Rutledge

Church Stewards:

Maggie East
Ruby Esson
Val Hayden
Nigel Spalding
Liz Taylor

Treasurer:

Nigel Spalding

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 2024 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 Playbox	94,063	76,227.0	17,836.0		8,511	26,347
e2 Girls' Brigade	8,090	8,706	(615.7)		5,438	4,823
e3 Boys' Brigade	1,764	1,726	38		1,957	1,996
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	103,917	86,659	17,259		15,906 (e11)	33,165 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	91,585 (a7)	81,971 (b9)	9,614	(276) (c7)	276,010 (c6)	285,349 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	195,502	168,629	26,873	(276)	291,917 (x)	318,514 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	26,542	25,104
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	4,008	13,830
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	232,268	232,868
f6 Methodist Chapel Aid	13,192	13,547
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	276,010 (c6)	285,349 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	15,906 (e11)	33,165 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	291,916 (x)	318,514 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
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)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	33,623	1,496	35,119	36,000
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	13,292		13,292	5,090
a4	Lettings	35,281		35,281	22,913
a5	Other receipts	7,893		7,893	5,701
a6	Bequests				202,598
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	90,089	1,496	91,585 (a7)	272,301

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	30,000		30,000	24,500
b3	Donations	5,155	1,250	6,405	6,916
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	31,723		31,723	30,149
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,451		8,451	7,904
b6					
b7	Other payments	5,392		5,392	4,487
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	80,721	1,250	81,971 (b9)	73,957

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	9,368	246	9,614
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		274,637	1,373	276,010 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	284,005	1,620	285,625
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(276) (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	284,005	1,620	285,349 (c8)
					276,010 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	511	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	261	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	250	
	(d1+d2-d3)		

Name of Church Kingston Methodist Church

No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer N. M. Spalding Date 27 Jan 2025

Name and address of treasurer Nigel Spalding 50 Kings Road
Kingston Post Code KT2 5HS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 29 Jan 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting KARL RUTLIDGE Date 29/01/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Kingston Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1163078

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Kingston Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner’s Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner *Mary E Ryan*

Name of independent examiner: Mary E Ryan

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm: Ark Accountancy Limited

Address : 31 Cheam Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey

KT17 1QX

Date 29.1.25

THE METHODIST CHURCH

INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORT FORM

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Each year every organisation connected with a local Church, Circuit or District is required by Standing Orders to present its accounts to the Church Council/Circuit Meeting/Synod.

The Managing Trustees are annually required to complete the Annual Accounts setting out the financial affairs of the Church/Circuit/District including all its connected internal organisations.

This form (which can be used for a Church/Circuit, District organisation) requires details of the accounts of your organisation so that all responsibilities can be fulfilled. We ask for your co-operation which will ensure proper public accountability and the protection of those who willingly act as treasurers.

Circuit/District

CIRCUIT: KINGSTON DISTRICT: LONDON

Group/Organisation

Fairfield Playbox Preschool

Signatures section

I confirm that I have prepared the information overleaf from the accounts and records of the above named Group or Organisation

Eun

Treasurer of Group or Organisation

24 Nov 2024

Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the

Fairfield Playbox Preschool

and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.

A. HAYDEN

Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor

27 November 2024

Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited* accounts which were/will be* presented to

Playbox Management Committee

at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on

Thursday 16th January 2025

Date

Alan Clatworthy

ALAN CLATWORTHY

Signature of Chair of Meeting

27th November 2024

Date

This form can be used by Church, Circuit and District Internal Organisations who report to their respective Methodist bodies.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM

This form should be used in conjunction with the STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS (Church, Circuit & District)

A separate Report Form should be prepared for each Internal Organisation

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

SECTION H

RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations		£	337.70
h2	Other receipts		£	93,725.26
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)		£	94,062.96

SECTION I

PAYMENTS

i1	Donations		£	-
i2	Other payments		£	76,227.00
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)		£	76,227.00

SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	£	17,835.96
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		£	8,510.65
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)			
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page 3 in the main accounts)	(j1+j2+/-j3)	£	26,346.61

SECTION K

HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		£	160.00
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		£	26,186.61
k3	Other accounts			
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 above)	(k1+k2+k3)	£	26,346.61

SECTION M

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(These amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)

m1	Balance brought forward from last year			
m2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			
m3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
m4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(m1+m2-m3)		0

To be retained by Church/Circuit Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH

INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORT FORM

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Each year every organisation connected with a local Church, Circuit or District is required by Standing Orders to present its accounts to the Church Council/Circuit Meeting/Synod.

The Managing Trustees are annually required to complete the Annual Accounts setting out the financial affairs of the Church/Circuit/District including all its connected internal organisations.

This form (which can be used for a Church/Circuit, District organisation) requires details of the accounts of your organisation so that all responsibilities can be fulfilled. We ask for your co-operation which will ensure proper public accountability and the protection of those who willingly act as treasurers.

Circuit/District KINGSTON/LONDON

Group/Organisation 1st Kingston Girls' Brigade

Signatures section

I confirm that I have prepared the information overleaf from the accounts and records of the above-named Group or Organisation

Treasurer of Group or Organisation

6-11-24 Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the 1st Kingston Girls' Brigade

and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.

A.V. Hayden

Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor

6th Nov 2024 Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited* accounts which were/will be* presented to

1st KINGSTON CO LEADERS

at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on

Date 22-11-24

Signature of Chair of Meeting

22-11-24 Date

This form can be used by Church, Circuit and District Internal Organisations who report to their respective Methodist bodies.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM

This form should be used in conjunction with the STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS (Church, Circuit & District).
A separate Report Form should be prepared for each Internal Organisation.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

SECTION H

RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations	£1,182
h2	Other receipts	6,908.20
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)	8090.3

SECTION I

PAYMENTS

i1	Donations	500
i2	Other payments	8,205.97
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)	8705.97

SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	-615.67
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		5438.4
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page	(j1+j2+/-j3)	4822.73

SECTION K

HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		-
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		4,822.73
k3	Other accounts		
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 a	(k1+k2+k3)	4822.73

SECTION M

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(These amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)

m1	Balance brought forward from last year		
m2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
m3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
m4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(m1+m2-m3)	0

To be retained by Church/Circuit Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH

INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORT FORM

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Each year every organisation connected with a local Church, Circuit or District is required by Standing Orders to present its accounts to the Church Council/Circuit Meeting/Synod.

The Managing Trustees are annually required to complete the Annual Accounts setting out the financial affairs of the Church/Circuit/District including all its connected internal organisations.

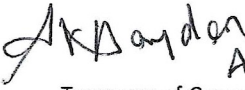
This form (which can be used for a Church/Circuit, District organisation) requires details of the accounts of your organisation so that all responsibilities can be fulfilled. We ask for your co-operation which will ensure proper public accountability and the protection of those who willingly act as treasurers.

Circuit/District KINGSTON/LONDON

Group/Organisation 14th Kingston & Merton Boys' Brigade

Signatures section

I confirm that I have prepared the information overleaf from the accounts and records of the above-named Group or Organisation



A.V. HAYDEN
Treasurer of Group or Organisation

6th Nov 2024
Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the

14th Kingston & Merton Boys' Brigade

and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.


Gureet Nathadga
Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor

29/11/2024
Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited* accounts which were/will be* presented to

BB Staff

at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on 29/11/24 Date


Signature of Chair of Meeting

8/12/24 Date

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM

This form should be used in conjunction with the STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS (Church, Circuit & District)

A separate Report Form should be prepared for each Internal Organisation

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

SECTION H

RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations	£250
h2	Other receipts	1,514.05
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)	1764.05

SECTION I

PAYMENTS

i1	Donations	0
i2	Other payments	1,725.70
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)	1725.7

SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	38.33
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		1957.44
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page	(j1+j2+/-j3)	1995.77

SECTION K

HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		-
	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		1,995.77
k3	Other accounts		
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 a	(k1+k2+k3)	1995.77

SECTION M

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(These amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)

m1	Balance brought forward from last year		
m2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
m3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
m4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(m1+m2-m3)	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Kingston Methodist	Church
---------------------------	---------------

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Kingston upon Thames	Circuit	Circuit no.	
-----------------------------	----------------	--------------------	--

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1163078

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

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

Minister:

Rev Dr Karl Rutledge

Church Stewards:

Maggie East
Ruby Esson
Val Hayden
Nigel Spalding
Liz Taylor

Treasurer:

Nigel Spalding

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 2024 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 Playbox	94,063	76,227.0	17,836.0		8,511	26,347
e2 Girls' Brigade	8,090	8,706	(615.7)		5,438	4,823
e3 Boys' Brigade	1,764	1,726	38		1,957	1,996
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	103,917	86,659	17,259		15,906 (e11)	33,165 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	91,585 (a7)	81,971 (b9)	9,614	(276) (c7)	276,010 (c6)	285,349 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	195,502	168,629	26,873	(276)	291,917 (x)	318,514 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	26,542	25,104
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	4,008	13,830
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	232,268	232,868
f6 Methodist Chapel Aid	13,192	13,547
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	276,010 (c6)	285,349 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	15,906 (e11)	33,165 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	291,916 (x)	318,514 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
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)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	33,623	1,496	35,119	36,000
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	13,292		13,292	5,090
a4	Lettings	35,281		35,281	22,913
a5	Other receipts	7,893		7,893	5,701
a6	Bequests				202,598
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	90,089	1,496	91,585 (a7)	272,301

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	30,000		30,000	24,500
b3	Donations	5,155	1,250	6,405	6,916
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	31,723		31,723	30,149
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,451		8,451	7,904
b6					
b7	Other payments	5,392		5,392	4,487
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	80,721	1,250	81,971 (b9)	73,957

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	9,368	246	9,614
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		274,637	1,373	276,010 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	284,005	1,620	285,625
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(276) (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	284,005	1,620	285,349 (c8)
					276,010 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	511	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	261	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	250	
	(d1+d2-d3)		

Name of Church Kingston Methodist Church

No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer N. M. Spalding Date 27 Jan 2025

Name and address of treasurer Nigel Spalding 50 Kings Road
Kingston Post Code KT2 5 145

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 29 Jan 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting KARL RUTLIDGE Date 29/01/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Kingston Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1163078

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Kingston Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner’s Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner *Mary E Ryan*

Name of independent examiner: Mary E Ryan

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm: Ark Accountancy Limited

Address : 31 Cheam Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey

KT17 1QX

Date 29.1.25

THE METHODIST CHURCH

INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORT FORM

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Each year every organisation connected with a local Church, Circuit or District is required by Standing Orders to present its accounts to the Church Council/Circuit Meeting/Synod.

The Managing Trustees are annually required to complete the Annual Accounts setting out the financial affairs of the Church/Circuit/District including all its connected internal organisations.

This form (which can be used for a Church/Circuit, District organisation) requires details of the accounts of your organisation so that all responsibilities can be fulfilled. We ask for your co-operation which will ensure proper public accountability and the protection of those who willingly act as treasurers.

Circuit/District

CIRCUIT: KINGSTON DISTRICT: LONDON

Group/Organisation

Fairfield Playbox Preschool

Signatures section

I confirm that I have prepared the information overleaf from the accounts and records of the above named Group or Organisation

Eun

Treasurer of Group or Organisation

24 Nov 2024

Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the

Fairfield Playbox Preschool

and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.

A. HAYDEN

Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor

27 November 2024

Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited* accounts which were/will be* presented to

Playbox Management Committee

at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on

Thursday 16th January 2025

Date

Alan Clatworthy

ALAN CLATWORTHY

Signature of Chair of Meeting

27th November 2024

Date

This form can be used by Church, Circuit and District Internal Organisations who report to their respective Methodist bodies.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM

This form should be used in conjunction with the STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS (Church, Circuit & District)

A separate Report Form should be prepared for each Internal Organisation

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

SECTION H

RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations		£	337.70
h2	Other receipts		£	93,725.26
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)		£	94,062.96

SECTION I

PAYMENTS

i1	Donations		£	-
i2	Other payments		£	76,227.00
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)		£	76,227.00

SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	£	17,835.96
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		£	8,510.65
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)			
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page 3 in the main accounts)	(j1+j2+/-j3)	£	26,346.61

SECTION K

HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		£	160.00
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		£	26,186.61
k3	Other accounts			
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 above)	(k1+k2+k3)	£	26,346.61

SECTION M

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(These amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)

m1	Balance brought forward from last year			
m2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			
m3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
m4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(m1+m2-m3)		0

To be retained by Church/Circuit Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH

INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORT FORM

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Each year every organisation connected with a local Church, Circuit or District is required by Standing Orders to present its accounts to the Church Council/Circuit Meeting/Synod.

The Managing Trustees are annually required to complete the Annual Accounts setting out the financial affairs of the Church/Circuit/District including all its connected internal organisations.

This form (which can be used for a Church/Circuit, District organisation) requires details of the accounts of your organisation so that all responsibilities can be fulfilled. We ask for your co-operation which will ensure proper public accountability and the protection of those who willingly act as treasurers.

Circuit/District KINGSTON/LONDON

Group/Organisation 1st Kingston Girls' Brigade

Signatures section

I confirm that I have prepared the information overleaf from the accounts and records of the above-named Group or Organisation

Treasurer of Group or Organisation

6-11-24 Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the 1st Kingston Girls' Brigade

and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.

A.V. Hayden

Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor

6th Nov 2024 Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited* accounts which were/will be* presented to

1st KINGSTON CO LEADERS

at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on

Date 22-11-24

Signature of Chair of Meeting

22-11-24 Date

This form can be used by Church, Circuit and District Internal Organisations who report to their respective Methodist bodies.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM

This form should be used in conjunction with the STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS (Church, Circuit & District).
A separate Report Form should be prepared for each Internal Organisation.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

SECTION H

RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations	£1,182
h2	Other receipts	6,908.20
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)	8090.3

SECTION I

PAYMENTS

i1	Donations	500
i2	Other payments	8,205.97
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)	8705.97

SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	-615.67
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		5438.4
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page	(j1+j2+/-j3)	4822.73

SECTION K

HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		-
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		4,822.73
k3	Other accounts		
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 a	(k1+k2+k3)	4822.73

SECTION M

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(These amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)

m1	Balance brought forward from last year		
m2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
m3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
m4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(m1+m2-m3)	0

To be retained by Church/Circuit Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH

INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORT FORM

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Each year every organisation connected with a local Church, Circuit or District is required by Standing Orders to present its accounts to the Church Council/Circuit Meeting/Synod.

The Managing Trustees are annually required to complete the Annual Accounts setting out the financial affairs of the Church/Circuit/District including all its connected internal organisations.

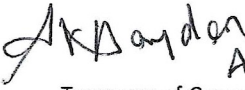
This form (which can be used for a Church/Circuit, District organisation) requires details of the accounts of your organisation so that all responsibilities can be fulfilled. We ask for your co-operation which will ensure proper public accountability and the protection of those who willingly act as treasurers.

Circuit/District KINGSTON/LONDON

Group/Organisation 14th Kingston & Merton Boys' Brigade

Signatures section

I confirm that I have prepared the information overleaf from the accounts and records of the above-named Group or Organisation



A.V. HAYDEN
Treasurer of Group or Organisation

6th Nov 2024
Date

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the

14th Kingston & Merton Boys' Brigade

and that the information overleaf is in accordance therewith.


Gurjeet Nathadga
Independent Examiner/Registered Auditor

29/11/2024
Date

I confirm that the information overleaf has been prepared from independently examined/audited* accounts which were/will be* presented to

BB Staff

at a meeting which I chaired/intend to chair on 29/11/24 Date


Signature of Chair of Meeting

8/12/24 Date

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM

This form should be used in conjunction with the STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS (Church, Circuit & District)

A separate Report Form should be prepared for each Internal Organisation

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

SECTION H

RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations	£250
h2	Other receipts	1,514.05
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)	1764.05

SECTION I

PAYMENTS

i1	Donations	0
i2	Other payments	1,725.70
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)	1725.7

SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	38.33
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		1957.44
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page	(j1+j2+/-j3)	1995.77

SECTION K

HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		-
	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		1,995.77
k3	Other accounts		
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 a	(k1+k2+k3)	1995.77

SECTION M

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(These amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)

m1	Balance brought forward from last year		
m2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
m3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
m4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(m1+m2-m3)	0