

## **Sherwell United Church**

### **Report of the (Honorary) Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Sherwell United Church**

This report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 9, carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement.**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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12 April 2022



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## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2021

		2020/21		2019/20		
	Note	GENERAL £	£	RESTRICTED £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Collections including Gift Aid	2	14,991		0	14,991	15,911
Tax recovered under Gift Aid		2,465		0	2,465	6,678
			17,456		17,456	22,589
Donations	3	1,000		0	1,000	417
Property lettings	4	32,624		0	32,624	78,478
Interest and Investment Income	5	4,771		0	4,771	5,557
Fund Raising	6	0		0	0	486
Other receipts	7	28,000		0	28,000	682
Internal Organisations	16			0	0	350
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			83,851	0	83,851	108,559
Collections for external organisations	8			0	0	788
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			83,851	0	83,851	109,347
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Circuit assessment/share						
Methodist			16,722	0	16,722	19,767
U.R.C.			36,540	0	36,540	32,515
Property costs						
Church repairs and maintenance		31,483		0	31,483	24,393
Caretaking and cleaning		6,128		0	6,128	5,584
Insurance		5,487		0	5,487	4,956
Utilities		13,601		0	13,601	12,841
			56,699			
Administration	9		7,686	0	7,686	11,776
Donations - Methodist	11	230		0	230	903
Donations - Other	12	1,000		0	1,000	0
			1,230			
Publicity			45	0	45	0
Other payments	13		33,420	0	33,420	13,617
Internal Organisations	16		0	0	0	320
			152,342	0	152,342	126,672
Capital Expenditure			0	0	0	746
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			152,342	0	152,342	127,418
Collections passed onto external organisations	14		0	665	665	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			152,342	665	153,007	127,418
Net income (expenditure) for the year			-68,491	-665	-69,156	-18,071
Transfers between funds					0	0
Gain/Loss on realisation of investments			0		0	0
Total funds in hand at 1st September 2020			123,791	11,680	135,471	153,542
<b>TOTAL FUNDS IN HAND AT 31 August 2021</b>			55,300	11,015	66,315	135,471

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**Balance Sheet at 31 August 2021**

				<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Summary of Funds at 31 August 2021</b>					
	Note	General	Restricted	Total £	Total £
General fund		<b>55,300</b>		<b>55,300</b>	123,791
Restricted Funds	15		<b>10,809</b>	<b>10,809</b>	10,809
Collections not paid over			<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	788
Internal Organisations	16		<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	83
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>		<b>55,300</b>	<b>11,015</b>	<b>66,315</b>	<b>135,471</b>

**Summary of how funds held**

Balances at Bank and in Hand

Deposit accounts	<b>9,609</b>	<b>10,932</b>	<b>20,541</b>		129,482
Current accounts	<b>45,683</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>45,766</b>		5,981
Cash in hand	<b>8</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>8</b>
	<b>55,300</b>	<b>11,015</b>		<b>66,315</b>	<b>135,471</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>	<b>55,300</b>	<b>11,015</b>		<b>66,315</b>	<b>135,471</b>
					0

Mrs J Mortimore, Treasurer

Approved by the Church Council on

Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2021

**1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost receipts & payments basis of accounting. In accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP2005) and Charities Act 2011 and the accounting regulations of the Methodist Church.

**Funds**

The Funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted, Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. Details of restricted funds are set out in note 15.

**Accounting Policies**

**Income** Income is included in these accounts when received.  
**Expenditure** Expenditure is recognised when paid.

**Reserves** The Church aims to keep reserves amounting to one years running costs.

	2021			2020		
	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Offertory</b>						
Collections	8,966		8,966	8,971		8,971
Standing orders	6,025		6,025	6,350		6,350
Gift day	0		0	590		590
	<b>14,991</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,991</b>	<b>15,911</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,911</b>
<b>3 Donations</b>						
Legacies	1,000		1,000	0	0	0
General	0		0	417	0	417
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>4 Rents</b>						
Room hire	6,933		6,933	39,865		39,865
Car park	6,920		6,920	7,645		7,645
North Road	18,771		18,771	30,968		30,968
	<b>32,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,624</b>	<b>78,478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78,478</b>
<b>5 Investment income</b>						
Trust income	4,632		4,632	4,641		4,641
Deposit account	139		139	916		916
	<b>4,771</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,557</b>

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	2021			2020		
<b>6 Fund raising</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sale of Books	0		0	143		143
Magazines	0		0	0		0
Coffee	0		0		343	343
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>486</b>

<b>7 Other receipts</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Events	0		0	0		0
Insurance Claim	28,000		28,000	0	0	0
Sundry	0		0	21		21
Student Meals	0		0	158		158
Traidcraft	0		0	353		353
Printing	0		0	150		150
	<b>28,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>682</b>

**8 Collections for External Organisations**

Action for Children	0	59	59
Childrens Hospice	0	0	0
Children's Hospice Cornwall	0	665	665
Disaster Emergency	0	0	0
Food Bank	0	0	0
Indonesia	0	0	0
Salvation Army	0	0	0
Rainbow	0	64	64
	<b>0</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>788</b>

**9 Administration**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	1,468		1,468	800		800
Clerical Assistance	0		0	5,419		5,419
Layworker Contribution	0		0			0
Travel Expenses	105		105	1,166		1,166
Professional Fees	2,800		2,800	600		600
Cost of Church Services	121		121	143		143
Stationery& Printing	769		769	1,263		1,263
Telephone	549		549	621		621
Postage	466		466	313		313
Newsletter	30		30	88		88
Music	368		368	639		639
Miscellaneous	852		852	163		163
Bank Charges	158		158	60		60
Admin Charge	0		0	501		501
	<b>7,686</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,686</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,776</b>

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	2021	2020
<b>10 Employees</b>		
The church had an average of 2 part time employees during the year (2020 2). Equivalent to one half full time employee (2020 1/2), although this was affected by the lockdowns. Total emoluments were:-		
Salaries	1,468	4,293
Included in North Road Costs	0	0
Employer's National Insurance	0	0
Employer's Pension Contributions	0	0
	<u>1,468</u>	<u>4,293</u>

The church has a defined contribution pension scheme. No contributions were made in the year

<b>11 Donations</b>	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
<b>Methodist Charities</b>						
Benevolence	230		230		33	33
Cornerstone Church			0			0
Action for Children			0	350		350
						0
	<u>230</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>383</u>

### 12 Donations

#### Other Charities

Christian Aid	500		500			0
Food Bank	500		500			0
Children's Hospice			0			0
Indonesia			0			0
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

### 13 Other Payments

Traidcraft		0	311		311
Expenses North Road	33,139	33,139	12,945		12,945
Events		0			0
Catering	61	61	361		361
Courses		0			0
Remembrance Book		0			0
Prior Year Adjustment	220	220			0
Outreach Expenses		0			0
	<u>33,420</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,420</u>	<u>13,617</u>	<u>13,617</u>

### 14 Collections passed onto External Organisations

Action for Children		0			0
Childrens Hospice	665	665			0
Christian Aid		0			0
Disaster Emergency		0			0
Food Bank		0			0
Indonesia		0			0
Salvation Army		0			0
Rainbow Project		0			0
	<u>0</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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## Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2021

### 15 Restricted Funds

#### Coldman Trust

	Layworker	Student Outreach	Total Coldman Trust
Balance b/	4,832	0	4,832
Income	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0
	<u>4,832</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,832</u>
Expenses	0	0	
	<u>4,832</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,832</u>

	Sunday School	Music Fund	Organ Fund	Benevolence Fund	Total Other		Total Restricted Funds
Balance b/	2,506	1,095	1,143	1,233	5,977		
Income	0	0	0	0	0		
Donations	0	0	0	0	0		
Interest	0	0	0	0	0		
	<u>2,506</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>1,233</u>	<u>5,977</u>		
Expenses					0	Coldman Trust	4,832
Transfer					0	Other	5,977
	<u>2,506</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>1,233</u>	<u>5,977</u>		<u>10,809</u>

### 16 Internal Organisations

	Opening Balance	Received	Paid	Transfer to Church	Closing Balance
Card Stall	46	0	0	0	46
Flower Ministry	37	0	0	0	37
	<u>83</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83</u>

### 17 Capital Commitments

Capital commitments £nil (2020 £nil)

## OTHER ASSETS

### General Fund Trusts

	TMCP Sundry Bequest	URC General Trust	Total
1			
Balance b/fwd	59,844	26,039	85,883
Income received	0	0	0
Additional deposit	0	0	0
Change in value	10,220	4,289	14,509
	<u>70,064</u>	<u>30,328</u>	<u>100,392</u>
Withdrawn	0	0	0
Income paid over to Church	0	0	0
	<u>70,064</u>	<u>30,328</u>	<u>100,392</u>

The Church can use the capital and income of these trusts. The church received £2,385 income from these trusts last year.

### Restricted Fund Trusts

	Restricted Trusts			Total Restricted Trusts
2	Sale of Property	Sale of Manse 1	Sale of Manse 2	
Balance b/fwd	108,561	3,614	90,992	203,167
Income received	366	0	0	366
Change in value(unrealised)		5	14,989	14,994
	<u>108,927</u>	<u>3,619</u>	<u>105,981</u>	<u>218,527</u>
Transfer to Restricted funds Funds	0	0	0	0
Expenses	217	0	0	217
Income paid over to Church	0	0	0	0
	<u>108,710</u>	<u>3,619</u>	<u>105,981</u>	<u>218,310</u>

The Methodist Church has decided that the sale of Property Trust can in addition to major property purchase or repair now be used for personnel costs.

The Sale of Manse Trusts arise from the sale of a URC Manse. The capital can be used for major property repairs or replacement of buildings. The income can be used for general church purposes



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### Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2021

	2021	2020
<b>3</b> Furniture, Organ & Other Equipment (at insured value)	<b>287,992</b>	284,997
<b>4</b> Property		
The property occupied by the church is vested in United Reform Church Trustees		
The freehold property 150 North Road East is held for investment purposes.		
its insured value is:-	<b>709,968</b>	689,289
The insured value of landlords fittings is	<b>28,943</b>	28,246