

# **NEW MALDEN METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31st August 2025**

### **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	David Knowles
Richard Bland	Rev Vindra Leelawatee Maraj-Ogden
Alison Bullett	Sarah Moore
Peter Bullett	Julia Morton
Liz Edwards	Rev Karl Rutledge
Susan Knowles	Gloria Tavinier
Julie Haines	

### **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 another busy year for NMMC, with lots of activities going on. At the heart of our engagement with the local community is the Wesley's Café, which faces out onto the High Street, is staffed by a dedicated pool of volunteers and open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday. We celebrated thirty years of Wesley's this year with a special series of events culminating in an anniversary service. In response to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, we have continued to run our 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 Tai Chi and 'Knit and Natter', concerts and initiatives such as a fortnightly arts and crafts group and a board games club, to respond to loneliness and isolation and provide welcoming 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 who drop in for a cuppa and/or to pray in the Sanctuary through the week. To help us in our work, we employ both an Administrator and a Community Worker on a part-time basis, so there is always someone in the Church Office during 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, abuse survivors and to people who are struggling with their mental health, among others. We have been working with Citizens UK as one of the many Be Well Hubs across South London, with a specific focus on mental health and wellbeing. Members of the church have previously received mental health training from the local NHS trust, and we have been offering our various wellbeing activities described above as a result. With financial support from various generous funders, including the London Methodist District, we aim to continue and develop this work.

At the year end the church's membership stood at 78, 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 use of social media (especially Facebook and Instagram) to let the community know what we are doing and to reach new people; the number of subscribers is steadily growing. 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. We look forward to being able to support charities and organisations further in the future. 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 been steady over the past year, and we now have a group of regular attendees coming most months. This sits alongside our Cancer Connections initiative, in which we partner with the local NHS trust to provide support to those who have finished cancer treatment or who are in remission. Working with South London Citizens has seen us deepen ecumenical and interfaith relationships, and our Minister is 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.

### **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, with discounted rates offered to charities. NMMC runs a daily coffee bar (Wesley's) from 10am to 2pm, which is run as a not-for-profit facility; the proceeds from Wesley's are normally divided equally between our charities for the year.

Note that, on Saturday mornings, Wesley's is available for outside organisations to hire for hosting charity coffee mornings. We charge a nominal fee for this, and charities/organisations then keep anything they make on top of this. By this mechanism, we have supported a wide range of other causes, from the local Rotary Club to Kingston-based dementia care and international development charities. This is in addition to our specific focus on raising money for charities at Harvest and during Christian Aid Week, for example, and the twenty-six local, national and international causes supported via the annual Christmas Tree Festival. The latter included, in this year's selection, a local charity facilitating community refugee sponsorship, an LGBT+ organisation and All We Can, which is the Methodist Church's international development charity.

## **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 £8,421.

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.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>NEW MALDEN METHODIST</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2025**

<b>Kingston-upon-Thames</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>35/38</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1176621

**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. Dr Karl Rutledge

**Church Stewards:**

Julia Morton

Julie Haines

Elizabeth Edwards

**Treasurer:**

Gloria Tavinor



SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
		£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		42,216		42,216	43,279
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		5,205		5,205	5,687
a4	Lettings		80,537		80,537	82,507
a5	Other receipts		21,805	4,522	26,327	34,659
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		149,763	4,522	154,285 (a7)	166,132

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		49,490		49,490	48,000
b3	Donations		3,600		3,600	50
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		8,421		8,421	63,056
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		20,728		20,728	22,034
b6						57,695
b7	Other payments		66,535	1,741	68,277	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		148,774	1,741	150,515 (b9)	190,835

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	989	2,780	3,770	(24,703)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		107,174	49,047	156,221 (c6)	180,924
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	108,163	51,827	159,991	156,221
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	108,163	51,827	159,991 (c8)	156,221 (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			3		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			5,134		3,613
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			5,137		3,610
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)				3

**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						
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)	154,285 (a7)	150,515 (b9)	3,770	(c7)	156,221 (c6)	159,991 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>154,285</b>	<b>150,515</b>	<b>3,770</b>		<b>156,221 (x)</b>	<b>159,991 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	29,907	71,358
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	76,170	36,261
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	50,144	52,373
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>156,221 (c6)</b>	<b>159,991 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>156,221 (x)</b>	<b>159,991 (y)</b>

**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)		
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)



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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... *G. Tavinier* ..... Date..... *7/2/2026* .....

Name and address of treasurer: Gloria Tavinier

4 Turner Road New Malden Post Code: KT3 5NL

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 25th January 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *K* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Dr Karl Rutledge Date ..... *08/02/26* .....

## 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 2025 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

Name of Church : NEW MALDEN METHODIST CHURCH No : 35/38

### 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 ..... ANDREW HARKER

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... COLLARDS

Address ..... 5-9 EDEN STREET KINGSTON UPON THAMES

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Date ..... 3/3/2026

\* delete or circle as appropriate