

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1173520

Details

Other names	SANDBACH METHODIST CHURCH, WESLEY AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, SANDBACH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2017-06-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address Wesley Centre
16 Chapel Street
Sandbach
CW11 1DS

Phone 01270750078

Website www.unitymethodistchurchsandbach.org

Activities

Objects: SECTION 4 METHODIST CHURCH ACT 1976 THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE PURPOSES DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION BEING A SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;

Activities: Sunday and midweek worship; youth and family work, including Stepping Stones (parents and toddlers) and family afternoons; pastoral care; Lifeline Debt Advice; Foodbank; Pantry. Hire of premises to outside groups; Craft and Chat group; Wesley Guild; House Groups; Social events (Saturday Cafe, community lunches, Sunday lunches, church bowls group); Justice and Peace Group; fundraising; donations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People

Geography

- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£241,671	£221,031	-	-
2024-08-31	£174,334	£182,898	-	-
2023-08-31	£155,752	£137,261	-	-
2022-08-31	£105,387	£128,059	-	-
2021-08-31	£89,379	£94,537	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Carolyn Ann Lawrance	Chair	2023-09-01
ANN HORSFIELD		2020-09-01
BRUNILDA EYRE		2020-09-01
Brian Cornel Hanna		2024-09-01
Cynthia Kelly		2023-09-01
Elizabeth Mary Trinder		2023-12-07
Ellen Doreen Cieka		2021-11-24
GEORGE ALAN PIMLOTT		2020-09-01
Gillian Margaret Bailey		2025-10-22
JAYNE LORRELLA BUNN		2020-09-01
Karen Elizabeth Foster		2020-09-01
Kathleen Elizabeth Wharton		2025-09-01
Katy Louise Lowe		2022-06-22
Marian Pauline Sherwin		2020-11-25
Matthew Timothy Cooke		2020-09-01
Norma Joyce Stolworthy		2022-09-01
Pamela Christine Smith		2024-09-01
ROBERT PAUL CHARLES GLASSONBURY		2020-09-01
STEPHEN DAVID PARKER-AIKEN		2020-09-01

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Unity Methodist Church

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our weekly prayer group continues to meet both in person and on Zoom and we had a Lent group, on the theme of "Prayer" which met in person and on Zoom. In June, all members were encouraged to participate in the Methodist Church's Bible Month, reading the Gospel of John, and the small fellowship group has been meeting to continue the study of this Gospel.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCE REPORT

The method of accounting used is that of Receipts and Payments and the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts, which is attached to this report, summarises the Receipts and Payments for the year ending **31 August 2025**.

Church Receipts were **£171,435** and Payments amounted to **£167,235**, leaving a surplus of **£4,200**, which is much better than the original forecast of a shortfall in excess of £7K. This is because we have received a generous donation of £10,000 from a member and £1,610 of the Circuit grant has not yet been spent.

During the summer break, work was started on Phase 1 of the refurbishment and redevelopment of the Hancock Hall. We received a grant of **£39,158** from the Circuit's Sandbach Heath sale proceeds and so far **£37,548** of this has been paid out.

Regular giving is slightly down this year although the total of voluntary giving is higher because of one-off donations. Even with these, the Total Offerings and Tax Recovered is £9K less than the Circuit Assessment figure of **£62,215**.

Apart from the Assessment and the Hancock Hall costs, the biggest payments this year have been **£3K** on a lift repair, over **£3K** on legal costs incurred in renewing the lease for the Pre-School and **£4K** on architect and quantity surveyor costs for New Horizons' development plans. Over the past two years LED lights have been fitted throughout the Wesley Centre. In both years we have received two gift-aided donations of **£2K** to cover the total cost of **£4K**.

The good news is that our electricity costs have fallen by **£4K**.

Volunteers work hard to look after the premises and to organise fundraising events and it is thanks to their efforts that income from Lettings rose to **£54K** and Fundraising Events raised **£18K**.

RESERVES

A draft Budget for 2025/26 has been prepared and the forecasted figure for expenditure is **£123,000**. It is our policy to hold 50% of anticipated expenditure in our reserves, which we are able to do this year. At 31 August 2025 the General Fund was **£76,266**.

THE FUTURE

In 2025-26 Circuit Assessment is not expected to rise but some utility costs are likely to continue at a high level. The forecast shows that there could be a surplus of around £6,500 at the end of the financial year.

DECLARATIONS

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature 

Full name Carolyn Lawrance

Position Chair

Date 22.10.25

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Cheshire South Methodist Circuit	Circuit no.	11/8
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1173520

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 Carolyn Lawrance

CHURCH STEWARDS:

Nilda Eyre

Cynthia Kelly

Ann Horsfield

Pauline Sherwin

TREASURER:

Ann Horsfield

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	1	52,287.01	52,287.01	43,848
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,865.07	2,865.07	2,977
a4	Lettings	2	53,878.51	53,878.51	45,489
a5	Other receipts	3	21,583.68	23,026.51	38,239
	Grants		39,158.00	39,158.00	
	Wesley Guild			220.00	353
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		169,772.27	171,435.10 (a7)	130,905

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		61,215.00	61,215.00	56,681
b3	Donations	4	3,240.00	4,990.00	3,825
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5	22,719.17	22,719.17	27,616
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6	29,160.65	29,160.65	34,179
b6	Wesley Guild, Foodbank			200.00	20
	New Horizons' Project Phase 1		37,548.00	37,548.00	
b7	Other payments	7	11,402.19	11,402.19	10,296
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		165,285.01	167,235.01 (b9)	132,617

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	4,487.26	(287)	4,200.09	(1,712)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		71,645.76	3,464	75,109.56	76,822 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	76,133.02	3,177	79,309.65	75,110
c4	Transfers and adjustments		145.00	(145)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	76,278.02	3,032	79,309.65 (c8)	75,110 (c6)

SECTION D			£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,436.93	3,297
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,436.93	3,297
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

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	Sandbach Foodbank	13,872 ✓	9,761 ✓	4,111 ✓		9,488 ✓	13,598 ✓
e2	Lifeline Debt Advice	2,668 ✓	2,974 ✓	(306)		313 ✓	7 ✓
e3	The Pantry @ Sandbach Hub	53,696 ✓	41,061 ✓	12,635		5,587 ✓	18,222 ✓
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	70,236	53,796	16,439		15,388 e11)	31,828 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	171,435 (a7)	167,235 (b9)	4,200	(c7)	75,110 (c6)	79,310 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	241,671	221,031	20,640		90,498 (x)	111,137 (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 2025

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	4	
f2	Bank Current Account	4,592 ✓	8,886 ✓
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	70,514 ✓	70,424 ✓
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	75,110 (c6)	79,310 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	15,388 (e11)	31,828 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	90,498 (x)	111,137 (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)	9,323,232	9,677,590
g3	Other Assets - Insurance Value of Contents	207,434	215,318
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 **UNITY METHODIST, SANDBACH** No 11/8

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 *Ann Horsfield* Date..... *28/9/25*

Name and address of treasurer: **ANN HORSFIELD**

31 Fields Drive, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1YB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *22.10.25*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Caroline Lawrance*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: **REV CAROLYN LAWRENCE** Date *21.10.25*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number: 11/8

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **UNITY 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: **UNITY METHODIST CHURCH, SANDBACH** No: **11/8**

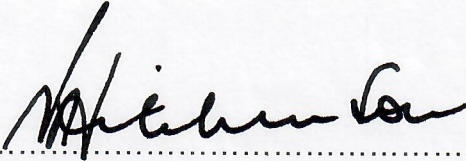
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 

Name of independent examiner: **PETER FRANK HITCHINSON**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address : **11 Cooksmere Lane, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1BQ**

Date **15/10/2025**

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Notes to the Standard Form of Accounts - 31 August 2025

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RECEIPTS

	2024-25	2023-24
Note 1 Offerings and Tax Recovered		
Loose cash collections	£4,078.76	£4,714.61
Weekly envelopes	£3,391.00	£5,950.58
Standing orders	£24,327.00	£21,472.00
Regular donations	£349.00	£355.00
One-off donations	£12,317.78	£3,561.50
Tax refund on gift-aided donations	£7,823.47	£7,793.92
	£52,287.01	£43,847.61
Note 2 Lettings		
Hire of UMC buildings	£38,549.01	£32,255.18
Lettings for birthday parties	£2,655.50	N/A
Donations for use of premises	£4,280.00	£4,634.00
Lease of Hancock Hall for Pre-School Group	£7,500.00	£7,000.00
Pre-School additional fuel costs	£894.00	£1,600.00
	£53,878.51	£45,489.18
	<i>* Includes donations from Uniformed Organisations, The Pantry and Foodbank</i>	
Note 3 Other Receipts		
Fundraising Events (gross proceeds)	£18,244.29	£18,168.55
Church Activities/Groups	£2,679.39	£3,739.64
Funeral fees etc	£660.00	£277.00
Refunds from Circuit and Connexion	£0.00	£14,834.44
Legacies (2)	£0.00	£0.00
Sunday refreshment donations (Charity Fund)	£1,442.83	£1,219.09
	£23,026.51	£38,238.72
PAYMENTS		
Note 4 Donations from Church Funds		
Donations to Connexional Funds	£2,100.00	£1,690.00
Donations to Methodist Charities	£600.00	£1,270.00
Other donations	£540.00	£265.00
Donations to Methodist Charities (<i>Restricted funds</i>)	£1,600.00	£150.00
Other donations (<i>Restricted funds</i>)	£150.00	£450.00
	£4,990.00	£3,825.00
Note 5 Repairs and Maintenance		
Wages and associated costs	£8,133.45	£7,474.80
Premises repairs and maintenance	£8,451.85	£17,769.02
Lift, Fire equipment, PAT costs etc	£5,407.31	£1,552.87
Cleaning equipment and materials	£726.56	£819.77
	£22,719.17	£27,616.46

		2024-25	2023-24
Note 6	Utilities		
	Gas	£12,906.98	£12,070.11
	Electricity	£7,031.55	£11,013.14
	Water	£2,314.49	£1,946.51
	Insurance	£6,907.63	£9,149.19
		£29,160.65	£34,178.95
Note 7	Other Payments		
	Office costs, including Broadband	£659.43	£690.35
	Premises licences	£457.06	£371.30
	Copyright licences	£742.69	£1,115.33
	Other licences	£0.00	£35.00
	Young People and Family Work	£189.30	£364.03
	Cost of Fundraising	£1,259.01	£1,553.22
	Lease legal costs	£3,443.40	
	New Horizons - Pre-development costs	£4,140.00	£5,848.00
	Miscellaneous expenses	£511.30	£318.38
		£11,402.19	£10,295.61
Line c4	Transfer and adjustments - £145 from Wesley Guild to General Fund 2024/25		

FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2025

		2024-25	2023-24
	General Fund (<i>Unrestricted</i>)	£76,266.02	£67,493.76
	New Horizons Development (<i>Designated</i>)	£12.00	£4,152.00
	Charity Fund (<i>Restricted</i>)	£727.51	£1,034.68
	Wesley Guild (<i>Restricted</i>)	£55.12	£180.12
	Wheelock Projects (from Yoxall Trust) (<i>Restricted</i>)	£2,249.00	£2,249.00
Page 2 line c5, Page 3 lines e9 and f7	Total UMC funds	£79,309.65	£75,109.56
	<i>Internal Organisations' Funds:</i>		
	Sandbach Foodbank	£13,598.39	£9,487.89
	Lifeline Debt Advice	£6.91	£312.72
	The Pantry @ Sandbach Hub	£18,222.22	£5,587.47
	Total IO funds	£31,827.52	£15,388.08
Page 3 Lines e10 and f9	Total Funds held by UMC at 31 August	£111,137.17	£90,497.64

INSURANCE VALUES at 1 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Buildings	Contents
Wesley Avenue Church	£3,028,838	£97,890
Wesley Centre	£2,810,025	£57,582
Wheelock Church - New Horizons	£2,948,377	£58,384
Wheelock - Hancock Hall	£890,350	£1,462
Page 3 Lines g2 and g3	£9,677,590	£215,318

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In September 2023 Unity welcomed a new Minister, Revd. Carolyn Lawrance on a 5 year invitation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

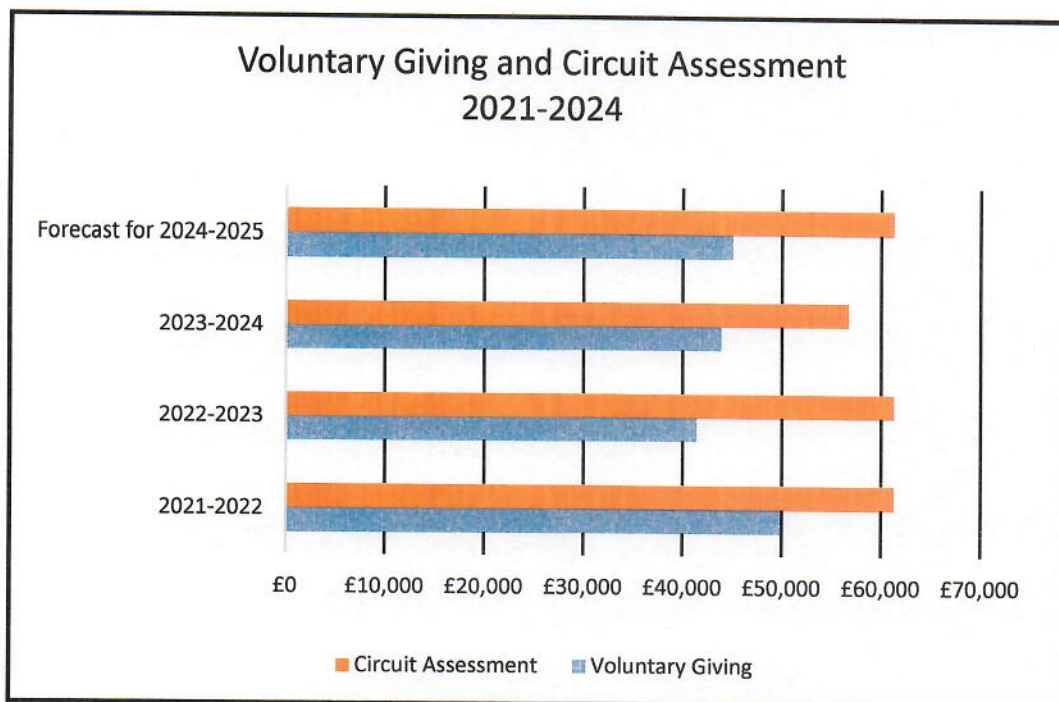
FINANCE REPORT

The method of accounting used is that of Receipts and Payments and the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts, which is attached to this report, summarises the Receipts and Payments for the year ending **31 August 2024**.

Church Receipts were **£130,905** and Payments amounted to **£132,617**, leaving a shortfall of **£1,712**, which is much lower than forecasted because at the end of the year we received two refunds: **£9,407** from the Circuit for the costs of maintaining the Sandbach Heath property during the sale period, and **£5,428** from the Connexion, being a refund of the £5,000 donation made to the Pension Fund in 2022 with interest.

Voluntary giving in the form of regular giving, tax recovered and one-off donations amounted to **£43,848** which is an increase of **£2,456** on the previous year.

The biggest outgoing was the Circuit Assessment of **£56,681**. The chart below illustrates the gap between Voluntary Giving and Circuit Assessment for the past three years.



Ideally, we would like Voluntary Giving to increase to cover the Circuit Assessment as our income from Lettings and Fundraising is needed to cover other expenditure such as buildings repairs and maintenance, insurance and utility costs. An urgent repair to the roof of the Wesley Centre this year incurred a cost of over **£9,000** and utility costs rose to **£25,030**, a 56% rise on the previous year.

In view of rising costs and the original forecasted deficit of **£8,000**, it was agreed that a reduction in the amount of donations paid out from funds this year should be made. **£3,825** was made in donations in comparison to **£7,598** last year.

Volunteers work hard to look after the premises and to organise fundraising events and it is thanks to their efforts that income from Lettings was **£45,489** and Fundraising Events raised **£18,168**.

RESERVES

A Reserves Policy has been prepared. At 31 August 2024 the General Fund was **£67,494**. In addition, there was a balance of **£4,152** in a designated fund for the preliminary costs in developing New Horizons. Restricted funds total **£3,464**: **£180** for Wesley Guild, **£1,035** in the Charity Fund and **£2,249** given specifically for projects in the Wheelock community. A draft Budget for 2024/25 has been prepared and the forecasted figure for expenditure is **£125,923**. It is our policy to hold 50% of anticipated expenditure in our reserves, which we are able to do this year.

THE FUTURE

In 2024-25 Circuit Assessment will increase to **£61,215** and energy costs are likely to continue at a high level. The forecast shows that the shortfall by the end of the financial year could be at least **£7,500**.

Whilst the Reserves will cover this, we need to find ways of raising even more funds in the future so that Receipts and Payments will at least break even. A Gift Day is being considered as a way of increasing Voluntary Giving.

DECLARATIONS

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature 

Full name Carolyn Lawrance

Position Chair

Date 15.3.25.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Cheshire South Methodist Circuit	Circuit no.	11/8
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1173520

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

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Minister:

Rev Carolyn Lawrance

Church Stewards:

Nilda Eyre

Cynthia Kelly

Ann Horsfield

Pauline Sherwin

Treasurer:

Ann Horsfield

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	1	43,848	43,848	41,392
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,977	2,977	1,867
a4	Lettings	2	45,489	45,489	41,536
a5	Other receipts	3	37,020	1,219	31,451
	Foodbank, Lifeline and Wesley Guild			352.93	10,751
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		129,333	1,572	126,998
				130,905 (a7)	

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		56,681	56,681	45,932
b3	Donations	4	3,075	750	7,598
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5	27,616		20,654
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6	34,179		26,467
b6	Foodbank, Wesley Guild, Lifeline			20	21,867
b7	Other payments	7	10,296		4,436
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		131,847	770	126,953
				132,617 (b9)	

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,514)	802	(1,712)	44
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		73,860	2,962	76,822 (c6)	76,778
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	71,346	3,764	75,110	76,822
c4	Transfers and adjustments		300	(300)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	71,646	3,464	75,110 (c8)	76,822 (c6)

SECTION D			£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
	(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		3,297	2,766
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,297	2,766
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	(0)	

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

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Sandbach Foodbank	13,495	11,496	1,999	(20)	7,510	£9,488
e2 Wesley Guild - figures included in main accounts						
e3 Lifeline Debt Advice	1,490	3,706	(2,216)		2,528	313
e4 The Pantry @ Sandbach Hub	28,444	35,078	(6,634)		12,221	5,587
e5 Wheelock Baby and Tots				(887)	887	
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	43,429	50,280	(6,851)	(907)	23,146 e11	15,388 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	130,905 a7)	132,617 (b9)	(1,712)	(c7)	76,822 (c6)	75,110 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	174,334	182,898	(8,563)	(907)	99,968 (x)	90,498 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

NOTE: The opening balance for The Pantry is £279.51 more than the figure quoted in the previous Standard Form of Accounts.

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	4	4
f2 Bank Current Account	6,286	4,592
f3 Bank Deposit Account	1	
f4 Central Finance Board	45,530	70,514
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds - loan to Circuit	25,000	
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	76,822 (c6)	75,110 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	23,146 e11)	15,388 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	99,968 (x)	90,498 (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)	10,499,339	9,323,232
g3 Other Assets - Insurance value of Contents	200,614	207,434
g4 Loan to Circuit - show amount outstanding at year end	25,000	
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 UNITY METHODIST CHURCH No. 11/8

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 Ann Horsfield Date 15.9.24

Name and address of treasurer ANN HORSFIELD
31 Fields Drive Sandbach, Post Code CW11 1YB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 ~~were~~ will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 20.03.25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Carolyn Lawrence

Name of the Chair of the meeting CAROLYN LAWRENCE Date 11.3.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... UNITY METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1173520

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church UNITY METHODIST CHURCH No 11/8

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 *Peter Frank Hutchinson*

Name of independent examiner PETER FRANK HUTCHINSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 11 COOKERYERE LANE

..... SANDBACH CHESHIRE Post Code CW11 1BQ

Date 26.9.2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173520

Accounts



Unity Methodist Church

Registered Charity 1173520

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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UMC is part of Cheshire South Methodist Circuit and is an active member of Churches Together in Sandbach.

UMC has responsibility for three sites and over 120 church members. In January 2022, UMC decided to close permanently its site at Sandbach Heath and it is envisaged that the sale will be completed by the autumn of 2023.

Our other buildings are used by the church or hired out for a wide range of community activities and organisations throughout the week.

Trustees 2022/23:

Jayne Bunn	Ellen Cieka	Timothy Cooke	Nilda Eyre
Karen Foster	Robert Glassonbury	Ann Horsfield	Linda Jones
Katy Lowe	Stephen Parker-Aiken	Alan Pimlott	Pauline Sherwin
Norma Stolworthy	Jeremy Tresise		

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our weekly prayer group continued throughout COVID restrictions to meet on Zoom and this has continued after the ending of lockdown with an appreciably higher number in attendance.

We continue to worship weekly at our Sandbach site together with four "All-Age" services a year with our Uniformed Organisations, and a monthly "Breakfast Church" for young families at our Wheelock site. We have also been holding a new monthly Contemporary Worship Service.

Our Saturday Coffee Mornings are particularly appreciated by those living alone and by members from the local Dementia Friendly Sandbach group. Our two toddler group sessions, Stepping Stones, continue to thrive, under the supervision of our Circuit Children and Family Worker.

In addition, Unity provides a monthly community hot lunch meal at its Wheelock site, which is well received with a variety of other social events provided during the year.

In December 2022 and March 2023 we hosted "Hope Journey" for a local Primary School, explaining the Christmas and Easter stories respectively. Members also took part in the Churches Together in Sandbach outdoor carol service in the town.

The Foodbank continues to operate and is reporting a steady increase in numbers of those being referred. It remains an internal organization of Unity but with support from members of other local churches.

During the course of the past twelve months, a Community Food Pantry based in one of our buildings, The Wesley Centre, became "live" in October 2022 with the aim of supporting local households cope with the increases in the cost of living by offering food and toiletries at substantially reduced rates. This is an internal organisation of Unity Methodist Church and is run by volunteers from Churches Together and those drawn from the local community. It has been a vital source of support to many in the area including a warm space for a chat over a cup of coffee and prayer support when requested. During May and June 2023, we secured funding to run 6 weekly "Cooking on a Budget" sessions which again were well received.

In September 2023 Unity will welcome a new Minister, Revd. Carolyn Lawrance on a 5 year invitation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCE REPORT

The method of accounting used is that of Receipts and Payments and the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts, which is attached to this report, summarises the Receipts and Payments for the year ending **31 August 2023**.

Excluding the Receipts and Payments for the Internal Organisations, the Church Receipts were **£116,247** and Payments amounted to **£105,087**, leaving a surplus of **£11,160**, which is much higher than forecast because during the year we received two welcome legacies totalling **£9,286**. In addition we had net transfers from Foodbank and the Wesley Guild totalling **£1,702**.

Receipts from Offerings are down by **£6,662** on the previous year. However, there have been significant increases in Receipts from Lettings and Fundraising this year – increases of **£9,428** and **£5,919** respectively.

The biggest outgoing was the Circuit Assessment of **£45,932**, which is 25% less than last year. Insurance has been high at **£10,410** because we still have insurance costs for the closed Sandbach Heath building. The total increase for Gas, Electricity and Water was **£4,452**.

Volunteers work hard to look after the premises and to organise fundraising events and it is thanks to their efforts, the two legacies and the reduction in Circuit Assessment that the church's finances have shown a surplus this year.

RESERVES

A Reserves Policy has been prepared. At 31 August 2023 the General Fund was **£53,860** but **£25,000** of this is on loan to the Circuit until December 2023. In addition, designated funds include **£10,000** for a future mission project at New Horizons. Restricted funds total **£2,815** - £566 in the Charity Fund and £2,249 given specifically for projects in the Wheelock community. A draft Budget for 2023/24 has been prepared and the forecasted figure for expenditure is **£118,000**. It is our policy to hold 50% of anticipated expenditure in our reserves.

THE FUTURE

In 2023-24 Circuit Assessment will increase by **£10,749**. Energy costs are likely to continue at a high level and the insurance premium will only be reduced when the property sale has been completed. If this doesn't happen during the next 12 months, the forecasted budget for 2023-2024 shows that we could face a shortfall of around £8,000. Whilst the Reserves will cover this, we need to find ways of raising even more funds in the future so that Receipts and Payments will at least break even.

DECLARATIONS

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature 

Full name Carolyn Lawrance

Position Chair

Date 9.12.23.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Cheshire South Methodist Circuit	Circuit no.	11/8
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1173520

if not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
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Minister:

Jeremy Tresise

Church Stewards:

Nilda Eyre

Cynthia Kelly

Ann Horsfield

Pauline Sherwin

Treasurer:

Ann Horsfield

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	1	41,392	1,055	42,447	51,103
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,867		1,867	233
a4	Lettings	2	41,536		41,536	32,108
a5	Other receipts and Legacies	3	30,396		30,396	17,344
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		115,192	1,055	116,247 (a7)	100,788
SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		45,932		45,932	61,243
b3	Donations	4	6,573	1,025	7,598	15,607
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5	20,654		20,654	17,634
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6	26,467		26,467	19,117
b6						
b7	Other payments	7	4,436		4,436	3,836
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		104,062	1,025	105,087 (b9)	117,437
SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	11,130	30	11,160	-16649
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		61,028	2,784	63,812 (c6)	77,719
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	72,158	2,815	74,972	61,070
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,702		1,702 (c7)	2,742
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	73,860	2,815	76,674 (c8)	63,812 (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			2,766	1,778	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,766	1,778	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID					
	(d1+d2-d3)					

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

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Sandbach Foodbank	7,557	11,455	(3,898)	(1,500)	12,907	7,510
e2 Wesley Guild	569	200	369	(300)	58	127
e3 Lifeline Debt Advice	2,637	3,719	(1,082)		3,611	2,528
e4 The Pantry @ Sandbach Hub	28,742	16,800	11,942			11,942
e5 Wheelock Baby and Tots					887	887
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	39,505	32,174	7,331	(1,800)	17,463 (e11)	22,994 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 1 - totals column)	116,247 (a7)	105,087 (b9)	11,160	1,702 (c7)	63,812 (c6)	76,674 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	155,752	137,261	18,491	(98)	£81,275 (x)	99,668 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	10,477	6,144
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	53,335	45,530
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds - Loan to Circuit		25,000
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	63,812 (c6)	76,674 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	17,463 (e11)	22,994 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	81,275 (x)	99,668 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	9,770,988	10,499,339
g3 Other Assets - Contents (insurance value)	186,965	200,614
g4 Loan to Circuit- amount outstanding at year end		25,000
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: **UNITY METHODIST CHURCH, SANDBACH** No **1173520**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 *John Horsfield* Date *30/9/23*
Name and address of treasurer *31 FIELDS DRIVE*
..... *SANDBACH* Post Code *CW11 1YB*

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *7.12.23*.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *C. A. Lawrence*
Name of the Chair of the meeting *C. A. LAWRENCE* Date *9.12.23*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number **1173520**

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Name of Church: **UNITY METHODIST CHURCH, SANDBACH** No **1173520**

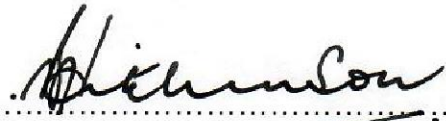
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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner **PETER FRANK HUTCHINSON**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address **11 COOKESHIRE LANE**

..... **SANDBACH, CHES.** Post Code **CW11 1BQ**

Date **30.10.2023.**

* delete or circle as appropriate

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173520

Accounts



Unity Methodist Church

Registered Charity 1173520

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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Trustees 2021/22:

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Regular in-person worship resumed in the summer of 2021 and became a weekly event in September 2021. These include 4 "All-Age" services a year with our Uniformed Organisations, a new monthly Contemporary Worship Service and a monthly "Breakfast Church" for young families.

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In addition, Unity provides a monthly community hot lunch meal at its Wheelock site, which is well received with a variety of other social events provided during the year.

In December 2021 and May 2022, we hosted "Hope Journey" for a local Primary School, explaining the Christmas and Easter stories respectively. Members also took part in the Churches Together in Sandbach outdoor carol service in the town. Unity were also part of the making and delivery of Christmas Teas on Christmas Eve.

The foodbank continues to operate and is reporting a steady increase in numbers of those being referred. It remains an internal organization of Unity but with support from members of other local churches. During the course of the past twelve months, talks also began with a view to starting up a Community Food Pantry based in one of our buildings, The Wesley Centre. In July 2022, this was set up as an internal organisation of Unity and will become "live" in October 2022. Its aim is to support local households cope with the increases in the cost of living by offering food and toiletries at substantially reduced rates.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCE REPORT

The method of accounting used is that of Receipts and Payments and the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts, which is attached to this report, summarises the Receipts and Payments for the year ending **31 August 2022**.

Like most organisations, the church finances suffered during the pandemic lockdowns and restrictions but during this year there has been a gradual improvement. Excluding the Receipts and Payments for the Internal Organisations, the Church Receipts were **£100,788** and Payments amounted to **£117,437**, leaving a shortfall of **£16,649**. This sum was met from reserves.

The biggest outgoing was the Circuit Assessment of **£61,243**. The figure of **£51,103** for Offerings and Tax Recovered was over £9,400 less than the previous year but that is partly due to receiving two years' tax refunds in 2020/21. Lettings of the premises has gradually increased and, although the income is not yet up to pre-pandemic levels, **£32,108** was raised. The figure of **£15,607** for Donations includes donations for the two years – 2020-2022. Also fundraising events have increased during the year and have raised **£11,172**.

Volunteers work hard to look after the premises and to organise fundraising events and it is thanks to their efforts that the church's finances are better than originally forecast.

RESERVES

A Reserves Policy has been prepared. At 31 August 2022 the General Fund was **£50,595** and designated funds include **£10,000** for a future mission project at New Horizons and **£433** for the Christmas Day lunch. Restricted funds total **£2,784** - £535 in the Charity Fund and £2,249 given specifically for projects in the Wheelock community. A draft Budget for 2022/23 has been prepared and the forecasted figure for expenditure is **£106,000**. It is our policy to hold 50% of anticipated expenditure in our reserves.

THE FUTURE

The Circuit has agreed to reduce the Assessment by 25% for one year only, which will be a great help. Energy costs have not yet affected the church and, as the fixed-term gas and electricity contracts end dates are staggered between November 2022 and June 2024, the rise in costs, although significant, will be gradual. The forecasted budget for 2022/23 shows that we should break even, but the concern is that when the Circuit Assessment returns to 100% level in 2023/24 and the energy price rises start to take effect, the church will need to use its reserves, leaving nothing for new mission work.

DECLARATIONS

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature



Full name Jeremy Tresise

Position Chair

Date 11 January 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Cheshire South Methodist	Circuit	Circuit no.	11/8
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1173520

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:

Rev Jeremy Tresise

Church Stewards:

Nilda Eyre

Cynthia Kelly

Ann Horsfield

Pauline Sherwin

Treasurer:

Ann Horsfield

**UNITY METHODIST
CHURCH**

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	1	49,899	1,204	51,103	60,597
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		233		233	53
a4	Lettings	2	32,108		32,108	21,713
a5	Other receipts	3	15,095	2,249	17,344	4,896
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		97,335	3,453	100,788	(a7) 87,259

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		61,243		61,243	61,243
b3	Donations	4	14,675	932	15,607	1,468
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5	17,634		17,634	13,921
b5	ilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6	19,117		19,117	16,015
b6					0	
b7	Other payments	7	3,836		3,836	1,891
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		116,505	932	117,437	(b9) 94,537

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(19,171)	2,522	(16,649)	(7,278)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		77,456	263	77,719	(c6) 82,877
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	58,286	2,784	61,070	75,599
c4	Transfers and adjustments		2,742		2,742	(c7) 2,120
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	61,028	2,784	63,812	(c8) 77,719 (c6)

SECTION D			£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,778	150
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,778	150
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0	0

UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

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 2022 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 Sandbach Foodbank	1,872	8,711	(6,839)	(1,200)	20,947	12,907
e2 Wesley Guild	630	580	50	0	8	58
e3 Lifeline Debt Advice	1,600	977	623		2,988	3,611
e4 Bowling Club	0		0	(273)	273	0
e5 Ladies Circle	0		0	(1,542)	1,542	0
e6 Mums and Tots	496	353	143		743	887
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,599	10,622	(6,023)	(3,015)	26,501 (e11)	17,463 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page - totals column)	100,788 (a7)	117,437 (b9)	(16,649)	2,742 (c7)	77,719 (c6)	63,812 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	105,387	128,059	(22,672)	(274)	104,220.53 (x)	81,275 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	2	0
f2 Bank Current Account	10,380	10,477
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	67,336	53,335
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	77,719 (c6)	63,812 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	26,501 (e11)	17,463 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	104,221 (x)	81,275 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	8,934,850	9,770,988
g3 Other Assets - Contents (Insurance Value)	201,815	186,965
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 **UNITY METHODIST** No 11/8

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 *An Horsfield* Date *30/9/22*

Name and address of treasurer *MRS. A. HORSFIELD*

..... *31 FIELDS DRIVE, SANDRACH,* Post Code *CW11 1YB*

Representation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *12.01.23*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Jeremy Trejise*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *JEREMY TREJISE* Date *12-1-23*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Unity Methodist Church

Charity Number 1173520

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Unity Methodist Church** for the year ended **31 August 2022** 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church **UNITY METHODIST CHURCH** No 1173520

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.

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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.

Signature of independent examiner *Peter Frank Hitchcock*

Name of independent examiner *PETER FRANK HITCHCOCK*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *11 COOKESYERE LANE*

..... *SANDS BATH* Post Code *CW11 1BQ*

Date *29.12.22*

* delete or circle as appropriate

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UNITY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173520

Accounts

Unity Methodist Church

Charity number: 1173520

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

1. STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Unity Methodist Church is part of the 'Methodist Church of Great Britain' whose status as a charity has historically been derived from the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. We are connected to Cheshire South Methodist Circuit which itself is part of the Chester & Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District.

We operate in the administrative unitary authority area of Cheshire East.

Our constitutional practices can be found in

www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd

As a Methodist Society we are accountable to Circuit, District and Connexion and are required to comply with regulations laid down in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, which is updated annually. As a Society we make decisions at Church Council meetings of which we are required to hold at least two per year and more as and when required by the local situations. Voting members of Church Council must be members of The Methodist Church of Great Britain and trustees of Unity Methodist Church. The Church Council is supported by a number of sub-committees responsible for such things as finance, property, stewards, pastoral care.

Risk management - the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified and mitigating actions are being developed. Appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and financial error.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act having due regard to public benefit as per guidance published by the Charity Commission.

2. OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

On September 1st 2020, Unity Methodist Church (UMC), based in Sandbach formally came into being.

UMC was formed with the merging of three Methodist Churches, Sandbach, Wheelock and Sandbach Heath Methodist Churches following the approval of their three Church Councils (as Trustee Bodies) in January and February 2020.

UMC Church Council became the new Trustee Body and continued to meet monthly on Zoom. It has responsibility for three sites and nearly 200 church members.

As the country was still in a period of restrictions due to the COVID pandemic, all meetings and most acts of worship continued online with weekly worship services uploaded on the audio distribution platform, SoundCloud and a fortnightly act of worship on Zoom. Our weekly prayer group continued to meet on Zoom and this has continued after the ending of lockdown with an appreciably higher number in attendance.

In-person services (with restrictions) were begun in the autumn of 2020 but were suspended again in December and were only re-introduced in the summer of 2021. Throughout this period of uncertainty, personal contact with church members and those on our pastoral roll was maintained through telephone calls, messaging and outdoor meetings when the weather allowed!

Our popular weekly community coffee mornings were suspended during lockdown and were replaced by a Saturday morning meeting on Zoom. This was particularly appreciated by those living alone and by members from the local Dementia Friendly Sandbach group.

Our toddler group, Stepping Stones resumed in early 2021, working under an approved Risk Assessment with pre-booking required and a restriction in numbers, under the supervision of our Circuit Children and Family Worker. Our C&FW also scripted and filmed a "virtual" Nativity Story with church members filmed separately in costume, telling their story. These interviews were then edited and sent to local primary schools in the run-up to Christmas. Two local Primary Schools also received a follow up "visit" on Zoom from some of the characters in the story.

By August 2021, we were pleased to be able to hold our annual Holiday Club in-person.

Members also contributed to the recording of a Churches Together in Sandbach YouTube Carol Service and a "drive-in" carol service in the town centre. Unity were also part of the making and delivery of Christmas Teas on Christmas Eve.

The foodbank continued to operate throughout lockdown with a steady increase in numbers of those being referred. It remains an internal organization of Unity. In January and February, Unity's Justice and Peace Group hosted 3 discussion sessions on Zoom on the subject of Racial Justice. For these sessions we were glad to be joined by members from the local Black Lives Matter Group, members from other churches who had experienced first-hand racial injustice and prejudice. For our final session we were pleased to be led by Rev. Anthony Reddie, a Methodist theologian and author, and an expert in this field.

Under testing circumstances, the life of the church continued albeit under the restrictions in place at the time.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

5.1 Financial Report

The forced closure of the church building and other government guidance relating to Covid19 restrictions has inevitably affected both regular income and expenditure throughout the financial year in which this review applies.

Total receipts in the year amounted to £89,379 and total payments amounted to £94,537. The main sources of income were regular giving with tax recovery (£56,112), room lettings (£14,713), preschool lease (£7,000), and other donations etc (£8,267). The main outgoings were, the contribution to circuit assessment (£61,243), utility costs (£12,102), employment costs (£7,672), building maintenance (£6,131) and insurance (£3913). Two Trust funds, total value £1,120 were closed during the year and proceeds transferred to the General Fund to meet general costs.

5.2 Accounts (incorporated into pdf)

5.3 Report on Assets & Liabilities (incorporated into pdf)

5.4 Independent examiners report (incorporated into pdf)

6. RESERVES POLICY

The reserves policy for 2022/2023 is to ideally hold £63,000 in readily available funds in the General Fund (unrestricted). This is sufficient to meet typical general expenditure for a normal period of six months, based on pre-Covid evidence.

Our restricted funds are generally derived from collections and events advertised as for other charities. This type of income is normally paid out in the same financial year. There was very little activity to raise funds during the year due to Covid.

Financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2021 (first year following merger)

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account (Unrestricted)

A RECEIPTS

1 Voluntary receipts

Regular Giving

Cash	£3,289.30	
Envelopes	£7,244.50	
Standing Orders	£24,815.00	
Regular donations	£3,184.01	
Income Tax recovered	£17,579.12	£56,111.93

Other voluntary receipts

Donations	£3,616.35	
Internal organisation's donations	£600.00	£4,216.35

2 Receipts from activities for generating funds

Fund raising for church funds		£845.37
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2a Legacies

3 Receipts from Investments **£50.62**

4 Receipts from trading activities

Room lettings	£14,713.00	
Pre school lease and additional costs	£7,000.00	£21,713.00

5 other income

Funeral fees etc	£300.00	
Grants	£560.95	
Miscellaneous	£3,189.90	£4,050.85

Total receipts **£86,988.12**

B PAYMENTS

1 Principle payments for church activities

Circuit Assessment	£61,243.20
Donations	£1,317.50
wages and associated costs	£7,671.56
Premises repairs/maintenance/fire	£6,131.13
Other cleaning costs	£118.09
Utilities	£12,101.87
insurance	£3,912.76
Telephone and broadband	£237.58
Licences	£593.20
Office costs	£285.97
fundraising costs/catering	£120.33
Young people and family work	£389.26
Other costs	£262.18

Total payments **£94,384.63**

Restricted funds receipts and payments	opening balance	receipts	payments	closing balance
Church Charity Fund	£143.85	£268.98	£150.00	£262.83
Total of restricted funds	£143.85	£268.98	£150.00	£262.83

Account analysis	opening balance	receipts	payments	closing balance
Unrestricted Funds	£82,733.34	£86,988.12	£94,384.63	£75,336.83
Restricted Funds	£143.85	£268.98	£150.00	£262.83
Closure of TMCP Trust Fund		£1,120.00		£1,120.00
TMCP transactions on closure (unrestricted)		£1.88	£2.24	-£0.36
Internal transfer from Foodbank for use of facilities (unrestricted)		£1,000.00		£1,000.00
total	£82,877.19	£89,378.98	£94,536.87	£77,719.30

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st August 2021

Monetary assets

cash in hand	£2.47	
current bank accounts	£10,380.44	
Church CFB account	£67,336.39	
total	£77,719.30	£77,719.30
less included unpresented cheques	£4,380.00	
income received and not yet banked	£688.20	
less monies received for charities and not yet distributed	£0.00	
	-£3,691.80	£74,027.50

Assets, buildings and land (insurance value)	£8,934,850
Contents (insurance value)	£201,815

Internal organisations with separate funds

	starting balance	receipts	payments	closing balance
Sandbach Foodbank	£13,720.00	£13,668.19	£6,441.41	£20,946.78
Lifeline Debt Advice	£2,803.09	£8,270.00	£8,085.14	£2,987.95
Wesley Guild	£7.79	£0.00	£0.00	£7.79
Bowling club	£872.26	£1.06	£600.00	£273.32
Ladies Circle	£1,542.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,542.00
Mums & Tots (NH)	£743.39	£0.00	£0.00	£743.39
total	£19,688.53	£21,939.25	£15,126.55	£26,501.23

signed 

DJ Priaux (treasurer)

signed 

Revd. Jeremy Tresise, (Chair of Church Council)

Date 23/6/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Unity Methodist Church

This Report relates to the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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 the examiners responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act),
- to state whether particular matters have come to his/her attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all 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 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;

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

have not been met or:

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB")

Name *KATHLEEN E WHARTON*

Signature *K E Wharton*

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address *5 Lloyd Jones Road, CW1 5AE*

Date *13 January 2022*

7. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

7.1 Appointments in the 2020/21 financial year

Minister and Chair of Trustees: Reverend Jeremy Tresise

Treasurer: David Priaulx, Finance Steward: Ann Horsfield

Trustees: Timothy Cooke, Linda Jones, Karen Foster, Robert Glassonbury, Ann Horsfield, Stephen Parker-Aiken, Isobel Brislen, Nilda Eyre, Jayne Bunn, Katy Lowe, Alan Pimlott, Pauline Sherwin, David Wharton (deceased May 2021)

In addition to the Trustees, many volunteers provide support to the running of the charity in various roles.

More details about our church can be found on our web site and Facebook page.

Website: www.unitymethodistchurchsandbach.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UnityMethodistChurchSandbach>

7.2 Principal address for Correspondence

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7.3 Independent examiner

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7.4 Bankers

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