

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

DROITWICH METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE	Circuit	Circuit no.	05/16
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1163089

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 ELIZABETH HARRIS

Church Stewards:

GRAHAME DRAIN	SIMON JESSOP
SANDRA DRAIN	KAREN NICOL
CHRISTINE PARKER	
STUART WATKINS	
JULIA WATKINS	
CLIVE BROWN	

Treasurer:

MR JOHN DETORRE

GENERAL OVERALL FINANCIAL COMMENT – 12 Months

In September 2024 we welcomed our new Minister Rev Elizabeth Harris who not only arrived to have pastoral charge of Droitwich but was Superintendent for the circuit. Since her arrival we have seen a steady upturn in Sunday morning attendance. User groups for the room rental has also been strong again this year.

This financial year has been much 'quieter' than the previous one, for which we are very grateful. Most items of 'Expenditure' and 'Income' were generally close to the 'Original Budget' with no scares on the 'Expenditure' front. The Accounts reveal that we finished the financial year with a surplus of £29,342. However, this figure has been artificially inflated by the 'Unspent Grant for Church Hall Kitchen Work' of £20,000 and the 'Unspent Grant for the Church Building Solar System' of £5,700. When these two items are deducted (see Accounts) you will see that we still have a Surplus of £3,642 for the year – which is brilliant! It is worth noting that we had a surplus of £3,283 for the previous financial year (2023-24).

Another year of achievements thanks to the hard work and determination of everyone concerned.

- The refurbishment of Room 5
- The office move to upstairs allowing the old offices to be repurposed when budget allows.
- Grant funding for the solar and the fitting thereof.
- Kitchen lottery funding achieved ready for February 2025 refit of the Church Hall kitchen
- Plans are now drawn up for the future development – Entrance, toilets, lobby and Wesley room kitchen.
- Vestry finally watertight and redecorated
- Church tower water leaks sealed

Things to do and things already agreed for the coming FY.

- Staging at the front of the church to be removed in November – there will inevitably be a lot of hidden cost here, we must be mindful of this when using funds.
- As above – the plans for future development need to be shared and agreed and presented to council.
- Flooring in the corridors of Amphlett house are breaking up and need to be dealt with before they become a trip hazard for staff and users alike.
- Painting day to be held to redecorate the corridors in Amphlett house before we can move forward with the flooring.
- Guttering, fascia and soffit boards need repairing all around Amphlett house.
- Speaker replacement in the church

With Gods help we will smash through the tasks ahead, and make our church and community buildings more welcoming, safe and modern so that we can continue to be an asset to the local community and beyond.

We look forward to the year ahead.

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	73,539		73,539	71,999
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,603		2,603	3,024
a4	Lettings	50,680		50,680	52,424
a5	Other receipts	21,116	30,000	51,116	35,481
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	147,938	30,000	177,938 (a7)	162,928

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	73,497		73,497	74,115
b3	Donations	127		127	279
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8,016		8,016	24,552
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	13,172		13,172	11,231
b6					
b7	Other payments	49,484	4,300	53,784	49,468
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	144,296	4,300	148,596 (b9)	159,645

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	3,642	25,700	29,342	3,283
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	81,935		81,935 (c6)	78,651
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	85,577	25,700	111,277	81,935
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	85,577	25,700	111,277 (c8)	81,935 (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	1,310	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,310	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	zero	

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 2025 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							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	177,938 (a7)	148,596 (b9)	29,342	(c7)	81,935 (c6)	111,277 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	177,938	148,596	29,342		81,935 (x)	111,277 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	150	150
f2	Bank Current Account	2,670	859
f3	Bank Deposit Account	34,930	35,687
f4	Central Finance Board	7,756	38,153
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	36,429	36,428
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	81,935 (c6)	111,277 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	81,935 (x)	111,277 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,436,000	2,436,000
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)

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 8.10.25

Name and address of treasurer: Mr John De Torre
27 Waterside, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire
WR9 8UL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 8th October 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Elizabeth Harris Date 8.10.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

DROITWICH METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1163089

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DROITWICH METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 2 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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Name of Church DROITWICH METHODIST CHURCH No 05/16


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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner MR. T. R. LIBBY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Date 20th November 2025

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