

Elworth Methodist Church Report 2023 – 24

Our church has developed its work within the community through becoming a 'warm place' for people to come and have a meal and seek companionship and help when needed. This has brought new friends to join our church family.

Our family includes all who meet for whatever reason the premises and has given us the opportunity to get to know people's needs.

All activities held in the church are open to everyone and payment for any activity is by donation thus ensuring that nobody is restricted from access to any of our events. This continues to be one of the most important decisions made years ago and we have been fortunate to be able to continue to follow that plan and still meet our yearly expenditure despite an increase in costs and thanks to the dedication of church members willing to give of their time and energy each week.

Working with the community has a high place in our regular weekly activities and we are open on Sunday for worship, 4 days a week for refreshments and keep one day for other activities or for use by other charity organisations.

We are working together with local supermarkets to challenge food waste and have regular times throughout the week where the community can come and collect a wide range of surplus supermarket foods.

We have also taken a small part of our land for an allotment which provides small quantities of food for the many meals we provide.

There are monthly quiz nights and a monthly walking group both of which involve local people and which have grown in number this year.

We continue to be responsible for the village Remembrance service in November and support both the British Legion and Help for heroes at this time.

Other charities supported include the Christmas shoe box appeal and Action for children.

We continue to work together with the local park committee and the station committee.

When possible we are able to support residents at our neighbouring Approved premises with people released from prison who stay for a short period of time before moving on to other accommodation.

Fund raising events included a display based on the books of Roald Dahl and Beatrix Potter which proved to be very successful and a popular Easter egg hunt.

Our aim is to continue to work across the community bringing people together for social events and where needed support and help.

Jean Ellershaw

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METHODIST CHURCH,
ACCOUNTS FOR 2023 / 24

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 FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS	 0	 773.50	 773.50

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NAT WEST	10156.06	-303.50 unpresented cheques	9852.56
cash in hand			0.00
C.F.B. No 1			7254.66
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GENERAL FUND
2023/24

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		2023/24	2022 / 23
Balance brought forward		17973.91	11164.04
Offerings	Collections	11059.52	10271.80
	Gift Aid	2099.40	1764.00
	GASDS	1564.77	1534.98
Donations	Tuesday	4439.26	4836.04
	Other income	869.99	370.75
	Badminton	50.00	120.00
	Quiz	471.42	232.15
Interest	CFB 1	246.31	86.04
	Nat West Bank	169.13	82.90
Lettings	Room hire	2230.00	2010.00
	Coffee lounge	6855.54	5696.59
Other receipts	Breakfasts	1160.47	1019.90
	Sale of goods	786.80	439.55
	* Special events	4540.88	5390.76
	Wedding & funeral fees	410.00	0.00
	World Mission	50.00	0.00
	Home Mission	50.00	0.00
	Presentation gift	0.00	130.00
	TOTAL	55027.40	45149.50
	Special events		
	harvest lunch	184.00	
	Under the sea	1084.46	
	Carols - afternoon tea	145.00	
	Christmas lunch	507.00	
	Raffles & Lucky square	526.50	
	Burns' night	789.50	
	Pizza & quiz night	115.00	
	Christmas sales table / refresh.	170.75	
	Mary's talk	54.02	
	Easter lunch	140.00	
	Hunt the rabbits	80.00	
	Sunday coffee	404.65	
	Catering	300.00	
	ACM lunch	40.00	
	4540.88		

<u>PAYMENTS</u>		2023/24	2022 / 23
Circuit assessment		13661.04	8913.96
Donations	Gen Prop Fund	200.00	200.00
	Presbyters & Deacons	200.00	200.00
	Christmas shoe boxes	30.00	35.00
	World Mission fund	62.50	98.65
	Mission in Britain	62.50	63.10
Repairs/ Mainten.	Boiler service	433.80	401.40
	Pianos	130.00	65.00
	Organ	390.00	378.00
	Fire extinguishers annual checks	86.40	80.40
	Fire alarms annual checks	182.40	86.40
	Emergency lights annual checks	61.80	0.00
	PAT test	0.00	0.00
	General maintenance expenses	869.40	257.96
Utilities	Gas	5399.92	3407.74
	Electricity	6212.56	4601.09
	Water	505.67	431.90
	Church Insurance	2358.10	2293.30
Other payments	Photocopier rental & paper	432.00	481.17
	Stationery, printing & postage	74.81	90.64
	Catering	4121.99	4336.94
	Wedding & funerals	100.00	0.00
	* Other expenses	1147.14	622.94
	Presentation gift	0.00	130.00
sub total		36722.03	27175.59
Balance carried forward		18305.37	17973.91
total		55027.40	45149.50
	*other expenses		
	website	77.85	
	celi	288.72	
	wreath	20.00	
	Cleaning materials	133.65	
	Banners	170.00	
	Crockery	433.92	
	Hope magazines	13.00	
	keys	10.00	
		1147.14	

2023/24

<u>BENEVOLENCE FUND</u>	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Brought forward	200.00		Bal in hand 200.00
	<u>200.00</u>		<u>200.00</u>

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Help for Heroes	330.00	Help for Heroes	330.00
British Legion	105.00	British Legion	105.00
Action for children	100.00	Action for children	100.00
Easter offering	60.00	Easter offering	60.00
All We Can	178.50	All we can	178.50
	<u>total</u>	bal in hand	0.00
	773.50		<u>773.50</u>

REPAIR FUND

<u>General repairs</u>	<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>
Bt Fwd	2697.61	Cheshire drains	216.00
CFB2 interest	203.23	Bal in hand	2684.84
	<u>2900.84</u>		<u>2900.84</u>

Elworth Methodist Church

Church

Church - Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

SECTION A

a1	RECEIPTS	Note
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	
a4	Lettings	
a5	Other receipts	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	

This year's amount to the nearest £

£
14,724
619
2,230
19,684
37,257

Last year's amount to the nearest £

£
13,571
299
2,010
18,701
34,581

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS	
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	
b3	Donations	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	
b6	Other payments	
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	

13,661
555
2,370
14,478
5,678
36,938

8,914
597
1,644
10,734
7,042
28,931

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6 - b7)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c1 + c2)
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	

319
20,871 (c7)
21,190
2,468,813

5,650
15,221
20,871 (c7)
2,426,034

SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August	
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August - 10,156 minus £303.50 unrepresented cheques	
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	

11,337
8,883
21,190

9,549
11,322
20,871

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	
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(e1+e2-e3)

0
773
773
0

0
537
537
0

Name of Church .. ELWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

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 ROGER PASK

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner COMPANY DIRECTOR (RETIRED)

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 36 WESLEY AVENUE, ALSAGER

..... Post Code ST7 2NG

Date 15th November 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate