

**Bude Methodist Church  
Trustees' Annual Report 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**Introduction**

The Trustees have the pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

**Reference and administrative Information**

**Legal status**

The official name of the charity is Bude Methodist Church. The charities registration number is 1181641. The registered address is:

Bude Methodist Church  
Ergue Gaberic Way  
Bude  
Cornwall  
EX23 8LA

Methodist Churches are charities and as such are subject to the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the accounts have to be prepared in line with the regulations made under the Act.

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

**The Trustees**

The Trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Amy Knight	Joseph Knight
Anne Butler	Keith Kennard
Annette Cole	Lynn Taylor
Bridgette Whattler	Margaret Overy
Carol Short	Mark Ward
Deacon Debbie Marsh	Margaret Burch
Francis Burdett	Michael Luxton
George Jose	Penny Harris
Gill Beasley	Petula Biddlecombe
Glenice Shepherd	Rachel Quinn
Gwyneth Chadd	Roy Mackenzie
Jane Bailey	Sarah Riviere
Jean Messenger	Susan Howard
Jennifer Bond	Tracy Mill
Jennifer Ward	

**Advisors**

Other relevant organisations acting on behalf of the charity are as follows:

**Bankers:** Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, PO Box 1000, BX 47 SB

**Solicitors:** Peter Peter & Wright, Grenville Quay, Bideford Devon EX39 2EZ

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### **Objectives and activities**

The objective of the Church is to offer the love of God in word and deed to all those who will accept it. This is to be achieved through the document 'Local Church Constitution and Practice'. Bude Methodist Church continues to offer a broad spectrum of weekly activities, ranging from Parent and Toddler Groups to Youth group, Coffee Mornings, Fellowship groups and Bible Study groups either on our premises or in the form of House groups. These are over and above those of worship both on a Sunday and mid-week that lie at the heart of Bude's ministry, structure, governance and management.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Charity is run from the Bude Methodist Church, Ergue Gaberic Way, Bude, Cornwall, EX23 8LA. The church is responsible to the Bude & Holsworthy Methodist Circuit. The governing document of the charity is the Constitution of the Church Council. The Trustees are the members of the Church Council, and are appointed annually with the Trustee meetings held twice each year.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Church Meeting.

### **Risk management**

Under the terms of the risk management policy adopted by the charity, the strategic, operational and financial risks to which the charity is exposed are evaluated on a continuing basis and appropriate systems put into place to mitigate any major risks identified. The Trustees are satisfied that the policy of continual monitoring of potential risks to which the charity is exposed is sufficient to identify those risks on a timely basis and to ensure that the appropriate action may be taken so as to minimise the perceived risk to an acceptable level.

### **Safeguarding**

The Church follows the Connexional policy on safeguarding as detailed in Creating Safer Space. Bude Methodist church has a safeguarding representative and there are safeguarding officers in the Circuit to ensure the adoption of safe practice amongst children and vulnerable adults. Appropriate training is provided on safeguarding issues for all involved in leadership roles within the church, and supervision of the necessary checks under the safeguarding legislation.

### **Achievements and performance**

Bude Methodist Church is situated in the heart of our Cornish seaside town and continues its ministry of worship and service to the community. The Membership is approximately 130, and the congregation is drawn from a wide area both from within Bude itself and also surrounding areas within a 15 mile radius. Members and adherents are from various social backgrounds. Midweek activities normally include a Parent & Toddler group for 2-4 year olds, coffee mornings, a variety of Bible study groups, and prayer groups. Two different Fellowship groups meet on a Tuesday and Wednesday as do two choirs and a craft group also on Wednesdays. A Sunday evening Youth Group meets weekly and is gradually building up its numbers, led by our circuit Youth Worker. A Lego café is held monthly attended by many young families. There is also a monthly Soup and Sweet lunch. Our Deacon reaches out from the Church in many ways offering support to the needy and vulnerable as part of the mission from our Church to the wider community. From time-to-time

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exhibitions and fund-raising activities are held in the Church continuing our outreach to the local Community.

**Financial review**

**Income**

The income from offerings and lettings this year is at a similar level to last year with fundraising for youth activities and a Christmas Day lunch.

**Expenditure**

The circuit assessment has increased, glass doors have been added to the Church, updating of fire alarm, fire doors etc. for building regulations, along with increased expenditure on utilities. Consequently, overall expenditure was up on last year. This resulted in net funds slightly down this year compared to last.

**Going concern**

Based on the monetary assets and human resource available at 31 August 2025, the Trustees believe that the church is a going concern.

**Reserves Policy**

The reserves policy for the General Fund is as follows: The church aims to hold a reserve of sufficient unrestricted and undesignated funds to cover six months expenditure - approximately 60,000. The reasons for this are: -

- 1) The church needs approximately one month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- 2) Maintenance costs and circuit assessments are spent in advance of being raised, hence the need for a further six months reserve money.

Actual unrestricted undesignated funds at end of year were £133,987

The Trustees will also continue to set aside as designated funds such amounts as are appropriate to provide for all charitable requirements.

**Plans for future periods**

The Trustees do not expect any changes to the charity's objectives and charitable activities in the forthcoming year, their aim will be to continue to provide an essential and valued service in the community.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. M. Slingo

&

Mrs A Cole Trustee

*M. C. Slingo*

*A. Cole*

Date: 12.5.2026

Date: 18/5/2026

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Bude Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Bude & Holsworthy

Circuit

Circuit no.

37/11

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1181641

**If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and  
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Deacon D. Marsh

Church Stewards:

George Jose

Gillian Beasley

Jennifer Bond

Margaret Overy

Michael Luxton

Lynn Taylor

Frank Burdett

Treasurer:

Annette Cole

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	57,453		<b>57,453</b>	60,782
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,840	1,917	<b>8,757</b>	9,414
a4	Lettings	34,423		<b>34,423</b>	35,344
a5	Other receipts	18,180	10,063	<b>28,243</b>	56,644
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>116,895</b>	<b>11,981</b>	<b>128,876 (a7)</b>	<b>162,184</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	57,920		<b>57,920</b>	54,461
b3	Donations	3,649		<b>3,649</b>	4,726
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,185		<b>4,185</b>	14,620
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,730		<b>15,730</b>	13,410
b6	Licenses & subscriptions	1,722		<b>1,722</b>	1,507
b7	Other payments	33,654	29,958	<b>63,612</b>	47,274
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>116,861</b>	<b>29,958</b>	<b>146,819 (b9)</b>	<b>135,998</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	34	(17,977)	<b>(17,943)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		133,953	71,860	<b>205,813 (c6)</b>
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	133,987	53,883	<b>187,870</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>133,987</b>	<b>53,883</b>	<b>187,870 (c8)</b>
					<b>205,813 (c6)</b>

SECTION D					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		782		3,102
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		782		3,102
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>			

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	128,876 (a7)	146,819 (b9)	(17,943)	205,813 (c6)	187,870 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>128,876</b>	<b>146,819</b>	<b>(17,943)</b>	<b>205,813 (x)</b>	<b>187,870 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			

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

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	200	200
f2	24,819	3,431
f3		
f4	132,802	134,330
f5	47,992	49,909
f6		
f7	205,813 (c6)	187,870 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	205,813 (x)	187,870 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	2,578	2,583
g2		
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church - Bude Methodist Church      Charity No : 1181641

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer ..... AK Cole ..... Date 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025  
Name and address of treasurer MRS. ANNETTE COLE .....  
LOGANHOLM, STIBB, BUDE CORNWALL ..... Post Code EX23 9HL

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were ~~will be~~ presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13/10/2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... D. Marsh .....  
Name of the Chair of the meeting DEACON D. MARSH ..... Date 13/10/25

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Bude Methodist Church

Charity Number 1181641

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bude Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 01 to 03. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner M R Bengafind

Name of independent examiner MRS MARGARET E. BENJAFIELD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

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

Address 34 THE WILLOWS, CHILSWORTHY, HOLSWORTHY

..... Post Code EX22 7BB

Date 10/3/26

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Signature of independent examiner M. E. Bentfield

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

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