

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued October 2019).

The members of the Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting and are listed in appendix A of this document. Further information about the Church Council is provided on page 9.

Governing Documents

The Lantern Methodist Church is part of the Methodist Church and as such it's governing documents are the sections pertaining to local churches within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. A copy is available at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/governance/cpd/>

Introduction

It has been a difficult year for the church as the impact of the COVID19 pandemic severely impacted on the activities that the church could do. The use of the church's premises by both the church and the many community organisations that make use of them effectively stopped and was only starting to resume at the end of the church year. Unfortunately due to COVID19 the Lantern Coffee House has been forced to closed and the staff made redundant.

To continue to support church members and the wider community it has had to adopt new ways of doing things, whilst suspending the many face to face activities it had traditionally carried out. The use of mail, phone and online services such as Facebook and Zoom have been pressed into service.

The start of the year, as in previous years, we have held many events and activities, bringing fresh ideas has been much innovation to the life and worship in our church. This is to be celebrated. The church has taken on new energy and has increased the number of services at the Wimbledon Site. There has been closer working with the Lantern Arts Centre and greater use of the Church Premises by community groups.

Aims and Purposes

The charity's objectives are contained within our:-

Vision and Mission Plan

We are called to live out the creative, inclusive, radical and transforming love of Jesus Christ.

We endeavour to do this through blending and partnering with our communities; celebrating what we have in common and respecting differences.

We are a diverse worshipping community with a contemporary programme of praise, reflection and learning which enables us to be transformed to reflect our values.

Targets for 2020-2025

live streaming of Sunday Services

expand current bible study session; enabling more informal sessions, online groups and creative study sessions.

develop weekday opportunities for prayer and reflection. (retreat days, craft days etc)

We are in partnership with a thriving Christian arts centre. As a wider family we believe in the transforming power of the arts, gifted by the Holy Spirit.

Targets for 2020-2025

formalising the partnership between The Lantern Methodist Church and The Lantern Arts. sensitively update, refresh and improve our buildings through The Lantern Centre Project.

We commit to sharing with our local communities; safe spaces, opportunities and creative tools to explore, develop and deepen our experience as human beings.

Targets for 2020-2025.

strengthen and develop links with the wider communities.

provide accessible buildings (emotionally and physically)

Following the calling of the Methodist Church we endeavour to become lifelong learners; seeking to live with differences and to hold one another in love.

Targets for 2020-2025

deepen our links with Churches Together in West Wimbledon

expand opportunities to gather with other faith communities

provide e-learning services

We believe all are truly welcome; reaching out to the margins of our communities, enabling social justice movements and discerning how we may serve all.

Targets for 2020-2025

improve our environmental impact

affordable access to performances and paid activities

continue to develop our programmes designed to combat loneliness and social isolation.

The purposes of the charity are:-

The advancement of:-

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, Local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;

How Our Activities Deliver Public Benefit - Review of the year

The charity has continued to be a focal point in the local community and had an increasing number of people using the Church premises until the pandemic hit.

In addition to its regular activities the church held; prayer and praise for the 3rd age, ongoing pastoral support for the Lantern Arts centre with pastoral team members present at all rehearsals and productions/events. The formation of a Project Group to assess the needs of the community in relation to the building and how with careful and thoughtful refurbishment of the entire Raynes Park site we may become a sustainable and welcoming community asset both physically and emotionally for many years to come. There have also been a number of successful fundraising events; for instance the second year of our Christmas Celebration in partnership with Lantern Arts Centre (which includes performances, Christmas market, switch on of the outside Christmas tree and lights and foodie delights from our coffee house).

We were also due to host the Merton Winter Night Shelter, in partnership with other local faith groups beginning in March for 6 weeks; but due to the COVID 19 Pandemic the guests were instead housed in hotels by the government. Links were maintained with those who were due to stay with us and support given.

The Lantern Coffee House provided an open door to the local community through which help can be provided up until it had to close due to the pandemic. Unfortunately in August it was necessary to close the Coffee house completely and make the employees redundant as it was clear that operational limitations due to COVID 19 meant that it could not be operated profitably and the church could not cover the resultant losses.

Both sites provide facilities for community organisations to meet and provide social interaction for the local communities.

Financial Review

Income Trends

The charity's income comes from:-

The giving of church members / congregation, either in the Sunday collections or regular giving by standing orders. This has decreased by about 30% due to the closure of the church under the COVID 19 Pandemic regulations, a special appeal has been made and it is expected that some of the giving normally made at services will be delayed to 2020/21 financial year.

There was a limited number of successful fundraising events held before the government imposed COVID 19 lockdown.

Gift aid tax credit received on the giving by church members and giving by other members of the congregation.

Hall letting income: mainly from external users of the building, plus donations from church organisations and members of the congregation for use of the halls complex. This had been increasing prior to the government imposed COVID 19 lockdown. The impact of COVID 19 has seen the premises hire receipts decrease by over £30,000.

Rental income from two church owned flats which are part of the Wimbledon Church complex.

The income of the church decreased by about 14.5%. The income from the church's internal organisations – mainly the Lantern Coffee House whose income has also been severely hit by the COVID19 Pandemic which means that the church's total income for the year is now below £250k on a cash book account basis. Despite this it has been decided to continue presenting the accounts on an accrual basis.

The impact of COVID19 has made finances (ignoring property revaluation and depreciation) a concern with the operating loss increasing for the year to £28.5k (£32.3k when Internal Organisations included) from £20k last year.

Expenditure trends

A major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Wimbledon Circuit, this amounts to 14.5% of our total cost this year. The Circuit assessment which is calculated on the number of members reduced by 11.8% following a reduction in membership numbers due to deaths and members moving away.

Employment costs have been reduced following a review of the paid work undertaken by employees.

The enforced closure of the Church premises has resulted in savings in Utility Costs though these will return to previous levels when things return to normal after the pandemic. An internal water leak occurred at the Wimbledon site which resulted in a large bill that increase this year's cost.

With the church closed the Centre Manager and Caretaker have used the time to carry out redecoration and minor refurbishment at both sites. The remaining work on refurbishing the Church flats (Wimbledon site) has now nearly been completed and are expected to be fully let next year.

The impact of COVID19 has had a major impact on the church's finances. The Lantern Coffee House closed on 31/8/2020 as the church realised it was unable to provide any further financial support to it. Some premises educational hire income is expected to continue during any future lock downs and increased income from the residential flats should help alleviate the losses due to the COVID19 pandemic. A significant amount of giving by Church Members has and is also expected to move to giving by standing orders.

Trustees' Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

These accounts are compliant with FRS102 and with the SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

Full Name of Charity / Church:

The Lantern Methodist Church of Wimbledon and Raynes Park

Registration Charity Number: 1178284

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity) 8th May 2018

Main communication address

The Lantern Methodist Church,

Tolverne Road

London

SW20 8RA

The members of the Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Mr Roy Newitt

Independent Examiners :-

Stephen Jones

% Myrus Smith Chartered Accountants

Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton, Surrey. SM1 4BW

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Main Activities of the Charity

Worshiping God through the use of prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, which includes visiting the sick and bereaved.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Encouraging links with the local community through providing a community centre for a range of community activities

The Lantern Methodist Church is a Methodist Church within the Wimbledon Circuit and serves the people of Wimbledon and Raynes Park.

Deacon Dawn Canham has ministerial responsibility for the Lantern Methodist Church and is supported in this by the other ministers within the Wimbledon Circuit.

As part of our mission, we continue to encourage links with the church, and our halls and facilities, to enable us to reach out to the local community and respond to their needs. Particularly, we reach out to those who may be less confident about their place in the community and their relationship with the church.

The Lantern Church is a friendly and welcoming church and uses a Café style of worship. The friendship and fellowship within the church is very highly valued by its congregation and we are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community.

As a church community, we have continued to support many activities in the local community and our thanks go to all those who have supported all the initiatives, activities and events that take place in our church and in the halls.

The Lantern Church has a close relationship with the Lantern Arts Centre which is based at the Raynes Park site. The Lantern Arts Centre, which was an off shoot of the church focuses on the promotion of the Christian faith through Drama and other arts. The art centre runs activities for the young through to the old.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The Lantern Church provides a range of services. The church is normally laid out in a café style with chairs around round tables. The services usually involve interaction with the congregation for part of the services. Communion services are held when a member of the clergy team in the circuit is available to take the service. Prayer meetings are held on a weekly basis.

Sunday Services

A weekly Sunday Morning service is held at 10.30am at the Raynes Park site and a monthly Dementia Friendly service is held in the afternoon at the Wimbledon Site.

The Church and Church Halls

This year has seen the appointment of Stephen Rees as the Centre Manager with the aim to grow the use of the premises. Both for individual bookings and new groups and organisations.

What's On For Adults

A wide range of activities for adults take place at the Lantern Methodist Church each week, from social and support group (e.g. twice weekly AA meetings and a fellowship group for the retired), through our partnership with the Lantern Arts Centre we offer film

and book clubs, fitness and dance, amateur dramatics, prayer meetings and quiet/safe spaces. We also provide rooms on a daily and weekly basis for two foreign language churches to meet, one Korean and the other Brazilian. Our aim is to provide well maintained and well managed church premises and Coffee House for the local community to use for a diverse range of activities throughout the week and at the weekends. We provide facilities for groups from the church and in the local community, local charities and commercial organisations in order to develop our joint church into a true community church.

What's On For Children and young people

In partnership with the Lantern Arts centre we engage with our young people through the various theatre groups which run weekly - helping to make links between faith and the world, offering a safe space in which to explore difficult subjects and also to have fun. Through the Coffee House we offer a daily play zone for young children and their carers, an enabled space to meet other carers, an opportunity for the children to learn and play and also an opportunity for the charity members interact with the community and provide intergenerational interactions.

Through a diverse programme enabled by the Lantern Arts centre the church community is actively encouraged to offer and enable the wide variety on offer. We are praying and seeking discernment towards the setting up of a "baking church" at our Wimbledon site, and a summer holiday club in partnership with the Lantern Arts Centre. The halls are proving to be a very popular venue for birthday parties and family celebrations and this is enabled and facilitated by the Coffee House.

Pastoral Care

There is a small team chaired by the Minister and enabled by a pastoral secretary that coordinates all the pastoral visits, and care for both the church/arts centre and community. Weekly bible study is enabled through our Wimbledon site, and we share in quarterly family meals within the main body of the church and this is extended to all who call the Lantern home (Coffee House staff, Arts centre and costume store). Our weekly prayer group is attended by a wide, diverse group from both the church and community as is becoming known as a safe space, with a listening heart for all. Church members and attendees are actively encouraged to see pastoral care as a whole life experience not limited to church space; but extended into every area of their lives.

Mission and Evangelism

The Minister is currently being enabled by the wider Methodist Church to research and promote healthy evangelism and to mission in its widest sense. This has seen the participation by the congregation in surveys to take the temperature of feeling to mission and evangelism, to envision growth and to seek to meet new people in new places, moving beyond the post-christendom position and into the 21st Century enabling a Christ-Centred space for all.

Future Plans

When planning our activities for the year, we consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the local area.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate and support this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church and halls buildings of The Lantern Methodist Church. The Raynes Park site, a grade 2 listed building which is about 105 years old is in need of refurbishment in order that it can support the work of the church in the local. A project has been started to explore the way in which the site can be developed in a way that conserves the character of the building.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Lantern Methodist Church operates under the Constitution and Practice of the Methodist Church.

Church Council (CC)

The purpose of the Church Council (CC) with our minister, Deacon Dawn Canham, is to promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the local neighbourhood. The Church Council is the church's governing body. Membership of the CC should therefore be taken seriously as it carries responsibility for financial and legal decisions made on behalf of the church. The CC appoints committees that have the authority to act within pre-defined areas of responsibility; supports the work of all such committees and receives their reports, making decisions on any matter of principle that may arise.

The CC membership includes the clergy, the Church Stewards, the CC Secretary, Church Treasurer, Convenors of Church Committees, Circuit Steward and 6 Ordinary Members. Ordinary Members are elected at the AGM to serve for a term of 3 years and can then be re-elected to serve a maximum of 6 years. Office holders are also elected annually, to serve a maximum of 6 years.

During the past year, the CC has overseen the work of the various Church Committees, giving approval as necessary. Church finances continue to be a matter of concern - see Finance report for more details. Other church business dealt with over the year includes:-

- The requirement for the church to produce an annual report to the Charities Commission to update them on our activities throughout the year, which also allows

us to apply for a refund of tax under the 'Gift Aid' scheme. In order to do this, we will need to approve an updated Constitution at the AGM

- Regular review of the church policies, including Fire Safety Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy and training and our Travel Plan, which encourages our hall users to walk or use public transport.

Training of Trustees: Newly appointed trustees are supplied with a booklet of their responsibilities and denominational training sessions are supplied for treasurers.

Wimbledon Methodist Church Circuit

The Lantern Methodist Church is part of the Wimbledon Methodist Church Circuit. This is a group of five local churches served by a team of three ministers. Each has pastoral charge of one or more churches and will preach and lead worship in different local churches in the Circuit, along with Local Preachers.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist policies outline commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- the careful selection and training of all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- an immediate response to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- a commitment to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

- a commitment to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- the offer of pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- in all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Lantern Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Safeguarding Policies of our parent church; government legislation; guidance and safe practice within its church.

The Lantern Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people which will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.

Reserves Policy

This reserves policy covers all church funds held by the Lantern Methodist Church.

At 31st August 2020 the Church held unrestricted funds of £8,933,847 (2019 £8,706,841) of which £8,845,315 (2019 £8,586,000) represented the value of the Church Property leaving net unrestricted funds of £88,532 (2019 £120,841)

The Church aims to hold Current Assets in reserve of at least 50% of the budgeted expenditure for the following year £75,000 (£150,000 approximately for 2020/21).

Trustees Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Statute law requires the Trustees to prepare the Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period under review. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE LANTERN METHODIST CHURCH
(of Raynes Park and Wimbledon)



For and on behalf of the Trustees

Signed

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Wendy Siemazko

Date: 19th March 2021

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019- 20
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	11,006				11,006
2 Donations	5	4,031				4,031
3 Gift aid	6	3,894				3,894
4 Interest and investment income	7	642				642
5 Internal organisations	8	62,995				62,995
6 Other charitable income	9	99,782				99,782
7 Total income		182,350	0	0	0	182,350
Expenditure						
8 Circuit assessment or share	25	21,356				21,356
9 Grants and donations	,10	221				221
10 Property maintenance	11	37,356				37,356
11 Insurance, utilities etc.	12	39,915				39,915
12 Depreciation	13	117,234				117,234
13 Office expenses	14	3,898				3,898
14 Other expenditure	15	45,649				45,649
15 Internal organisations	8	65,761				66,761
16 Total charitable expenditure		331,390	0	0	0	331,390
17 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(381)				(381)
18 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		0				0
19 Net income/(expenditure)		(149,421)	0	0	0	(149,421)
20 Transfers between funds		0				0
21 Other gains/(losses)	13	375,927				375,927
22 Net movement in funds		226,506	0	0	0	226,506
23 Total funds brought forward		8,706,841	0	0	0	8,706,841
24 Total funds carried forward		8,933,347	0	0	0	8,933,347

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018-2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	15,609				15,609
2 Donations	5	2,429				2,429
3 Gift aid	6	3,961				3,961
4 Interest and investment income	7	2,067				2,067
5 Internal organisations	8	96,472				96,472
6 Other charitable income	9	122,711				122,711
7 Total income		243,249	0	0	0	243,249
Expenditure						
8 Circuit assessment or share	25	24,214				24,214
9 Grants and donations	10	216				216
10 Property maintenance	11	36,451				36,451
11 Insurance, utilities etc.	12	42,575				42,575
12 Depreciation	13	114,622				114,622
13 Office expenses	14	3,800				3,800
14 Other expenditure	15	60,160				60,160
15 Internal organisations	8	95,764				95,764
16 Total charitable expenditure		377,802	0	0	0	377,802
17 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(686)				(686)
18 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		300,000				300,000
19 Net income/(expenditure)		164,761	0	0	0	164,761
20 Transfers between funds		0				0
21 Other gains/(losses)		0				0
22 Net movement in funds		164,761	0	0	0	164,761
23 Total funds brought forward		8,542,080	0	0	0	8,542,080
24 Total funds carried forward		8,706,841	0	0	0	8,706,841

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
Fixed Assets							
Church building and other property	13	8,845,315				8,845,315	8,586,000
Other Assets	13	1,864				1,864	2,486
Investments						0	0
Total fixed assets		8,847,179	0	0	0	8,847,179	8,588,486
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	21	8,758				8,758	1,869
Internal Organisations	8	3,507				3,507	4,729
Investments with TMCP	20	55,690				55,690	66,071
Central Finance Board Deposits	21	13,130				13,130	22,844
Cash at Bank and in hand	21	9,619				9,619	35,171
Total current assets		90,704	0	0	0	90,704	130,684
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	22	4,013				4,013	12,180
Tenant Deposits	22	500				500	100
External Charity	22	23				23	49
Total current liabilities		4,536	0	0	0	4,536	12,329
Net current assets/liabilities		86,168	0	0	0	86,168	118,355
Total assets less current liabilities		8,933,347	0	0	0	8,933,347	8,706,841
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Loans to the Church						0	
Net assets	26	8,933,347	0	0	0	8,933,347	8,706,841
Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	26	8,933,347				8,933,347	8,706,841
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						8,933,347	8,706,841
Restricted Funds				0		0	
Endowment Funds					0	0	0
Total Funds		8,933,347	0	0	0	8,933,347	8,706,841

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form part of these accounts.

Charity and Public Benefit Annual Report approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Church Treasurer: R C Newitt *signed*

Chair of Church Council Deacon Dawn Canham *signed* Date 10th January 2021

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with SORP 2019 (FRS102), being the current version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations.

3. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that property, land values and investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year (where it has not been possible to determine the historical costs), on an accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Rents will be recorded when they are due / hiring event occurs.

Donated goods for onward transmission to other charities (chiefly food and clothing / bedding for a homeless charity) are passed immediately to that charity and are not included in the statement of financial activities as no benefit accrues to the charity.

The charity has not received any goods for use by the charity itself.

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements.

No services have been donated that would normally have been purchased.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

The Church deregistered for VAT in summer 2020 due to the income of the Lantern Coffee House (an Internal Organisation) dropping to zero and hence below the threshold for de-registering. Prior to de-registration the VAT liability was calculated on a composite rate basis agreed with HMRC. The church's income apart, with the exception of the Lantern Coffee House income, is exempt from VAT. All input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Fixed assets

The freehold property was subject to re-valuation in 2019 by David Ambrose MRICS of Bromptons Chartered Surveyors & Valuers. Use of the Nationwide – All Property Index to calculate the valuation at 31/8/2020. See Note 13.

Investment Properties

No separate Investment Properties are owned by the charity. The flats at the Wimbledon Methodist Church site are an integral part of the Church Building and the valuation of the flats is included within the valuation of the church.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA. Currently no investments are held.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices, credits from Utility companies, and Gift Aid claims made in subsequent years.

Creditors

Creditors include out-standings relating to utilities, telephones, etc. and receipts in advance for the next financial year.

		Year Ending 31/08/2020	Year Ending 31/08/2019
4.	Breakdown of Giving		
	Standing Orders	4840	940
	Envelopes & Loose Cash	6166	14669
	Total	11006	15609
5.	Donations		
	General Funds	4031	1429
	Legacies	0	0
	Building Development Fund	0	1000
		4031	2429

6. Gift Aid

Gift Aid for 2016/17; 2017/18 & 2018/19 Financial Years was paid in the 2018/19 Financial Year. This was due to the time Taken following the merging of Raynes Park Methodist Church and Wimbledon Methodist Church to form the Lantern Methodist Church in September 2016 to register the Lantern Methodist Church as a charity with the Charity Commission and then with HMRC. The Gift Aid received in 2018/19 (£11,549) has been allocated to the end date of the tax year in which the money was given.

The 2019/2020 figure is the amount claimed for that tax year.

The amount per year based on which tax year the donations were made are as follows:-

Gift Aid	3894	3961
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7. Interest and investment income

Interest on trusts held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) was not paid into the church's Central Finance Board (CFB) account as the account name had been updated; but had not advised to TMCP.

This was corrected in 2018/19 and the back interest paid. As unpaid interest had been added to the trust values no accrual of interest has been made.

CFB - Deposit Account interest	149	146
TMCP - Trust Fund Interest	493	1921
Total	642	2067

Increase / (Decrease) in TMCP investment value is shown in row 18:	(381)	(686)
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£10k transferred from TMCP to CFB Account.

8 Internal Organisations

There are three internal organisations - The Lantern Coffee; Fellowship and the Flower Fund.

The Lantern Coffee House manages its day to day running finances. But due to not being an independent organisation for some financial transactions these are paid via the church's accounts and money is transferred to cover all or part of the transactions. internal organisation income / Expenditure. In 2018/19 the Lantern Coffee house operated at a loss.

	Opening Balance 01/09/2019	Income	Expenditure	Profit / (Loss)	Closing Balance 31/08/2020
Lantern Coffee House	4504	63,866	65,314	(1,448)	3056
<i>Transfers between accounts</i>		(1400)			
Fellowship	211	392	352	40	251
Flower Fund	14	281	95	186	200
Money accounted in Church Account in 18/19					
Transferred during 2019/2020		(144)			
Totals from Internal Organisation Accounts	4729	62,995	65,761	(1222)	3507

9 Other Charitable Income

	Year Ending 31/08/2020	Year Ending 31/08/2019
Premises Hire	74478	98381
Costume Store (Joint venture with the Lantern Arts Centre)	5175	5400
Lantern Arts Centre - Contribution for use of premises	5700	7500
Church Flats (Rent)	11400	8100
Refund of shared property costs from Wesley Court flats	1427	836
Fund raising	1602	1769
Play zone	0	562
Grants	0	0
Flower Fund Donation	0	144
Miscellaneous Income	0	50
Less Petty Cash transfer to bank account recorded as income	0	(31)
Totals	99782	122711

10 Grants & Donations

Care for Uganda (Child Sponsorship)	216	216
Tear Fund donation	5	
Totals	221	216

11 Property Maintenance

Cleaning	5745	9582
Maintenance	9176	20008
Lift Maintenance	6085	2682
Flats	12497	494
Flats - Council Tax	3853	3685
Totals	37356	36451

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12 Insurance, utilities etc.

	Insurance	9363	9194
	Gas	8820	9769
	Electricity	14374	17975
	Water	6337	3238
	Waste Collection	1021	2399
Totals		39915	42575

13 Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Land Value - No depreciation has been included.

31/8/2019 Valuation £3m

31/8/2020 index change 4.37837% ----- £3,131,351

Buildings –

31/8/2019 Valuation £5.586,000

31/8/2020 index change 4.37837% ----- £5.830,576

Increase in fixed Asset valuation ----- £375,927

Increase in church property & land valuation recorded as “Other gains / losses”

Building Depreciation (2%) ----- £116,612

Net 31/8/2020 Building Valuation ----- £5,713,964

Property Fixed Assets 31/8/2020 ----- £8,845,315

All other items - Only single items with a purchase price over £1,000 will be included and they will be depreciated over 5 years.

Depreciation will be applied in the year of purchase.

Item	Purchased	Price	Depreciation
Round Tables & Storage Racks (For Church Use)	17/05/2019	3108	622 From 2018/19 to 2023/24
Balance of Tangible Assets at 31/8/2019		2486	
Depreciation			622
Balance of Tangible Assets at 31/8/2020		1864	

14 Office Expenses

	31/08/2020	31/08/2019
Telephones	2624	2501
Stationery	18	68
Photocopier	1256	1231
Total	3898	3800

15 Other Charitable Expenditure

	Year Ending 31/08/2020	Year Ending 31/08/2019
Fund Raising Expenses	221	328
Pension Contributions (Includes Lantern Coffee House Staff)	5731	8849
Tax & NI Contributions (Includes Lantern Coffee House Staff)	1781	4208
Church Employee Salaries	9329	25634
Centre Manage (Sub-contract)	19500	10000
Payroll Charges	461	444
Miscellaneous Expenses	114	511
Lantern Coffee House – VAT	10732	
Less LCH transfers	-8007	
Lantern Coffee House Support / Equipment Purchases	1400	3920
Worship Costs	536	1051
Youth Club	0	71
Lantern Project	2081	
Charges for Card Machine used for donations	150	
Flower Fund Donation shown as Income in Internal Organisation line	0	144
Property & Land Valuation	120	2000
Audit / Independent Examination	1500	3000
Total	45649	60160

16. Payment to Trustees

	This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£ 0	0

Note:- The Methodist Minister are not direct employees of the charity. They are paid by the Methodist Connexion. The charity makes contributions to the Wimbledon Circuit (Circuit Assessment) which among other things funds their stipends.

Number of trustees who were paid expenses	4	5
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Nature of the expenses

All payments were against receipts:-

Fund raising Expenses (£89)

Worship Related (£53)

Petty Cash & Maintenance Items (£214)

Total amount paid	£ 356	2,722
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17. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 1500	3000
Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£ 0	0

18a. Paid employees (Directly Employed by the Church)

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 10,060	28,949
Employer's National Insurance costs (Impact of Statutory Sick Pay on Employer NIC rebate has not been included here)	£ 188	130
Pension costs	£ 1,107	1,724
Total staff costs	£ 11,355	30,803
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	1	2

(Net wages have been paid from the Lantern Coffee House income; NI; Tax & Pension has been paid from the Charity Accounts)

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 43,602	55,785
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	
<i>(Impact of Statutory Sick Pay on Employer NIC rebate has not been included here)</i>	1,407	134
Pension costs	£ 4,839	2,699
Total staff costs	£ 49,848	58,618
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	7	7

No Employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The Lantern Methodist Church uses TPT Retirement Solutions to provide a pension scheme for its employees (both those directly employed and those employed by the Lantern Coffee House an internal organisation). Information on the scheme performance is available on the TPT Retirement Solutions website – www.tpt.org.uk

The church offers a Defined Contribution Scheme (The Flexible Retirement Plan) to its employees.

In line with Methodist Church policy the pension scheme is based on a 6% contribution both by the employees and employer.

The investments that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing

guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

	This Year	Last Year
Change in investment values		
Value at beginning of year	66,071	86,757
,Add: Additions	0	0
Less: Withdrawals (Including interest paid)	10,493	21,921
Add: Interest less administration	112	1,235
Value at end of year	55,690	66,071

TMCP currently hold legacy funds as shown on the Balance Sheet (Page 14) of this report.

21. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments

Prepayments (Credits) – Gift Aid / Utility Credit /

Other debtors (including lettings & rent)

Total debtors and prepayments

	This year	Last year
	£	£
	0	263
	8,758	1,606
	8,758	1,869

Analysis of cash at bank

Cash in hand

Bank balance held in HSBC Account

Bank balance held in Barclays (Lantern Centre Account)

Bank balance held in Barclays (Salaries Account)

Bank balance held in Barclays (Church Account)

Deposit Account balance Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (Trustees Account)

Deposit Account balance Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (Revenue Reserve Account)

Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes
(Trust Funds relating to Legacies) Non-Restricted

Total Cash and Bank

Debtors & Pre-payments

Internal Organisations

Total Current Assets

90	0
6,667	18,018
785	9,850
1,349	4,438
728	2,865
10,051	14,809
3,079	8,035
55,690	66,071
78,439	124,086
8758	1,869
3,507	4,729
90,704	130,684

22. Analysis of current liabilities

Trade Creditors

0

0

Other Creditors

4,013

12,180

Less Money held for External Charities & Deposits held

523

149

Total Current Liabilities

4,536

12,329

23. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 the Church has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

24. Restricted Funds

No Restricted Funds are currently held by the charity.

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Internal Organisation funds are excluded from this analysis.

25. Related Party Transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2020
			£	£	£	£
Wimbledon Methodist Church Circuit	Charity is part of the Circuit	Circuit Assessment		21,356		
Total			0	21,356	0	0

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2019
			£	£	£	£
Wimbledon Methodist Church Circuit	Charity is part of the Circuit	Circuit Assessment		24,214		
Total			0	24,214	0	0

26 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income (incl. gains) £	Expenditure (incl. losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	8,706,841	558,277	331,771	0	8,933,347
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	8,706,841	558,277	331,771	0	8,933,347

Currently the church does not hold any Restricted funds.

The comparative figures for the previous year are shown below -

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income (incl. gains) £	Expenditure (incl. losses) £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	8,542,080	543,249	378,488	0	8,706,841
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	8,542,080	543,249	378,488	0	8,706,841

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

Signed

Date

7th March 2021

Name

Roy C Newitt

Address

21 Sandringham Road
Worcester Park
Surrey

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were, or will be presented to the Church Council Meeting on

7th March 2021

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Signed

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Deacon Dawn Canham

Date

15th March 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Lantern Methodist Church (of Raynes Park and Wimbledon)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2020 which are set out on pages 13 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity'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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed

Stephen Jones FCA
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Appendix A ----- Church Council as elected at the AGM 2/5/2019

Restrictions as a result of the COVID19 pandemic has resulted in the 2020 AGM being cancelled with the result that all appointments are extended to the AGM to be held in 2021.

The CC is a body corporate and a charity accepted for registration with the Charity Commission. The CC members that have served until the date of this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Chair:	Deacon Dawn Canham
Treasurer:	Roy Newitt
CC Secretary:	Wendy Siemaszko
Church Stewards:	Dawn Downes
	Juliette Jaeger
	Margaret Redway
	Angela Linton-Smith (Safeguarding Officer)

Elected members:

Lorna Giraud
Rosemary Evans
Sue Fuller
Mike Fuller
Anita Brown
Alan Brown
Humphrey Jaeger
Ashleigh Linton-Smith (from 1/9/2020)