

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
AND REPORT

Church Stewards:

Ruislip Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Harrow & Hillingdon Circuit

Circuit no 35/36

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1163117

Minister:

Revd Julie King

Church Stewards:

Terry Dean

Janet Stephenson

Colin Elliott

Christine Fellowes

Treasurer:

Michael Allan

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Ruislip Methodist Church

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		43,302		43,302	45,308
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,393	2,738	6,131	4,494
a4	Lettings		46,295		46,295	32,901
a5	Other receipts		6,439	1,350	7,789	4,085
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		99,429	4,088	103,517	86,788

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		41,338		41,338	42,538
b3	Donations		5,300		5,300	5,200
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		16,095	0	16,095	6,231
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		14,787		14,787	10,716
b6	Purchase of investments				0	0
b7	Other payments		22,033	223	22,256	20,371
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		99,553	223	99,776	85,055

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		(124)	3,865	3,741	1,733
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		28,320	59,379	87,699	85,966
c3	Sub total		28,196	63,244	91,440	87,699
c4	Transfers and adjustments		2,515	(2,515)	0	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		30,711	60,729	91,440	87,699

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not included in total receipts/payments figures above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				213	398
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				2,186	2,772
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				1,403	2,957
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID				996	213

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

SECTION E

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments		Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Flower Fund			0		470	470
e2	Youth Zone	180	1	179		40	219
e3	Wednesday Break	2,355.10	2,223	132		92	224
e4	Mens Supper Club	295	286	9		44	53
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2830	2510	9	0	646	966
e9	Church accounts	103517	99776	3741		87699	91440
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	106347	102286	4060	0	88345	92406

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	213	0
f2	Bank Current Accounts	570	1,735
f4	Central Finance Board	61,354	62,893
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	15,227	16,477
f6	Other funds	10,335	10,335
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	87,699	91,440
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	646	966
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	88,345	92,406

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	63,391
g2	Land & Buildings (Insurance value)	2,882,542
g3	Other Assets (Insurance value)	74,078
g4	Loan(s)	0
g5	Other Liabilities	213
		996

RUISLIP METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Governance

The governing body of the Methodist Church is the Conference which meets once every year. The authority under which the Conference acts is given by the Methodist Church Act 1976.

The church became a registered charity on 12 August 2015 with the registered number 1163117

Ruislip Methodist Church is part of the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit within the London District of the Methodist Church.

The address of the church is: 19 Ickenham Road, Ruislip. HA4 7BZ

The Trustees serving during the year were:

Revd Julie King	Mrs Mary Allan	Mr Michael Allan	Dr Kofi Anie
Mrs Christine Braithwaite	Mr David Braithwaite	Mrs Diane Crane	Mr Terry Dean
Mrs Christine Fellowes	Mrs Jan Ginesi	Mrs Maureen Hardy	Mr Keith Hayward
Mrs Marion Leppard	Mrs Gillian Oxman	Mrs Shelagh Moss	Mrs Frances Reid
Mrs Janet Stephenson	Mr Alan Taylor	Mrs Christina Taylor	Mr Andrew Wilkinson
Mrs Pam Wilkinson			

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing the accounts the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply these consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will not continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Ruislip Methodist Church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and other relevant regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Public Benefit Requirement

The trustees had due regard to the guidance published by the Charities Commission in compliance with its duties under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

The guidance sets out two key principles:

- 1 The organisation must have an identifiable benefit
- 2 The benefit must be to the public or a section of the public

The church provides a place of worship where regular services are open to all. Pastoral care is offered by the minister and leaders responsible for specific areas in the locality.

The church rooms are used by a variety of users during the week including choirs, Guides and Brownies, special interest societies and church sponsored activities including a Wednesday Break for ladies and Men's Supper Club which are open to members and non members alike.

The trustees consider that for these reasons the charity meets these public benefit requirements.

Financial Review

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

During the year sources of regular income from voluntary giving, fund raising events and the letting of premises was sufficient to cover all outgoings, the surplus being £3,740. Expenditure on property maintenance was above average and there are arrears of work that will be needed in due course. The reserve set aside for this work stands at £38,000.

The Legacy Fund stands at £84,749. Pending use of the fund for the work of the church £50,000 was invested in a unit trust with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church in order to boost our regular income. At the year end the investment value was £68,272.

Apart from the legacy fund and property reserve the policy is to maintain current reserves at 50% of regular annual expenditure. The actual reserves fall short of this target but are sufficient for supporting the ongoing work of the church.

Operating Report

Our Church Mission Statement is-

1. A welcoming and caring church community
2. Sharing God's love as we reach out to others
3. Encouraging each other in following Jesus

Our strap line is:

"Expressing God's invitation in the heart of Ruislip"

Ruislip Methodist Church is one of the seventeen churches within the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit. It has seventy two members. We have a further fifty two people on our community roll in addition to our church members.

Our Minister Julie King began her Ministry with us on 30 April 2023

In addition to our rental lettings, we have a number of Church Groups who attend the premises on a weekly basis:-

1st Ruislip Rainbows Dolphins (age 5 – 9), with fourteen currently in attendance

The Brownies group has thirty members in attendance

1st Ruislip Guides has twenty eight guides, three young leaders and three leaders

Journeys Study Group who alternate their meetings between Ruislip and Ruislip Manor Church. The group is affiliated to PCN Britain, a group of progressive Christians across the Country.

We have further groups which regularly use the premises and who fall under the umbrella of community engagement and outreach. The Wednesday break group meet fortnightly

They are a social church group who occasionally provide charity lunches.

The men's supper club meets on the second Friday of each month.

The amount collected for charities through the church accounts were £2,186. In addition amounts were collected for Christian Aid (£444) and Action for Children (£396)

Apart from the trustees, the administrative infrastructure is the leadership team which consists of four stewards and the minister.

Our safeguarding coordinator keeps a list of all volunteers who have contact with children and vulnerable persons and these have all completed their safeguarding training which takes place periodically at churches within the circuit.

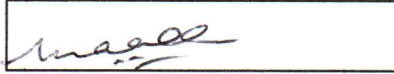
Our physical security to the premises is looked after by our property coordinator who has five volunteers.

Declarations and Scrutiny

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of treasurer



Date 20-12-24

Name of treasurer

Michael Allan

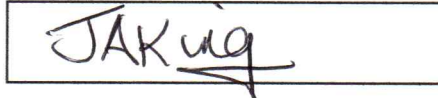
Address of treasurer

1 The Woods, Ickenham, Uxbridge. UB10 8NN

Presentation to the Church Trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to presented to a meeting of the Church Council on 11-2-25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Julie King

Date

11/2/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ruislip Methodist Church
Charity number 1163117

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ruislip Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 4. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

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

Independent Examiner's Statement


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

- 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 my examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Address

4, WILMAR CLOSE, LATE 6648ET

Date

20/12/24