

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NEW MALDEN METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Kingston upon Thames	Circuit	Circuit no.	35/38
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1176621

**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'd Dr Karl Rutledge

Church Stewards:

Mrs Alison Bullett	Mrs Julie Haines
Mrs Julia Morton	

Treasurer:

Mrs Gloria Tavinor

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	49,832		49,832	47,849
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,641		3,641	384
a4	Lettings	73,032		73,032	70,376
a5	Other receipts	14,937	46,989	61,926	11,926
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	141,442	46,989	188,431 (a7)	130,535

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	47,059		47,059	46,974
b3	Donations	7,096		7,096	2,700
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	10,501		10,501	11,531
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,463		16,463	13,564
b6					
b7	Other payments	41,807	9,832	51,639	45,954
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	122,926	9,832	132,758 (b9)	120,723

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	18,516	37,157	55,673	9,812
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		122,453	2,798	125,251 (c6)	115,439
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	140,969	39,955	180,924	125,251
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	140,969	39,955	180,924 (c8)	125,251 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,314	3,117
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,314	3,117
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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 2023 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 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	188,431 (a7)	132,758 (b9)	55,673	(c7)	125,251 (c6)	180,924 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	188,431	132,758	55,673		125,251 (x)	180,924 (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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	39,359	51,435
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	42,535	81,787
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	43,357	47,702
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	125,251 (c6)	180,924 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	125,251 (x)	180,924 (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)		
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

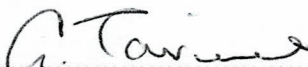
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church: NEW MALDEN METHODIST CHURCH NO: 319

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  Date: 4/11/23

Name and address of treasurer: GLORIA TAVINER

4 Turner Road New Malden Surrey Post Code: KT3 5NL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 24th September 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev'd Dr Karl Rutledge Date: 07/11/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

New Malden Methodist Church

Charity Number: 1176621

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Malden Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 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

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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 *Nick Arwin*

Name of independent examiner *NICK ARWIN*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *SLOANE WINCKLESS & Co.*

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
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Date *10/02/24*

* delete or circle as appropriate

NEW MALDEN METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31st August 2023

Reference and administrative details

Registered Name: New Malden Methodist Church (NMMC)

Charity Number: 1176621

Address : 49 High Street, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4BY

Trustees:

Susan Abell	Julie Haines
Richard Bland	David Knowles
Rev Stan Brown (retired 31/08/2023)	Rev Vindra Leelawattee Maraj-Ogden (joined 01/09/2023)
Alison Bullett	Sarah Moore
Peter Bullett	Julia Morton
Anthony Chalk (retired 31/8/2023)	Rev Karl Rutlidge
Liz Edwards	Gloria Taviner
Susan Knowles	Hilary Warner (retired 01/04/2023)

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and have been since the date of the union, as set out in the Methodist Church Act of 1976. NMMC exists to exercise the ministry of Jesus Christ, particularly in the local community, through worship, fellowship, pastoral care, mission and service, and emphasis is placed on undertaking these tasks ecumenically. NMMC is part of Churches Together in Malden.

Structure government and management

NMMC is part of the British Methodist Church. Its governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act 1976. All Methodist churches are connected to each other and are governed by the decisions laid down by Connexion, through a District, Circuit and the local church. NMMC is part of the Kingston upon Thames Circuit which in turn is part of the London District, and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The members of the Church Council are the charity trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting.

Achievements and Performance

This has been a busy but encouraging year for NMMC. Having brought a new staff member onto the team to help us maintain and development the work of Wesley's Café, we have now been able to increase our opening hours from two immediately after the Covid-19 pandemic to four hours a day. As the café faces out onto the High Street, it is the main focus of our engagement with the local community. In response to the cost-of-living crisis, we have introduced a Community Larder so those who need it can access free food, and tokens allowing people to access free hot drinks without having to explain their situation. Alongside this, we have continued with activities such as concerts and initiatives as such a fortnightly arts and crafts group and a board games club, to respond to loneliness and isolation and provide welcoming and warm spaces. We are pleased to be able to offer hospitality to the local community, and it has been good to get to know those drop in for a cuppa and/or to pray in the Sanctuary through the week.

Being on the High Street means we sometimes find ourselves welcoming and supporting people in crisis and in this past year, this has included providing practical support to refugees and to people who are struggling with their mental health, among others. We have been working with Citizens UK to become a Be Well Hub, with a specific focus on mental health and wellbeing. Members of the church have received mental health training from the local NHS trust, and we have been exploring various wellbeing activities such as local walks and Tai Chi sessions. With financial support from the local council, we aim to continue and develop this work.

At the year end the church's membership stood at 80, with a fair and growing number of adherents. Regular acts of worship are provided, both in the building and online via YouTube. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we have made increasing use of social media (especially Facebook and Instagram) to let the community know what we are doing and to reach new people. When possible, children's activities are provided during services, and we are grateful for the volunteers who have enabled this to happen. Bible study and prayer groups have been held at various times during the week, and pastoral support is given by both the minister and our appointed pastoral visitors. Holy Communion is taken to the housebound and those in care homes when possible.

Events have been held to provide opportunities for people to donate to organisations and charities associated with, or ancillary to, the Methodist Church, including All We Can and Christian Aid. Donations have been made to various local, national and international organisations, although given the profound impact of the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis on our finances, together with needing to replace the church's boilers, it has not been possible to do this to the extent we have previously. We look forward to being able to support charities and organisations further in better times, but note that on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm, charities can hire Wesley's for a small fee to run fundraising coffee mornings.

- We have been running Make Lunch during the school holidays; this provides free food to primary-aged children who are entitled to free school meals and their families, and we are grateful for the funds we have received to enable us to do this. Also, we operate a monthly Bereavement Café in conjunction with Princess Alice Hospice, which offers space for bereaved people to share their experiences and be listened to; the numbers attending have grown over the past year, and we now have a group of regular attendees coming most months. Working with South London Citizens has seen us deepen ecumenical and interfaith relationships, and our Minister has become one of the two co-chairs of Churches Together in Malden. Music has continued to be an important fixture of our common life. We have again enjoyed a series of free lunchtime concerts and continued Sunday concerts, as well as a very successful Good Friday music event. Looking to the future, we continue to pray about and think through what it means to be at the heart of the High Street in tough times.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. NMMC exists to facilitate public worship in line with the Methodist Church tradition. Rooms are available for use by community organisations, including a daily playgroup. These rooms are let at a rate in line with other premises locally and are well used. NMMC runs a daily coffee bar (Wesley's) from 10am to 2pm.

Financial review

NMMC income is primarily drawn from the Sunday collections, Gift Aid and rental income including the letting of the church flat. These remained much the same as in the previous year. The major expenditure is in relation to the assessment paid to the Kingston upon Thames Methodist Circuit which is used to pay the District assessment and stipends and related costs of ministers. NMMC also employed a Church Administrator during this period.

Our premises are owned by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. NMMC is responsible for the cost of repairs and upkeep which in the year amounted to £10,500.

The Church is indebted to the dedicated commitment, financial support, gifts in kind, work and self-sacrifice of our members in many ways without which we, and the neighbourhood, would be much the poorer. From time to time, the Church has surplus funds to invest on a short-term basis. Funds have traditionally been placed with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, which has a record of prudent management and good returns, coupled with flexibility and ease of repayment.

Reserves

The church does not maintain a separate Buildings Fund and feels it is therefore prudent to maintain a reserve that covers 6 months of annual running costs.

Risk management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required.