

Ruxley Church



Annual Report

May 2025

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

Minister's Report

Huge thanks to each and every one of the church family, those who are new and still searching in their hearts whether it is the right place for them and to all who have been around for years.

I want to thank all who serve in various committees/groups of the church, whether in leadership role or part of the group to make it work. Your contribution to the direction of travel for this church is vital.

Last but not the least, I want to thank Maria, for keeping the premises clean, to Jenny for running the office, administratively for the church, to the leadership team who are so supportive and have never made me feel as though I am on my own and to the church trustees – the ECC, thank you.

We have an incredible God who continue to work among us, such that each year we have so much to share and celebrate. This is truly a sign of growth and productivity.

We give God thanks for taking us out of vacancy and to have Rev Alex Stevens appointed to this church. We look forward to her licensing service on the 10th of June and I look forward to her colleagueship.

Since the last annual general meeting, God called to eternal home, Judith Roberts on 19th September 2024. Sadly, also, Keith, who had been coming to visit recently with his wife in the last couple of months passed away on Saturday 22nd March. May they Rest in Peace.

Once again, Thursday Morning Prayers continue to be on zoom and proven to be one of the best decisions made. Some members of Stoneleigh Methodist Church continue to join in and it's so encouraging to have a good consistent number of participants weekly.

I want to exceptionally praise our young peoples' leaders and thank the Lord for increase in our young people's ministry. Please speak to Louise, Pauline or me if you want to explore on becoming a leader.

We remain confident and hopeful that the Spirit of God will continue to guide and bless us as individuals and as a church.

I want to finish with the words of Charles Wesley's hymn (MHB 80 verse 1), "Thee will I praise with all my heart. And tell mankind how good thou art. How marvellous thy works of grace. Thy name, I will in songs record. And joy and glory in my Lord. Extolled above all thanks and praise".

Every blessing,

Rev Emma Cusack

Leadership Team Report

‘An inclusive worshipping community, united in Christ, serving others’

Another busy year for the Leadership Team, whose members meet every month or so to discuss matters relating to our vision, core priority areas and governance. We also held one-item-agenda meetings in September and March to update the core priorities of our Mission Action Plan (MAP). We are grateful for the sterling contributions made by Jacky Panter, Val Proctor and Sheron Msiska who stood down at the last AGM, and also to Julia Searle who has served as steward this year along with Rev. Emma Cusack, Sue Grasby (Senior Steward), Treasurer Chris Meineck and Paulette Withycombe (Churchwarden). There is still a further vacancy for Churchwarden. We look forward to welcoming Revd Alex Stevens onto Leadership when she takes up her ministry here on 10th June.

Core Priority: Developing the spiritual life of the church family

Highlights

- Growth in numbers even during our vacancy
- Updating of our Parish Profile and a conclusion to the vacancy
- A good response to the Circuit Review
- Having the Scouts back at Remembrance and St George’s Day services
- A joyful Church Anniversary Service with erstwhile vicar Canon Stuart Thomas and Heather Thomas. New Chair of District Rev Dr Jonathan Dean will be our guest in 2026
- Small Group Lent studies using the course *Let Justice Flow* based on the book of Amos

Work in progress

- Continuing quarterly *Church Conversations*
- Stewardship
- Confirmation Course

We give thanks for

- The variety of our worship and music
- The support of those who resource our worship in a variety of ways
- The wonderful support given to us by Rev. Chris Morley and clergy brothers and sisters from the Circuit and Diocese

The Leadership Team continues to liaise closely with the Worship and Spiritual Development Group

Core Priority: Engaging with children 0-11 and their families

Highlights

- Young people's BBQ

- Youth leaders training morning
- The weekend away for our young people in November with a good range of ages involved, to be run again in September 2025 to accommodate those studying at university
- Having the Riverview Choir back for our Christingle Service
- Quiz Night Fundraiser (arranged for Saturday 12th April)

Work in progress

- Toddler Group links
- Relationship with Riverview School

We give thanks for

- Louise Quaife, Pauline Heycock and the team for their outstanding ministry and care

Core Priority: Building relationships with the local community

Highlights

- Ongoing relations with Appleby House
- Launching of EcoChurch in February. Jenny, Chris and Paulette have met with Diocesan Net Zero Project and Engagement Lead Martin Carr
- Arrangements to support a member of the community to recommence attendance
- Three charity concerts
- A wonderful International Weekend to be repeated in 2025 over 14th - 15th June

Work in progress

- Communications in general
- Identifying new opportunities for engagement with our hirers
- Links with the Korean Church

We give thanks for

- Our diverse community

In other news

- A contactless payment device has been introduced
- Epsom Deanery Parish Needs Process (PNP) has begun and the date of 18th June has been set for the Archdeacon's Visitation
- We are so grateful to the Premises Team, who work tirelessly to keep our building safe and maintained
- Grateful thanks are also due to Malcolm Withycombe, who has updated our wifi arrangements and is migrating our IT systems across to Microsoft Office 365

- Thanks are due to Dave Searle, who has updated the Ruxley website

Members of the Leadership Team are always happy to hear your ideas and suggestions.
Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.

Rev. Emma Cusack
Paulette Withycombe (Churchwarden)
Sue Grasby (Senior Steward)
Julia Searle (Steward)
Chris Meineck (Treasurer)

Ecumenical Church Council

Scheduled meetings were held in September, January and March.

The ECC consists of 20 lay members plus Rev Emma Cusack, as well as Superintendent Rev Paul Timmis. We are most grateful to Paulette Withycombe who has served as churchwarden and Chris Meineck who has served as Treasurer this year.

At each meeting Chris presents a Finance report – his annual report appears elsewhere as do the many other reports we receive at each meeting.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance and we take very seriously our aim to be *an inclusive worshipping community united in Christ, serving others*. We would like to thank Judy Quaife who continues as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and who, along with Marion Parsons and Valerie Bradfield, has ensured that our church is a safe place for all who attend. Judy sends a report on safeguarding to every meeting.

A number of risk assessments and role descriptions have been considered by EEC and have been approved, often after alterations. These include approval for the Walton Firs Trip, continued use of the premises for the Korean Church and various matters to do with premises and safety.

We have had a report on the vacancy at every meeting.

The ECC retains its links with Riverview School and a full report can be found elsewhere.

Along with the Leadership Team, the ECC ensures that our Mission Action Plan priorities continue to be met. They are worship and spirituality, work with children aged 0 to 11 and their families and links with the community.

None of this of course is possible without God's gracious provision. Please continue to pray for the work of the ECC and all its members as we seek to be true to our calling to serve Christ in this community.

Hugh Proctor, ECC Secretary

Deanery Synod

Epsom Deanery Synod meets three times a year and consists of clergy and laity representing each parish. Ruxley is entitled to two lay representatives, currently Valerie Bradfield and Diana Pinchin. Meetings are held at different churches. Each meeting includes: an introduction to that church, perhaps with details of their current plans or hopes; updates on clergy moves, vacancies etc; news passed down from Diocesan Synod; plus a main topic, usually with a speaker and/or discussion groups.

5th June 2024 at St Mary's Ewell. The main item of business was looking at Children and Youth work. This included a presentation from Alastair Etheridge, Mission Enabler - Youth, who introduced the new diocesan strategy on children and youth, which is currently being rolled out. It was interesting to note that there is outreach work happening in the Diocesan secondary schools and also one state school within the Diocese. Two paid youth workers were interviewed about their work and mentioned both the challenges and rewards which came from this.

10th October 2024 at St. Mark's Tattenham Corner. Guest speakers were Keith Malcouronne, Chair of the House of Laity at Diocesan Synod and Matt Ineson, the new Mission Enabler Team Lead. The main item of the evening was Taking Forward Issues Raised at Church Growth Conference.

Parish Needs Process. (PNP) - Epsom Deanery began its second cycle in 2025. The strategy day was in January at St Martin's, Epsom, where the key focus was Discipleship, the first priority of 'Transforming Church, Transforming Lives'.

14th January 2025 at St Pauls Howell Hill. This was an open meeting, with various speakers from across the diocese, focusing on Finance. Over 60 people attended, including several from Ruxley Church, and about 40 others from across the Diocese watched the live stream. Topics included were:

Funding your parish in 2025 – Revd. David Senior, Diocesan Mission Enabler for Stewardship and Evangelism

Revenue for Capital appeals - Emma Broker

Net Carbon Zero Fundraising – Alison Moulden, Diocesan Environment Officer

Top Tips for writing bids - Geoff Andrews, Diocesan Strategic Programs Advisor

Cornerstone - Will Porter, The Kindness of Strangers (the contractors building Cornerstone)

This is a free online funding resource for parishes, commissioned and funded by the national church. The evening included a sneak preview since it is still under development. Guildford Diocese is to be one of the first dioceses in the country to receive free access to Cornerstone.

The next Epsom Deanery Synod meeting will be on 21st May at All Saints Banstead, looking at How we reach the middle-aged.

Valerie Bradfield

Ruxley Church Safeguarding

Fortunately, during the last year there have not been any serious safeguarding incidents and any concerns where support and advice have been needed have been dealt with promptly.

Where an issue had to be dealt with, our processes worked satisfactorily and as a church it reinforced that we are generally following safe and correct practice and procedures here at Ruxley.

Work on outstanding items relating to the Church Safeguarding Dashboard is ongoing and I would like to express my thanks to all those who have completed tasks related to this, particularly Louise in relation to the young people's groups.

I would also like to thank our Church Warden, Paulette, for her help and support.

Valerie Bradfield continues with the challenging task of overseeing the training and updating the log, which is kept centrally and securely on the church's cloud-based system. Marion Parsons continues to do sterling work, ensuring all the appropriate members who work in any way for our church have the correct and up-to-date Disclosure & Barring Services (DBS) check in place.

I am most grateful for the work they do; I could not do the job without them.

Sadly, the Church of England, along with other established churches, has had a number of issues recently with historic Safeguarding failures widely reported in the media. This means it is even more important that we ensure our own procedures are as robust as possible.

Therefore, we continue with our commitment to being a safe environment for all who belong to our church or use our building. We strive to be a place where the church community are able to feel safe and are aware that there are structures in place should an issue arise.

The whole community has a part to play in living out this commitment so please do take the opportunities offered by safeguarding training to understand the needs of those who are vulnerable or at risk. And if you have, or hear of, anything that concerns you, please speak to or contact myself, Emma, our Churchwarden or Church stewards. The church officers are well-trained to support those in need or have appropriate contacts to which they can signpost people, so that they can receive more specialist guidance.

Remember your concern might be the piece of the jigsaw that brings to light something that needs to be addressed.

Judy Quaife

Premises Team

Since the last AGM, the following has been done, in no particular order:

- The Main Hall ceiling was treated and repainted following water damage.
- The 2nd solar inverter was replaced.
- Upsher Heating have carried out various jobs on the heating system through the year.
- In June/July/August three companies came in to advise and quote on replacing our two broken projectors, and now in March we have new projectors, camera, and stream deck to operate the camera with ease. A great deal of work went on in the background to work out what we needed and would operate well with our existing audio visual equipment.
- Our Gardening Party group had several big clear up sessions at the Minister's House garden, in addition to maintaining the church gardens.
- Summer maintenance was carried out as usual (external companies).
- A small team painted the Main Hall, Small Hall and Meeting Room walls and woodwork through summer, and we held several working parties doing a variety of jobs.
- The Dishwasher was serviced.
- In November, December and February lots of existing lights (bulbs and panels) were changed over to LED bulbs and panels. A Quick Wins grant was achieved to help with the more difficult jobs of changing the Main Hall and external lighting to LED. Quotes have been obtained. Work still to do.
- In November we were able to use the Front Door automatic opening system again. For the moment this is just used for Sunday mornings and Friendship Club sessions.
- The Preschool paved area and rear part of the car park have had large areas of paving re-laid.
- The Hearing Loop in the Main Hall has been sorted out with a temporary solution – more work is needed.
- The Fire Alarm panel needed to be completely replaced.
- The downstairs Disabled toilet alarm is about to be replaced.

Help with smaller tasks would always be appreciated. Our own team carries out many of the regular maintenance tasks. Major repairs/maintenance are carried out by outside companies.

ECO initiatives

- Lighting is being changed to LED lighting – as mentioned above.
- An LED Project was launched to encourage people to 'buy an Led bulb or panel'. The hope was to offset the costs already incurred and to raise awareness of ways the church can reduce carbon emissions.
- More work has been going on behind the scenes towards increasing the number of solar panels we have on the roof.

- We signed up for Rocha Eco Church Awards. A small team of people needs to be established to continue this.

Quinquennial inspection 2023: *Further info needs to be written up.*

It has been highlighted from the 2018 and 2023 quinquennial that we need to sort out cracks in the road surface of Merchant Close. Advice is being sought. We have also had an initial meeting with the management company of Swallow and Dove flats, because we need to get a sensible arrangement in writing, with them, to share costs of such maintenance.

Community Users

- The Preschool had their Ofsted inspection and received Outstanding again.
- The 1st Ruxley Sea Scouts have still been with us whilst they wait for work on their hut to be completed.
- We were a Polling Station.
- A new exercise group has started, and a further one is due to start soon.

Our weekend users continue to enjoy being here, many are repeat bookers, and they appreciate the cleanliness of our facilities.

Unlocking and Locking

We urgently need more volunteers to help with this.

All our adhoc hirers at the weekend need someone to come and unlock and greet them, and to show them around; and then the same person/pair to come back at the end to check the premises and lock up. At the moment this is mostly Chris and I every weekend.

Ultimately, if we can't get more volunteers for the weekend hires, they will cease and there will be a significant drop in income to the church.

I would like to give many thanks to the wonderful team who help in so many ways: Robin W, Chris M, Brian C, Steve K and Derek E. This year we have been greatly enhanced by the efforts of Malcolm and Dave with regard to the new Projectors and Camera, and the Hearing Loop.

Jenny Meineck

Communications

Publicity

I do the following:

- Occasional Facebook posts. Additional material from others would help greatly. To
- build up a regular audience this needs to be done weekly.
- Use Canva to make flyers and signs e.g. for various church events/services/activities.
- Update all noticeboards internal and external, along with the Café table signs.

- Provide news for the Weekly Sheet
- Update several pages on the Ruxley Church website
- Will send items to the local 'Ewell and Stoneleigh Connection' magazine: Community Corner if given the information at the right time e.g. 2 months ahead.

Although many church members may not engage with some of these channels or social media, we have to consider what we present to the outside world and how we engage with the local community.

Thanks to those who are producing posters from time to time, Anne for doing the weekly copying/printing of Service Sheet and Weekly News, and for Matthew producing the Weekly Sheet.

Jenny Meineck

Website

During the year, the website has had a major makeover with new styling and more logical arrangement of its contents.

It continues to be regularly updated with service details and other events, and the latest newsletters. If you would like an event publicised on it then please let me know.

Dave Searle

SPIRITUALITY

Worship and Spiritual Development Group

The Worship and Spiritual Development Group consists of Rev. Emma Cusack as well as Gill Edwards, Barbara Meineck, Diana Pinchin, Judy Quaife and Paulette Withycombe, all of whom are accredited Leaders of Worship and contribute much to the worshipping life of our church. Over the course of our meetings this year we have continued to prayerfully consider how best to resource the spiritual needs of our worshipping community, as enshrined in the Mission Action Plan and Vision Statement. Our Core Priority for Worship was updated in March 2025.

The majority of the group's remit continues to be the planning and reviewing of services throughout the year, although much time has also been expended on the refresh of the Parish Profile and the Circuit Review. We are very grateful indeed to our ministerial friends and colleagues, and at this point when we are about to welcome Revd. Alex Stevens as our new vicar, we pass them our best wishes and many thanks for their wonderful support: Revs Paul Timmis, Ken Hobbs, Jon Prior, Laura Cockram, Sue Ayling, Judith Mitchell, Esther Hunt, as well as Area Dean Canon Rosemary Donovan and

Archdeacon Ven. Martin Breadmore, as well as Circuit Local Preachers. Special mention of course goes to our friend Rev. Chris Morley, who celebrated the 50th anniversary his ordination at Petertide. We would also like to give a special mention to Judy Quaife, who organises our Together@10 services so well.

We have authorised reintroduction of the chalice at communion, as well as offering bags and a contactless machine to promote good stewardship. An extra rail at the side of the dais has been installed.

We marked the seasons throughout the year with some uplifting services. It has been good to welcome the 1st Ruxley Scouts back for Remembrance and St George's Day, and the Riverview Choir for Christingle Service. We shared memories of loved ones with members of the community at the Memorial Service. We celebrated our relationship with Sudbury School in Ghana with Stoneleigh Methodist Church at a shared service. We are grateful to Hugh and the Community Choir for their contributions at Easter and Christmas. We celebrated our Church Anniversary this year with a wonderful service led by Canon Stuart Thomas, who for many years was our Anglican incumbent. We also launched EcoChurch at Ruxley on 9th February we will be looking at ways to promote this initiative in our worship.

We were delighted that a group of our young people were admitted to communion having completed their preparation. We wish them well for their next weekend away, planned for September.

As I write this we are journeying through Lent using *Let Justice Flow* and have planned services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. In May we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Ruxley Methodist Church. We are greatly looking forward to a busy week in June when Rev. Alex Stevens will be licensed on 10th and the International Weekend follows on 14th - 15th June.

We continue to benefit hugely from those who resource our worship, especially Louise Quaife and our brilliant team of Young People's Leaders, as well as Worship Co-ordinators, Welcomers, Communion Assistants, Sacristans, Readers, Intercessors, Musicians, Flower Arrangers, Publicity Producers, Audio-Visual and PowerPoint wizards and those who provide that vital hospitality. However we reserve our most grateful thanks for our wonderful and tireless minister Emma, who continues to inspire and encourage us. Thanks be to God.

Paulette Withycombe, Convenor

Baptisms

Over the last year 4 children were baptised at Ruxley Church. Baptisms take place during morning services and we ask the person or the child's parents to attend church for several weeks before the baptism.

Beverley Rowlands

Prayer Chain

As always the prayer chain has been busy over the last year. There are 16 members who regularly pray for those in need of healing or help. Prayer requests can be sent direct to me by email or phone. Alternatively you can use the email address prayerchain@ruxley-church.org.uk which is now given on the church website.

Beverley Rowlands

Small Groups

More than 30 people have continued to meet in small groups throughout the year, exploring a variety of material and enjoying getting to know each other better. During Lent all the groups explored the book of Amos, following material on the theme of Justice. Groups are always happy to welcome new members and if you're interested in joining a group or would just like to know a bit more do have a word with Val or Emma.

Valerie Proctor

Ruxley and Stoneleigh Fusion Group

Our second year has been a time of real enjoyment, we have grown in our knowledge of one another and this has helped us in all our studies, to be open in our discussion and free to enquire and learn together.

Some of the content we have studied are, Romans 8, Advent reflections by Jennifer Rees Larcombe, Lent study on the book of Amos.

Jacky Panter

Pastoral Groups

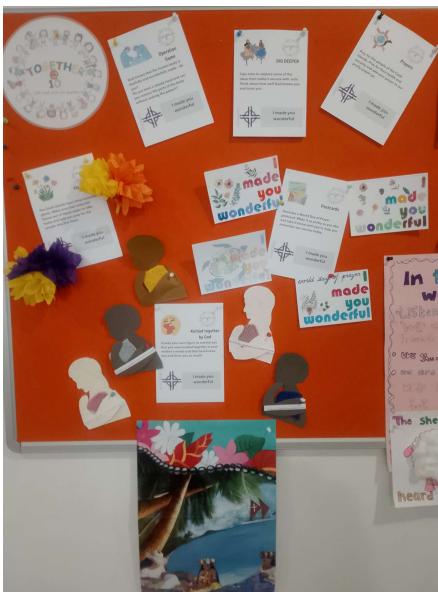
We are delighted that there are now thirteen Pastoral Leaders at Ruxley, with the latest starting last June. At present we have seventy seven people spread over the groups. Each Pastoral Leader promises to pray regularly for the members in their group and notices when someone has been missing for two or three weeks. When that happens the leader will aim to make contact through email, a phone call, text message or, in some cases, a visit, aiming to be a supportive friend who can be approached about any concerns and generally share in the joys, sorrows and difficulties that people experience throughout life. The other aspect of their role is in support of the minister/ vicar in the pastoral life of the church passing on any worries or concerns when they feel that someone would benefit from a visit. As Pastoral Leaders we all feel that this is a privilege to undertake the role and see it as playing our part in the ministry of the church.

Sue Grasby - Pastoral Secretary

Together@10

We have continued to offer our all age, messy church inspired, service on the second Sunday of most months; with a break for August and November/Remembrance. We have explored a number of themes over the last year, including Harvest, New Beginnings and The BBQ on the Beach, which did indeed include a barbecue, organised by Paula and our young people. We were also treated to a service created and led by our Fish Club members, Belonging to God in Bread and Wine.

As well as our act of worship, we offer a range of activities to stretch and challenge our creativity and worshipful responses, including craft, prayer, games and digging deeper discussions. My thanks go to all those who have led these discussions each month, your help is invaluable.



The congregation's creativity is celebrated each week in the display on our T@10 notice board. Recently we used the material from the 2025 World Day of Prayer by the women of the Cook Islands which was much appreciated by many and resulted in a splendid display.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions and have made a number of changes to the format over time as a result of thoughtful recommendations.

These services would not happen without the help and support of many and I would like to particularly thank Louise, for her unstinting help, Jennie for all the Canva signs, Paulette and Emmaus for the music and Sue for all the yummy baking but most of all our lovely congregation for your enthusiasm and willingness to take part. I couldn't do it without you.

Judy Quaife

Emmaus and Music Report



The combined talents of Gill, Val, Lesley, Judy, Robin, Hugh, Dave, Malcolm and Paulette have continued to provide musical accompaniment for worship for almost every Sunday in the year, and we are very grateful for their ongoing commitment. A special thank you must go to Val for her

wonderful support over many years, which is ongoing currently from the congregation side.

We draw on an enormous range of repertoire in various styles from Abba (Father) to Zacchaeus, drawing on material from at least 10 hymn books. We continue as always to be most thankful for Emma and Chris and for our visitors who lead worship on an occasional basis, as well as to the wider congregation for their support and wonderful singing.

Grateful thanks must also go to the Tech Team, especially Dave S, Malcolm, Brian, Chris, Jenny, Derek, Josh and Dave B, for looking after (and occasionally wrestling with!) the audio-visual aspects of the service. We look forward to the installation of the new projectors at the end of March.

Paulette Withycombe

Children and Young People

Catalyst

Fish Club

Louise Quaife

EEL'S (Ewell Ecumenical Ladies)

Although now small in numbers, EEL's still has six ladies from five different churches who meet approx.. once a month to pray for our churches, our community and other issues on our hearts. We still greatly value the times we share and the support we give one another. For more information, with details of dates and venues, please see myself or Yvonne Feast.

Pam Eade

Tuesday Evening Prayers

We are a group who meet in the chapel most Tuesday evenings at 7.45 for approx 1 hour of informal prayer. There are usually only five of us now, but we are always thrilled when extra people join us, even if it's just occasionally. We pray for anything that God puts on our hearts - our friends and family, our church family and hirers, our local community and world issues. Anyone is always most welcome – maybe you might just like to come and sit and be.

For more information see Pam, Jacky, Pauline, Yvonne or Jen.

Pam Eade

Church Flowers

Church flowers are arranged every week of the year, and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the fund to make this possible. As well as the usual celebrations throughout the year, you may like to remember a special person or anniversary and where possible we can fit this in. Many thanks for all your generosity, for without your help we would not be able to enjoy the beauty of the flowers that brighten up the church.

Sheila Stracy

ENGAGING WITH 0-11 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR PARENTS

Riverview School

Riverview has two governors appointed by ECC who are myself and Martin Bridger. Martin's role is to act as liaison between the church and the school. Various school events have been held at Ruxley, including a well-received visit to the Christingle by their choir. These events have been much enjoyed as have informal visits. Riverview is very grateful to members who actively support and, in particular, Emma for her input, perforce limited by her duties elsewhere; they are delighted to hear about Alex's imminent arrival. My role is more to do with supporting the school in fulfilling its statutory requirements and ensuring that learning and consequent progress remain at the core of their thinking. Discussions are ongoing about federating with St. Giles' C of E School in Ashted. If this goes ahead it will be of equal benefit to both schools but will have no effect on Riverview's relationship with Ruxley.

Hugh Proctor

Baby & Toddlers

Donna Jones

International Weekend 2024

At last! We were able to celebrate all the members of our congregation in a special weekend in June 2024. This was something we had dreamed of doing especially as we recognised that we had members representing 19 different nationalities.

We had planned for a big social evening on the Saturday with a focus on food of course! The hall was decorated, and food was set out in one of the small halls. We were able to sample dishes from many parts of the world, all generously provided by the church members. We hoped for around a 100 people to come but, including children and young people, we had approximately 120. The atmosphere was amazing, and we had

entertainment of steel drums plus 'in-house' entertainment representing different cultures from our diverse members, many dressed in national costumes.



The church was festooned with national flags from the 19 countries, these having been paraded to the front by members who presented them to Rev Emma. There were also flags around the whole worship area. The celebratory service was very well

attended, and the church and part of the outer worship area were full.

The whole weekend was such a joyful time of celebration and thanks must go to those volunteers who were on the planning group, ensuring that everything had been thought of to make the event a success.

Already the original planning group has been meeting to plan this year's event and, once again, the enthusiasm is contagious.

It is hoped that this will become a regular event on the Ruxley calendar as we have so much to celebrate when we come together and share stories and talents.

If you weren't able to join in last year, then please do your best to come this time on the weekend of the 14th and 15th June - you won't be disappointed.

Sue Grasby

.Community engagement

Badminton Club

The badminton club has continued to do well this year. We have around 15 members, but not all are available to play every week. Recently we decided to start at 6.30 instead of 7.00 to give extra time for everyone to have enough games. Our aim as always is to get some exercise whilst having fun. Towards the end of the evening, we often play a three a side version with home made rules!

Julia Searle

Coffee Morning

Another successful year for our coffee mornings. We continue to welcome church members and friends from the wider community to our coffee area each week.

From our profits we have been able to contribute to church funds, and have supported the following:

Epsom Refugee network

Our church youth group

Maggies Cancer Care

Crisis

Faithful Child Protection Foundation

Church flowers

In September we held a coffee morning on behalf of MacMillan and raised £480, and we held a Christmas raffle for them too.

Once again I must thank our volunteers who give up their time, but the atmosphere and buzz of conversation in the coffee area each week makes the work worthwhile.

I feel our team is making a wonderful contribution to the church outreach and hope we can continue to do so.

Marion Parsons

Ewell Floral Art

We are a friendly group who meet on the 2nd Tuesday afternoon of the month from 2pm - 4pm. Our meetings consist of a mixture of workshops, to teach different styles of arrangements and demonstrations by members and Area demonstrators. We enjoy arranging flowers as well as a cup of tea and a chat.

Sheila Stracy

Men's Group

The Men's Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the Hogsmill Tavern. Numbers vary around the fifteen mark and we have a very enjoyable evening engaging in conversation and listening to anecdotes or at least pretending to. The meal is more than acceptable and very inexpensive thanks to those who pluck vouchers out of the air and the patient co-operation of the waitresses. New members will always be made welcome.

Hugh Proctor

Tuesday Friendship Club

We have been blessed with another year of being able to come together and enjoy visits to:

Garson's Farm for lunch and to enjoy the colourful plants and flowers;
The Christmas Meal at Squires Nursery, a full Christmas meal with all the trimmings, they did us proud;
Stoneleigh Methodist to celebrate their Anniversary;
A summer garden party at Anne and Brian's;
also talks and entertainment from Riverview School, Dogs for the Blind, Conquest Art, and Chair Yoga,
In house talks on a trip to Lourdes, Polesden Lacey and music, quizzes and film and lunch days.

All in all a good time for all.

We sadly said goodbye to Margaret Scaff.

The numbers are still 35. During the year 3 moved away, 3 unable to attend, 1 passed away.

It's wonderful that 7 new people have joined us, keeping the number at 35, and we now look forward to another season of laughter together and a Grand Celebration next year for our 60th Anniversary.

Jacky Panter

Ukulele Group

Another splendid year of strumming and singing through a variety of light rock and pop numbers on a Thursday evening for our music group of about 15 members. Following the success of our first 'away' gig in Sutton, we've been asked back again which is always gratifying. We're also providing musical accompaniment for a Ruxley service later this year.

We bid farewell to Val L and Emma this year who have moved away to Devon, and we wish them well in their new setting. We've welcomed Elena, Rosanna and Philippa, so if you are interested in joining them and us, we meet on a Thursday evening at Ruxley Church at about 8.15pm after the regular Emmaus practice. Speak to Paulette or Robin if you are interested or just come along!



Paulette Withycombe

Coffee and Craft

Coffee and craft sessions have proved to be a very successful venture. Numbers range between 10-16. A mixture of Ruxley. Young Mums and friends, have come and enjoyed crafts such as Autumn Leaves, Decorating Christmas Baubles and Mosaics.

Why not come and join us or recommend to your friends. .

Jacky Panter

Food Bank

When Food Bank started some 12 years ago, we hoped that in a few years things would improve, how naïve of us! First came Covid and lockdown, then the financial crisis in 2022, the war in Ukraine and now all our bills are going up all at once and the USA is imposing import tariffs on what we buy from them, things are worse than ever for the poorest people in our country. Every month Food Bank's stocks are lower than the previous month and we are often out of every day products. I'd like to thank Ruxley for allowing us the use of the premises and for the increased donations over Lent (possibly in response to the request in the News Sheet). We are very grateful and hope you keep up your generosity.

Anne Cockram

Ruxley Community Choir

The choir has continued to perform for major events in the Christian calendar as well as at the International Evening. The choir is grateful to the church for funding new music as the need arises. We meet most Wednesdays in the Chapel starting at 7.30. Abilities range from those who can read music and sing in parts to considerably less than that. It is huge fun and we always welcome new people.

Hugh Proctor

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

Ruxley Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Wimbledon Circuit

Circuit no

35/26

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174096

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

XR76413

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Treasurer:

Christopher Meineck

Ruxley Church	Church - Short Form
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
	Note	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS		
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	62,584	49,790
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	5,175	96
a4	Lettings	71,626	66,174
a5	Other receipts includes Legacy	93,130	18,546
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	232,515	134,606
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,755	49,133
b3	Donations	1,953	4,138
b4	Repairs and Maintena includes cleaning	34,107	11,884
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,832	10,783
b6	Other payments	26,102	32,771
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	125,749	108,709
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	106,766	25,897
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	95,767 (c7)	70,163
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	202,533	95,767 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church		
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents	6,650,000	5,910,000
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August	4,659	4,526
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	154,256	22,721
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	43,657	69,016
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	202,572	96,263
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year	(3)	395
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,229	1,279
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,187	1,677
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)	39	(3)

Name of Church Ruxley Church

Circuit number 35/26

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 *Chris Meineck* Date *25/9/23*

Name and address of treasurer Chris Meineck

37 Amberley Gardens, Stoneleigh, Epsom, KT190NQ

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 *25/9/2023*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Emma Cusack*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rev. Emma Cusack* Date *25/9/2023*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... *RUXLEY* Church

Charity Number *1174096*

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *RUXLEY* Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ROYLEY CHURCH No 35/26

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 KA Mallett

Name of independent examiner KEVIN A. MALLETT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) L & F ACCOUNTING LTD

Address 18 THE BROADWAY STONELEIGH

EPSOM SURREY Post Code KT17 2HU

Date 08 / 01 / 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-21

Financial Report for 2024 AGM
(1st Sep 2022 to 31st August 2023)

Please see attached reports.

SOFA 2023

Balance Sheet Separate Funds

Balance Sheet Detailed

General Fund Receipts Payments

Other Funds Receipts Payments

Summary

General Fund Receipts Payments

Profit of £9,217, we are still awaiting an invoice of £6,000 + for repairs to the main hall roof. Also, the Heating maintenance was partially paid and repairs to one of the boilers of £2,500.

Comparing to last year. Overall Voluntary Giving was the same, tax recovered on Gift had has doubled, claim for last tax year and this up to July. Hall hire has increased by £5,000.

Thanks to all who donate to the church.

I have put a notice in the news sheet with bank details.

Expenses have increased by about £20,000 mainly due to increased maintenance costs and the way invoices were received at the end of last year. Electricity has doubled in price.

I have also transferred £10,000 which was some old legacies from General Fund to Mission and Vision Fund.

Parish Share has gone up between 4%

Circuit Assessment has gone up 11%

Other Funds Receipts Payments

We received £86,505 from Richard Watson Legacy at the beginning of the year and it is showing in this year's reports in the **Ricard Watson fund**.

The **Vision & Mission fund** has received all the interest from the CFB account of £5,175, as you aware bank saving interest rates have increased , I have transferred money from HSBC (0% interest) to our CFB account.

There is a new **Tech Equipment Fund** someone kindly gave us a donation which we also got Gift Aid back on it and we purchased a replacement display in the entrance.

Charity Donations

Thursday Coffee

Riding for the disabled	£100
MacMillan Cancer	£260
RNIB	£100
Epsom Riding for the disabled	£100
BHF	£100
Shooting Stars	£100
Riding for the disabled	£100
Flowers	£100
Total	£960

Various Charities and Mission	£1,952
Action for Children	£504.32
All we can (Harvest)	£130
Bishops Community Fund	£212.90
Childrens Society	£122.73
Christian Aid	£1,363
Easter Offering	£172
Methodist Homes	£198
Grand Total	£5,614

This financial year.

Our gas prices have tripled, we were on a low rate prior to energy crisis, they are now about £7,500 year, our electricity contract is about to be renewed and it is about £2,000 less at £5,000 a year.

We are doing/expecting to do quite a lot of additional work on the premises this year. Front door paving, doors and windows maintenance, block paving in the rear car park, electrical check etc.

We are in the process of getting a contactless card reader with a display, this will allow people to make donations on Sunday to the church instead of using cash. It will also allow us to recover gift aid on these donations if requested.

Chris Meineck
Ruxley Church Treasurer

Ruxley Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Fees for weddings and funerals		£1,500.39	£899.00
Bookstall sales to promote objectives		-	£113.00
Church hall lettings - objectives		£71,626.18	£66,174.35
Total Incoming resources from charitable activities		£73,126.57	£67,186.35
Other incoming resources			
Insurance claims		-	£6,266.00
Feed in Tariffs		£1,054.58	£673.47
Total Other incoming resources		£1,054.58	£6,939.47
Voluntary income			
Planned Giving - Bank		£40,906.00	£35,764.50
Planned Giving - Other		-	£210.00
Planned Giving - Envelopes		£447.50	£596.50
Loose plate collections		£1,708.88	£1,615.14
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		£143.21	£1,150.00
Gifts - Gift Aided		£500.00	£4,251.50
Donations appeals etc		£12.00	£1,884.04
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		£12,255.33	£6,144.72
Legacies		-	£5,000.00
Non-recurring one-off grants		£1,843.75	-
Other funds generated		£75.00	£287.00
Social Events		-	£416.15
Photocopy - Income		£1.50	£19.35
Refunds - Energy etc		-	£154.51
Total Voluntary income		£57,893.17	£57,493.41
Activities for generating funds			
Rummage sales etc		-	£47.79
Total Activities for generating funds		-	£47.79
Investment income			
Bank and building society interest		-	£95.74
Total Investment income		-	£95.74
Total Incoming resources		£132,074.32	£131,762.76
Resources used			
Cost of generating funds			
Methodist Ministers' Pension		£1,243.00	£1,145.00
Total Cost of generating funds		£1,243.00	£1,145.00
Charitable activities			
Giving - relief and development agencies		£770.00	£325.00
Home mission		£912.77	£1,040.00
Secular charities		-	£2,140.16
Parish share & Circuit Assessment		£50,755.36	£49,133.00
Salary of Church Administrator		£6,539.69	£6,142.55
Working expenses of incumbent		-	£76.05
GDBF - Inc Fees - Funerals, Bands, Wedding		-	£686.00
Ministers Residence expenses		-	£41.06
Water vicarage		£101.09	£15.03
Education		-	£689.57
Parish training and mission		£14.93	£175.83
Church running - insurance		£3,199.76	£3,261.06
Church office - telephone, stationary		£297.06	£832.23
Organ / piano tuning		£195.00	£125.00
Church maintenance		£27,143.53	£10,665.53
Cleaning - Wages		£13,112.18	£13,343.71
Cleaning - Materials		£2,170.73	£1,218.95
HMRC Tax & NI		£2,888.16	£2,308.60
Running of services		£970.99	£416.24
Publicity & Adverts		£75.60	£746.80
Administration		£1,017.41	£723.41
Visiting speakers / locums		£200.50	£30.00
Church running - electric		£6,135.90	£3,359.62
Church running - gas		£2,567.28	£2,950.83

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
Church running - water		£928.80	£1,211.85
Photocopy - expenses		£1,237.19	£305.42
	Total Charitable activities	£121,233.93	£101,963.50
Governance costs			
Governance costs examination/audit fee		£360.00	-
	Total Governance costs	£360.00	-
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		£20.20	£529.69
	Total Cost of generating voluntary income	£20.20	£529.69
Total Resources used		£122,857.13	£103,638.19
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£9,217.19	£28,124.57
Brought forward balance		£41,232.08	(£14,309.97)
Transfers to/(from)		(£10,000.00)	-
Adjustments		-	£27,417.48
Total carried forward balance		£40,449.27	£41,232.08

Ruxley Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
MP - Memorial Project (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Loose plate collections		£40.00	£66.00
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		-	£10.00
Donations appeals etc		£20.00	£100.00
Other funds generated		£100.00	£900.00
Total Voluntary income		£160.00	£1,076.00
Total Incoming resources		£160.00	£1,076.00
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Church maintenance		£33.53	-
Memorial Project		£632.54	£572.04
Total Charitable activities		£666.07	£572.04
Total Resources used		£666.07	£572.04
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£506.07)	£503.96
Brought forward balance		£4,084.00	£3,580.04
Total carried forward balance		£3,577.93	£4,084.00
Dec - Decorating (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		£224.76	£224.76
Total carried forward balance		£224.76	£224.76
Tech - Tech Equipment (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Gifts - Gift Aided		£4,500.00	-
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		£1,125.00	-
Total Voluntary income		£5,625.00	-
Total Incoming resources		£5,625.00	-
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Church maintenance		£559.93	-
Total Charitable activities		£559.93	-
Total Resources used		£559.93	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£5,065.07	-
Brought forward balance		£41.93	£41.93
Total carried forward balance		£5,107.00	£41.93
Disc - Discipleship (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		£50.00	£50.00
Total carried forward balance		£50.00	£50.00
MGRWB - Men's group RW bequest (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Legacies		-	£500.00
Total Voluntary income		-	£500.00
Total Incoming resources		-	£500.00
Resources used			
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		£110.24	£389.76
Total Cost of generating voluntary income		£110.24	£389.76
Total Resources used		£110.24	£389.76
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£110.24)	£110.24
Brought forward balance		£110.24	-

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
Total carried forward balance		-	£110.24
RW - Richard Watson (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Legacies		£86,505.03	-
Total Voluntary income		£86,505.03	-
Total Incoming resources		£86,505.03	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£86,505.03	-
Total carried forward balance		£86,505.03	-
WS - Warm Space (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Planned Giving - Bank		£20.00	-
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		£130.00	-
Gifts - Gift Aided		£150.00	-
Donations appeals etc		£9.20	-
Non-recurring one-off grants		£1,500.00	-
Total Voluntary income		£1,809.20	-
Total Incoming resources		£1,809.20	-
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Publicity & Adverts		£61.00	-
Total Charitable activities		£61.00	-
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		£57.51	-
Total Cost of generating voluntary income		£57.51	-
Total Resources used		£118.51	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£1,690.69	-
Total carried forward balance		£1,690.69	-
RCC - Ruxley Community Choir (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Non-recurring one-off grants		£450.00	-
Total Voluntary income		£450.00	-
Total Incoming resources		£450.00	-
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Education		£388.21	-
Total Charitable activities		£388.21	-
Total Resources used		£388.21	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£61.79	-
Total carried forward balance		£61.79	-
VM - Vision & Mission (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Investment income			
Bank and building society interest		£5,175.15	£21.20
Total Investment income		£5,175.15	£21.20
Total Incoming resources		£5,175.15	£21.20
Resources used			
Governance costs			
Governance costs examination/audit fee		£12.90	£12.88
Total Governance costs		£12.90	£12.88
Total Resources used		£12.90	£12.88
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£5,162.25	£8.32
Brought forward balance		£20,741.98	£20,733.66
Transfers to/(from)		£10,000.00	-
Total carried forward balance		£35,904.23	£20,741.98

BB - Youth Work (Restricted) Fund**Incoming resources**

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Bookstall sales to promote objectives

- £120.00

Total Incoming resources from charitable activities

- £120.00

Voluntary income

Loose plate collections

£7.00 -

Gifts - Not Gift Aided

£100.00 -

Donations appeals etc

£240.00 -

Total Voluntary income

£347.00 -

Activities for generating funds

Rummage sales etc

£100.00 £200.00

Total Activities for generating funds

£100.00 £200.00

Total Incoming resources**£447.00 £320.00****Resources used**

Charitable activities

Education

£51.00 -

Young People

£455.25 £418.08

Total Charitable activities

£506.25 £418.08

Cost of generating voluntary income

Costs of fetes & other events

£260.00 -

Total Cost of generating voluntary income

£260.00 -

Total Resources used**£766.25 £418.08**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

(£319.25) (£98.08)

Brought forward balance

£1,535.97 £1,634.05

Total carried forward balance**£1,216.72 £1,535.97**

Ruxley Church
Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/08/2023	As at 31/08/2022
Current assets		
6501: HSBC	£43,657.26	£68,516.05
6502: HSBC - Appeal	-	-
6505: HSBC - Business Money Manager	-	-
6506: HSBC - Appeal - BM	-	-
6507: HSBC Tuesday Fellowship	-	-
6510: CBF deposit account	£154,256.13	£22,721.25
6511: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£4,658.88	£4,526.48
6512: CCLA - Ruxley Appeal	-	-
6520: HSBC - RMC	-	-
6590: Cash in hand	-	-
Total Current assets	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
Liabilities		
6605: Parish Share Unpaid	-	-
6699: Agency collections	£38.80	(£3.23)
Total Liabilities	£38.80	(£3.23)
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	£106,766.46	£28,649.01
Z01: Starting balances	£95,767.01	£39,700.52
Z03: Gains and losses own use	-	£27,417.48
Total Reserves	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	£40,449.27	£41,232.08
Designated	£155,485.72	£52,572.03
Restricted	£6,598.48	£1,962.90
Total	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

Ruxley Church

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/08/2023 £	At 31/08/2022 £
Fixed assets						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,637.28	-	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,637.28	-	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	-	-	£38.80	-	£38.80	(£3.23)
	-	-	£38.80	-	£38.80	(£3.23)
Net current assets less current liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Total assets less current liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	£40,449.27	-	-	-	£40,449.27	£41,232.08
Designated						
Designated - Memorial Project	-	£3,577.93	-	-	£3,577.93	£4,084.00
Designated - Richard Watson	-	£86,505.03	-	-	£86,505.03	-
Designated - Warm Space	-	£1,690.69	-	-	£1,690.69	-
Designated - Ruxley Community Choir	-	£61.79	-	-	£61.79	-
Designated - Reserve Fund - Church Maintenance	-	£26,997.17	-	-	£26,997.17	£26,997.17
Designated - Social Fund	-	£423.78	-	-	£423.78	£423.78
Designated - Vision & Mission	-	£35,904.23	-	-	£35,904.23	£20,741.98
Designated - Vicars Discretionary Fund	-	£325.10	-	-	£325.10	£325.10
Restricted						
Restricted - Decorating	-	-	£224.76	-	£224.76	£224.76
Restricted - Tech Equipment	-	-	£5,107.00	-	£5,107.00	£41.93
Restricted - Discipleship	-	-	£50.00	-	£50.00	£50.00
Restricted - Men's group RW bequest	-	-	-	-	-	£110.24
Restricted - Youth Work	-	-	£1,216.72	-	£1,216.72	£1,535.97
Fund Totals	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

**RUXLEY CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Ruxley Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Ruxley Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	52,516	1,250	53,766	62,584
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,563	4,603	9,166	5,175
a4	Lettings	74,303		74,303	71,626
a5	Other receipts	3,230	31,683	34,913	93,130
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	134,612	37,536	172,148 (a7)	232,515

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS			53,766	50,755
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	53,766			1,953
b3	Donations				34,107
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	41,060		41,060	12,832
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,986		15,986	
b6					
b7	Other payments	28,908	761	29,669	26,102
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	139,720	761	140,481 (b9)	125,749

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(5,108)	36,775	31,667
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		202,533	202,533 (c6)	95,767
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	197,425	36,775	234,200
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	197,425	36,775	234,200 (c8)
					202,533 (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	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	39	(3)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,499	5,229
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	3,560	5,187
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	(22)	39

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

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8					(e11)	(e12)
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds						
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)						
e9	172,148 (a7)	140,481 (b9)	31,667		202,533 (c5)	234,200 (c8)
e10	172,148	140,481	31,667		202,533 (x)	234,200 (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 2024				OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand			(39)		22	
f2	Bank Current Account			43,657		20,397	
f3	Bank Deposit Account						
f4	Central Finance Board			154,256		208,884	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes			4,659		4,897	
f6	Other funds						
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts			202,533	(c6)	234,200	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)				(e11)		(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH			202,533	(x)	234,200	(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)		£6,650,000
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)

Name of Church .. Ruxley Church

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 *C. Meineck* Date *23/Sep/2024*

Name and address of treasurer Christopher Meineck

37 Amberley Gardens , Stoneleigh Epsom

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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 *23-9-2024*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *C. Meineck*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *REV. EMMA CUSACK* Date *23-9-2024*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....Church

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *Ruxley* Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1. to 5. 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 .. Ruxley Church

No 1174096

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

KA Mallett

Name of independent examiner

KEVIN A. MALLETT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

FCA

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Date

21 November 2024

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