

Elworth Methodist Church Report 2024-2025

This year, Elworth Methodist Church has continued to work within the community, by providing a 'warm place' for people to come, enjoy a meal and seek companionship and help when needed. This has brought new friends to join our church family, which includes all who meet for whatever reason on the premises. Many who attend our events and activities do so regularly and for those who live on their own, we hope that we are playing our part in reducing any sense of isolation and loneliness.

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. We have been fortunate to be able to continue to follow that plan and still meet our yearly expenditure despite an increase in costs, 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. We are open every Sunday morning for worship, four days a week for serving refreshments, keeping one day for other activities or for use by other charity organisations. The monthly quiz nights and walking group continue to attract people from church and local community, and both groups have thrived this year. Our income is supported through a small number of room hires during the week – for U3A groups, yoga sessions, etc.

We have continued this year to work in partnership 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. Small quantities of food have also been grown in the church allotment and they, too, have been used to contribute to the many meals we provide.

We continue to work together with the local park committee and the station committee. In November 2024, we were, as always, responsible for the village Remembrance service at the local War Memorial. In December 2024, we provided refreshments following the community "Carols in the Park" event and at Easter 2025, we organised a community Easter Egg hunt in the park.

On the weekend of Remembrance Sunday, through a community breakfast and through offerings on the Sunday, we supported the British Legion and Help for Heroes. Other charities supported during the year included the Christmas shoe box appeal and Action for children.

We have continued to care for church members now housebound or in care homes through our pastoral visiting system and in the last 12 months have celebrated the baptisms of three children.

When possible we have been 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.

Our aim is to continue to be a Christian presence in the local community, working to bring people together for social events and, where needed, to give support and help.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Elworth Methodist Church	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Cheshire South	Circuit	Circuit no.	11
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1175469

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'd CAROLYN LAWRANCE

Church Stewards:

PATRICIA JONES

CATHERINE WILKINSON

ALISON BAILEY

Treasurer:

JEAN ELLERSHAW

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		12,648		12,648	14,724
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		580		580	619
a4	Lettings		3,278		3,278	2,230
a5	Other receipts		21,200		21,200	19,684
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		37,706	0	37,706 (a7)	37,257

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		13,540		13,540	13,661
b3	Donations		400		400	555
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		1,532		1,532	2,370
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		12,988		12,988	14,476
b6					0	
b7	Other payments		5,911		5,911	5,876
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		34,371	0	34,371 (b9)	36,938

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	3,335	0	3,335	319
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		21,190		21,190 (c6)	20,871
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	24,525	0	24,525	21,190
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	24,525	0	24,525 (c8)	21,190 (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		0		0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		648		773
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		648		773
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0		0

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				0			0
e2				0			0
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	37,706 (a7)	34,371 (b9)	3,335	(c7)	21,190 (c6)	24,525 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	37,706	34,371	3,335	0	21,190 (x)	24,525 (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	0	65
f2 Bank Current Account		
f3 Bank Deposit Account	9,853	13,150
f4 Central Finance Board	11,337	11,310
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	21,190 (c6)	24,525 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	21,190 (x)	24,525 (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)	2,498,813	2,563,791
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 ... ELWORTH METHODIST CHURCH No 11

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 [Signature]

Name of independent examiner ROGER PASK

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Company Director (RETIRED)

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Date 27th NOVEMBER 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate