

CREDITON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1178365

Details

Other names	CRED METH, CREDITON MC, CREDITON METHODIST CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-05-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE 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.

Activities: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN THE TOWN OF CREDITON AND ITS ENVIRONS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£48,854	£60,904	-	-
2024-08-31	£115,478	£56,851	-	-
2023-08-31	£44,213	£41,020	-	-
2022-08-31	£50,646	£46,302	-	-
2021-08-31	£32,494	£43,334	-	-
2020-08-31	£44,417	£40,719	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Simon Hugh Leigh	Chair	2026-01-01
BRONWYN JOY NOTT		2011-04-01
CATHY JERRARD		2018-03-18
CHRISTINE MADELINE TURNER		2008-05-13
ELIZABETH DAWN GREENSLADE		2019-03-24
GLENN KEVIN TURNER		2016-04-01
Gillian Carol Sutton		2019-03-24
HILARY EVERITT		2019-03-24
JOHN ANDREW ASHLEY BSc FCA		2018-02-15
Karen Theedom		2019-03-24
Lloyd Smale		2024-05-19
MARJORIE LESLEY ASHLEY		2002-03-01
Margaret Jane Ellis		2019-03-24
PAMELA ROSE MURPHY		2016-04-01
Wendy Jean Homeshaw		2019-03-24

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Annual Report 2024-2025

Amethyst / Superintendent Minister
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Annual Report of Crediton Methodist Church

For the year ended 31st August 2025

Administrative Information:

The Church is registered with the charity commission. Registered Charity Number 1178365. A copy of the accounts by way of Schedule B has been sent to the Synod (via the circuit officer).

The Church address is Union Road, Crediton, Devon EX17 3AW. Any correspondence should be directed to the Senior Steward: Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Oake House, Tolleys, Crediton EX17 1HG

The Charity Trustees or Managing Trustees are members of the Church Council and the names of members who have served as managing trustees in the year ended 31st August 2025 are as follows:

Minister: Revd Ben Haslam

The Stewards: Marjorie Ashley, Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Pam Murphy, Gill Sutton, Christine Turner and Glenn Turner

Church Secretary: John Ashley

Treasurer: Christine Turner

Pastoral Secretary: Pam Murphy

Circuit Steward:- Sue Jones

Members elected by the General Church Meeting: Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Karen Theedom and Lloyd Smale.

The number of members at 31st August 2025 was 61

The Life of the Church:

The Church Council and the Church Stewards oversee the whole of the life of the church. The Church Council meets three times a year. The Church Stewards meet six times a year. The Annual General Church Meeting is held in April or May.

Sunday Services

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship followed by tea and coffee.

6.30pm Sunday Evening Worship (*Held once a month except in January, February and March*)

Discipleship Groups

7.30pm Twice a month on a Monday

10.30am Every Wednesday

Our Vision

Our vision is of a dynamic worshipping Christian family seeking to play our part in the world-wide mission of God by constantly nurturing, encouraging and supporting one another;

disciples of Jesus Christ committed to praying and learning together;

a congregation radiating God's love by reaching out to the community, serving the poor and vulnerable, intent on changing the world in partnership with others;

an inclusive group of believers, welcoming all, with a desire to become a living vibrant church, to the glory of God.

We envisage

- exploring ways to encourage local ownership of our worship, including greater congregational participation
- offering a variety of styles of worship to enable all who come to encounter God
- aiming for excellence in all we offer to God in worship
- encouraging all members to participate in small groups for Bible study, prayer and mutual support
- providing appropriate environments for children, young people and adults to grow in the knowledge and love of God
- offering appropriate pastoral care to each individual within the church family
- learning of, and being inspired by, the work that God is doing through the church in other regions of the world.
- identifying needs in the town and surrounding area and finding ways to respond as a church community, and in partnership with others
- encouraging members to give time and money to meet the needs of others
- providing support for individuals involved in serving the community
- developing close links with a particular overseas project and finding appropriate ways to offer support
- raising awareness and taking action on justice and ethical issues
- encouraging each member to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others
- building links between the church and the wider community
- developing groups out in the community with links back into the church
- expecting to see church growth and planning accordingly
- a flexible floor space in the sanctuary for exploring different possibilities for worship
- open church doors, providing a haven and offering a welcome and refreshment
- a church building that appears non-threatening and is easily accessible to all
- a multipurpose building for community used throughout the week

Stewards Report

In September we welcomed Revd Ben Haslam, our new minister, when we shared a lunch after Morning Worship.

The worship pattern has continued with Café Church on 1st Sundays and Church4All on 3rd, allowing participation in services by congregation members as well as designated preachers. During Jan, Feb and March there were no evening services due to dark evenings being difficult for people going out and an ageing congregation.

Friday Focus has been meeting monthly, and it has been well attended and appreciated as a mid-week meeting. The two discipleship groups have been gathering, one weekly and the other fortnightly.

Monthly care home services have been led at Hillbrow House and are much appreciated. The Held Together ecumenical services, led by Anna chaplains, have continued, providing thought and inspiration for some of our older members and their carers. The Big Top youth club has been offering opportunities for Years 6 and 7 children to have a time of relaxation, sport and creativity weekly. It is well supported.

We enjoyed two Away Days, led by Revd Ben. They were spent at Topsham MC and Budleigh MC, giving opportunity for relaxation, discussion and fellowship. We have been actively involved with CTiC for Walk of Witness on Good Friday, World Day of Prayer (which we hosted) and Songs of Praise in Newcombes Meadow including a picnic.

Our social activities have included a couple of Tabletop Sales, an exhibition of occupations with flowers, film nights, a beetle drive and a display of the 12 days of Christmas leading up to Christmas. We were delighted to arrange an Accreditation Service for Cathy Jerrard as a Local Preacher. This was attended by many from circuit and was concluded with tea and cake. The weekly coffee mornings on Fridays and Saturdays have continued, providing a warm space on Fridays and fellowship on Saturdays when we support several different charities (CODE, Connect, World Mission, CHAT, Methodist Women in Britain, All We Can and the Disaster Fund). We contributed to CREE by filling shoeboxes for delivery in Eastern Europe and we have supported the District Partnership with North India.

We began our planning for appointing a Lay Pastor at Crediton so that we will have some support for our mission and outreach within the community as we no longer have a resident minister.

Safeguarding

The Church reviews its safeguarding policies annually in November.

The Church regularly reviews the training records and identifies those who need to update their safeguarding training. Those needing additional training have attended either the basic or advanced courses.

There continues to be one safeguarding concern which is being closely monitored by a small group chaired by the Circuit safeguarding officer. Meetings have been held with the subject of concern and safeguarding procedures have been agreed. The District Safeguarding Officer continues to be actively involved in this case.

There have been some minor concerns about the actions of a youth who attends various events and some Sunday services. Safeguarding procedures have been implemented for this situation which is monitored by members of the Church safeguarding group.

John Ashley
Church Safeguarding Officer

Financial Information

The accounts have been examined by an independent examiner: Mr T. Bridle

The Church bankers are:

NatWest, 59 High Street, Exeter EX4 3DL

Central Finance Board, 25 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SF

Crediton Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended August 31st 2025

General Fund Income and Expenditure

General Fund	Balances B/f	2023-2024		Balances C & B/f	2024-2025		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	Income
Church Activities	£17,221.62			£77,301.57			£68,497.73
Offertory		£25,409.02			£22,837.30		
Gift Aid Tax & GASDS		£7,023.10			£6,245.88		
Gift Day							
Flower Fund	£170.05			£170.05	£20.00	£12.00	£178.05
Fund Raising		£3,308.94			£2,587.58		
Printing & Stationery		£4.15	£159.44		£4.15	£194.88	
Pastoral							
Sundries		£59,809.80	£902.69		£4,116.33	£2,087.21	
Bank Interest		£2,365.77			£4,205.29		
Assessment			£23,172.00			£23,172.00	
Subscriptions / Licenses			£1,453.90			£1,780.52	
Hall Bookings		£3,292.00			£5,692.00		
Weddings & Funerals		£338.50					
Repairs and Renewals		£11,893.82	£20,868.10			£20,805.05	
Electricity			£1,021.67			£2,198.13	
Gas			£2,517.86			£979.78	
Telephone / Broadband			£443.36			£280.42	
Insurance			£2,132.42			£2,189.34	
Water			£693.71			£805.04	
Transfer to/from Negative funds							
Closing Balance	£17,391.67	£113,445.10	£53,365.15	£77,471.62	£45,708.53	£54,504.37	£68,675.78
			£60,079.95			-£8,795.84	

Summary of Restricted and Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds	Balances B/f	2023-2024		Balances C & B/f	2024-2025		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Benevolent Fund	£438.32	£273.89		£712.21	£92.25		£804.46
Friday Fellowship	£44.09		£44.09	£0.00			
Friday Focus	£174.70	£211.39		£386.09	£164.20	£150.00	£400.29
Property / Refurbishment	£4,435.78	£394.32		£4,830.10	£359.44		£5,189.54
Schools Out Family Café	£210.12			£210.12		£210.12	£0.00
Youth Worker	£25,013.55	£1,183.50	£3,471.23	£22,725.82	£1,200.12	£3,146.18	£20,779.76
Total Balances held	£30,316.56	£2,063.10	£3,515.32	£28,864.34	£1,816.01	£3,506.30	£27,174.05

Charitable Fund	Balances B/f	2023-2024		Balances C & B/f	2024-2025		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Action for Children	£1.04	£300.43		£301.47	£218.10	£515.00	£4.57
All We Can	£0.50	£76.84		£77.34	£214.25	£205.00	£86.59
Christian Aid	£0.61	£133.58	£130.00	£4.19	£65.00	£65.00	£4.19
Causeway	£2.25			£2.25			£2.25
Chat	£0.40	£127.26		£127.66	£55.54	£183.00	£0.20
CODE	£42.15	£101.81	£102.50	£41.46	£0.00	£0.00	£41.46
Connect	£0.00	£73.40		£73.40	£210.78	£200.00	£84.18
Diaster Emergency Fund	£426.34	£199.08	£25.00	£600.42	£51.98		£652.40
Edukid	£5,439.11		£275.00	£5,164.11		£300.00	£4,864.11
Foodbank	-£1.07	£74.00		£72.93			£72.93
Francisco Rojas School-David	£225.74	£224.87		£450.61		£450.61	£0.00
Meth. Home for the Aged	-£0.29	£249.10		£248.81	£231.62	£480.00	£0.43
Missions in Britain	£0.60	£94.73		£95.33	£57.88	£145.00	£8.21
MWiB	£10.17	£115.66		£125.83	£102.65	£220.00	£8.48
Repair Café	£861.57			£861.57			£861.57
World Missions	£1.47	£172.58	£105.25	£68.80	£121.37	£130.00	£60.17
Other	£65.00	£0.00	£0.00	£65.00			£65.00
Total Balances held	£7,075.59	£1,943.34	£637.75	£8,381.18	£1,329.17	£2,893.61	£6,816.74

Bank Balances	2023-24	2024-25
Current Account	£15,344.02	£7,892.72
Central Finance Board	£91,360.25	£86,393.54
Central Finance Board 2	£7,922.43	£8,281.87
Cash in Hand	£90.44	£98.44
Totals	£114,717.14	£102,666.57

Restricted and Church Group Funds

1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025

Benevolent Fund

Opening balance	<u>£ 712.21</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Sunday Coffee	£ 83.00		
Gift Aid Tax	9.25		
Total	<u>£ 92.25</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 804.46</u>		

Flower Fund

Opening balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 129.61		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 40.44</u>		
Total	<u>£ 170.05</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Donation	£ 20.00		
Total	<u>£ 20.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 12.00</u>
Closing balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 129.61		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 48.44</u>		
Closing balance	<u>£ 178.05</u>		

Friday Focus

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 386.09		
Total opening balance	<u>£ 386.09</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£ 164.20	Fund for Heating	£ 150.00
Total	<u>£ 164.20</u>	Total	<u>£ 150.00</u>
Closing balance			
Friday Fellow Account	£ 400.29		
Total closing balance	<u>£ 400.29</u>		

Property Fund

Opening Balance			
Designated Fund	£ 2,138.07		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 2,692.03</u>		
Total opening balance	<u>£ 4,830.10</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Bank Interest	£ 359.44		
Total	<u>£ 359.44</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance			
Designated Fund	£ 2,497.51		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 2,692.03</u>		
Total closing balance	<u>£ 5,189.54</u>		

Schools Out Family Café

Opening Balance	£ 210.12		
Income		Expenditure	
		transfer to Y/W	£ 210.12
Total	£ 00.00	Total	£ 210.12
Closing balance	£ 00.00		

Youth Worker Fund

Opening Balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 9,743.20		
Restricted Fund	£ 12,932.62		
Total opening balance	£ 22,725.82		
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£ 480.00	Budget to work	£ 3,146.18
Gift Aid Tax	£ 162.00		
Gift Day	£ 348.00		
Transfer from SOFC	£ 210.12		
Total	£ 1,200.12	Total	£ 3,146.18
Closing balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 10,031.20		
Restricted Fund	£ 10,698.56		
Total closing balance	£ 20,779.76		

Charity Funds

1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025

Action for Children

Opening Balance	£ 301.47		
Income		Expenditure	
Coffee - Collection	£ 205.10	Charity Giving 24	£ 300.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 13.00	Charity Giving 25	£ 215.00
Total	£ 218.10	Total	£ 515.00
Closing Balance	£ 4.57		

All We Can

Opening Balance	£ 77.34		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 210.75	Charity Giving 24	£ 75.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 3.50	Charity Giving 25	£ 130.00
Total	£ 214.25	Total	£ 205.00
Closing Balance	£ 86.59		

Causeway

Opening Balance	<u>£ 2.25</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 2.25</u>		

Charity Other

Opening Balance	<u>£ 65.00</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 65.00</u>		

Christian Aid

Opening Balance	<u>£ 4.19</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 15.00	Annual Giving 25	£ 65.00
Christian Aid Fund Raising	£ 50.00		
Total	<u>£ 65.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 65.00</u>
	<u>£ 4.19</u>		

CHAT (Churches Housing Action Team)

Opening Balance	<u>£ 127.66</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 50.29	Annual Giving 24	£ 120.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 5.25	Annual Giving 25	£ 63.00
Total	<u>£ 55.54</u>	Total	<u>£ 183.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ .20</u>		

CODE

Opening Balance	<u>£ 41.46</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 00.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 00.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 41.46</u>		

Connect

Opening Balance	<u>£ 73.40</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Gift Aid Tax	£ 10.75	Annual Giving	£ 200.00
Sunday Coffee	£		
Total	<u>£ 210.78</u>	Total	<u>£ 200.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 84.18</u>		

Disaster Emergency Fund

Opening balance	<u>£ 600.42</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Sat/Sun coffee	£ 49.10		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 2.88		
Total	<u>£ 51.98</u>	Total	<u>£ 00.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 652.40</u>		

Edukid

Opening Balance	<u>£ 5,164.11</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		Oscar K. Sponsorship	£ 300.00
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 300.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 4,864.11</u>		

Food Bank

Opening Balance	<u>£ 72.93</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 00.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 72.93</u>		

Francisco Rojas School

Opening Balance 'David'	<u>£ 450.61</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		David in Peru	£ 300.00
		Frs. School	£ 150.61
Total	<u>£ 00.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 450.61</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 00.00</u>		

MHA (Methodist Homes)

Opening Balance	<u>£ 248.81</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Sunday Coffee	£ 221.24	Annual Giving 2024	£ 240.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 10.38	Annual Giving 2025	£ 240.00
Total	<u>£ 231.62</u>	Total	<u>£ 480.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ .43</u>		

Methodist Women in Britain

Opening Balance 'MWiB'	<u>£ 125.83</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Gift Aid Tax	£ 4.25	Annual Giving 2024	£ 120.00
Saturday Coffee	£ 98.40	Annual Giving 2025	£ 100.00
Total	<u>£ 102.65</u>	Total	<u>£ 220.00</u>
Closing Balance			
	<u>£ 8.48</u>		

Mission in Britain Fund (Home Missions)

Opening Balance	<u>£ 95.33</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee Morning	£ 53.00	Annual Giving 2024	£ 90.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 4.88	Annual Giving 2025	£ 55.00
Total	<u>£ 57.88</u>	Total	<u>£ 145.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 8.21</u>		

Repair Café

Opening Balance	<u>£ 861.57</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 861.57</u>		

World Mission

Opening Balance	<u>£ 68.80</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Easter Offering	£	Annual Giving 2024	£ 65.00
Saturday Coffee	£ 58.62	Annual Giving 2025	£ 65.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 2.75		
Total	<u>£ 121.37</u>	Total	<u>£ 130.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 60.17</u>		

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Crediton Methodist Church

Charity Number 1178365

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Crediton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025. 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(5Xb) of the Act.

Church Receipts and Payments

I confirm that these Receipts and Payments 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.

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 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 obtained by review of statements 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.

independent examiner

Name of independent examiner: Terry Bridle

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: FMAAT

Address: 123 Greystone Walk, Cullompton EX15 1GZ

Date of report: 9th December 2025

Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- (a) Our General Fund
- (b) Central Finance Board

Other funds also held which are NOT required to be included in our reserves are:

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Property)
- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker)

Our Reserves

- (a-b) Our General Fund

We aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money to cover six month's expenditure i.e. £27,000 (excluding Cost of building use)

The reason for this is twofold: -

- (i) The church needs around one month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- (ii) Maintenance on church buildings and special outreach events are mainly funded from fundraising efforts and money is regularly spent in advance of being raised.

There are insufficient funds in the current account to cover this amount, but we can also draw upon monies held in the Central Finance Board.

Other Funds held for specific purposes

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Property Fund)

We maintain a Property Fund (held by Central Finance Board) for the upkeep of the premises. and for large projects on the property.

The Property Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance.

- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker Fund)

To cover the cost of our Youth Work activities. Youth Worker Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance.

Minutes of the Annual General Church Meeting

held at Crediton Methodist Church on Saturday 25th May 2025

Present: Revd Ben Haslam, John Ashley (Secretary) and 18 members and friends.

Apologies: Gill Sutton and Karen Theedom

The Minister welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Annual Report for 2023/24, which includes the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2024 and the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2024, had been circulated having been previously reviewed and approved by the Church Council.

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2024

On the proposal of Bronwyn Nott, seconded by Marjorie Ashley, the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2024 were approved by the meeting.

Annual Report

As the Annual Report related to the year ended 31st August 2024 when the minister was Revd Alison Richardson, the Secretary gave a brief review of the Annual Report. 2023/24 had been a busy year for activities happening both inside and outside the Church. Inside, the variety of worship styles attracts a good number of people on Sundays. Café Church has been appreciated and successful. The Warm Spaces initiative has been continued all through the year in the belief that all who attend enjoy the regular company as much as the coffee, if not more. Saturday coffee mornings continue to be popular and donations financially support various charities at home and abroad.

Outside the Church there have been a few opportunities for mission and outreach but there is a need for more. There have been discussions during the year under review with representatives from Rediscovery Church which is based in Exeter. They are looking to plant a new church in Crediton and have recently attended a meeting of Churches Together in Crediton.

Tina Turner and Glenn Turner commented briefly on the financial situation. Outgoings continue to be more than amounts received. There is therefore a need for increased giving and fund raising. However, at 31st August 2024, the financial situation of the Church had improved as a result of receiving a substantial legacy during the year. Therefore, the Church is not maintaining its financial position.

The outside of the Church is to be painted and the contractor will start work on 16th June. The legacy has enabled this work to be funded.

Bronwyn Nott asked if there any plans for a Gift Day. This was discussed at the Church Council earlier this month and the Stewards will decide on an appropriate date, possibly to coincide with harvest.

The Minister thanked Tina Turner and Glenn Turner for maintaining the financial records and also all those involved in the preparation of the Annual Report.

On the proposal of Glenn Turner, seconded by Bronwyn Nott, the Annual Report for 2023/24 was approved and signed by the Minister.

Church Stewards

The Minister sincerely thanked the church stewards for their continued commitment. On the proposal of Meg Ellis, seconded by Wendy Homeshaw, the appointments of Marjorie Ashley, Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Pam Murphy, Gill Sutton, Tina Turner and Glenn Turner as church stewards for 2025/26 were approved. Marjorie Ashley made a request for new stewards to support the team.

Church Council

The Minister thanked those who have served on the Church Council and reminded the meeting that up to fifteen members of the Church can be elected to represent the church family. Those willing to serve and be re-elected as representatives to the Church Council for the next year are Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Karen Theedom and Lloyd Smale.

The Minister invited further nominations for the Church Council as there are a further nine vacancies. As there were no additional nominations the six nominees are automatically elected to serve on the Church Council for 2025/26.

The Church Council members for the coming year are:

<u>Ex officio members</u>	<u>Church stewards</u>	<u>Elected members</u>
The Minister	Marjorie Ashley	Meg Ellis
John Ashley (Church Council Secretary)	Hilary Everitt	Elizabeth Greenslade
	Cathy Jerrard	Wendy Homeshaw
Sue Jones (Circuit steward)	Pam Murphy (Pastoral Secretary)	Bronwyn Nott
	Gill Sutton	Karen Theedom
	Tina Turner (Treasurer)	Lloyd Smale
	Glenn Turner	

The Minister also thanked the many others who volunteer in various roles for the Church

Lay Pastor

The advertisement for a part time lay pastor for this Church from September this year is now in circulation. The closing date for applications is 4th June with interviews taking place the following week. This is a Circuit appointment.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with the grace.

CREDITON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178365

Accounts



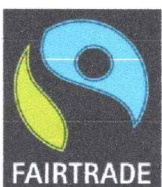
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Annual Report of Crediton Methodist Church

for the year ended 31st August 2024

Administrative Information:

The Church is registered with the charity commission. Registered Charity Number 1178365. A copy of the accounts by way of Schedule B has been sent to the Synod (via the circuit officer).

The Church address is:- Union Road, Crediton, Devon EX17 3AW. Any correspondence should be directed to the Senior Steward:- Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Oake House, The Tolleys, Crediton EX17 1HG

The Charity Trustees or Managing Trustees are members of the Church Council and the names of members who have served as managing trustees in the year ended 31st August 2024 are as follows:

Minister:- Revd. Alison Richardson

The Stewards:- Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Mrs Christine Turner, Mrs Hilary Everitt, Mrs Cathy Jerrard, Mrs Pam Murphy, Mrs Gill Sutton, Mr Glenn Turner

Church Secretary:- Mr John Ashley

Treasurer:- Mrs Christine Turner

Pastoral Secretary:- Mrs Pam Murphy

Circuit Steward:- Dr Sue Jones

Members elected by the General Church Meeting:- Mrs Meg Ellis, Mrs Elizabeth Greenslade, Mrs Wendy Homeshaw, Mrs Bronwyn Nott, Mr Lloyd Smale and Mrs Karen Theedom.

The number of members at 31st August 2024 was 69.

The Life of the Church

The Church Council and the Church Stewards oversee the whole of the life of the Church. The Church Council meets three times a year. The Church Stewards meet six times a year. The Church Annual General Meeting is held in April or May.

Sunday Services

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship followed by tea and coffee.

6.30pm Sunday Evening Worship (*Held once a month*)

Discipleship Groups

7.30pm Twice a month on a Monday

10.30am Every Wednesday

Big Top Youth Cafe

3.30 to 5.00pm Every Monday during school terms for years 6 and 7

Lunch Clubs

12.30pm Monthly on the first Tuesday and the second Friday

Friday Focus

2.30pm Monthly on the first Friday

Our Vision

Our vision is of a dynamic worshipping Christian family seeking to play our part in the world-wide mission of God by constantly nurturing, encouraging and supporting one another;

disciples of Jesus Christ committed to praying and learning together;

a congregation radiating God's love by reaching out to the community, serving the poor and vulnerable, intent on changing the world in partnership with others;

an inclusive group of believers, welcoming all, with a desire to become a living vibrant church, to the glory of God.

We envisage

- exploring ways to encourage local ownership of our worship, including greater congregational participation
- offering a variety of styles of worship to enable all who come to encounter God
- aiming for excellence in all we offer to God in worship
- encouraging all members to participate in small groups for Bible study, prayer and mutual support
- providing appropriate environments for children, young people and adults to grow in the knowledge and love of God
- offering appropriate pastoral care to each individual within the church family
- learning of, and being inspired by, the work that God is doing through the church in other regions of the world.
- identifying needs in the town and surrounding area and finding ways to respond as a church community, and in partnership with others
- encouraging members to give time and money to meet the needs of others
- providing support for individuals involved in serving the community
- developing close links with a particular overseas project and finding appropriate ways to offer support
- raising awareness and taking action on justice and ethical issues
- encouraging each member to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others
- building links between the church and the wider community
- developing groups out in the community with links back into the church
- expecting to see church growth and planning accordingly
- a flexible floor space in the sanctuary for exploring different possibilities for worship
- open church doors daily, providing a haven and offering a welcome and refreshment
- a church building that appears non-threatening and is easily accessible to all
- a multipurpose building for community use throughout the week

Minister's Report

This has been a busy year for activities happening both inside and outside of the Church. Inside the variety of worship attracts a good number of people on Sundays and the introduction of Cafe Church has been appreciated as well as successful. The Warm Spaces initiative has been continued all through the year in the belief that those who attend enjoy the regular company as much as the coffee, if not more. The Saturday coffee mornings are always popular and a way of financially supporting charities at home and abroad.

Outside of the Church there have been a few opportunities for mission and outreach but there is a need for more. This is being addressed by working with other church leaders more often and, together, discussing fresh ideas for working together on mission and outreach. The people of the town have actively welcomed refugee families and all of the churches have been involved. There are more houses being built on the edge of the town which will bring more opportunities for outreach.

The Church stewards meet monthly to discuss both the business of the Church and the spiritual health of the congregation. Being mindful not to appear judgemental regarding anyone's depth of faith, challenging questions have been presented by preachers and worship leaders for personal reflection. There is an open invitation to attend the Bible Study Discipleship groups which meet regularly.

All church offices are covered and there is a good team of pastoral visitors. Age does not diminish the ongoing commitment of the Church Council members which is greatly appreciated.

The Big Top after school club is very popular with the Church's priority being the safeguarding of both young people and the team of volunteers.

Overall the Church is ticking over nicely but, as the financial report clearly indicates an increase in income is urgently required.

Revd Alison Richardson

Stewards' Report

We began the year with a very successful and much appreciated Away Day at Halberton MC.

Rediscovery Church: Some of us have met with Steve and Joy Dunne and we are in the process of moving forward and await the filling in of forms which need to be sent to Connexion. They are looking at a satellite meeting centre for fortnightly or monthly meetings.

We have changed the church layout and it seems to have met with the general approval of both congregation and preachers. Our observations are that as it provides a more flexible space it has brought better fellowship with no congested areas.

We are investigating ways of tidying up the space in front of the church which appears as a weed patch. We are considering the planting of sustainable plants with good ground cover.

We have continued our monthly pattern of worship including Café Church on the 1st Sunday and Church 4 All on the 3rd. Evening Worship has been held on the 4th Sunday.

The monthly Friday Focus sessions and Lunch Club continue to flourish. Our 2 discipleship groups are well appreciated and continue to bring us closer in our fellowship together. The weekly Big Top Youth Club is well attended and much enjoyed. The weekly Warm Spaces – Coffee & Chat has continued.

Monthly services at Hillbrow Care Home have been on-going and are well received. We continue our support for CTiC with prayer for unity and the Walk of Witness and the monthly 'Held Together' service for people with memory loss and their carers. This has been well attended by some of our congregation. Again, we have supported CREE with the filling of shoeboxes and CORE by supporting our District partnership with North India.

Through our Saturday Mornings we have supported Connect Mid Devon, World Mission, CHAT, CODE, Methodist Women in Britain, All We Can and the Disaster Fund.

Marjorie Ashley
Senior Steward

Safeguarding

There has been one safeguarding concern during the year which, at the end of the year, had yet to be fully resolved. The District Safeguarding Officer has been actively involved. She arranged a meeting with the subject of concern and the information from that meeting has clarified the situation and reduced but not eliminated our original concerns. Further enquiries of various agencies with knowledge of the subject were made in the closing months of 2024 and the subject of concern has agreed to join a monitoring group chaired by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer with support from the Church's safeguarding team.

The Church reviews its safeguarding policies annually in November.

The Church has reviewed the training records and identified those who needed to update their training. Those needing additional training have attended either the basic or advanced courses.

John Ashley
Church Safeguarding Officer

Financial Information

The accounts have been examined by an independent examiner: Mr T. Bridle
The Church bank is NatWest, 59 High Street, Exeter EX4 3DL

Crediton Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended August 31st 2024

General Fund Income and Expenditure

General Fund	Balances B/f	2022-2023		Balances C & B/f	2023-2024		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	Income
Church Activities	£14,005.43			£17,221.62			£77,301.57
Offertory		£25,178.22			£25,409.02		
Gift Aid Tax & GASDS		£7,381.16			£7,023.10		
Gift Day							
Flow er Fund	£194.00		£23.95	£170.05			£170.05
Fund Raising		£4,609.95			£3,308.94		
Printing & Stationery		£4.15	£98.17		£4.15	£159.44	
Pastoral							
Sundries		£1,523.93	£1,116.21		£59,809.80	£902.69	
Bank Interest		£1,062.75			£2,365.77		
Assessment			£25,820.00			£23,172.00	
Subscriptions / Licenses			£1,774.24			£1,453.90	
Young People (inc Ark etc.)							
Transfer to/frrm Negative funds							
Connect							
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£39,760.16	£28,832.57		£97,920.78	£25,688.03	

Property Costs							
Hall Bookings		£4,050.00			£3,292.00		
Weddings & Funerals		£402.50			£338.50		
Repairs and Renew als			£6,702.82		£11,893.82	£20,868.10	
Electricity			£1,028.38			£1,021.67	
Gas			£1,271.17			£2,517.86	
Telephone / Broadband			£495.20			£443.36	
Insurance			£2,063.82			£2,132.42	
Water			£626.46			£693.71	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£4,452.50	£12,187.85		£15,524.32	£27,677.12	

Closing Balance	£14,199.43	£44,212.66	£41,020.42	£17,391.67	£113,445.10	£53,365.15	£77,471.62
			£3,192.24			£60,079.95	

Summary of Restricted and Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds	Balances B/f	2022-2023		Balances C & B/f	2023-2024		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Benevolent Fund	£233.47	£204.85	£0.00	£438.32	£273.89		£712.21
Friday Fellowship	£224.09		£180.00	£44.09		£44.09	£0.00
Friday Focus	£0.00	£174.70		£174.70	£211.39		£386.09
Property / Refurbishment	£4,132.96	£302.82		£4,435.78	£394.32		£4,830.10
Schools Out Family Café	£210.12			£210.12			£210.12
Youth Worker	£24,870.88	£2,258.96	£2,116.29	£25,013.55	£1,183.50	£3,471.23	£22,725.82
Total Balances held	£29,671.52	£2,941.33	£2,296.29	£30,316.56	£2,063.10	£3,515.32	£28,864.34

Charitable Fund	Balances B/f	2022-2023		Balances C & B/f	2023-2024		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Action for Children	£0.12	£390.92	£390.00	£1.04	£300.43		£301.47
All We Can	£0.65	£87.85	£88.00	£0.50	£76.84		£77.34
Christian Aid	£0.60	£128.01	£128.00	£0.61	£133.58	£130.00	£4.19
Causeway	£2.25			£2.25			£2.25
Chat	-£1.00	£95.40	£94.00	£0.40	£127.26		£127.66
CODE	£159.20	£110.45	£227.50	£42.15	£101.81	£102.50	£41.46
Connect	£0.00			£0.00	£73.40		£73.40
Disaster Emergency Fund		£426.34		£426.34	£199.08	£25.00	£600.42
Edukid	£5,739.11		£300.00	£5,439.11		£275.00	£5,164.11
Foodbank	-£1.07			-£1.07	£74.00		£72.93
Francisco Rojas School-David	£281.83	£243.91	£300.00	£225.74	£224.87		£450.61
Meth. Home for the Aged	£0.37	£299.34	£300.00	-£0.29	£249.10		£248.81
Missions in Britain	£0.65	£74.95	£75.00	£0.60	£94.73		£95.33
MWIB	£2.29	£308.38	£300.50	£10.17	£115.66		£125.83
Repair Café	£861.57			£861.57			£861.57
World Missions	-£0.13	£136.60	£135.00	£1.47	£172.58	£105.25	£68.80
Other	£65.00			£65.00	£0.00	£0.00	£65.00
Total Balances held	£7,111.44	£2,302.15	£2,338.00	£7,075.59	£1,943.34	£637.75	£8,381.18

Bank Balances	2022-23	2023-24
Current Account	£16,156.25	£15,344.02
Central Finance Board	£30,966.48	£91,360.25
Central Finance Board 2	£7,528.11	£7,922.43
Cash in Hand	£132.98	£90.44
Totals	£54,783.82	£114,717.14

Restricted and Church Group Funds

1st September 2023 – 31st August 2024

Benevolent Fund

Opening balance	<u>£ 438.32</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Sunday Coffee	£ 231.20		
Gift Aid Tax	42.69		
Total	<u>£ 273.89</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 712.21</u>		

Flower Fund

Opening balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 129.61		
Cash in Hand	£ 40.44		
Total	<u>£ 170.05</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 129.61		
Cash in Hand	£ 40.44		
Closing balance	<u>£ 170.05</u>		

Friday Fellowship

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 1.55		
Cash in hand	£ 42.54		
Total opening balance	<u>£ 44.09</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
		Plan International	£ 15.00
		To Friday.Focus	£ 29.09
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 44.09</u>
Closing balance			
Friday F'ship Account	£ 0.00		
Cash in hand	£ 0.00		
Total closing balance	<u>£ 0.00</u>		

Friday Focus

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 174.70		
Total opening balance	<u>£ 174.70</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
From Friday F'ship	£ 29.09		
Donations	£ 182.30		
Total	<u>£ 211.39</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance			
Bank Account	£ 386.09		
Cash in hand	£ 0.00		
Total closing balance	<u>£ 386.09</u>		

Property Fund

Opening Balance			
Designated Fund	£ 1,743.75		
Restricted Fund	£ 2,692.03		
Total opening balance	£ 4,435.78		
Income		Expenditure	
Bank Interest	£ 394.32		
Total	£ 394.32	Total	£ 0.00
Closing balance			
Designated Fund	£ 2,138.07		
Restricted Fund	£ 2,692.03		
Total closing balance	£ 4,830.10		

Schools Out Family Café

Opening Balance	£ 210.12		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 0.00
Closing balance	£ 210.12		

Youth Worker Fund

Opening Balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 9,399.20		
Restricted Fund	£ 15,564.35		
Total opening balance	£ 25,013.55		
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£ 636.00	Print & Stationery	£ 41.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 199.50	Youth Café Sweets	£ 106.81
Gift Day	£ 348.00	Wages	£ 3,223.05
		Property Running	£ 4.99
		Sundries	£ 50.00
		Broadband/Landline	£ 45.38
Total	£ 1,183.50	Total	£ 3,471.23
Closing balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 9,743.20		
Restricted Fund	£ 12,932.62		
Total closing balance	£ 22,725.82		

Charity Funds

1st September 2023 – 31st August 2024

Action for Children

Opening Balance	<u>£ 1.04</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Coffee - Collection	£ 251.60	Charity Giving	£ 0.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 48.83		
Total	<u>£ 300.43</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 301.47</u>		

All We Can

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.50</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 59.55	Charity Giving	£ 0.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 17.29		
Total	<u>£ 76.84</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 77.34</u>		

Causeway

Opening Balance	<u>£ 2.25</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 2.25</u>		

Charity Other

Opening Balance	<u>£ 65.00</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 65.00</u>		

Christian Aid

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.61</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 00.00	Annual Giving	£ 130.00
Christian Aid Fund Raising	£ 130.00		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 3.58		
Total	<u>£ 133.58</u>	Total	<u>£ 130.00</u>
	<u>£ 4.19</u>		

CHAT

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.40</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 103.41	Annual Giving	£ 0.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 23.85		
Total	<u>£ 127.26</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 127.66</u>		

CODE

Opening Balance	<u>£ 42.15</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 76.05	Annual Giving	£ 102.50
Gift Aid Tax	£ 25.76		
Total	<u>£ 101.81</u>	Total	<u>£ 102.50</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 41.46</u>		

Connect

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.00</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 12.00		£ 0.00
Sunday Coffee	£		
Total	<u>£ 73.40</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 73.40</u>		

Disaster Emergency Fund

Opening balance	<u>£ 426.34</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Donations	£ 25.00	CREE2 – Shoe Boxes	£ 25.00
Sat/Sun coffee	£ 35.00		
Fundraising	£ 125.00		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 14.08		
Total	<u>£</u>	Total	<u>£ 25.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 600.42</u>		

Edukid

Opening Balance	<u>£ 5,439.11</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		Oscar K. Sponsorship	£ 275.00
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 275.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 5,164.11</u>		

Food Bank

Opening Balance	<u>£ (1.07)</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
<u>Gift Aid Tax</u>	£ 74.00		
Total	<u>£ 74.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 72.93</u>		

Francisco Rojas School

Opening Balance 'David'	<u>£ 225.74</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Sunday/Saturday Coffee	£ 167.87	Annual Donation	£ 0.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 57.00		
Total	<u>£ 224.87</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 450.61</u>		

Methodist Homes

Opening Balance	<u>£ (0.29)</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Sunday Coffee	£ 206.48	Annual Donation	
Gift Aid Tax	£ 42.62		
Total	<u>£ 249.10</u>	Total	<u>£ 00.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 248.81</u>		

Methodist Women in Britain

Opening Balance 'MWiB'	<u>£ 10.17</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Easter Offering Envelopes	£ 0.00	Annual Giving	£ 0.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 25.46	Easter Offering 2023	£ 0.00
Saturday Coffee	£ 90.20		
Total	<u>£ 115.66</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 125.83</u>		

Mission in Britain Fund (Home Missions)

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.60</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee Morning	£ 82.35	Annual Giving	£ 0.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 12.38		
Total	<u>£ 94.73</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 95.33</u>		

Repair Café

Opening Balance	<u>£ 861.57</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 861.57</u>		

World Mission

Opening Balance	<u>£ 1.47</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Easter Offering	£ 89.00	Easter Offering	£ 105.25
Saturday Coffee	£ 67.65	Annual Giving	£ 0.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 15.93		
Total	<u>£ 172.58</u>	Total	<u>£ 105.25</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 68.80</u>		

Name of Church CREDITON METHODIST CHURCH No 1178365

Independent Examiner's Statement

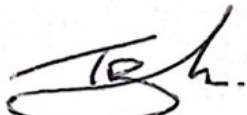
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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.

BY REVIEW OF STATEMENTS

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 TERRY BRIDLE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 123 GREYSTONE WALK

CULLOMPTON Post Code EX15 1GZ

Date 29/11/2024

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Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- (a) Our General Fund
- (b) Central Finance Board

Other funds also held which are NOT required to be included in our reserves are:

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Property)
- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker)

Our Reserves

- (a-b) Our General Fund

We aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money to cover six month's expenditure i.e. £25,000 (excluding Cost of building use)

The reason for this is twofold: -

- (i) The church needs around one month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- (ii) Maintenance on church buildings and special outreach events are mainly funded from fundraising efforts and money is regularly spent in advance of being raised.

As there are insufficient funds in the current account to cover this amount, at present time we can also draw upon monies held in the Central Finance Board.

Other Funds held for specific purposes

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Property Fund)

We maintain a Property Fund (held by Central Finance Board) for the upkeep of the premises. and for large projects on the property.

The Property Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance.

- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker Fund)

To cover the cost of our Youth Work activities. Youth Worker Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance.

Minutes of the Annual General Church Meeting

held at Crediton Methodist Church on Saturday 19th May 2024

Present: Revd Alison Richardson, John Ashley (Secretary) and 18 members and friends.

The Minister welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a reading from Acts chapter 5 and a prayer.

The Annual Report for 2022/23, which includes the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2023 and the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2023, had been circulated having been previously reviewed and approved in draft by the Church Council.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2023

There was some confusion about the circulation of the Annual Report which, the Secretary confirmed, had been made available, as usual, on request. Some of those attending had not had access so the Minister read the minutes.

On the proposal of Bronwyn Nott, seconded by Marjorie Ashley, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2023 were approved by the meeting.

Financial Statements

Glenn Turner commented on the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023. The result had been better than expected with improvements in hall bookings, offerings and Gift Aid receipts. There had also been a benefit from a reduction in the Circuit assessment. The Church still does not meet its target for reserves as defined in the Reserves Policy. There is a shortfall of about £10,000.

Barbara Greenwood noted that the reserves had increase by about £3,000. Glenn Turner explained that this was due, in part, to a favourable fixed price contract for gas and electricity at a time when fuel prices had increased significantly. The contract ran out at the end of 2024 and there will be an impact on the current year's figures.

Annual Report

The Minister added a few comments to her report in the Annual Report.

The Big Top Youth Club for students of years 6 and 7 – ages 10 to 12 - has continued to be successful with up to 26 attending. Jane Sansom will be retiring at the end of this summer term. A new leader will need to be recruited as the other part-time youth worker is not suitable for this role. To support the number of children attending each week, the ideal number of adults is 8 which means the 2 paid employees and 6 volunteers are needed. More volunteers, not necessarily attending every week, would be welcomed to spread the load.

The success of this event can be measured by comparing numbers pre-Covid which rarely reached double figures. It is currently the only outreach that the Church offers. For her, the Minister said it was the happiest part of the week. It is a vital aspect of Church life.

Elizabeth Greenslade asked why the children were not being encouraged to come to Church on a Sunday.

Pam Murphy replied that Haywards, which is the source of most of the children, do have some Christian input in their assemblies particularly from the Congregational Church where there are

a large number of younger people attending. Part of this is due to the pastor, James Gregory, having 6 children. There is no doubt that children attract children.

The Minister added that our Church has an aging congregation and although attempts have been made to attract families through initiatives like New Ark, these have not been successful. The challenge starts with us.

Elizabeth Greenslade suggested encouraging members of our congregation to bring a grandchild to a Sunday service. Also, friends and neighbours could be approached and, with a lot of new housing due to be developed, new residents could be informed of our activities.

On the proposal of Bronwyn Nott, seconded by John Ashley, the Annual Report for 2022/23 was approved.

Church Stewards

The Minister expressed her gratitude for the support she receives from the stewards. The current stewards, Marjorie Ashley, Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Pam Murphy, Gill Sutton, Tina Turner and Glenn Turner are all willing to continue and, on the proposal of the Minister, seconded by Meg Ellis, the appointments were approved.

Church Council

The Minister thanked those who have served on the Church Council and reminded the meeting that up to fifteen members of the Church can be elected to represent the church family. Those willing to serve and be re-elected as representatives to the Church Council for the next year are Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott and Karen Theedom.

The Minister invited further nominations for the Church Council as there are a further ten vacancies. The Minister briefly explained the responsibilities of members of the Church Council who also act as trustees of the charity governing the operation of the Church. Lloyd Smale said he would be willing to stand for election.

The Minister, seconded by Marjorie Ashley, proposed that the six nominees be elected to serve on the Church Council for 2024/25. This proposal was approved.

The Church Council members for the coming year are:

<u>Ex officio members</u>	<u>Church stewards</u>	<u>Elected members</u>
The Minister	Marjorie Ashley	Meg Ellis
John Ashley (Church Council Secretary)	Hilary Everitt	Elizabeth Greenslade
	Cathy Jerrard	Wendy Homeshaw
Sue Jones (Circuit steward)	Pam Murphy (Pastoral Secretary)	Bronwyn Nott
	Gill Sutton	Lloyd Smale
	Tina Turner (Treasurer)	Karen Theedom
	Glenn Turner	

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Revd Jeanette Richardson.

CREDITON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178365

Accounts



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Annual Report 2022-2023



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Annual Report of CREDITON Methodist Church

For the year ended 31st August 2023

Administrative Information

The Church is registered with the Charity Commission - Registered Charity Number 1178365. A copy of the accounts by way of Schedule B has been sent to the Methodist Church Plymouth and Exeter District Synod (via the Exeter Coast & Country Circuit office).

The address of the Church is Union Road, Crediton, Devon EX17 3AW. Any correspondence should be directed to the Senior Steward - Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Oake House, Tolleys, Crediton, Devon EX17 1HG

The Charity Trustees (or Managing Trustees) are the members of the Church Council. The names of the members who served as Managing Trustees in the year ended 31st August 2023 are:

Minister: Revd Alison Richardson

Stewards: Marjorie Ashley, Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Christine Marshall (to 23rd May 2023), Pam Murphy, Christine Turner, Glenn Turner and Gill Sutton

Church Secretary: John Ashley

Treasurer: Christine Turner

Pastoral Secretary: Pam Murphy

Circuit Steward: Susan Jones

Members elected by the General Church Meeting: Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Karen Theedom, John Turner

The number of members at 31st August 2023 was 74.

The Life of the Church

The Church Council and the Stewards oversee the whole of the life of the Church. The Church Council meets three times a year. The Stewards meet eleven times a year. The Church Annual General Meeting is held in April or May.

Sunday Services

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship followed by tea and coffee.

6.30pm Sunday Evening Worship (*Held once a month*)

Discipleship Groups

7.30pm Twice a month on a Monday

10.30am Every Wednesday

Our Vision

Our vision is of a dynamic worshipping Christian family seeking to play our part in the world-wide mission of God by constantly nurturing, encouraging and supporting one another;

disciples of Jesus Christ committed to praying and learning together;

a congregation radiating God's love by reaching out to the community, serving the poor and vulnerable, intent on changing the world in partnership with others;

an inclusive group of believers, welcoming all, with a desire to become a living vibrant church, to the glory of God.

We envisage

- exploring ways to encourage local ownership of our worship, including greater congregational participation
- offering a variety of styles of worship to enable all who come to encounter God
- aiming for excellence in all we offer to God in worship
- encouraging all members to participate in small groups for Bible study, prayer and mutual support
- providing appropriate environments for children, young people and adults to grow in the knowledge and love of God
- offering appropriate pastoral care to each individual within the church family
- learning of, and being inspired by, the work that God is doing through the church in other regions of the world.
- identifying needs in the town and surrounding area and finding ways to respond as a church community, and in partnership with others
- encouraging members to give time and money to meet the needs of others
- providing support for individuals involved in serving the community
- developing close links with a particular overseas project and finding appropriate ways to offer support
- raising awareness and taking action on justice and ethical issues
- encouraging each member to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others
- building links between the Church and the wider community
- developing groups out in the community with links back into the Church
- expecting to see Church growth and planning accordingly
- a flexible floor space in the sanctuary for exploring different possibilities for worship
- a church building that appears non-threatening and is easily accessible to all
- a multipurpose building for community use throughout the week

Minister's Report

Revd Alison Richardson

Pastoral Care is a vitally important aspect of the church's ministry of love and care. There are many elderly church members who can no longer attend and the way our pastoral team serve God in this way is exceptional. They quietly witness their faith in action and do their very best to enable our dear members at home to feel part of the church still. They give assurance that the elderly are valued and loved. I cannot over emphasise the ongoing commitment of our pastoral team and appreciate them. More pastoral visitors are needed.

Sunday Morning Worship continues to be within the church worship area and Sunday evening worship in a smaller room during the colder months. Average attendance at morning worship is thirty-five with a membership of seventy. Sadly, several members have died during the year, leaving both physical and emotional loss to us all. Individual Spiritual formation is encouraged and courses are available

Café Church has been introduced and is enjoyed, the style and content varies with stewards meeting regularly to discuss new ways of sharing the Gospel. The monthly **Church for All** continues to promote participation with quizzes, drama and activities. The twice monthly more **Traditional** is appreciated, as is the monthly **Holy Communion**.

There is a weekly Bible study and a twice monthly House group. I have been happy to provide seasonal Bible Studies, introducing Christian art and Celtic Christianity. Bible reading and study is promoted.

There is an early morning Prayer Meeting on Mondays for the employed members of the church.

Big Top youth sessions on Mondays after school are busy and well attended, meeting a need of school years six and seven.

The Monthly Friday focus is very popular with interesting topics discussed and good fun too. This is proving to be a modern way of fellowship which is greatly appreciated.

The 'Big Top' after school club for years ten to eleven (free and at church) is a great success and very popular. Sadly, a lack of volunteers prevents the church from increasing this service, but it is being considered.

Friday morning 'Warm Spaces' provides free refreshments and conversation to anyone passing by. It is well attended.

The regular Saturday coffee morning is very well attended and attract welcomes passersby. Occasionally activities are also provided.

To conclude the church offers a variety of activities during the week and acknowledges its limitations. Given that most of the congregation is affected by age and frailty, the church extends quality not quantity. Although members would like to offer more of their time and energy, this is not possible.

Revd Alison Richardson

Stewards' Report

Café Church has run its trial period with much positive feedback. The stewards have considered the congregational comments and have been focusing on mission and various styles of worship.

To draw people into our church building and offer hospitality, we have organized events such as Christmas Cracker in December, February Fun Evening, Beetle Drive in March, Diabetes Roadshow in April, Cream Teas in July and Picnic in the Garden in August. We have continued with our Coffee4All on Saturdays and Coffee and Chat on Fridays and this has attracted regular attendees who do not come to our services regularly. The Music Group has continued occasional input to Morning Worship and this has been well appreciated by most of the congregation.

The monthly Friday Focus sessions continue to flourish and the Lunch Club appreciate their gathering each month. Our two Discipleship groups continue to meet either weekly or fortnightly and provide a means of bringing people together in fellowship and learning as they share their faith.

Our weekly Youth Club (Big Top), for school years 6 and 7, has brought together youngsters from both Primary Schools and the 1st year at Queen Elizabeth's. The addition of extra equipment given by Silverton MC has provided some extra physical activities and are well used.

We have continued our support for Christians Together in Crediton (CTiC) with prayers for unity and Walk of Witness. CTiC has started a monthly service 'Held Together' for people with memory loss and their carers and some of our congregation join regularly. We have supported Christian Response to Eastern Europe with shoeboxes. Also, we have supported CORE by supporting our District partnership with North India. We support Connect Mid Devon too. Through our Saturday Coffee Mornings and fundraising activities we have raised funds for World Missions, CHAT, CODE, Methodist Women in Britain, All We Can and the Disaster Emergency Fund.

The monthly services held at Hillbrow Care Home have continued and are very well received.

Safeguarding

There have been no safeguarding problems during the year.

The Church reviews its safeguarding policies annually in November.

The Church has reviewed the training records and identified those who needed to update their training. Those needing additional training have attended either the basic or advanced courses.

Financial Information

The accounts have been examined by an independent examiner: Mr Terry Bridle
The Church's bank is NatWest, 59 High Street, Exeter EX4 3DL

Crediton Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st August 2023

General Fund Income and Expenditure

General Fund	Balances B/f	2021-2022		Balances C & B/f	2022-2023		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	Income
Church Activities	£9,673.48			£14,005.43			£17,221.62
Offertory		£23,536.05			£25,178.22		
Gift Aid Tax & GASDS		£7,955.96			£7,381.16		
Gift Day		£9,700.22					
Flower Fund	£181.36	£30.00	£17.36	£194.00		£23.95	£170.05
Fund Raising		£2,758.99			£4,609.95		
Printing & Stationery		£12.45	£181.30		£4.15	£98.17	
Pastoral							
Sundries		£3,481.96	£1,423.38		£1,523.93	£1,116.21	
Bank Interest		£119.84			£1,062.75		
Assessment			£30,000.00			£25,820.00	
Subscriptions / Licenses			£1,786.46			£1,774.24	
Young People (inc Ark etc.)			£135.46				
Transfer to/frm Negative funds							
<i>Connect</i>			£80.00				
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£47,595.47	£33,623.96		£39,760.16	£28,832.57	

Property Costs							
Hall Bookings		£2,351.00			£4,050.00		
Weddings & Funerals		£700.00			£402.50		
Repairs and Renewals			£7,818.81			£6,702.82	
Electricity			£776.00			£1,028.38	
Gas			£1,333.74			£1,271.17	
Telephone / Broadband			£474.00			£495.20	
Insurance			£1,684.36			£2,063.82	
Water			£591.01			£626.46	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£3,051.00	£12,677.92		£4,452.50	£12,187.85	

Closing Balance	£9,854.84	£50,646.47	£46,301.88	£14,199.43	£44,212.66	£41,020.42	£17,391.67
			£4,344.59			£3,192.24	

Summary of Restricted and Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds	Balances B/f	2021-2022		Balances C & B/f	2022-2023		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Benevolent Fund	£64.89	£176.23	£7.65	£233.47	£204.85	£0.00	£438.32
Friday Fellow ship	£404.09		£180.00	£224.09		£180.00	£44.09
Friday Focus				£0.00	£174.70		£174.70
Property / Refurbishment	£4,076.15	£56.81		£4,132.96	£302.82		£4,435.78
Schools Out Family Café	£210.12			£210.12			£210.12
Youth Worker	£21,273.73	£5,932.45	£2,335.30	£24,870.88	£2,258.96	£2,116.29	£25,013.55
Toddler Group	£265.16		£265.16	£0.00			
Total Balances held	£26,294.14	£6,165.49	£2,788.11	£29,671.52	£2,941.33	£2,296.29	£30,316.56

Charitable Fund	Balances B/f	2021-2022		Balances C & B/f	2022-2023		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Action for Children	£2.98	£224.14	£227.00	£0.12	£390.92	£390.00	£1.04
All We Can	-£0.15	£70.80	£70.00	£0.65	£87.85	£88.00	£0.50
Christian Aid	£0.75	£43.85	£44.00	£0.60	£128.01	£128.00	£0.61
Causeway	£94.76	£23.05	£115.56	£2.25			£2.25
Chat	£17.55	£71.45	£90.00	-£1.00	£95.40	£94.00	£0.40
CODE	£40.00	£119.20		£159.20	£110.45	£227.50	£42.15
Connect	£0.00	£80.00	£80.00	£0.00			£0.00
Diaster Emergency Fund					£426.34		£426.34
Edukid	£6,039.11		£300.00	£5,739.11		£300.00	£5,439.11
Foodbank	-£1.07			-£1.07			-£1.07
Francisco Rojas School-David	£508.63	£373.20	£600.00	£281.83	£243.91	£300.00	£225.74
Meth. Home for the Aged	-£1.02	£368.39	£367.00	£0.37	£299.34	£300.00	-£0.29
Missions in Britain	£0.10	£140.55	£140.00	£0.65	£74.95	£75.00	£0.60
MWIB	£156.08	£247.71	£401.50	£2.29	£308.38	£300.50	£10.17
MWIB Local Network	£1.85		£1.85	£0.00			
Repair Café	£861.57			£861.57			£861.57
World Missions	£0.27	£73.60	£74.00	-£0.13	£136.60	£135.00	£1.47
Other	£294.05	£65.00	£294.05	£65.00			£65.00
Total Balances held	£8,015.46	£1,900.94	£2,804.96	£7,111.44	£2,302.15	£2,338.00	£7,075.59

Bank Balances	2021-22	2022-23
Current Account	£19,044.44	£16,156.25
Central Finance Board	£24,523.73	£30,966.48
Central Finance Board 2	£7,275.29	£7,528.11
Cash in Hand	£138.93	£132.98
Totals	£50,982.39	£54,783.82

Restricted and Church Group Funds

1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023

Benevolent Fund

Opening balance	<u>£ 233.47</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Sunday Coffee	£ 193.85		
Gift Aid Tax	11.00		
Total	<u>£ 204.85</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 438.32</u>		

Flower Fund

Opening balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 147.61		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 46.39</u>		
Total	<u>£ 194.00</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		Oasis Foam	£ 18.00
		Candles	£ 5.95
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 23.95</u>
Closing balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 129.61		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 40.44</u>		
Closing balance	<u>£ 170.05</u>		

Friday Fellowship

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 181.55		
Cash in hand	£ 42.54		
Total opening balance	<u>£ 224.09</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		Plan International	£ 180.00
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 180.00</u>
Closing balance			
Bank Account	£ 1.55		
Cash in hand	<u>£ 42.54</u>		
Total closing balance	<u>£ 44.09</u>		

Friday Focus

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 0.00		
Total opening balance	<u>£ 0.00</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Donations	£ 174.70		
Total	<u>£ 174.70</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance			
Friday Fellow Account	£ 174.70		
Cash in hand	<u>£ 00.00</u>		
Total closing balance	<u>£ 174.70</u>		

Property Fund

Opening Balance			
Designated Fund	£ 1440.93		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 2,692.03</u>		
Total opening balance	<u>£ 4,132.96</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Bank Interest	£ 252.82		
Donation	£ 50.00		
Total	<u>£ 302.82</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance			
Designated Fund	£ 1,743.75		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 2,692.03</u>		
Total closing balance	<u>£ 4,435.78</u>		

Schools Out Family Café

Opening Balance	<u>£ 210.12</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 210.12</u>		

Youth Worker Fund

Opening Balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 9,050.99		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 15,769.89</u>		
Total opening balance	<u>£ 24,870.88</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£ 1,455.00	Staffing Costs	£
Gift Aid Tax	£ 395.75	Youth Café Sweets	£ 113.87
Gift Day	£ 348.00	Budget to work	£ 2,002.42
Youth Cafe	£ 60.21		
Total	<u>£ 2,258.96</u>	Total	<u>£ 2,116.29</u>
Closing balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 9,399.20		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 15,564.35</u>		
Total closing balance	<u>£ 25,013.55</u>		

Charity Funds

1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023

Action for Children

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.12</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Coffee - Collection	£ 377.67	Charity Giving	£ 390.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 13.25		
Total	<u>£ 390.92</u>	Total	<u>£ 390.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 1.04</u>		

All We Can

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.65</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 84.60	Charity Giving	£ 88.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 3.25		
Total	<u>£ 87.85</u>	Total	<u>£ 88.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 0.50</u>		

Causeway

Opening Balance	<u>£ 2.25</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 2.25</u>		

Charity Other

Opening Balance	<u>£ 65.00</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 65.00</u>		

Christian Aid

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.60</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 17.00	Annual Giving	£ 128.00
Christian Aid Fund Raising	£ 110.26		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 0.75		
Total	<u>£ 128.01</u>	Total	<u>£ 128.00</u>
	<u>£ 0.61</u>		

CHAT

Opening Balance	<u>£ (1.00)</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 93.90	Annual Giving	£ 94.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 1.50		
Total	<u>£ 95.40</u>	Total	<u>£ 94.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 0.40</u>		

CODE

Opening Balance	<u>£ 159.20</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 105.70	Annual Giving	£ 227.50
Gift Aid Tax	£ 4.75		
Total	<u>£ 110.45</u>	Total	<u>£ 227.50</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 42.15</u>		

Disasters Emergency Fund

Opening balance	<u>£ 0.00</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Donations	£ 70.00		
Sat/Sun coffee	£ 72.96		
Fundraising	£ 270.00		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 13.38		
Total	<u>£ 426.34</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 426.34</u>		

Edukid

Opening Balance	<u>£ 5,739.11</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		Oscar K. Sponsorship	£ 300.00
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 300.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 5,439.11</u>		

Food Bank

Opening Balance	<u>£ (1.07)</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ (1.07)</u>		

Francisco Rojas School

Opening Balance 'David'	<u>£ 281.83</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Sunday Coffee	£ 231.66	Annual Donation	£ 300.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 12.25		
Total	<u>£ 243.91</u>	Total	<u>£ 300.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 225.74</u>		

MHA

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.37</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee Morning	£ 37.10	Annual Giving	£ 300.00
Sunday Coffee	£ 238.74		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 23.50		
Total	<u>£ 299.34</u>	Total	<u>£ 300.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ -0.29</u>		

Methodist Women in Britain

Opening Balance 'MWiB'	<u>£ 2.29</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Easter Offering Envelopes	£ 134.00	Annual Giving	£ 154.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 31.13	Easter Offering 2023	£ 146.50
Saturday Coffee	£ 143.25		
Total	<u>£ 308.38</u>	Total	<u>£ 300.50</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 10.17</u>		

Mission in Britain Fund (Home Missions)

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.65</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee Morning	£ 69.20	Annual Giving	£ 75.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 5.75		
Total	<u>£ 74.95</u>	Total	<u>£ 75.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 0.60</u>		

Repair Café

Opening Balance	<u>£ 861.57</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 861.57</u>		

World Mission

Opening Balance	<u>£ (0.13)</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 131.10	Annual Giving	£ 135.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 5.50		
Total	<u>£ 136.60</u>	Total	<u>£ 135.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 1.47</u>		

Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- (a) Our General Fund
- (b) Central Finance Board

Other funds also held which are NOT required to be included in our reserves are:

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Property)
- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker)

Our Reserves

- (a-b) Our General Fund

We aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money to cover six month's expenditure - £25,000 (excluding costs of building use)

The reason for this is twofold:

- (i) The church needs around one month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- (ii) Maintenance of church buildings and special outreach events are mainly funded from fundraising efforts and money is regularly spent in advance of being raised. To cover this, the Church needs a further five months in reserve.

As there are insufficient funds in the current account to cover this amount, at the present time we can also draw upon monies held in the Central Finance Board. There is a shortfall of £7,608 in our general reserve.

Other Funds held for specific purposes

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Property Fund)

We maintain a Property Fund (held by Central Finance Board) for the upkeep of the premises. and for large projects on the property.

The Property Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance.

- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker Fund)

To cover the cost of our Youth Work which was able to restart after the lockdown finished. While we look at the future needs of the Youth within the town.

Youth Worker Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance.

Minutes of the Annual General Church Meeting held on Saturday 13th May 2023 at 3.00pm

Present: Revd Alison Richardson, John Ashley (Secretary) and 15 members and friends.

Apologies: Received from 12 members and friends

The Minister welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Annual report

The Annual Report for 2021/22, which includes the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2022 and the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2022, had been circulated having been previously reviewed and approved in draft by the Church Council.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2022

On the proposal of Bronwyn Nott, seconded by Marjorie Ashley, the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2022 were approved by the meeting.

Annual report review

The Minister gave a brief review of the Annual Report. This has been a good year generally with many aspects of church life restarting post covid, and some new initiatives. There have been several deaths of church family members which brings both sadness and the need for a time of grieving. These dear people have been faithful to our Lord, and to the local church. They leave a gap which cannot be filled and challenges for the church regarding membership and attendance..

Tina Turner gave a brief review of the finances. The financial situation of the Church has not improved during the year. Offerings in Church and by bank transfer are no longer covering the Circuit assessment and, as a result, the Church is not maintaining its financial position. However, some have increased their regular giving and the Gift Day has helped. Our Church is not alone in this difficult period of high inflation.

It was noted that Tina Turner has taken over responsibility for Gift Aid claims from Christine Marshall

The Minister thanked Tina Turner and Glenn Turner for maintaining the financial records and also all those involved in the preparation of the Annual Report.

On the proposal of Tina Turner, seconded by Bronwyn Nott, the Annual Report for 2021/22 was approved and signed by the Minister.

Church Stewards

The Minister sincerely thanked the church stewards for their continued commitment. Christine Marshall has resigned as a steward following her move to Torquay. The appointments of Marjorie Ashley, Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Pam Murphy, Gill Sutton, Tina Turner and Glenn Turner as church stewards for 2023/24 were approved. Marjorie Ashley made a request for new stewards to support the team.

Church Council

The Secretary reminded the meeting of the responsibilities of the members of the Church Council who are the managing trustees of the charity. This includes encouraging and helping new potential members of the Church when folk choose to worship at or Church on a regular

basis. He would encourage all members and other adherents to involve themselves in the life of the Church. Routine meetings of the Church Council are held three times each year; some matters discussed are routine in nature while others involve more important decisions.

During the year Bob Richardson resigned from the Church Council.

The Minister thanked those who have served on the Church Council during the year and reminded the meeting that up to fifteen members of the Church can be elected to represent the church family. Those willing to serve and be re-elected as representatives to the Church Council for the next year are Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Karen Theedom and John Turner.

The Minister invited further nominations for the Church Council as there are a further nine vacancies. As there were no additional nominations the Minister, seconded by Marjorie Ashley, proposed that the six nominees be elected to serve on the Church Council for 2022/23. This proposal was approved.

The Church Council members for the coming year are:

<u>Ex officio members</u>	<u>Church stewards</u>	<u>Elected members</u>
The Minister	Marjorie Ashley	Meg Ellis
John Ashley (Church Council Secretary)	Hilary Everitt	Elizabeth Greenslade
	Cathy Jerrard	Wendy Homeshaw
Sue Jones (Circuit steward)	Pam Murphy (Pastoral Secretary)	Bronwyn Nott
	Gill Sutton	Karen Theedom
	Tina Turner (Treasurer)	John Turner
	Glenn Turner	

The Minister gave an introduction to the (2021) new Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity or EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion).

Being Christian, according to this strategy, means:

- celebrating God who made each person in God's own image
- being disciples of Jesus who treated each person with dignity
- rejoicing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to all people.

Some of us are more likely to experience prejudice and discrimination than others if we are affected by loss of sight and hearing, if we have a physical disability, are struggling with mental ill health, experiencing memory loss, if English is not our first language, if we were born into a different culture or set of beliefs and if our sexuality/gender is considered unacceptable.

All managing trustees will be required to attend a training course on this subject before the end of 2023. This will be arranged by the District and held within the Circuit.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 4.00pm.

CREDITON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178365

Accounts



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Annual Report 2021-2022

A. Richardson
13 May 2023



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Annual Report of CREDITON Methodist Church

For the year ended 31st August 2022

Administrative Information

The Church is registered with the Charity Commission - Registered Charity Number 1178365. A copy of the accounts by way of Schedule B has been sent to the Synod (via the Circuit office).

The address of the Church is Union Road, Crediton, Devon EX17 3AW. Any correspondence should be directed to the Senior Steward - Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Oake House, Tolleys, Crediton, Devon EX17 1HG

The Charity Trustees (or Managing Trustees) are the members of the Church Council. The names of the members who served as Managing Trustees in the year ended 31st August 2022 are:

Minister: Revd Alison Richardson

Stewards: Marjorie Ashley, Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Christine Marshall, Pam Murphy, Christine Turner, Glenn Turner and Gill Sutton (from 27th April 2022)

Church Secretary: John Ashley

Treasurer: Christine Turner

Pastoral Secretary: Pam Murphy

Circuit Steward: Meg Privett (until 31st December 2021) and Susan Jones (from 1 January 2022)

Members elected by the General Church Meeting: Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Robert Richardson (until 13th August 2022), Karen Theedom, John Turner

The number of members at 31st August 2022 was 75.

The Life of the Church

The Church Council and the Stewards oversee the whole of the life of the Church. The Church Council meets three times a year. The Stewards meet eleven times a year. The Church Annual General Meeting is held in April or May.

Sunday Services

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship followed by tea and coffee.

6.30pm Sunday Evening Worship (*Held once a month*)

Discipleship Groups

7.30pm Twice a month on a Monday

10.30am Every Wednesday

Our Vision

Our vision is of a dynamic worshipping Christian family seeking to play our part in the world-wide mission of God by constantly nurturing, encouraging and supporting one another;

disciples of Jesus Christ committed to praying and learning together;

a congregation radiating God's love by reaching out to the community, serving the poor and vulnerable, intent on changing the world in partnership with others;

an inclusive group of believers, welcoming all, with a desire to become a living vibrant church, to the glory of God.

We envisage

- exploring ways to encourage local ownership of our worship, including greater congregational participation
- offering a variety of styles of worship to enable all who come to encounter God
- aiming for excellence in all we offer to God in worship
- encouraging all members to participate in small groups for Bible study, prayer and mutual support
- providing appropriate environments for children, young people and adults to grow in the knowledge and love of God
- offering appropriate pastoral care to each individual within the church family
- learning of, and being inspired by, the work that God is doing through the church in other regions of the world.
- identifying needs in the town and surrounding area and finding ways to respond as a church community, and in partnership with others
- encouraging members to give time and money to meet the needs of others
- providing support for individuals involved in serving the community
- developing close links with a particular overseas project and finding appropriate ways to offer support
- raising awareness and taking action on justice and ethical issues
- encouraging each member to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others
- building links between the Church and the wider community
- developing groups out in the community with links back into the Church
- expecting to see Church growth and planning accordingly
- a flexible floor space in the sanctuary for exploring different possibilities for worship
- open the Church doors daily, providing a haven and offering a welcome and refreshment
- a church building that appears non-threatening and is easily accessible to all
- a multipurpose building for community use throughout the week

Minister's Report

Revd Alison Richardson

This has been a good year generally with many aspects of church life restarting post covid, and some new initiatives. There have been several deaths of church family which brings both sadness and the need for a time of grieving. These dear people have been faithful to our Lord, and to the local church. They leave a gap which cannot be filled and challenges for the church regarding membership and attendance. The pastoral care of the church is greatly valued and the need for more pastoral visitors is ongoing.

Worship continues to be within the church, live streamed and recorded for the church website. Styles of worship vary and there is a steady mixture of ordained and local preachers planned. Holy Communion is held monthly with those worshipping at home, and online, having hymn books, prepared Holy Communion pots and also illustrations in line with the theme and sermon.

The worship experience has been reflected on regularly by the stewards and after discussion new ways of being church have been introduced. Feedback affirms that most of those attending is happy, and a very positive outcome is that there are more conversations during worship. Church family willingly participate in the worship, giving both opportunities to share and encouragement.

Learning and Caring, and Service continues to with the regular Bible Studies and Disciple Groups. The lectionary readings are the main resource for preaching and everyone is encouraged to read their Bibles at home and consider joining a study group. Ministers and Local Preachers are contacted by the worship group leaders who offer to assist, and some services are prepared jointly.

There is a wide variety of town activities which give the church family the opportunity to witness their faith while enjoying art, craft, poetry etc.

I attend local council meetings when they are advertised as public and relay updates to Church stewards and Church Council when necessary. Engaging with local council provides a better understanding of local needs and aspirations. One of the main issues is that lack of provision for young teenagers. There are activities but there is a cost involved that is, uniforms for the guides, admittance to the youth clubs and after school clubs. This excludes too many.

The 'Big Top' after school club for years six and seven (free and at church) is a great success and very popular. Sadly, a lack of volunteers prevents the church from increasing this service, but it is being considered.

Overseas links have increased and there are children in many parts of the world benefitting by churches commitment to their education and wellbeing. As well as the poorest elderly in North India too with the District Partnership with the Diocese of Cuttack. Being committed to and part of the ministry of Methodist Women in Britain brings an opportunity to be proactive and challenge injustice across the world.

Fellowship at weekly Coffee Mornings has grown and proves popular with church and non-church people alike. Evangelism is ongoing with every conversation.

Stewards' Report

The Stewards looked at the findings from the Worship Conversations in 2019/2020 as they were keen to move forward with our worship. They decided to have a trial period of Café Church and abandon Breakfast Church because it was not drawing a good congregation at 9.00/9.15am. They considered timing, seating, congregational participation and publicity. It was agreed to start all morning services at 10.30am to save some folk becoming confused over which service, and what week of the month?

The church was reopened for worship, following the covid pandemic, on 25th July 2021. We decided to continue offering online services for those who are unable to attend services physically and this has been well used.

As attendance at our Messy Church, New Ark, had declined following covid, we ceased to meet in June 2022. If we see a need to start again, we shall certainly do so.

In order to draw people from the community into our church building, we organised a Nativity Festival, and it gave us a chance to share our faith with them.

Discipleship groups have been meeting weekly, fortnightly or for sets of series online.

We have started up a Music Group in order to enhance services on special occasions like Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

The monthly Friday Focus and Lunch Club have been well received and continue to flourish.

The weekly Big Top Youth Club has been well attended by youngsters in Year 6 from the local Haywards Primary School.

We have continued our support for CTiC with prayers for unity and the Easter Walk of Witness.

There was a very good response to the shoebox appeal sending Christmas gifts to Eastern Europe (CREE).

The monthly service at Hillbrow Care Home has continued and the residents look forward to these times.

Safeguarding

There was one potential safeguarding problem involving a child who had been attending the New Ark sessions. This problem was resolved without action on the part of the Church by the intervention of Social Services.

The Church has reviewed the training records and identified those who needed to update their training. Those needing additional training have attended either the basic or advanced courses.

Financial Information

The accounts have been examined by an independent examiner: Mr Terry Bridle

The Church's bank is NatWest, 59 High Street, Exeter EX4 3DL

Crediton Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended August 31st 2022

General Fund Income and Expenditure

General Fund	Balances B/f	2020-2021		Balances C & B/f	2021-2022		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	Income
Church Activities	£17,695.07			£9,854.84			
Offertory		£24,194.40			£23,536.05		
Gift Aid Tax & GASDS		£6,182.75			£7,955.96		
Gift Day					£9,700.22		
Redvers Flat		£24.82	£231.37				
Flow er Fund	£131.49	£49.87		£181.36	£30.00	£17.36	£194.00
Fund Raising		£132.27			£2,758.99		
Printing & Stationery		£46.50	£106.85		£12.45	£181.30	
Pastoral			£26.00				
Sundries		£4,428.47	£1,190.19		£3,481.96	£1,423.38	
Bank Interest		£34.27			£119.84		
Assessment			£30,000.00			£30,000.00	
Subscriptions / Licenses			£1,698.28			£1,786.46	
Young People (inc Ark etc.)			£80.00			£135.46	
Transfer to/frm Negative funds							
Connect			£449.90			£80.00	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£35,093.35	£33,782.59		£47,595.47	£33,623.96	

Property Costs							
Hall Bookings		£301.00			£2,351.00		
Weddings & Funerals		£100.00			£700.00		
Repairs and Renew als			£5,093.69			£7,818.81	
Electricity			£741.55			£776.00	
Gas			£1,008.90			£1,333.74	
Telephone / Broadband			£437.09			£474.00	
Insurance			£1,704.13			£1,684.36	
Water			£566.63			£591.01	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£401.00	£9,551.99		£3,051.00	£12,677.92	

Closing Balance	£17,695.07	£35,494.35	£43,334.58	£9,854.84	£50,646.47	£46,301.88	£14,199.43
			-£7,840.23			£4,344.59	

Summary of Restricted and Charitable Funds

Year ended 31st August 2022

Charitable Fund	Balances B/f	2020-2021		Balances C & B/f	2021-2022		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Action for Children	£4.23	£188.75	£190.00	£2.98	£224.14	£227.00	£0.12
All We Can	-£0.15	£0.00	£0.00	-£0.15	£70.80	£70.00	£0.65
Christian Aid	£0.75	£92.00	£92.00	£0.75	£43.85	£44.00	£0.60
Causeway	£82.36	£12.40	£0.00	£94.76	£23.05	£115.56	£2.25
Chat	£3.15	£24.40	£10.00	£17.55	£71.45	£90.00	-£1.00
CODE		£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	£119.20		£159.20
Connect	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£0.00	£80.00	£80.00	£0.00
Edukid	£6,364.11	£0.00	£325.00	£6,039.11		£300.00	£5,739.11
Foodbank	£38.93	£0.00	£40.00	-£1.07			-£1.07
Francisco Rojas School-David	£508.63	£0.00	£0.00	£508.63	£373.20	£600.00	£281.83
Meth. Home for the Aged	£3.78	£25.20	£30.00	-£1.02	£368.39	£367.00	£0.37
Missions in Britain	£0.00	£11.10	£11.00	£0.10	£140.55	£140.00	£0.65
MVIB	£2.08	£181.00	£27.00	£156.08	£247.71	£401.50	£2.29
MVIB Local Network	£1.85	£0.00	£0.00	£1.85		£1.85	£0.00
Repair Café	£861.57	£0.00	£0.00	£861.57			£861.57
World Missions	£0.02	£13.25	£13.00	£0.27	£73.60	£74.00	-£0.13
Other	£211.55	£82.50	£0.00	£294.05	£65.00	£294.05	£65.00
Total Balances held	£8,082.86	£1,150.60	£1,218.00	£8,015.46	£1,900.94	£2,804.96	£7,111.44

Bank Balances	2020-21	2021-22
Current Account	£13,515.75	£19,044.44
Central Finance Board	£23,207.42	£24,523.73
Central Finance Board 2	£7,244.98	£7,275.29
Cash in Hand	£196.29	£138.93
Totals	£44,164.44	£50,982.39

Restricted and Church Group Funds

Year ended 31st August 2022

Benevolent Fund

Opening balance	<u>£ 64.89</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Sunday Coffee	£ 176.23	Food for Homeless	£ 7.65
Total	<u>£ 176.23</u>	Total	<u>£ 7.65</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 233.47</u>		

Flower Fund

Opening balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 117.61		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 63.75</u>		
Total	<u>£ 181.36</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£ 30.00	Candles	£ 2.36
		Flowers	£ 15.00
Total	<u>£ 30.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 17.36</u>

Closing balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 147.61		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 46.39</u>		
Total	<u>£ 194.00</u>		

Friday Fellowship

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 361.55		
Cash in hand	£ 42.54		
Total	<u>£ 404.09</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
		Plan International	£ 180.00
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 180.00</u>
Closing balance			
Friday Fellow Account	£ 181.55		
Cash in hand	<u>£ 42.54</u>		
Closing balance	<u>£ 224.09</u>		

Property Fund

Opening Balance			
Designated Fund	£ 1,384.12		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 2,692.03</u>		
Total	<u>£ 4,076.15</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Bank Interest	£ 30.31		
Donation	£ 26.50		
Total	<u>£ 56.81</u>	Total	<u>£ 00.00</u>
Closing balance			
Designated Fund	£ 1,440.93		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 2,692.03</u>		
Total	<u>£ 4,132.96</u>		

Schools Out Family Café

Opening Balance	<u>£ 210.12</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 0.00
Closing balance	<u>£ 210.12</u>		

Toddlers

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 225.16		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 40.00</u>		
Total	<u>£ 265.16</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
		Transfer General Fund	£ 265.16
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 265.16</u>
Closing balance			
Bank Account	£ 0.00		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 0.00</u>		
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>		

Youth Worker Fund

Opening Balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 8,603.11		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 12,620.62</u>		
Total	<u>£ 21,273.73</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£ 1,685.00	Staffing Costs	£ 1,162.60
Gift Aid Tax	£ 507.00	Print & Stat	£ 15.84
Gift Day	£ 388.00	Budget to work	£ 1,156.86
Youth Cafe	£ 248.38		
Grants	£ 3,000.00		
HMRC JRS Covid-19	£ 104.07		
Total	<u>£ 5,932.45</u>	Total	<u>£ 2,335.30</u>
Closing balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 9,050.99		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 15,769.89</u>		
Total	<u>£ 24,870.88</u>		

Charity Funds Year ended 31st August 2022

Action for Children

Opening Balance	<u>£ 2.98</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Collection	£ 215.89	Charity Giving	£ 227.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 8.25		
Total	<u>£ 224.14</u>	Total	<u>£ 227.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 0.12</u>		

All We Can

Opening Balance	<u>£ -0.15</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 70.80	Charity Giving	£ 70.00
Total	<u>£ 70.80</u>	Total	<u>£ 70.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 0.65</u>		

Causeway

Opening Balance	<u>£ 94.76</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 20.80	Charity Giving	£ 115.56
Gift Aid	£ 2.25		
Total	<u>£ 23.05</u>	Total	<u>£ 115.56</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 2.25</u>		

Charity Other

Opening Balance	<u>£ 294.05</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Ukraine Tin Collection	£ 65.00	Tear Fund	£ 20.55
		DEC - Tonga	£ 76.00
		Cuttack Appeal	£ 115.00
		World Day of Prayer	£ 82.50
Total	<u>£ 65.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 294.05</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 65.00</u>		

Christian Aid

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.75</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 25.10	Annual Giving	£ 44.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 18.75		
Total	<u>£ 43.85</u>	Total	<u>£ 44.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 0.60</u>		

CHAT (Churches Housing Action Team)

Opening Balance	<u>£ 17.55</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 65.20	Annual Giving	£ 90.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 6.25		
Total	<u>£ 71.45</u>	Total	<u>£ 90.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ - 1.00</u>		

CODE

Opening Balance	<u>£ 40.00</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 112.20		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 7.00		
Total	<u>£ 119.20</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 159.20</u>		

Connect

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.00</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Trf to clear negative balance	£ 80.00	Contributed	£ 80.00
Total	<u>£ 80.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 80.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 0.00</u>		

Edukid

Opening Balance	<u>£ 6,039.11</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		Oscar K. Sponsorship	£ 300.00
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 300.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 5,739.11</u>		

Food Bank

Opening Balance	<u>£ (1.07)</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ (1.07)</u>		

Francisco Rojas School

Opening Balance 'David'	<u>£ 508.63</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Sunday Coffee	£ 215.45	Annual Donation x 2	£ 600.00
Donation E. Gregory	£ 150.00		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 7.75		
Total	<u>£ 373.20</u>	Total	<u>£ 600.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 281.83</u>		

MHA (Methodist Homes)

Opening Balance	<u>£ (1.02)</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee Morning	£ 172.05	Annual Giving	£ 367.00
Sunday Coffee	£ 185.09		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 11.25		
Total	<u>£ 368.39</u>	Total	<u>£ 367.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 0.37</u>		

Methodist Women in Britain ('MWiB')

Opening Balance	<u>£ 156.08</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Easter Offering Envelopes	£ 130.00	Annual Giving	£ 87.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 18.75	Easter Offering Sep	£ 172.00
Saturday Coffee	£ 97.11	Easter Offering 2022	£ 142.50
Transfer from MWiB.5p	£ 1.85		
Total	<u>£ 247.71</u>	Total	<u>£ 401.50</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£ 2.29</u>		

Methodist Women in Britain (Local Network)

Opening Balance	<u>£ 1.85</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		Transfer to MWiB.	£ 1.85

Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 1.85</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>£ 0.00</u></u>		

Mission in Britain Fund (Home Missions)

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.10</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee Morning	£ 140.55	Annual Giving	£ 140.00
Total	<u>£ 140.55</u>	Total	<u>£ 140.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>£ 0.65</u></u>		

Repair Café

Opening Balance	<u>£ 861.57</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>£ 861.57</u></u>		

World Mission

Opening Balance	<u>£ 0.27</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Saturday Coffee	£ 70.35		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 3.25	Annual Giving	£ 74.00
Total	<u>£ 73.60</u>	Total	<u>£ 74.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>£ (0.13)</u></u>		

Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- (a) The General Fund
- (b) Central Finance Board

Other funds also held which are NOT required to be included in the Charity's reserves are:

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Property)
- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker)

The Charity's Reserves

The General Fund (a) and (b)

The aim, ideally, is to hold in reserve sufficient money to cover six month's expenditure - £25,000 (excluding cost of building use).

The reason for this is twofold.

- (i) The Charity needs around one month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- (ii) Maintenance on Church buildings and special outreach events are mainly funded from fundraising efforts and money is regularly spent in advance of being raised. To cover this, the Charity needs a further five months in reserve.

As there are insufficient funds in the current account to cover this amount, at the present time we can also draw upon monies held in the Central Finance Board. There is a shortfall of £10,800 in our General Fund.

Other Funds held for specific purposes

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Property Fund)

A Property Fund is maintained (held by the Central Finance Board) for the upkeep of the premises. and for large projects on the property.

The Property Fund will continue to be held by the Central Finance Board.

- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker Fund)

A Youth Worker Fund is maintained to cover the cost of youth work in the Church, which were able to restart after the pandemic, and for the future needs of young people in the town.

The Youth Worker Fund will continue to be held by the Central Finance Board.

Minutes of the Annual General Church Meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2022

Present: Revd Alison Richardson, John Ashley (Secretary) and 15 members and friends.

Apologies: Pam Murphy and John Turner.

The Minister welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a reading from Romans chapter 12 regarding governance and she emphasised the responsibilities of the Church Council members who are the managing trustees of the independent charity controlling the operation of the church, followed by a prayer.

The Annual Report for 2020/21, which includes the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2021 and the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2022, had been circulated having been previously reviewed and approved in draft by the Church Council at its meeting on 25th January 2022.

Glenn Turner suggested an amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2021 to clarify the respective roles of the church stewards and the leadership team when the roles were separated in 2011. The amendment was agreed and incorporated in the final version of the Annual Report for 2020/21.

Glenn Turner gave a brief summary of the Annual Report and the Minister thanked all those involved in the preparation of the Annual Report particularly Glenn Turner, as editor.

With the amendment to the minutes, on the proposal of Glenn Turner, seconded by Bronwyn Nott, the Annual Report for 2020/21 was approved and signed by the Minister.

The Minister sincerely thanked the church stewards for their commitment especially Christine Marshall who, for personal reasons, has decided to resign as a church steward. However, Gill Sutton has offered to become a church steward. With these changes, the appointments of Marjorie Ashley, Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Pam Murphy, Gill Sutton, Tina Turner and Glenn Turner as church stewards for 2022/23 were approved.

The Secretary outlined the role of the managing trustees, using the PowerPoint presentation prepared by the Minister, which can be found on the Methodist Church website. The Minister outlined the improvements that have been made in the governance of the charity. The pandemic has led to people not returning and a deterioration in finances. The managing trustees need to be aware of the added responsibilities that these changes in circumstances have caused.

The Minister thanked those who are willing to serve and be re-elected as representatives to the Church Council for the next year. They are Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Bob Richardson, and Karen Theedom. During the year Christine Gregory has resigned and Shelia Tomkins does not wish to stand for re-election. They were thanked for their work on the Church Council covering many years. Gill Sutton will not need to be elected as a representative as she has become a church steward. On the proposal of the Secretary, seconded by Marjorie Ashley, Christine Marshall was nominated to become a member of the Church Council for 2022/23.

The Minister invited further nominations for the Church Council. As there were no additional nominations the Minister, seconded by Glenn Turner, proposed that the seven nominees be elected to serve on the Church Council for 2022/23.

The Church Council members for the coming year are:

<u>Ex officio members</u>	<u>Church stewards</u>	<u>Elected members</u>
The Minister	Marjorie Ashley	Meg Ellis
John Ashley (Church Council Secretary)	Hilary Everitt	Elizabeth Greenslade
Sue Jones (Circuit steward)	Cathy Jerrard	Wendy Homeshaw
	Pam Murphy (Pastoral Secretary)	Christine Marshall
	Gill Sutton	Bronwyn Nott
	Tina Turner (Treasurer)	Bob Richardson
	Glenn Turner	Karen Theedom
		John Turner

Glenn Turner gave a short presentation on the state of the finances of the church and the reduction in the reserves that has occurred over the last five years. The Treasurer outlined the reasons behind the reduction which include the fall in giving, due to delays in people getting used to making payments by bank transfers or cheques and no cash collections as services during the pandemic were online, the loss of rental income from the sale of the Redvers House flat and the halls where bookings ceased for the period of the pandemic and general increases in costs although we are in the fortunate position of having fixed our gas prices at a very low level until the end of 2023.

Replenishing our reserves has to be a priority in the next year.

The date of the meeting in 2023 was considered. It was suggested that we meet on a Saturday rather than a weekday evening. To coincide with the Anniversary, it was agreed to meet at 11.00am on 29th April.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Revd David Greenwood.

CREDITON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178365

Accounts



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Annual Report of CREDITON Methodist Church

For the year ended 31st August 2021

Administrative Information:

The Church is registered with the charity commission. Registered Charity Number 1178365. A copy of the accounts by way of Schedule B has been sent to the Synod (via the circuit officer).

The Church address is:- Union Road, Crediton, Devon EX17 3AW. Any correspondence should be directed to the Senior Steward:- Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Oake House, The Tolleys, Crediton EX17 1HG

The Charity Trustees or Managing Trustees are members of the Church Council and the names of members who have served as managing trustees in the year ended 31st August 2021 are as follows:

Minister:- Revd Alison Richardson

The Stewards:- Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Mrs Christine Turner, Mrs Hilary Everitt, Mrs Christine Marshall, Mrs Elizabeth Allnutt (resigned 28 April 2021), Mrs Cathy Jerrard (from 28 April 2021), Mrs Pam Murphy (from 28 April 2021) and Mr Glenn Turner (from 28 April 2021).

Leadership Team (to 28 April 2021):- Mrs Hilary Everitt, Mrs Cathy Jerrard, Mrs Pam Murphy, Mr Glenn Turner

Church Secretary:- Mr John Ashley

Treasurer:- Mrs Christine Turner

Pastoral Secretary:- Mrs Pam Murphy

Circuit Steward:- Mrs Meg Privett

Members elected by the General Church Meeting:- Sheila Davison, Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Christine Gregory (resigned 30 June 2021), Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Robert Richardson (elected 28 April 2021), Alan Sharpe (resigned 28 April 2021), Gill Sutton, Karen Theedom, John Turner (elected 28 April 2021).

The number of members as at 31st August 2021 was 97.

The Life of the Church:

The Church Council, Leadership Team (until 28 April 2021) and the Church Stewards oversee the whole of the life of the church. The Church Council meets three times a year. The Church Stewards meet six times a year. The Church Annual General Meeting is held in April.

Sunday Services

- 10.30am Sunday Morning Worship followed by tea and coffee.
- 6.30pm Sunday Evening Worship (*Held once a month*)

Discipleship Groups

- 7.30pm Twice a month on a Monday
- 10.30am Every Wednesday

Our Vision

Our vision is of a dynamic worshipping Christian family seeking to play our part in the world-wide mission of God by constantly nurturing, encouraging and supporting one another;

disciples of Jesus Christ committed to praying and learning together;

a congregation radiating God's love by reaching out to the community, serving the poor and vulnerable, intent on changing the world in partnership with others;

an inclusive group of believers, welcoming all, with a desire to become a living vibrant church, to the glory of God.

We envisage

- exploring ways to encourage local ownership of our worship, including greater congregational participation
- offering a variety of styles of worship to enable all who come to encounter God
- aiming for excellence in all we offer to God in worship
- encouraging all members to participate in small groups for Bible study, prayer and mutual support
- providing appropriate environments for children, young people and adults to grow in the knowledge and love of God
- offering appropriate pastoral care to each individual within the church family
- learning of, and being inspired by, the work that God is doing through the church in other regions of the world.
- identifying needs in the town and surrounding area and finding ways to respond as a church community, and in partnership with others
- encouraging members to give time and money to meet the needs of others
- providing support for individuals involved in serving the community
- developing close links with a particular overseas project and finding appropriate ways to offer support
- raising awareness and taking action on justice and ethical issues
- encouraging each member to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others
- building links between the church and the wider community
- developing groups out in the community with links back into the church
- expecting to see church growth and planning accordingly
- a flexible floor space in the sanctuary for exploring different possibilities for worship
- open church doors daily, providing a haven and offering a welcome and refreshment
- a church building that appears non-threatening and is easily accessible to all
- a multipurpose building for community use throughout the week

Stewards' Report

Worship

For a significant part of the year because of restrictions imposed by the coronavirus pandemic, worship was delivered in online format, with a brief window in the Autumn of 2020 when it was possible to meet in person. However, in June 2021, it began to be possible to re-open the building for worship. It was agreed that many had appreciated the online format, especially those at a distance from Crediton and those continuing to shelter or for other health reasons, and so the online services continue, running as a live link from the Church, and also recorded so that they can be accessed later from the website.

A 'Third Sunday' team continues to work with Local Preachers and Ministers to put together an all-age worship service once a month, that is designed to make the worship experience more accessible to children and young people, parents and the 20s/30s/40s age groups, which are under-represented in the Church.

Further work on developing the worship experience in the light of the 'Worship Conversations' held in late 2019/early 2020 was limited by needing to adapt to the covid situation, but on the other hand, a great deal of experience has been gained in adapting to the AV technology and finding ways doing things differently which will stand us in good stead as we pick up with seeking to implement the findings of the Worship Conversation process.

Youth Work

Covid Restrictions followed by another lockdown in the autumn of 2020 prevented the commencement of youth ministry within the church building. The newly appointed Youth Worker, Richard, who took up his post in November 2020, worked mainly on making local contact with schools, detached youth work in the town in partnership with the Congregational Church, and preparation for the provision of youth activities indoor and outdoor once lockdown ended. Music sessions in the schools were started and graffiti art projects planned. A very successful outdoor after-school project was held on The Green for students at Queen Elizabeth's Community College on Mondays throughout May.

His work with the young people of the town was soon held in very high regard by the schools and by the Town Council, such that the mayor approached the church to ask if we would give consideration to him spearheading a new Youth Work project across the town. It was agreed by all parties that the most strategic way to go forward was for Richard to be employed by the Town Council in this exciting new venture, and we look forward to seeing this rolled out within our community.

It is hoped shortly to be able to build a team to restart some of the youth ministry activities within the building, especially The Ark and the Big Top.

Looking Ahead

As we come out of restrictions and look to the future, the Leadership Team has identified a number of key strands to consider:

Priorities

- A need for our worship to be more engaging and accessible to all generations every week, particularly the younger generations who are vastly under represented within our congregations

- A need to empower people to use their gifts more, and to grow in faith.
- A need to consider our fellowship, how we can better demonstrate our love for one another and for the wider community.
- Re-establishing a music/worship band
- New initiatives/activities that reach out to the community, whether in the building or outside it.

It was recently decided to amalgamate the Stewards and Leadership Teams for the time being, and together we go forward we ask God to guide us in working through these priorities in the coming months.

Minister's Report

Pastoral. I visited as many people as possible who were housebound, elderly or frail. At first this was in their gardens until we went into another covid lockdown. From this point I continued to visit for a few minutes on doorsteps, or chats through their windows. I called these 'Door Step Drops' with a note or letter, and some biscuits or chocolate.

I wrote monthly letters which were circulated or posted to lots of church folk.

Worship. Sunday morning worship was online from my home. There were very few opportunities to actually be at church in person for the whole year.

I provided Mid-Week Worship on Thursday mornings via zoom, these became popular and it gave us an opportunity to worship with members of other churches. One lady joined us regularly from France, two from Millbrook and Revd Mohanty, his wife Bulbal and their family joined us to celebrate World Church Sunday.

We worshiped through the Easter season, with additional services, but did not share Holy Communion.

Bible Study I provided a five week study on World Mission before Christmas 2020. For Easter I provided a Christian Art through Lent study on Sunday evenings at Six.

Fellowship Monday Moments became very popular, very quickly. Again, with folk from around my scattered churches attending via zoom.

My initial thought was fellowship but the sessions evolved into 'Fellowship, Friendship, Faith and Fun. Lots of fun with mystery items and shared stories. We missed this greatly when the restrictions eased.

Blogs and Vlogs From starting this in my last appointment in Plymouth and having my own website, filming myself for ministry became the norm. I posted an item most weeks, mainly to encourage those watching with their faith. I tried to present a variety of Christian teaching based on scripture or topical issues affecting our communities and the whole world.

Needing to 'do ministry' in different ways, during a challenging time proved to be much better than I feared at the beginning. I thank God for opening new doors and bringing new opportunities.

Revd Alison Richardson

Safeguarding

There were two complaints made by parents directly to the minister, Revd Alison Richardson, who then reported these as a Safeguarding incident to the Circuit Superintendent and District Safeguarding Officer. Both Richard, our youth worker, and David, outreach worker at the Congregational Church, gave written reports to the minister. There was no intervention by the police or social services and the safeguarding case was closed after further discussion and recommendations with the youth worker.

There had been a District Internal Investigation the last year and the recommendations from the report on that was that there needs to be far better safeguarding policies and practices in place. An emphasis on supervision of volunteers and training during a 'transition' period must be included as part of their recruitment. The safeguarding officers have been diligent in ensuring that this is now in place.

Financial Information

The accounts have been examined by an independent examiner: Mr P. Kempster
The Church's bank is: NatWest, 59 High Street, Exeter EX4 3DL

Crediton Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

General Fund Income and Expenditure

General Fund	Balances B/f	2019-2020		Balances C & B/f	2020-2021		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	Income
Church Activities	£13,996.96			£17,695.07			
Offertory		£25,492.55			£24,194.40		
Gift Aid Tax & GASDS		£7,667.51			£6,182.75		
Redvers Flat		£6,309.80	£3,838.62		£24.82	£231.37	
Flow er Fund	£137.80	£45.00	£51.31	£131.49	£49.87		£181.36
Fund Raising		£53.00			£132.27		
Printing & Stationery			£329.34		£46.50	£106.85	
Pastoral			£40.00			£26.00	
Sundries		£1,964.89	£888.69		£4,428.47	£1,190.19	
Bank Interest		£136.22			£34.27		
Assessment			£22,500.00			£30,000.00	
Subscriptions / Licenses			£1,970.09			£1,698.28	
Young People (inc Ark etc.)		£10.33	£65.24			£80.00	
Cost of building use							
Transfer to/fm Negative funds							
Connect			£340.51			£449.90	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£41,679.30	£30,023.80		£35,093.35	£33,782.59	
			£11,655.50			£1,310.76	
Property Costs							
Hall Bookings		£2,738.17			£301.00		
Cost of building use							
Weddings & Funerals					£100.00		
Repairs and Renew als			£5,988.61			£5,093.69	
Electricity			£787.56			£741.55	
Gas			£1,384.28			£1,008.90	
Telephone / Broadband			£293.25			£437.09	
Insurance			£1,701.15			£1,704.13	
Water			£540.71			£566.63	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£2,738.17	£10,695.56		£401.00	£9,551.99	
			-£7,957.39 #			-£9,150.99 #	
Closing Balance	£13,996.96	£44,417.47	£40,719.36	£17,695.07	£35,494.35	£43,334.58	£9,854.84
			£3,698.11			-£7,840.23	

Summary of Restricted and Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds	Balances B/f	2019-2020		Balances C & B/f	2020-2021		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Benevolent Fund	£126.10	£1,073.38	£1,134.59	£64.89	£0.00	£0.00	£64.89
Friday Fellowship	£513.11	£427.98	£357.00	£584.09	£0.00	£180.00	£404.09
Knit and Natter	£260.85	£0.00	£260.85	£0.00			
Refurbishment	-£11,129.38	£73,826.92	£42,785.42	£19,912.12	£3,068.68	£18,904.65	£4,076.15
Schools Out Family Café	£0.00	£240.00	£29.88	£210.12	£0.00	£0.00	£210.12
Youth Worker	£440.72	£25,220.35	£5,680.45	£19,980.62	£39,553.89	£38,260.78	£21,273.73
Toddler Group	£207.51	£246.44	£211.96	£241.99	£48.07	£24.90	£265.16
Total Balances held	-£9,581.09	£101,035.07	£50,460.15	£40,993.83	£42,670.64	£57,370.33	£26,294.14

Charitable Fund	Balances B/f	2019-2020		Balances C & B/f	2020-2021		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
ACF	£395.40	£188.83	£580.00	£4.23	£188.75	£190.00	£2.98
All We Can	£353.16	£16.69	£370.00	-£0.15	£0.00	£0.00	-£0.15
Christian Aid	£478.10	£46.65	£524.00	£0.75	£92.00	£92.00	£0.75
Causeway	£51.19	£31.17	£0.00	£82.36	£12.40	£0.00	£94.76
Chat	£154.91	£58.24	£210.00	£3.15	£24.40	£10.00	£17.55
CODE					£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
Connect	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£0.00
Edukid	£6,533.83	£105.28	£275.00	£6,364.11	£0.00	£325.00	£6,039.11
Foodbank	£38.93	£0.00	£0.00	£38.93	£0.00	£40.00	-£1.07
Francisco Rojas School-David	£604.28	£204.35	£300.00	£508.63	£0.00	£0.00	£508.63
JMA	£329.10	£0.00	£329.10	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Meth. Home for the Aged	£240.55	£158.23	£395.00	£3.78	£25.20	£30.00	-£1.02
Missions in Britain	£20.00	£10.00	£30.00	£0.00	£11.10	£11.00	£0.10
MWIB	£107.63	£19.45	£125.00	£2.08	£181.00	£27.00	£156.08
MWIB Local Network	£18.85	£1.00	£18.00	£1.85	£0.00	£0.00	£1.85
Repair Café	£831.10	£383.17	£352.70	£861.57	£0.00	£0.00	£861.57
World Missions	£11.52	£12.50	£24.00	£0.02	£13.25	£13.00	£0.27
Other	£161.25	£407.30	£357.00	£211.55	£82.50	£0.00	£294.05
Total Balances held	£10,329.80	£2,122.86	£4,369.80	£8,082.86	£1,150.60	£1,218.00	£8,015.46

Bank Balances	2019-20	2020-21
Current Account	£37,440.33	£13,515.75
Central Finance Board	£21,973.15	£23,207.42
Central Finance Board 2	£7,235.03	£7,244.98
Cash in Hand	£123.25	£196.29
Totals	£66,771.76	£44,164.44

Restricted and Church Group Funds

1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021

Benevolent Fund

Opening balance	<u>£ 64.89</u>		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>£ 64.89</u>		

Flower Fund

Opening balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 117.61		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 13.88</u>		
Total	<u>£ 131.49</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£ 40.00		
	£ 9.87		
Total	<u>£ 49.87</u>	Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Closing balance			
Flower Fund Account	£ 117.61		
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 63.75</u>		
Total	<u>£ 181.36</u>		

Friday Fellowship

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 541.55		
Cash in hand	£ 42.54		
Total	<u>£ 584.09</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
		Plan International	£ 180.00
Total	<u>£ 0.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 180.00</u>
Closing balance			
Friday Fellow Account	£ 361.55		
Cash in hand	<u>£ 42.54</u>		
Closing balance	<u>£ 404.09</u>		

Refurbishment Fund

Opening Balance			
Designated Fund	£ 2713.29		
Specific Fund	£ -20,117.14		
Restricted Fund	£ 37,315.97		
Total	£ 19,912.12		
Income		Expenditure	
Bank Interest	£ 9.87	Design Harris MacMillan	£ 696.00
Donations	£ 100.00	Fifields Construction	£ 8,754.50
DCMS/ENG/POW/45159	£ 1,505.93	Quinquennial	£ 7,908.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 134.88	Notice Board	£ 160.00
Refund of VAT	£ 1,318.00	Removal and Storage	£ 236.15
		Rose Removal to General	£ 1,150.00
Total	£ 3,068.68	Total	£ 18,904.65
Closing balance			
Designated Fund	£ 1,384.12		
Restricted Fund	£ 2,692.03		
Total	£ 4,076.15		

Schools Out Family Café

Opening Balance	£ 210.12		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 0.00
Closing balance	£ 210.12		

Toddlers

Opening balance			
Bank Account	£ 225.16		
Cash in Hand	£ 16.83		
Total	£ 241.99		
Income		Expenditure	
Subs/Donations	£ 48.07	Food/Drinks	£ 17.05
		Printing & Stationery	£ 2.85
		Miscellaneous	£ 5.00
Total	£ 48.07	Total	£ 24.90
Closing balance			
Bank Account	£ 225.16		
Cash in Hand	£ 40.00		
Total	£ 265.16		

Youth Worker Fund

Opening Balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 8,357.91		
Restricted Fund	£ 11,572.71		
Total	<u>£ 19,980.62</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£ 3,895.15	Staffing Costs	£ 19,827.56
Gift Aid Tax	£ 1,011.09	Print & Stat	£ 32.88
Gift Day	£ 738.00	DBS Richard Martin	£ 40.00
Sale of Cards	£ 210.80	National Lottery Return	£ 10,000.00
Grants	£ 31,995.00	Cred.Town Council Rtrn	£ 4,500.00
Interest	£ 0.08	Pension	£ 1,768.76
HMRC JRS Covid-19	£ 1,677.77	Budget to work	£ 2,066.58
Transfer	£ 26.00	Sundries	£ 25.00
Total	<u>£ 39,553.89</u>	Total	<u>£ 38,260.78</u>
Closing balance			
Petty Cash Float	£ 50.00		
Designated Fund	£ 8,603.11		
Restricted Fund	<u>£ 12,620.62</u>		
Total	<u>£ 21,273.73</u>		

Charity Funds

1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021

Action for Children

Opening Balance	£ <u>4.23</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Collection	£ 170.00	Charity Giving	£ 190.00
Gift Aid Tax	£ 18.75		
Total	£ 188.75	Total	£ 190.00
Closing Balance	£ <u>2.98</u>		

All We Can

Opening Balance	£ <u>-0.15</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 0.00
Closing Balance	£ <u>-0.15</u>		

Causeway

Opening Balance	£ <u>82.36</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 12.40		
Total	£ 12.40	Total	£ 0.00
Closing Balance	£ <u>94.76</u>		

Charity Other

Opening Balance	£ <u>211.55</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
World Day of Prayer	£ 70.00		
Gift Aid Tax	£ 12.50		
Total	£ 82.50	Total	£ 00.00
Closing Balance	£ <u>294.05</u>		

Christian Aid

Opening Balance	£ <u>0.75</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 17.00	Annual Giving	£ 92.00
CAID Donations	£ 75.00		
Total	£ 92.00	Total	£ 92.00
Closing Balance	£ <u>0.75</u>		

CHAT

Opening Balance	£ 3.15		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 17.40	Annual Giving	£ 10.00
Donation	£ 7.00		
Total	£ 24.40	Total	£ 10.00
Closing Balance	£ 17.55		

CODE

Opening Balance	£ 0.00		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee	£ 20.00		
Donation	£ 20.00		
Total	£ 40.00	Total	£ 0.00
Closing Balance	£ 40.00		

Connect

Opening Balance	£ 0.00		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee Mornings	£ 30.10	Contributed	£ 480.00
Trf to clear negative balance	£ 449.90		
Total	£ 480.00	Total	£ 480.00
Closing Balance	£ 0.00		

Edukid

Opening Balance	£ 6,364.11		
Income		Expenditure	
		Oscar K. Sponsorship	£ 325.00
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 325.00
Closing Balance	£ 6,039.11		

Food Bank

Opening Balance	£ 38.93		
Income		Expenditure	
		Annual Giving	£ 40.00
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 40.00
Closing Balance	£ - 1.07		

Francisco Rojas School

Opening Balance 'David'	£ 508.63		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 0.00
Closing Balance	£ 508.63		

MHA

Opening Balance	£ <u>3.78</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee Morning	£ 25.20	Annual Giving	£ 30.00
Total	£ <u>25.20</u>	Total	£ <u>30.00</u>
Closing Balance	£ <u>- 1.02</u>		

Methodist Women in Britain

Opening Balance 'MWiB'	£ <u>2.08</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Easter Offering Envelopes	£ 156.00	Annual Giving	£ 27.00
Donation	£ 10.00		
Saturday Coffee	£ 15.00		
Total	£ <u>181.00</u>	Total	£ <u>27.00</u>
Closing Balance	£ <u>156.08</u>		

Methodist Women in Britain (Local Network)

Opening Balance 'MWiB'	£ <u>1.85</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 0.00
Closing Balance	£ <u>1.85</u>		

Mission in Britain Fund (Home Missions)

Opening Balance	£ <u>0.00</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Saturday Coffee Morning	£ 11.10	Annual Giving	£ 11.00
Total	£ <u>11.10</u>	Total	£ <u>11.00</u>
Closing Balance	£ <u>0.10</u>		

Repair Café

Opening Balance	£ <u>861.57</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Total	£ 0.00	Total	£ 0.00
Closing Balance	£ <u>861.57</u>		

World Mission

Opening Balance	£ <u>0.02</u>		
Income		Expenditure	
Gift Aid Tax	£ 13.25	Annual Giving	£ 13.00
Total	£ <u>13.25</u>	Total	£ <u>13.00</u>
Closing Balance	£ <u>00.27</u>		

Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- (a) Our General Fund
- (b) Central Finance Board

Other funds also held which are NOT required to be included in our reserves are:

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Refurbishment / Property)
- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker)

Our Reserves

- (a-b) Our General Fund

We aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money to cover six month's expenditure i.e. £25,000 (excluding Cost of building use)

The reason for this is twofold: -

- (i) The church needs around one month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- (ii) Maintenance on church buildings and special outreach events are mainly funded from fundraising efforts and money is regularly spent in advance of being raised. To cover this, the Church needs a further five months' in reserve.

As there are insufficient funds in the current account to cover this amount, at present time we can also draw upon monies held in the Central Finance Board. There is a shortfall of £7,300 in our general reserve.

Other Funds held for specific purposes

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Refurbishment / Property Fund)

We maintain a Refurbishment Fund (held by Central Finance Board) for refurbishment and modification of the premises. This was completed in August 2019, but we still need funds in the account until August 2020 when our final bills will be paid. This has now been signed off and with monies owed being paid. Any monies that are left have been designated as Property, for large projects, as a continued restricted fund

The Refurbishment / Property Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance Board.

- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker Fund)

Funding for a two year project for Youth Work was in place and a Youth Worker employed during covid lockdown. Covid was a large factor in how this project developed, with many obstacles to moving forward. The Local Town Council were creating a Youth Services department and offered to take over the Youth Worker for that purpose, which duly happened in June, 8 months after the start of our project. It was an opportunity to re-think our Youth Work and it still continues in the Church with various activities, which were able to start after lockdown finished and is thriving as we go forward.

Youth Worker Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance Board.

Minutes of the Annual General Church Meeting

held by video conference on Wednesday 28th April 2021

Present: Revd Alison Richardson, John Ashley (Secretary) and 16 members and friends.

Apologies: Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Meg Privett, Gill Sutton and Karen Theedom.

The Minister welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading from Matthew chapter 28 verses 16 to 20 – The Great Commission.

The Annual Report for 2019/20, which includes the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 and the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2020, had been circulated having been previously reviewed and approved in draft by the Church Council at its meeting on 1 February 2021.

Glenn Turner gave a brief summary of the report including the surplus of £3,698 for the year. The Minister thanked all those involved in the preparation of the Annual Report particularly Glenn Turner, as editor.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minister informed the meeting that there is a correction to the Safeguarding Report on the fourth page of the Annual Report for 2019/20. This was a referral which was not deemed to be a serious allegation. She proposed the following amendment to the safeguarding Report to replace the final sentence:

“There was one referral to a statutory body during the year which was not deemed to be a serious allegation but recommendations were made under the guidance of the Minister.”

With this amendment, on the proposal of Christine Marshall, seconded by Bronwyn Nott, the Annual Report for 2019/20 was approved and signed by the Minister.

The Minister gave a brief report. She said that it had not been easy to take over responsibility for this Church, and four other churches in the Circuit, in the midst of the covid pandemic. A similar situation had faced our newly appointed youth worker, Richard Martin. Despite this he has been very successful in outreach around the town on our behalf. He continues to look for ways to reach people in these testing times.

“Becoming minister of many churches all at once is quite overwhelming. I am very grateful to several members of the Church who have given help, support and guidance. It takes a long time to become familiar with church structures. You all knew the way your church functioned. Upon starting on 1st September 2020, I automatically looked to the church stewards for an initial meeting expecting much needed information and guidance which would help me learn about your church. I learned that this church has both church stewards and a leadership team, which few churches do in my experience, and I found it confusing to understand the roles and responsibility of each. I now know that the leadership team is not responsible for governance and that they are more focused on the worshipping community encouraging, supporting and enabling the leadership of others.

“Ministering during covid and an extensive lockdown has been difficult. I look forward to serving God with a ministry which I feel called here to do, pastoral, word and sacrament across all of my churches and my sincere thanks to all those who serve God in the pastoral context. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Telephone calls, drop-by visits and cards have meant that especially the most vulnerable have known that they are valued and cared for. When all of my churches reopen I will obviously spend more time attending their activities than has been possible so far. I hope to cover ministry in Crediton over two days of the week leaving three days for my other five churches because, although Whiddon Down is a class, they are a community and, although Crockernwell has closed, they are still in my pastoral care. So my love to you all in Jesus and I am looking forward sincerely to being in your company face to face very soon.”

The Minister outlined the role and responsibilities of church stewards and commented that, as a church steward, you will rely a great deal on your organizing strengths and deep reserves of patience. She thanked the church stewards for being stewards during this difficult period and, especially Liz Allnutt, as she does not wish to be re-appointed. Our sincere thanks for the many years of service that she has given.

The Minister confirmed that the remaining church stewards, Marjorie Ashley, as senior steward, Tina Turner, Hilary Everitt and Christine Marshall are willing to offer to serve God as church stewards for the next year. The Minister added that it would be wonderful to have one or two more stewards and hoped that there would be members prepared to join the team.

The Secretary outlined the origins of the leadership team and its constitution. It was created by Revd Ann Varker at the Annual General Church Meeting in 2011 to separate the role of the church stewards into the leadership team, that would perceive and implement our church's vision, with the church stewards being responsible for practical arrangements for worship.

In subsequent years, the leadership team has set and monitored targets to enable the church to achieve its vision, reporting each year to the church council. From time to time the leadership team has been instructed by the church council to undertake specific tasks, such as the recent worship conversations, to work alongside the church stewards in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Having previously referred to the apparent confusion over the roles and responsibilities of the church stewards and the leadership team, the Minister suggested combining the two teams and asked if members of the leadership team would like to be considered and approved as church stewards because much of their work has been within the context of a church steward. The members of the leadership team are Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Pam Murphy and Glenn Turner.

There followed a lengthy discussion on the roles and relationships of the church stewards and leadership team and the advantages and disadvantages of combining the two groups during which the Minister reminded the meeting that, according to Methodist policies, it is the church stewards that have the full authority to meet those requirements and act on behalf of the church council.

At the end of the discussions it was agreed, on the proposal of the Minister, seconded by the Secretary, that the members of the leadership team become church stewards on the understanding that that some of the church stewards may not be able to carry out all of the normal duties, such as the vestry element of the role, as they have other commitments on a Sunday, such as preaching appointments or acting as presenters for worship on the web.

The Secretary outlined the role of the managing trustees which can be found on the Methodist Church website.

The Minister thanked those who are willing to serve and be re-elected as representatives to the church council for the next year. They are Sheila Davison, Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Christine Gregory, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Gill Sutton and Karen Theedom. During the year Alan Sharpe has resigned for health reasons and he was thanked for his work on the church council covering many years.

A nomination to elect Bob Richardson as a representative to church council has been proposed by Bronwyn Nott, seconded by Pam Murphy. His nomination was approved.

It was pointed out that John Turner, the youth representative on church council, is now 18 and can be elected as a representative. His nomination was proposed by Christine Marshall and seconded by Marjorie Ashley. His nomination was approved.

No election is necessary as the number of candidates is less than the 15 places for elected representatives.
The church council members for the coming year are:

Ex officio members

The Minister
John Ashley (Secretary)
Meg Privett (Circuit steward)

Church stewards

Marjorie Ashley
Hilary Everitt
Cathy Jerrard
Christine Marshall
Pam Murphy
Tina Turner
Glenn Turner

Elected members

Sheila Davison
Meg Ellis
Elizabeth Greenslade
Christine Gregory
Wendy Homeshaw
Bronwyn Nott
Bob Richardson
Gill Sutton
Karen Theedom
John Turner

The Minister referred to the vacancy for a safeguarding officer, a role which she is currently filling on a temporary basis until a volunteer with training at the advanced level comes forward. Ministers are not permitted to act as safeguarding officers and it is not a position that she wants to hold. The delay in organising the training due to the pandemic restrictions has delayed the process but it is essential that the position is filled by a lay person from within the church otherwise it may be necessary to employ a safeguarding officer which would have cost implications.

The meeting closed with a prayer..

CREDITON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178365

Accounts



Crediton

Methodist Church

Annual Report 2019-2020

Approved by the Annual General Church Meeting on 28 April 2021

A. Richardson



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Annual Report of Crediton Methodist Church

For the year ended 31st August 2020

Administrative Information:

The Church is registered with the charity commission. Registered Charity Number 1178365. A copy of the accounts by way of Schedule B has been sent to the Synod (via the circuit officer).

The Church address is:- Union Road, Crediton, Devon EX17 3AW. Any correspondence should be directed to the Senior Steward:- Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Oake House, Tolleys, Crediton EX17 1HG

The Charity Trustees or Managing Trustees are members of the Church Council and the names of members who have served as managing trustees in the year ended 31st August 2020 are as follows:

Minister:- Revd. Ann Varker (Until 31st August 2020)

The Stewards:- Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Mrs Christine Turner, Mrs Hilary Everitt, Mrs Christine Marshall, Mrs Elizabeth Allnutt.

Leadership Team:- Mrs Hilary Everitt, Mrs Cathy Jerrard, Mrs Pam Murphy, Mr David Smith (Until 31st August 2020), Mr Glenn Turner

Church Secretary:- Mr John Ashley

Treasurer:- Mrs Christine Turner

Pastoral Secretary:- Mrs Pam Murphy

Circuit Steward:- Mrs Meg Privett

Youth Worker:- Vacant

Members elected by the General Church Meeting:- Sheila Davison, Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Christine Gregory, Elaine Gregory (Until 31st July 2020), Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Alan Sharpe, Gill Sutton, Karen Theedom and Julian Varker (Until 16th June 2020)

The number of members as at 31st August 2020 was 97

The Life of the Church:

The Church Council, Leadership Team and the Church Stewards oversee the whole of the life of the church. The Church Council meets five times a year. The Leadership Team meets around 6 times a year and the Church Stewards meet three times a year. The Church Annual General Meeting is held in April.

Sunday Services

9.15am Breakfast Church (*Held on the 1st Sunday*)

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship with Sunday Club and Crèche facilities followed by tea and coffee.
(*11.00am on the 1st Sunday, Worship for All held on the 3rd Sunday, Holy Communion held once a month*)

6.30pm Sunday Evening Worship (*Holy Communion held once a month*)

Discipleship Groups

7.30pm Twice a month on a Monday

11.00am Every Wednesday

7.30pm Twice a month on a Wednesday

7.30pm Twice a month on a Thursday (2 Groups)

Residential Services

Held at local residential homes at various times.

Our Vision

Our vision is of a dynamic worshipping Christian family seeking to play our part in the world-wide mission of God by constantly nurturing, encouraging and supporting one another;

disciples of Jesus Christ committed to praying and learning together;

a congregation radiating God's love by reaching out to the community, serving the poor and vulnerable, intent on changing the world in partnership with others;

an inclusive group of believers, welcoming all, with a desire to become a living vibrant church, to the glory of God.

We envisage

- exploring ways to encourage local ownership of our worship, including greater congregational participation
- offering a variety of styles of worship to enable all who come to encounter God
- aiming for excellence in all we offer to God in worship
- encouraging all members to participate in small groups for Bible study, prayer and mutual support
- providing appropriate environments for children, young people and adults to grow in the knowledge and love of God
- offering appropriate pastoral care to each individual within the church family
- learning of, and being inspired by, the work that God is doing through the church in other regions of the world.
- identifying needs in the town and surrounding area and finding ways to respond as a church community, and in partnership with others
- encouraging members to give time and money to meet the needs of others
- providing support for individuals involved in serving the community
- developing close links with a particular overseas project and finding appropriate ways to offer support
- raising awareness and taking action on justice and ethical issues
- encouraging each member to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others
- building links between the church and the wider community
- developing groups out in the community with links back into the church
- expecting to see church growth and planning accordingly
- a flexible floor space in the sanctuary for exploring different possibilities for worship
- open church doors daily, providing a haven and offering a welcome and refreshment
- a church building that appears non-threatening and is easily accessible to all
- a multipurpose building for community use throughout the week

Leadership Team Report

This financial year started with the completion of our refurbishment project.

Refurbishment Report 2019 – 20

A refurbishment programme which included to the removal of pews, installation of audio-visual facilities, redecorating, upgrading eco aspects of the worship area, re-vamping the kitchenette upstairs and the disabled toilet, along with the installation of a completely new toilet suite downstairs was carried out this year.

When sufficient funds were available, the Church Council gave the go-ahead for the project to commence, and it started in February 2019.

The refurbishment was completed at the end of August 2019. The Church held an Open day on September 14th.

Both architect and contractor firms proved to be good choices, as they were very professional throughout the build and addressed any concerns we had in a short time. They were both chosen for their expertise in conservation work and experience on other listed buildings.

There was an investigation of the possibility of getting back VAT on chairs, once all other VAT reclaim has been dealt with, as the quality of the chairs were dictated by the Conservation Officer as part of the Listed building conditions for removing the pews. The VAT refund was not allowed by The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (DCMS).

It is our intention that the loan to Circuit of £50k and their additional loan of £15k was to be paid back when the property owned by Crediton Methodist Church (a flat at 22 Redvers House) was sold. We are currently awaiting an arbitration decision on a levy placed upon that money by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes).

The refurbishment management team are now disbanded.

Worship Conversation

Between August 2019 and February 2020 the Stewards and Leadership Team members met up with the members of the congregation to gather observations, thoughts and ideas about the pattern and content of worship experiences on offer, and what people would like to see happen in the future. The purpose of this piece of work was threefold:

1. To enhance the quality of the worship experience to the greater glory of God and for all members of the congregation.
2. To encourage individuals to think about the worship experience and think about the different elements of worship and consider what is most helpful.
3. To enable us to reach out more effectively and enable those who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour to come and hear the Good News of the gospel.

At the outset, we identified that we would conduct conversations with about 116 people. By March 2020, we were able to collect 920 comments from around 72 people and these were collated into one document, which contains a great wealth of observations, ideas and views to work with as we seek to discern the right direction for us as a local church.

The Leadership and Stewards Team committed to meet on a monthly basis to prayerfully and systematically consider the way forward, and to work through and act on the large amount of information that we now have, so that God might truly lead us all to ways of worship that will enable all to worship, and bring glory and honour to him in all things.

Having given initial consideration to the document and as a basis for future discussions, the Leadership and Stewards teams set down an initial framework based on some of the clear strands that emerged from the conversations, and this was accepted by the Church Council. It has been possible to introduce some of the findings from the conversations into our worship, in particular within the online services that were born at the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic (see below). We will continue to work on the implementation of the framework as circumstances allow.

COVID-19

When the lockdown came in March we quickly moved to online worship and established weekly challenges for the whole family. This has proven to be popular and it has been proven that it is a valuable resource it is something that we have to continue in the future for those who need it.

Ann the minister was the central contact and members of the Church went out and did shopping for members of the community. Our pastoral team and members of the Church kept in constant contact with members of the congregation and community making sure that everyone is keeping safe, that they all have enough provisions, and not too lonely, along with home-baked cakes and gifts being delivered around.

The Leadership and Stewards Teams met regularly to sort out any issues that have arisen and making sure that everyone is being kept informed with the latest changes and what is happening.

Annual Report 2019/20 - Safeguarding

The church has a Safeguarding policy which is based on the Model Policy provided by the Methodist Church. There is a Safeguarding officer in post who is Mrs Elizabeth Allnutt (until 27th January 2020) and Mrs Pam Murphy (from 15th June 2020) with Mrs Bronwyn Nott as administrative support (from 15th June 2020).

There have been no referrals to statutory bodies during the year.

Financial Information

The accounts have been examined by an independent examiner: Mr P. Kempster
The Church bank is: NatWest, 59 High Street, Exeter EX4 3DL

Crediton Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended August 31st 2020

General Fund Income and Expenditure

General Fund	Balances B/f	2018-2019		Balances C & B/f	2019-2020		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	Income
Church Activities	£15,375.06			£13,996.96			
Offertory		£26,432.47			£25,492.55		
Gift Aid Tax & GASDS		£13,541.53			£7,667.51		
Redvers Flat		£1,582.11	£3,110.87		£6,309.80	£3,838.62	
Flower Fund	£137.37	£70.00	£69.57	£137.80	£45.00	£51.31	£131.49
Fund Raising		£487.20			£53.00		
Printing & Stationery		£57.50	£542.87			£329.34	
Pastoral			£18.00			£40.00	
Sundries		£371.86	£821.37		£1,964.89	£888.69	
Bank Interest		£110.27			£136.22		
Assessment			£30,750.00			£22,500.00	
Subscriptions / Licenses			£953.30			£1,970.09	
Young People (inc Ark etc.)		£1,417.97	£1,060.88		£10.33	£65.24	
Cost of building use	581 Hours	£450.00	£8,070.09	???? Hours			
Transfer to/from Negative funds							
Connect			£203.19			£340.51	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£44,520.91	£45,600.14		£41,679.30	£30,023.80	
			-£1,079.23			£11,655.50	
Property Costs							
Hall Bookings		£3,316.53			£2,738.17		
Cost of building use	581 Hours	£8,070.09					
Weddings & Funerals							
Repairs and Renew als			£7,467.09			£5,988.61	
Electricity			£730.06			£787.56	
Gas			£1,384.39			£1,384.28	
Telephone / Broadband						£293.25	
Insurance			£1,609.41			£1,701.15	
Water			£494.54			£540.71	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£11,386.62	£11,685.49		£2,738.17	£10,695.56	
			-£298.87 #			-£7,957.39 #	
Closing Balance		£55,907.53	£57,285.63	£13,996.96	£44,417.47	£40,719.36	£17,695.07
			-£1,378.10			£3,698.11	

We should have an excess of £2500 to put aside for future large expenditures.

Summary of Restricted and Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds	Balances B/f	2018-2019		Balances C & B/f	2019-2020		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Benevolent Fund	£69.09	£57.01	£0.00	£126.10	£1,073.38	£1,134.59	£64.89
Friday Fellowship	£847.34	£646.05	£980.28	£513.11	£427.98	£357.00	£584.09
Doris Willson Trust	£36.94	£0.12	£37.06	£0.00			
Knit and Natter	£310.75	£660.10	£710.00	£260.85	£0.00	£260.85	£0.00
Refurbishment	£30,861.00	£353,959.93	£395,950.31	-£11,129.38	£73,826.92	£42,785.42	£19,912.12
Schools Out Family Café				£0.00	£240.00	£29.88	£210.12
Youth Worker	£13,339.68	£27,321.71	£40,220.67	£440.72	£25,220.35	£5,680.45	£19,980.62
Toddler Group	£183.55	£480.03	£456.07	£207.51	£246.44	£211.96	£241.99
Total Balances held	£52,124.82	£383,124.95	£438,354.39	-£9,581.09	£101,035.07	£50,460.15	£40,993.83

Charitable Fund	Balances B/f	2018-2019		Balances C & B/f	2019-2020		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
ACF (formerly NCH)	£50.32	£345.08	£0.00	£395.40	£188.83	£580.00	£4.23
Christian Aid	£4.05	£830.27	£356.22	£478.10	£46.65	£524.00	£0.75
Causeway	£0.03	£51.16	£0.00	£51.19	£31.17	£0.00	£82.36
Chat	£1.29	£153.62	£0.00	£154.91	£58.24	£210.00	£3.15
Connect	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£0.00
Edukid	£8,883.00	£1,750.83	£4,100.00	£6,533.83	£105.28	£275.00	£6,364.11
Foodbank	£4.15	£34.78	£0.00	£38.93	£0.00	£0.00	£38.93
Francisco Rojas School-David	£330.47	£573.81	£300.00	£604.28	£204.35	£300.00	£508.63
JMA	£222.10	£107.00	£0.00	£329.10	£0.00	£329.10	£0.00
Meth. Home for the Aged	-£32.20	£272.75	£0.00	£240.55	£158.23	£395.00	£3.78
Missions in Britain	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	£10.00	£30.00	£0.00
All We Can	-£10.70	£363.86	£0.00	£353.16	£16.69	£370.00	-£0.15
MWiB	£3.25	£191.38	£87.00	£107.63	£19.45	£125.00	£2.08
MWiB Local Network	£1.95	£16.90	£0.00	£18.85	£1.00	£18.00	£1.85
Repair Café	£0.00	£1,391.99	£560.89	£831.10	£383.17	£352.70	£861.57
World Missions	£5.52	£6.00	£0.00	£11.52	£12.50	£24.00	£0.02
Other	£0.00	£461.25	£300.00	£161.25	£407.30	£357.00	£211.55
Total Balances held	£9,665.97	£7,050.68	£6,184.11	£10,329.80	£2,122.86	£4,369.80	£8,082.86

Bank Balances	2018-19	2019-20
Current Account	£44,280.38	£37,440.33
Central Finance Board	£13,136.93	£21,973.15
Central Finance Board 2	£7,183.59	£7,235.03
Methodist Chael Aid	-£50,000.00	£0.00
Cash in Hand	£144.77	£123.25
Totals	£14,745.67	£66,771.76

Restricted and Church Group Funds

1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020

Benevolent Fund

Opening balance £ 126.10

Income

Collection £ 1,073.38

Total £ 1,073.38

Expenditure

Food Money £ 1,134.59

Total £ 1,134.59

Closing balance £ 64.89

Flowers

Opening balance

Flower Fund Account £ 117.61

Cash in Hand £ 20.19

Total £ 137.80

Income

Donations £ 45.00

Total £ 45.00

Expenditure

Food Money £ 51.31

Total £ 51.31

Closing balance

Flower Fund Account £ 117.61

Cash in Hand £ 13.88

Total £ 131.49

Friday Fellowship

Opening balance

Bank Account £ 459.55

Cash in Hand £ 53.56

Total £ 513.11

Income

Collections £ 345.31

Bring & Buy £ 82.67

Total £ 427.98

Expenditure

Plan International £ 180.00

Speakers £ 120.00

Misc. £ 57.00

Total £ 357.00

Closing balance

Bank Account £ 541.55

Cash in Hand £ 42.54

Total £ 584.09

Knit and Natter Group

Opening balance	£ 260.85
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Income

Total	£ 0.00
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Closing balance	£ 0.00
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Expenditure

Families	£ 60.00
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I.A.T. Transport	£ 200.82
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Total	£ 260.85
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Refurbishment Fund**Opening balance**

Designated Fund	£ 4,658.97
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Specific Fund	£ 30,195.77
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Restricted Fund	£ 4,015.88
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Methodist Chapel Aid	£- 50,000.00
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Total	£ - 11,129.38
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Income

Bank Interest	£ 51.44
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Saturday Coffee	£ 230.63
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St Nicholas Fayre	£ 125.00
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Sale of cards	£ 174.35
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Police Concert	£ 195.00
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Difference Chair Trolley	£ 74.40
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Donations	£ 20,264.40
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China Slides	£ 40.00
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Rwanda Talk	£ 32.00
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Crediton Town Band	£ 237.00
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Transfer cards Pastoral	£ 10.00
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Opening Lunch	£ 217.00
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Gift Aid Tax	£ 12,122.36
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Refund of VAT	£ 9,795.34
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Grants	£ 30,000.00
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Gift Day	£ 258.00
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Total	£ 73,826.92
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Closing balance

Designated Fund	£ 2,713.29
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Specific Fund	£ - 20,117.14
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Restricted Fund	£ 37,315.97
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Total	£ 19,912.12
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Expenditure

Design Harris MacMillan	£ 3,462.05
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Print and Stationery	£ 14.18
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Hand Rail	£ 100.00
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Notice Board/Hand rail	£ 1,622.53
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Repayment of Loan	£ 4,000.00
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Fifields Construction	£ 10,174.97
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Trf Refurb to GF re Flat	£ 6,309.80
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Removal and Storage	£ 708.45
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Conservation book	£ 73.47
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PA/AV Deposit	£ 16,026.63
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Meth Chapal Aid Interest	£ 293.34
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Total	£ 42,785.42
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Schools Out Family Cafe

Opening balance	£ 0.00
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Income

Donations	£ 40.00
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Crediton Congs	£ 200.00
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Total	£ 240.00
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Closing balance	£ 210.12
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Expenditure

Food	£ 29.88
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Total	£ 29.88
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Toddlers

Opening balance

Bank Account	£	186.49
Cash in Hand	£	21.02
Total	£	<u>207.51</u>

Income

Subs / Donations	£	246.44
Total	£	<u>246.44</u>

Closing balance

Bank Account	£	225.16
Cash in Hand	£	16.83
Total	£	<u>241.99</u>

Expenditure

Food/Drinks	£	123.53
Printing & Stationery	£	85.43
Misc.	£	3.00
Total	£	<u>211.96</u>

Youth Worker Fund

Opening balance

Petty Cash Float	£	50.00
Designated Fund	£	7,996.01
Restricted Fund	£	-7,605.29
Total	£	<u>440.72</u>

Income

Saturday Coffee Mornings	£	44.00
Donations	£	4,018.24
Gift Aid Tax	£	1,161.95
Gift Day	£	890.00
Youth Café	£	45.00
Sale of Cards	£	128.10
Craft Fayre	£	270.00
Grants	£	16,000.00
Cards from Pastoral Fund	£	10.00
Refund on BT Bills	£	27.92
Sponsored Run	£	910.90
Farewell Gift A. Varker	£	923.10
Safari Donations	£	216.20
HMRC JRS Covid-19	£	554.94
Transfer	£	20.00
Total	£	<u>25,220.35</u>

Closing balance

Petty Cash Float	£	50.00
Designated Fund	£	8357.91
Restricted Fund	£	11,572.71
Total	£	<u>19,980.62</u>

Expenditure

Staffing Costs	£	4,763.76
Print & Stat	£	77.10
B.T.	£	265.02
DBS – Jane & Leigh	£	80.00
Ads for Y/W	£	285.00
Budget to work	£	61.14
Youth Café	£	131.93
Transfer	£	16.50
Total	£	<u>5680.45</u>

Charity Funds

1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020

Action for Children

Opening balance £ 395.40

Income

Sunday Morning Coffee	£	103.15
Xmas Day Collection	£	45.61
Gift Aid Tax	£	40.07
Total	£	188.83

Closing balance £ 4.23

Expenditure

Charity Giving	£	580.00
Total	£	580.00

All We Can

Opening balance £ 353.16

Income

Saturday Coffee Morning	£	11.20
Gift Aid Tax	£	5.49
Total	£	16.69

Closing balance £ - 0.15

Expenditure

Charity Giving	£	370.00
Total	£	370.00

Causeway

Opening balance £ 51.19

Income

Saturday Coffee	£	17.50
Gift Aid	£	13.67
Total	£	31.17

Closing balance £ 82.36

Expenditure

Total	£	0.00
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Charity Other

Opening balance £ 161.25

Income

Gift for Andy, Jenny & Leah	£	50.00
Toilet Twinning	£	295.00
Tear Fund	£	13.15
Gift Aid Tax	£	49.15
Total	£	407.30

Closing balance £ 211.55

Expenditure

Gift for Andy, Jenny & Leah	£	25.00
Gift for Leah & John	£	25.00
Toilet Twinning	£	307.00
Total	£	357.00

Christian Aid

Opening balance £ 478.10

Income

Gift Aid Tax £ 46.65
 Total £ 46.65

Closing balance £ 0.75

Expenditure

Annual Giving £ 524.00
 Total £ 524.00

Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT)

Opening balance £ 154.91

Income

Gift Aid Tax £ 17.04
 Saturday Coffee £ 32.20
 Donation £ 9.00
 Total £ 58.24

Closing balance £ 3.15

Expenditure

Annual Giving £ 210.00
 Total £ 210.00

Connect

Opening balance £ 0.00

Income

Saturday Coffee Mornings £ 29.50
 Sunday Morning Coffee £ 45.00
 Gift Aid Tax £ 54.99
 Donation £ 10.00
 Trf to clear negative bal. £ 340.51
 Total £ 480.00

Closing balance £ 0.00

Expenditure

Contributed £ 480.00
 Total £ 480.00

Edukid

Opening balance £ 6,533.83

Income

Repair Café donations £ 84.04
 Gift Aid Tax £ 21.24
 Total £ 105.28

Closing balance £ 6,364.11

Expenditure

Oscar K. Sponsorship £ 275.00
 Total £ 275.00

Food Bank

Opening balance £ 38.93

Income

Total £ 0.00

Closing balance £ 38.93

Expenditure

Total £ 0.00

Francisco Rojas School in Peru

Opening balance	£	<u>604.28</u>
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Income

Gift Aid tax	£	18.20
Sunday Morning Coffee	£	91.00
Fund Raising/Diabetes Rd	£	64.50
Coffee – Repair Cafe	£	30.65
Total	£	<u>204.35</u>

Closing balance	£	<u>508.63</u>
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Expenditure

Sponsorship	£	300.00
Total	£	<u>300.00</u>

JMA

Opening balance	£	<u>329.10</u>
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Income

Total	£	<u>0.00</u>
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Closing balance	£	<u>0.00</u>
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Expenditure

Mission in Britain 25%	£	82.28
World Mission Fund 75%	£	246.82
Total	£	<u>329.10</u>

Methodist Homes for the Aged

Opening balance	£	<u>240.55</u>
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Income

Saturday Coffee Morning	£	18.00
Sunday Morning Coffee	£	95.60
Gift Aid Tax	£	44.63
Total	£	<u>158.23</u>

Closing balance	£	<u>3.78</u>
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Expenditure

Annual Giving	£	395.00
Total	£	<u>395.00</u>

Methodist Women in Britain

Opening balance	£	<u>107.63</u>
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Income

Gift Aid Tax	£	10.95
Saturday Coffee	£	8.50
Total	£	<u>19.45</u>

Closing balance	£	<u>2.08</u>
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Expenditure

Annual Giving	£	125.00
Total	£	<u>125.00</u>

Methodist Women in Britain (Local Network)

Opening balance	£	<u>18.85</u>
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Income

5ps Jar	£	1.00
Total	£	<u>1.00</u>

Closing balance	£	<u>1.85</u>
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Expenditure

Annual Giving	£	18.00
Total	£	<u>18.00</u>

Mission in Britain Fund (Home Missions)

Opening balance £ 20.00

Income

Saturday Coffee Morning £ 10.00

Total £ 10.00

Expenditure

Annual Giving £ 30.00

Total £ 30.00

Closing balance £ 0.00

Repair Café

Opening balance £ 831.10

Income

Donations £ 383.17

Total £ 383.17

Expenditure

Children in Need £ 139.93

Repair Café Equipment £ 212.77

Total £ 352.70

Closing balance £ 861.57

World Mission

Opening balance £ 11.52

Income

Gift Aid Tax £ 12.50

Total £ 12.50

Expenditure

Annual Giving £ 24.00

Total £ 24.00

Closing balance £ 0.02

Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- (a) Our General Fund
- (b) Central Finance Board

Other funds also held which are NOT required to be included in our reserves are:

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Refurbishment)
- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker)

Our Reserves

- (a-b) Our General Fund

We aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money to cover six month's expenditure i.e. £25,000 (excluding Cost of building use)

The reason for this is twofold: -

- (i) The church needs around one month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- (ii) Maintenance on church buildings and special outreach events are mainly funded from fundraising efforts and money is regularly spent in advance of being raised. To cover this, the Church needs a further five months' in reserve.

As there are insufficient funds in the current account to cover this amount, at present time we can also draw upon monies held in the Central Finance Board. There is a shortfall of £7,300 in our general reserve.

Other Funds held for specific purposes

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Refurbishment Fund)

We maintain a Refurbishment Fund (held by Central Finance Board) for refurbishment and modification of the premises. This was completed in August 2019, but we still need funds in the account until August 2020 when our final bills will be paid.

The Refurbishment Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance.

- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker Fund)

After a successful 6 year project, we are working our way towards a new 2 year project, this is still in the setup phase, but we are hoping to start the project in September 2020 subject to funding.

Minutes of the Annual General Church Meeting held by video conference on Monday 21st September 2020

Present: Revd Alison Richardson, John Ashley (Secretary) and 15 members

Apologies: Meg Ellis, Pam Murphy, Tina Turner and Alan Sharpe

1. The Minister welcomed all those present and explained that this meeting had been delayed by the pandemic. She opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew chapter 9 verse 9 – “Calling” – followed by a prayer by Martin Luther
2. The Annual Report for 2018/19, which includes the minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2019, had been circulated having been previously reviewed and approved in draft by the Church Council at its meeting on 14th November 2019, subject to completion of the independent examiner’s review of the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2019.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. The Annual Report was approved and signed by the Minister.
5. The appointments of Leadership Team, Stewards and the Church Council agreed at the meeting on 24th March 2019 have been extended for a further year to the 2021 Annual General Church Meeting. Apart from Elaine Gregory, David Smith and Julian Varker, who have resigned, all those appointed have agreed to serve for the further year.

Leadership Team: Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Pam Murphy and Glenn Turner

Stewards: Elizabeth Allnutt, Marjorie Ashley Hilary Everitt, Christine Marshall and Christine Turner

Elected members: Sheila Davison, Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Christine Gregory, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Gill Sutton, Karen Theedom and Alan Sharpe

6. The meeting closed with a prayer.