

STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1182848

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-04-08

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: Christian Worship and other community support work.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire
- Leicestershire
- Lincolnshire
- Northamptonshire
- Rutland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£192,903	£191,274	-	-
2024-08-31	£133,243	£111,460	-	-
2023-08-31	£119,861	£133,769	-	-
2022-08-31	£122,294	£131,053	-	-
2021-08-31	£122,294	£131,053	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew James Lester Hollins	Chair	2022-09-01
Anne Earle		2019-05-05
Audrey Hensman		2019-02-18
Barry Charles Streets		2024-04-30
Christine Anne Adams		2019-02-18
Conan David Lewis		2019-02-18
Corinna Jeanette Selby		2019-02-18
Edward George Adams		2019-02-18
Elizabeth Clare Hodgson		2019-02-18
Francis Coles		2022-09-01
Godfrey Charles Millar Jones		2019-02-18
Jane Elizabeth Allen		2024-04-28
Janet Hetherington		2019-02-18
Janet Howitt		2019-02-18
Jennifer Whatley		2023-05-01
Julia Margaret Husbands		2019-02-18
MARTIN JOHN GREENFIELD		2023-09-01
Margaret Hewardine		2019-02-18
PAULINE JONES		2019-01-01
Rev Rebecca Helen Wright		2024-09-01
Sarah Atwell King		2019-02-18
Stephen John Husbands		2019-09-01
Vivienne Jean Higgins		2019-02-18

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Accounts



Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire



Annual report and Accounts
Year ended 31 August 2025

Stamford Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number: 1182848

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Trustees' Annual Report

Reference and administration details

Charity name: Stamford Methodist Church

Also known as: Barn Hill Methodist Church

Registered charity number: 1182848

Address: Stamford Methodist
11 Barn Hill
Stamford
Lincs
PE9 2AE

Managing Trustees

The names of those who served as Managing Trustees in the year are as follows:

Rev Andrew Hollins	(Chair)
Corinna Selby	(Senior Church Steward)
Anne Wiltshire	(Church Steward)
Anne Earle	(Church Steward & Second Helpings rep)
Elizabeth (Beth) Hodgson	(Church Steward)
Stephen Husbands	(Church Steward)
Vivienne Higgins	(Church Steward & Pastoral Secretary)
Martin Greenfield	(Church Steward)
Lynne Booker	(Secretary to Church Council)
Frances Coles	(Treasurer)
Eddie Adams	(Assistant Treasurer)
Barry Streets	(Circuit Steward)
Janet (Jan) Hetherington	(The Well)
Sarah Atwell-King	(Local Preacher)
Pauline Jones	(Mission Projects)
Conan Lewis	(Past Steward)
Audrey Hensman	(Church Safeguarding Officer) – wef June 2024
Julia Husbands	
Christine (Chris) Adams	
Margaret Hewardine	
Janet Howitt	
Beryl Teasdale	
Jennifer (Jenny) Whatley	
Godfrey Jones	
Rev William Booker	
Hugh Allen	
Jane Allen	
Rev Rebecca Wright	wef Sept 2024

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

As part of the wider Methodist Church in Great Britain, the Charity's governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Within the wider Methodist Connexion, Stamford Methodist Church is part of the Stamford Circuit, which in turn is itself part of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church.

Membership of the governing body

The governing body of the Charity is the Church Council, the members of which are the Managing Trustees. Certain officers are automatically Managing Trustees by virtue of their office. These are the minister, the secretary, the church stewards, the treasurer and the pastoral secretary. The other Managing Trustees are church representatives appointed to the Church Council at a general meeting of members of the church, normally held at least annually.

Three committees report to the Church Council:

- The Finance Committee oversees the churches finances, reporting to the Church Council at all meetings.
- The Property Committee is responsible for day-to-day upkeep of the church building and overseeing the hire activities of the church.
- The Pastoral Committee is responsible for the pastoral care of the fellowship of the church

Other groups reflecting the life and work of the church meet to discuss their work and write a report shared at Church Council meetings:

- The Stewards
- The Safeguarding Officer
- The Mission Projects Group
- Second Helpings – 'feeding bellies not bins' initiative
- The Well – the church coffee shop & Fairtrade Shop
- The Growth & Outreach Group

Bodies entitled to appoint Trustees

The Stamford Circuit Meeting is entitled to appoint four Trustees to the Stamford Methodist Church Council, which comprise:

- the Minister of Stamford Methodist Church;
- the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit;
- one other Minister from the Circuit; and
- a Circuit Steward.

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Objectives and activities

Purposes

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

It does this through:



Worship

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love



Learning and Caring

The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care



Service

The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice



Evangelism

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ

Stamford Methodist Church seeks to apply this within the local environment of Stamford, Lincolnshire. As well as acting as a place of worship, Stamford Methodist Church also aims to use the building with which it is blessed, to offer space for hire to the local community.

Activities undertaken

The Charity undertakes a wide range of activities every year in line with its Christian purpose. These typically include but are not limited to:

- Acting as a place of worship and providing a holy space for focus within the local community.
- Offering pastoral care: to its members, to those visiting the Church and to the wider community.
- Providing and maintaining the church building for both worship and community use.
- Conducting religious ceremonies, including regular Sunday worship and occasional services, as well as weddings and funerals on request.
- Raising awareness of Christianity in our community.

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- Both providing the opportunity for external community action groups to hire the building and running some such groups directly - examples including Second Helpings, Twinkle Tots, Girls' Brigade & JCBs, Messy Church, various fellowship groups & The Well.
- Providing a hire venue for use by the community.
- Being part of the Stamford Churches Together group with other local churches.
- Maintaining links with the various user groups of its premises.
- Serving as a base for Stamford Street Pastors.

Public benefit statement

The Managing Trustees oversee the activities of the charity with due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The benefits of the Christian activities of the Stamford Methodist Church are considered to be:

- Improved spiritual and mental wellbeing.
- Pastoral care and support within the local community for families and those without families.
- Friendship and fellowship amongst the congregation and others who visit regularly.
- Fosters community involvement at all levels.
- Care for the environment based on a responsibility for stewardship of God's creation.
- Challenging trade injustice through the support of such causes as Fair Trade.
- Bereavement support.
- Availability for local ceremonies at key stages in life (weddings, funerals, baptisms).
- Availability of a safe space.
- Support through direct giving, fundraising and support for other local, national and international charities.

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The benefits of the community hire activities of the Church are considered to be:

- Strengthening the local community through the availability of learning, leisure and social activities.
- Availability of local cultural activities through concerts and other events hosted.
- Availability of local therapeutic, wellbeing and health beneficial activities.
- Support of other charities through the availability of space for hire or hosting of fundraising events.
- Encouragement of interaction between different community groups meeting within the same building.

Achievements and performance

Stamford Methodist Church (SMC) is vibrant & busy. It supports projects locally & overseas.

Charities supported by our **Mission Projects Group** (MPG) for the year were Friends of Nixon Memorial, Stamford Street Pastors and Stamford Methodist Church. A total of five fund raising events, plus the annual Dog Show, were held over the year. Total Income, including donations and £523 reclaimed Gift Aid, was £15,919. Donations to our three nominated charities plus other one-off appeals totalled £13,318.

September 2024 was the last Dog Show run entirely by SMC. In future the Dog Show will be run the 2nd Stamford Scouts but we retain the rights to hold an act of worship at the start of the event and to run the refreshment and bric-a-brac stalls.

Second Helpings – our local food waste initiative - continues to be extremely busy. Christmas 2024 was very successful. We held a lunch on Christmas Day for 68 guests and delivered 15 meals to those unable to leave their homes. We also had a visit from Santa with presents for everyone.

Our collectors collect daily from our suppliers and bring the food to our distribution point - The Pantry - which is situated at Stamford Methodist Church. This is open five days a week, during the year a total of 12,029 people collected food from The Pantry. We also have a Community Fridge which is stocked regularly by our volunteers and is available all day and every day.

During the year a total of 4,273 people visited us for lunch at our Saturday Cafe. Each Saturday throughout the year we produce a three-course meal on a 'pay as you feel' basis. This is open to all and has a variety of church members and community members present.

We also have a joint project with Evergreen – a local charity. Every Friday volunteers prepare lunch bags for housebound and elderly people, we make no charge for this service. During the year we delivered 1,646 lunch bags. As well as the food it is an important contact with those unable to leave their homes easily. There have been occasions where deliverers have needed to raise the alarm to the emergency services.

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During the year, Second Helpings redirected a staggering 97,736 kg of food that would otherwise have ended up in landfill. Perfectly good food that cannot be sold due to stringent regulations. As we move into the new year, we are resolved to carry on this much needed work within our community.

SMC operates a café - The Well - from 10am until 2pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with reduced hours and menu through August, and a 2-week closure over Christmas. The café offers very reasonably priced meals and drinks for all who wish to purchase. Alongside this there is a Fairtrade stall selling products to church members and The Well users. Volunteers who run the café offer a safe space and their listening ears, and can signpost to other support systems if they feel this is needed.

Staffing was a problem for a short time as some regular volunteers have had to step back but new people have come forward so staffing levels are adequate. During the year £5,000 was donated to MPG.

Our minister, Rev Andrew Hollins, and Phil Jones, Circuit Lay Pastoral and Discipleship Worker, retain Pastoral oversight for our members. They also carry out hospital and home visits where required and offer home communion to the housebound if requested. They are supported by a team of 15 pastoral visitors who ensure all members of the church community roll are contacted regularly either by meetings in person, phone calls or correspondence. Their work is valued by the trustees who appreciate the work they do in keeping our minister and stewards aware of our congregational needs.

Pastoral visitors had a chance to meet and talk individually, and confidentially, through their list and express any concerns with AH, PJ and our Pastoral Secretary. A general meeting of all the Pastoral Visitors was held where all the visitors met with AH and PJ to exchange ideas and be updated on procedures and pastoral matters. This work furthers their training and their individual needs for their group.

SMC Growth and Outreach Group (G&O) has been meeting monthly, when possible, for a few years now. It is open to all who are interested in helping the church to grow and with ideas to reach out to all. Many subjects and ideas have been discussed and worked upon.

Following a very successful and enjoyable week in July 2024 with Rev Briony Woods, the group organised a **Gospel Magic** weekend in September with the Rev David Leese. A night of gospel magic followed by a morning service which Rev David led. The weekend was a great success.

The group welcomes drop in members who bring their own ideas or those that have been tried and tested. One of these was an idea of lunchtime discussion/topic meetings. We agreed to start to plan this practically, so that the sessions can begin possibly on a monthly basis, dates are still to be arranged. We saw this event as an interface between contemporary issues and Christian faith.

The G&O group led a Local Worship Service in May 2025. During the service they collated a list of topics which arose from a collection of ideas from the congregation. Of these, they started to see what were important themes for us to consider at future meetings and we highlighted: Outdoor Services, Fellowship & Home Groups, The Come

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and See leaflet distribution to Stamford, Reaching Young Adults (particularly in the light of the Quiet Revival report) and Eco Matters. The group continue to meet to put these ideas into practice.

During the year to the end of August 2025 the church faced many issues relating to property. SMC Property Committee decided on the priorities and the best use of the charity's funds when it comes to repairs and replacements.

The main project undertaken during the year was the redecoration of the main worship area. Money for this enhancement had been raised during the Gift Day in 2024. It had been 20 years since the refurbishment of the church and the paintwork inside the worship area looked tired. The work was undertaken during August 2025 over a period of 5 weeks, during this period church services were not affected as they were relocated to the downstairs hall as on previous occasions. The relocation to this hall allowed the church to try out different types of service such as café style services.

Other projects undertaken during the year included:

- A moveable ramp for the dais in the worship area, increasing access for any users of the church.
- Replacement flooring for the corridor from the back door to the worship area. The carpet being replaced with a long lasting, non-slip vinyl.
- Replacement of chairs in The Well area.
- Repainting of the lines in the car park with a paint containing reflective material.
- A larger cardboard recycling bin to cope with the increased amount of recycling from 'Second Helpings'.
- Repainting in the Prayer Chapel with a mould resistant paint which allows the wall to breathe.
- Multiple 'DIY Days' have been successfully held and the benefits seen by the wider church community.
- General housekeeping of the property, replacing toilet seats and PAT Testing of all electrical equipment which will be ongoing through the following year.

Having a large, old building is a responsibility for all who use it and especially our trustees. As our congregation gets older, this becomes more difficult to manage.

In the summer of 2025, our minister Rev Andrew took his well-earned sabbatical – a 12-week time away from the circuit gifted to him by the Methodist Church. During this time the sabbatical committee took over the day-to-day responsibility of their churches with overarching responsibility for the circuit falling to Rev Bekkie Wright (circuit minister) and Rev Sonia Hicks (District Chair). The Stewards team at SMC took the lead locally ensuring that procedures put in place were upheld, the congregation was supported and that upon his return Rev Andrew was informed of key events.

Worship at SMC is varied depending on the preacher leading the service. The stewards contact the preachers before the service and ensure their requests are put in place. They are supported by a team of Readers, Musicians and AV technical team. SMC is fortunate to have a variety of musicians who offer their skills and gifts for worship. The music is generally organ led with support from our brass musicians, and our Worship Group play

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any music chosen that is more suited to their style. At Christmas an orchestra is assembled to lead the annual Carol Service. This is a special occasion and our talented musicians are appreciated for their time and skills.

Our AV team support all aspects of worship and often source what is needed by the preacher in a format suitable for SMC hardware. Our hymn/song lyrics and Bible readings are projected at our services in a clear accessible format.

Our services at SMC follow a regular pattern where possible. Week 1 is a Holy Communion Service; Week 3 is an All-Age Worship; Weeks 2, 4 & 5 are 'normal'. During the services our Junior Church is available and led, and helped by, regular volunteers from our congregation on a rotating basis. Two Church Stewards are assigned to the Junior Church. Their role is to attend meetings, help out when needed and occasionally observe sessions.

The Junior Church team prepare the sessions following the 'Roots' materials. These sessions are interactive with Bible readings, games, activities and craft. Each week the resources explore the same Bible reading as is used in the church service. The team ensures the children have fun. Each week they interact with the children including dancing and singing. The atmosphere during these activities is exciting, fun and all that is needed to enjoy learning more about the Bible.

Each of the children that attend regularly have blossomed and now eagerly enjoy participating in services on special occasions. They are also assisting the stewards with some of their tasks on a Sunday morning.

Financial review

1) Financial position for the year ending 31st August 2025

The accounts for the year have been finalised and are subject to audit. The accounts are presented on appendix 1 which shows the year end surplus of £1,355, the prior year's surplus of £21,783 and the budget deficit for 25/26 of around £20,000.

This is a fantastic result, as the last forecast presented to the Council was a deficit. It has come about due mostly to the catch up in lettings income received, an increase of £15,000 on the prior year.

The decoration of the church in August, costing £9,300 was paid for in August so included in the year end position. There has been no movement on replacing the audio-visual equipment, an estimated cost of this of £5,000 was included in the forecast but will now take place in 25/26.

The key points to note are: -

1. The surplus for the year was achieved from an increase in lettings and a reduction in costs including from the Children's enabler post. The 2023/24 surplus included a legacy and the gift day totalling £30,000.

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2. The accounts for last year were presented with a note regarding the cash accounting impact of lettings, part of 23/24 income was received in 24/25.
3. The redecoration of the church costing £9,300 is included in the costs for 24/25 as are the costs of the flooring in the corridors and the new cooker (fully donated by Second Helpings).

Approval for the accounts will be sought after the independent examination is complete.

2) Bank account changes

Since Barclays closed its presence in the town, the Church has banked cash through a Lloyds account which was originally set up for lettings income. Lloyds are now changing this account to a Charity account which means we will incur bank charges for cash and cheque deposits from November.

In addition, Lloyds is also scheduled to close in January 2026, although this may change during the next reporting year, and the finance committee are considering the options for banking of cheques and cash which will be reported at a Church Council meeting.

3) Forecast for 2025/26

A forecast for 25/26 will be presented to the next Church Council meeting, this will include the impact of a new Utilities contract which should be in place at the end of December. This will be a reduction of just under 20% on our utility costs and therefore a reduction to the income we receive from Second Helpings as a donation towards these costs.

It will also include the costs of the further planned redecoration which were not included in the original budget but need to be undertaken before April 2026 in order to ensure we can recover the VAT on the costs.

4) Signatories on Bank accounts

Church Council approval is sought to add two additional signatories to the Barclays account and review and amend the signatories for the Central Finance Board account. The list of signatories to be approved is: -

Frances Coles Martin Greenfield Roger Ing
Eddie Adams Corinna Selby

For the CFB account Rev A Hollins is also a signatory.

5) Property Consent Resolution

At the last Council meeting approval was sought and given for the use of the TMCP Property Maintenance Fund for the redecoration of the Church premises. We may now be time barred on this for the main Church but there is further redecoration to be undertaken. Therefore, the intention is to try and claim for the redecoration that happened in August as well as the future redecoration. As we can claim the VAT back,

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the total we are hoping to be able to draw down from TMCP funds is £12,620. Confirmation of approval is required with wording that Rev Andrew agrees is appropriate.

The Trustees' Annual Report was signed by the Chair of Trustees on behalf of the Church Council following the meeting in October 2025. The accompanying Methodist Standard Form of Accounts were presented to and approved by the Church Council in October 2025.

Rev Andrew Hollins

Chair of Trustees

Date: **14 November 2025**

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Managing Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stamford Methodist Church (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2025.

As the Managing Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **David Swann**

Name of Independent Examiner: David William Swann

Address: 39 Chatsworth Road
Stamford
Lincolnshire

Date: **7 October 2025**

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Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

Basis of accounts

On the following pages 11 to 13 are given the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts of Stamford Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Church in Great Britain.

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis since income is below the threshold that allows this approach.

Accounting policies

In order to better aid the understanding of readers, the following accounting policies are stated which explain aspects of the standard form of accounts:

Core activities

The result for the year from core activities of the Charity, being the operation of the Church and its rooms, are given in sections A to C.

Charitable collections

Collections made for specific charities are accounted for separately in section D and are not therefore part of the funds of the Charity.

Internal organisations

Any internal organisations within the overall Charity that have separate funds are shown in section E.

Funds

In common with most charities, the funds held by Stamford Methodist Church fall into three categories:

General unrestricted funds

General funds are unrestricted and can be used for any purpose in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Managing Trustees.

Designated unrestricted funds

Designated funds are also unrestricted but have been allocated to a particular purpose by the Managing Trustees.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the charitable objectives. Such restrictions may arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. All funds relating to internal organisations are deemed to be restricted funds

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Church site and building

In common with all Methodist Churches, the property is owned by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP"). Usage of the building by Stamford Methodist Church is for those purposes as permitted under the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

Accompanying notes

Additional accompany notes are given voluntarily where it is felt these will add beneficial information to the reader of the accounts.

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**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Stamford Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Northampton - Stamford	Circuit	Circuit no.	23122
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1182848

**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 churches in England and Wales that are not registered charities are exempted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev A Hollis

Church Stewards:

Corinna Selby	Anne Wiltshire
Elizabeth Hodgson	Anne Earle
Stephen Husbands	Vivienne Higgins
Martin Greenfield	

Treasurer:

Francis Coles

Francis Coles

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	74,008		74,008	64,950
a3	Bank and OFG interest and investment income	4,288		4,288	4,233
a4	Lettings	33,288		33,288	18,286
a5	Other receipts	14,713		14,713	15,792
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	126,487		126,487 (a7)	123,261
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	65,500		65,500	57,000
b3	Donations	1,705		1,705	2,400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	21,782		21,782	9,454
b5	Utilities (insurance, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,163		19,163	18,052
b6					
b7	Other payments	16,977		16,977	37,544
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	126,127		126,127 (b9)	111,450
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	1,355	1,355	21,783
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		122,982	122,982 (c3)	101,158
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	124,337	124,337	122,982
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c5)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	124,337	124,337 (c6)	122,982 (c6)
SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				271
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				271
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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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 other purpose. This section must be completed in order to give income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the diocesan threshold, then the diocesan 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 restricted and unrestricted District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATION	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/Payments	Adjustments	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
(1) Wednesday Fellowship	550	550	00		0	00
(2) Mission Projects	14,500	14,440	60		1,400	1,460
(3) Sacred Helpings	11,304	20,830	(9,526)		87,104	87,578
(4) Flower Fund	240	230	10		200	210
(5) Tenants' Club	500	510	(10)		87	77
(6) Girl's Brigade & AGPs	00	30	(30)		800	770
(7) The Hall	18,772	18,450	322	(1,400)	2,713	3,635
(8) Summary of Internal Organisations' Liabilities	00,000	00,000	00	(1,400)	73,713	80,844
(9) Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2) - totals rounded	124,843 (a)(1)	128,127 (a)(2)	(3,284)	(1,400)	122,860 (a)(3)	124,837 (a)(4)
(10) TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	124,843	128,127	(3,284)	(1,400)	122,860	124,837
(11) CONTINUE ON B ACCOUNTS IF NECESSARY AND CARRYING THE TOTAL FORWARD	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
(1) Cash in hand		
(2) Bank Current Account	20,180	20,170
(3) Bank Deposit Account		
(4) Central Finance Board	87,657	88,818
(5) Funds for Methodist Church Purposes	23,842	25,349
(6) Other funds		
(7) TOTAL TOTAL - Church accounts	122,860 (a)(1)	124,837 (a)(2)
(8) Total funds held by internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (b)(1)	73,713 (b)(1)	80,844 (b)(2)
(9) TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	196,573 (c)	205,681 (c)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
(1) Investments (include Endowment)		
(2) Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance - value)		
(3) Other Assets		
(4) LIABILITIES - SHOW BALANCE OUTSTANDING AT YEAR END		
(5) Other Liabilities		

(1) include only Funds held with Central Finance Board
 (2) include only Funds held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 (3) include any other investments (and the full details of TRUSTY and accounts titles included in note 8)

Name of Church Stamford Methodist Church No. 23022

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 *F. Coles* Date *14th Nov 25*

Name and address of treasurer ... Frances Coles, 38 Reform Street, Stamford Lincs...

Post Code PG9 2XB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were ~~presented~~ presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *9th October 2025*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Rev Andrew J Hollins*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Andrew J Hollins Date *14th November 2025*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stamford Methodist Church

Charity Number 1102048

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stamford Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church Stamford Methodist Church No... 23/22

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner ... David William Swann

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 39 Chatsworth Road, Stamford, Lincs.

Post Code PE9 3UN

Date *7/10/25*

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STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1182848

Accounts



Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire



Annual report and Accounts Year ended 31 August 2024

Stamford Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number: 1182848

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Trustees' Annual Report

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Also known as: Barn Hill Methodist Church

Registered charity number: 1182848

Address: Stamford Methodist
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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- Friendship and fellowship amongst the congregation and others who visit regularly.
- Fosters community involvement at all levels.
- Care for the environment based on a responsibility for stewardship of God's creation.
- Challenging trade injustice through the support of such causes as Fair Trade.
- Bereavement support.
- Availability for local ceremonies at key stages in life (weddings, funerals, baptisms).
- Availability of a safe space.
- Support through direct giving, fundraising and support for other local, national and international charities.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2024

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

The benefits of the community hire activities of the Church are considered to be:

- Strengthening the local community through the availability of learning, leisure and social activities.
- Availability of local cultural activities through concerts and other events hosted.
- Availability of local therapeutic, wellbeing and health beneficial activities.
- Support of other charities through the availability of space for hire or hosting offundraising events.
- Encouragement of interaction between different community groups meeting within the same building.

Achievements and performance

Numbers of attendees has remained lower than pre-COVID, but the Pastoral Visitors have remained in contact with all members, and online services have continued to feature weekly and at key times in our religious calendar. Several members have passed away and others remain too frail or ill to return to church. We have seen new people worshipping with us and look forward to seeing all that they bring to our fellowship as they worship with us. Four members were transferred in February 2024.

Hiring of the building continues to ensure our building is busy, providing a steady income.

From September 2023, each quarter, the church was responsible for its own worship on a given date. These Local Arrangement services are the responsibility of the stewards, but they have encouraged other groups to work with a steward and deliver a service. Local Arrangement services were in October, December and March.

In April 2024 the church celebrated all that it achieves and held a Gift Day to increase funds allowing for improvements to be made to our worship area and worship held within it. This was very well supported and the trustees, with advice from the Property Committee and Stewards, will be responsible to ensure that this money is spent wisely.

Financial review

The accounts for the year ending 31st August 2024 have been audited and were presented for approval by the Church Council and signing by Rev Andrew Hollins on 12 November 2024.

The accounts for the year show a surplus position of £21,783, representing income of £133,243 offset by expenditure of £111,460. (In 2022/23 the Church made a surplus of £11,619)

Income has increased from last year, due to the receipt of a legacy of £9,656 and a well-supported Gift Day where Church members donated £20,560. Lettings income has

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2024

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

reduced from £20,573 to £18,286 due, in part, to cash accounting and Bank interest/investment income increased to £4,203 from £2,044 due to higher interest rates.

Expenditure has also increased from last year to £111,460 from £104,674. This increase is due to

- a 50% increase in Utilities costs to £18,062. This increase reflecting the end of the fixed term utility contract in December 2023.
- The Church assessment, supporting the Circuit expenses including ministerial stipends and lay workers, which increased by £7,000 to £57,000.

A reserve of £5,000 has been created for future boiler maintenance/replacement.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2024

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

The Trustees' Annual Report was signed by the Chair of Trustees on behalf of the Church Council at the meeting in October 2025. The accompanying Methodist Standard Form of Accounts were presented to and approved by the Church Council in November 2024

Rev Andrew Hollins

Chair of Trustees

Date: **09 October 2025**

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Managing Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stamford Methodist Church (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2024.

As the Managing Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed: **David Swann**

Name of Independent Examiner: David William Swann

Address: 39 Chatsworth Road
Stamford
Lincolnshire

Date: **25 October 2024**

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2024

Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

Basis of accounts

On the following pages 11 to 13 are given the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts of Stamford Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Church in Great Britain.

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis since income is below the threshold that allows this approach.

Accounting policies

In order to better aid the understanding of readers, the following accounting policies are stated which explain aspects of the standard form of accounts:

Core activities

The result for the year from core activities of the Charity, being the operation of the Church and its rooms, are given in sections A to C.

Charitable collections

Collections made for specific charities are accounted for separately in section D and are not therefore part of the funds of the Charity.

Internal organisations

Any internal organisations within the overall Charity that have separate funds are shown in section E.

Funds

In common with most charities, the funds held by Stamford Methodist Church fall into three categories:

General unrestricted funds

General funds are unrestricted and can be used for any purpose in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Managing Trustees.

Designated unrestricted funds

Designated funds are also unrestricted but have been allocated to a particular purpose by the Managing Trustees.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the charitable objectives. Such restrictions may arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. All funds relating to internal organisations are deemed to be restricted funds

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Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

Church site and building

In common with all Methodist Churches, the property is owned by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP"). Usage of the building by Stamford Methodist Church is for those purposes as permitted under the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

Accompanying notes

Additional accompany notes are given voluntarily where it is felt these will add beneficial information to the reader of the accounts.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2024

Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Stamford Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Northampton - Stamford	Circuit	Circuit no.	23/22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1182848

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 exempted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev A. Hollins

Church Stewards:

Corinna Selby	Anne Wiltshire
Elizabeth Hodgson	Anne Earle
Stephen Husbands	Vivienne Higgins
Martin Greenfield	

Treasurer:

Frances Coles

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Stamford Methodist Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		94,962	94,962	64,845
a3	Bank and CFB Interest and Investment Income		4,203	4,203	2,044
a4	Lettings		18,286	18,286	20,573
a5	Other receipts		15,792	15,792	28,831
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		133,243	133,243 (a7)	116,293
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		57,000	57,000	50,000
b3	Donations		2,400	2,400	2,400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		6,454	6,454	11,131
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		18,062	18,062	12,962
b6					
b7	Other payments		27,544	27,544	28,181
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		111,460	111,460 (b9)	104,674
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	21,783	21,783	11,619
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		101,199	101,199 (c6)	89,580
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	122,982	122,982	101,199
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	122,982	122,982 (c8)	101,199 (c6)
SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		£	£	
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		271		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				271
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		271		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			271

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Stamford Methodist Church

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 2024 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 Wednesday Fellowship	590	590	(1)		5	5
e2 Mission Projects	24,608	23,998	610		2,028	2,637
e3 Second Helpings	28,314	22,938	5,376		61,728	67,104
e4 Flower Fund	909	744	165		100	265
e5 Teatime Tots	590	575	15		24	39
e6 Girls Brigade & JOB's	470	356	114		838	952
e7 The Well	17,751	16,515	1,237	(3,130)	4,604	2,711
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	71,228	68,714	2,514	(3,130)	69,327 (e11)	73,713 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	133,243 (a7)	111,466 (a8)	21,777	(c7)	161,188 (c8)	122,882 (c9)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	304,472	177,174	127,298	(3,130)	170,628 (x)	186,886 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	18,104	21,182
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	50,801	67,887
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	32,194	33,842
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	101,188 (c8)	122,882 (c9)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	69,327 (e11)	73,713 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	170,628 (x)	186,886 (y)

SECTION G At 1 September 2023 At 31 August 2024

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1182848

Accounts



Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire



Annual report and Accounts
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Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2023

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Achievements and performance

Numbers of attendees has remained lower than pre-COVID, but the Pastoral Visitors have remained in contact with all members, and online services have continued to feature weekly. Several members have passed away and others remain too frail or ill to return to church. We have seen new people worshipping with us and look forward to seeing all that they bring to our fellowship as they worship with us.

Hiring of the building has improved over the year as old hirers returned to normal practice and new hirers have joined.

In September 2022 our new minister and Superintendent Minister joined us. The Rev Andrew Hollins began his appointment to the circuit with effect from 1st September 2022. We look forward to all that Rev Hollins will share with us and all that will be achieved during his time with us.

In June 2022 the Church Council agreed that the church would offer to hold same sex marriages on it's premises and Corinna Selby (Senior Church Steward) was tasked with applying for the licence. After several months the certificate finally arrived in February 2023.

Lastly, at the end of August 2023 we said a fond farewell to Rev William Booker, our part-time minister. Rev Booker has retired, but will remain in the circuit as a Supernumerary Minister and we look forward to sharing in worship with him.

Financial review

The accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023 have been audited and were presented for approval by the Church Council and signing by Rev Andrew Hollins on 22 November 2023.

The accounts for the year show a surplus position of £11,619, representing income of £116,293 offset by expenditure of £104,674. (In 2021/22 the Church made a loss of £13,908). The Church had been forecasting a deficit but generous one-off donations from members of the Church resulted in a surplus position.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2023

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Income has reduced from last year, due to grants having been received for Church repairs in 21/22. Offerings and donations (including Gift aid) have reduced by £750 to £64,845. Lettings income and bank interest have both increased.

Expenditure has reduced from last year, due mostly to repairs and maintenance which were £11,131 in 2022/23 compared to £51,975 in 2021/22. The largest item of expenditure at £50,000 is the Church assessment supporting the Circuit expenses including ministerial stipends and lay workers.

The key items to mention for the budget 2023/24 are:

- an increased Circuit assessment of £57,000
- an estimate for increased Utility charges from 1st January 2024, when the current fixed rate arrangement ends
- the creation of a reserve for Boiler maintenance/repairs of £5,000
- a legacy of £9,655 has been received and is included in the deficit budget.

Members of the congregation were informed about the financial situation soon after the Church Council meeting. Informing them also about a Gift/Open day planned for Saturday 13th April 2024.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2023

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

The Trustees' Annual Report was signed by the Chair of Trustees on behalf of the Church Council at the meeting in February. The accompanying Methodist Standard Form of Accounts were presented to and approved by the Church Council in November 2023

Rev Andrew Hollins
Chair of Trustees

Date: **13 Feb 2024**

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Managing Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stamford Methodist Church (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2023.

As the Managing Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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Signed: **David Swann**

Name of Independent Examiner: David William Swann

Address: 39 Chatsworth Road
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Lincolnshire

Date: **25 October 2023**

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2023

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CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Northampton - Stamford	Circuit	Circuit no.	23/22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1182848

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

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

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Rev A Hollins

Church Stewards:

Corinna Selby	Anne Wiltshire
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Stephen Husbands	Viv Higgins
Sally Ijoma	

Treasurer:

Francis Coles

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2023

Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

STAMFORD Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	64,845		64,845	65,030
a3	Bank and CFB interest and investment income	2,044		2,044	200
a4	Lettings	20,573		20,573	13,751
a5	Other receipts	28,831		28,831	40,315
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	116,293		116,293 (a7)	119,501

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,000		50,000	50,000
b3	Donations	2,400		2,400	2,700
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,131		11,131	51,875
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,982		12,982	10,197
b6					
b7	Other payments	28,161		28,161	15,897
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	104,674		104,674 (b9)	133,769

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)		11,619	(13,908)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	89,590		89,590 (c5)	100,498
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)		101,199	86,590
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(+7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)		101,199 (c8)	86,590 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY; MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	271	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	
		271	

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2023

Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

STAMFORD Church						
SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL						
SECTION E						
Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page.						
Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purposes. This section must be completed to derive 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
Wednesday Fellowship	585	814	(48)		24	1
Mission Projects	10,540	18,188	(7,648)		1,040	3,028
Second Offerings	38,547	8,582	30,145		31,583	81,728
Flower Fund	208	215	(24)		78	182
Tenants' Tots	887	847	883		74	24
Men's Brigades & JOB's	478	370	108		708	838
The Well	12,715	8,804	5,112	(5,000)	3,402	4,804
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	85,785	52,118	33,667	(5,000)	37,888 (a)(1)	68,327 (a)(2)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 3 - totals column)	158,263 (a)(7)	184,874 (a)(8)	11,419	(473)	89,580 (a)(8)	101,199 (a)(8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	188,878	186,792	48,287	(5,000)	127,238 (a)	170,826 (a)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F		
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	10,030	18,154
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	48,271	50,881
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	31,279	32,194
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	89,580 (a)(8)	101,199 (a)(8)
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SECTION G		
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
Investments (Include Endowments)		
Land & Buildings (see notes to insurance policy)		
Other Assets		
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
Other Liabilities		

(1) Includes only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 (2) Includes only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 (3) Includes any other investments (not the cash element of T&CF trusts accounts this is included in line 5)
 Approved by the Finance Committee

STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1182848

Accounts



Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire



Annual report and Accounts Year ended 31 August 2022

Stamford Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number: 1182848

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

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Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

Trustees' Annual Report

Reference and administration details

Charity name: Stamford Methodist Church

Also known as: Barn Hill Methodist Church

Registered charity number: 1182848

Address: Stamford Methodist
11 Barn Hill
Stamford
Lincs
PE9 2AE

Managing Trustees

The names of those who served as Managing Trustees in the year are as follows:

Rev Andrew Fyall	(Chair)
Rev William Booker	(assistant chair, minister within the circuit)
Corinna Selby	(Senior Church Steward)
Anne Wiltshire	(Church Steward)
Anne Earle	(Church Steward)
Beth Hodgson	(Church Steward)
Stephen Husbands	(Church Steward)
Sally Ijioma	(Church Steward)
John Cameron	(Secretary to Church Council, Steward & Property Secretary))
Eddie Adams	(Treasurer)
Roger Ing	(Assistant Treasurer)
Moira Collins	(Circuit Steward)
Vivienne Higgins	(Church Steward & Pastoral Secretary)
Helen Little	(Mission interest)
Jan Hetherington	(The Well)
Audrey Hensman	(YOW & Second Helpings)
Sarah Atwell-King	(Local Preacher)
Pauline Jones	(Mission Projects)
Evelyn Pickard	(Past Steward);
Charlotte Davis	(Church Safeguarding Officer)
Ian Husbands	resigned June 2022
Julia Husbands	
Chris Adams	
Margaret Hewardine	
Janet Howitt	
Bill Newbery	
David Clarke	
Beryl Teasdale	
Clive Marshall	
Godfrey Jones	
Maz Roberts	joined April 2022

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

As part of the wider Methodist Church in Great Britain, the Charity's governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Within the wider Methodist Connexion, Stamford Methodist Church is part of the Stamford Circuit which in turn is itself part of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church.

Membership of the governing body

The governing body of the Charity is the Church Council, the members of which are the Managing Trustees. Certain officers are automatically Managing Trustees by virtue of their office. These are the minister, the secretary, the church stewards, the treasurer and the pastoral secretary. The other Managing Trustees are church representatives appointed to the Church Council at a general meeting of members of the church, normally held at least annually.

Three committees report to the Church Council:

- The Finance Committee oversees the churches finances, reporting to the Church Council at all meetings.
- The Property Committee is responsible for day-to-day upkeep of the church building and overseeing the hire activities of the Church.
- The Pastoral Committee is responsible for the pastoral care of the fellowship of the church

Other groups reflecting the life and work of the church meet to discuss their work and write a report shared at Church Council meetings:

- The Stewards
- The Safeguarding Officer
- The Mission Projects Group
- Second Helpings – ‘feeding bellies not bins’ initiative
- The Well – the church coffee shop & Fairtrade Shop
- The Growth & Outreach Group

As an employee of the Church, the Children’s and Families Work Enabler also submits a report.

Bodies entitled to appoint Trustees

The Stamford Circuit Meeting is entitled to appoint four Trustees to the Stamford Methodist Church Council, which comprise:

- the Minister of Stamford Methodist Church;
- the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit;
- one other Minister from the Circuit; and
- a Circuit Steward.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Objectives and activities

Purposes

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

It does this through:



Worship

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love



Learning and Caring

The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care



Service

The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice



Evangelism

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ

Stamford Methodist Church seeks to apply this within the local environment of Stamford, Lincolnshire. As well as acting as a place of worship, Stamford Methodist Church also aims to use the building with which it is blessed, to offer space for hire to the local community.

Activities undertaken

The Charity undertakes a wide range of activities every year in line with its Christian purpose. These typically include but are not limited to:

- Acting as a place of worship and providing a holy space for focus within the local community.
- Offering pastoral care: to its members, to those visiting the Church and to the wider community.
- Providing and maintaining the church building for both worship and community use.
- Conducting religious ceremonies, including regular Sunday and occasional services as well as weddings and funerals on request.
- Raising awareness of Christianity in our community.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

- Both providing the opportunity for external community action groups to hire the building and running some such groups directly - examples including Second Helpings, Twinkle Tots, Girls' Brigade & JCBs, Messy Church, various fellowship groups & The Well.
- Providing a hire venue for use by the community.
- Being part of the Stamford Churches Together group with other local churches.
- Maintaining links with the various user groups of its premises.
- Serving as a base for Stamford Street Pastors.

Public benefit statement

The Managing Trustees oversee the activities of the Charity with due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

COVID-19 continued to feature over the year with adaptations made to worship as spikes in infected numbers presented themselves. Numbers of attendees remained lower than pre-COVID, but the Pastoral Visitors remained in contact with all members, and online services continued to feature weekly.

The year also saw resumption of hire activity of the Church building and we were delighted to begin to welcome hirers old and new through our doors oncemore. Responding to our community needs we offered a room for the use of our growing Ukraine community as they were displaced from their war-torn country. This provided a safe place for them to meet and for those who had opened their homes to them.

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Financial review

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Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

As reported to the last Church Council meeting, collections continue to be low. The new financial year is not going so well for the Church. The downturn in the economy is certainly affecting us, as it is our congregation. Collections are lower and as a consequence we are anticipating a reduction of £9,000 on last year's collection figure.

Lettings too will produce less income for us. You may know that we have lost one or two valuable lettings since COVID-19 and we know that other organisations are reviewing their position with us.

Reducing our cost base is very difficult as the majority of our expenditure is fixed. Fortunately, this includes our heating, light and power costs, which were fixed in 2021 (at a very good rate) and will be reviewed again in December 2023.

In overall terms, we are predicting a **deficit of £15,700** for the next financial year (2022/2023). Fortunately, we have enough in reserves to cover this, but this will be the third annual deficit in a row and clearly, we cannot continue like this. In short, we are living beyond our means and measures must be put in place to correct this very serious situation.

The Circuit has settled the printing costs that were outstanding. The Circuit finances have been discussed with all Circuit treasurers and the Circuit deficit is unsustainable and Churches are being asked for help with this. It is highly likely that the Church will be asked to increase their assessment from 2023/24. The proposed assessment for 2023/2024, subject to any change to process, needs to be agreed at the next Church Council meeting and provided to the circuit before the commencement of the 2023/24 financial year.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

The Trustees' Annual Report was signed by the Chair of Trustees on behalf of the Church Council. The accompanying Methodist Standard Form of Accounts were presented to and approved by the Church Council in February 2023

Rev Andrew Hollins

Chair of Trustees *(from September 2022)*

Date: **12 June 2023**

(due to the lateness of this report)

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

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Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

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<p>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2022</p>			
NORTHAMPTON	STAMFORD	Circuit no.	23/22
Registered Charity - Charity Registration number			11829418
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Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

STAMFORD

Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	65,595		65,595	67,565
a3	Bank and CFB interest and investment income	147		147	96
a4	Lettings	13,751		13,751	2,575
a5	Other receipts	40,315		40,315	52,058
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	119,808		119,808 (a7)	122,294
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,000		50,000	45,001
b3	Donations	2,700		2,700	7,400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	51,975		51,975	58,520
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,197		10,197	9,658
b6					
b7	Other payments	18,897		18,897	10,474
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	133,769		133,769 (b9)	131,053
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(13,961)	(13,961)	(8,759)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	103,488		103,488 (c6)	112,247
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	89,527	89,527	103,488
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	89,527	89,527 (c8)	103,488 (c6)
SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

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Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 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 Wednesday Fellowship	335	628	(293)		347	54
e2 Mission Projects	13,912	13,644	267		1,377	1,644
e3 Second Helpings	19,900	8,018	11,782		19,801	31,583
e4 Flower Fund	229	168	71		8	79
e5 Twinkle Tots	389	357	32		42	74
e6 Girls Brigade & JCB's	1,030	1,039	(9)		758	729
e7 The Well	8,991	8,650	341		3,181	3,492
e8 Subtotal of Internal Organisations funds	44,889	32,524	12,365		25,494 (e11)	37,659 (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page E - totals column)	119,958 (e7)	122,769 (e8)	(2,811)	(e9)	103,488 (e6)	88,527 (e5)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	164,497	149,293	(1,796)		128,982 (e)	127,186 (f)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	40,636	10,000
f3 Bank Deposit Account:		
f4 Central Finance Board	30,635	48,218
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	31,217	31,279
f6 Other funds	1,000	
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	103,488 (e6)	88,527 (e5)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	37,659 (e12)	37,659 (e12)
f8 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	128,982 (e)	127,186 (f)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

H Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

I 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 E)

STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1182848

Accounts



Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire



Annual report and Accounts Year ended 31 August 2021

Stamford Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number: 1182848

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report

Reference and administration details

Charity name: Stamford Methodist Church

Also known as: Barn Hill Methodist Church

Registered charity number: 1182848

Address: Stamford Methodist
11 Barn Hill
Stamford
Lincs
PE9 2AE

Managing Trustees

The names of those who served as Managing Trustees in the year are as follows:

Rev Andrew Fyall	(Chair)
Rev William Booker	(assistant chair, minister within the circuit)
Corinna Selby	(Senior Church Steward)
Anne Wiltshire	(Church Steward)
Anne Earle	(Church Steward)
Beth Hodgson	(Church Steward)
Stephen Husbands	(Church Steward)
Sally Ijioma	(Church Steward)
John Cameron	(Secretary to Church Council, Steward & Property Secretary))
Eddie Adams	(Treasurer)
Roger Ing	(Assistant Treasurer)
Moira Collins	(Circuit Steward)
Vivienne Higgins	(Pastoral Secretary)
Helen Little	(Mission interest)
Jan Hetherington	(The Well)
Audrey Hensman	(YOW & Second Helpings)
Sarah Atwell-King	(Local Preacher)
Pauline Jones	(Mission Projects)
Evelyn Pickard	(Past Steward);
Charlotte Davis	(Church Safeguarding Officer)
Ian Husbands	
Julia Husbands	
Chris Adams	
Margaret Hewardine	
Janet Howitt	
Bill Newbery	
David Clarke	
Nick Jones	
Beryl Teasdale	
Clive Marshall	
Godfrey Jones	
Maz Roberts	

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

As part of the wider Methodist Church in Great Britain, the Charity's governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Within the wider Methodist Connexion, Stamford Methodist Church is part of the Stamford Circuit which in turn is itself part of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church.

Membership of the governing body

The governing body of the Charity is the Church Council, the members of which are the Managing Trustees. Certain officers are automatically Managing Trustees by virtue of their office. These are the minister, the secretary, the church stewards, the treasurer and the pastoral secretary. The other Managing Trustees are church representatives appointed to the Church Council at a general meeting of members of the church, normally held at least annually.

Three committees report to the Church Council:

- The Finance Committee oversees the churches finances, reporting to the Church Council at all meetings.
- The Property Committee is responsible for day-to-day upkeep of the church building and overseeing the hire activities of the Church.
- The Pastoral Committee is responsible for the pastoral care of the fellowship of the church

Other groups reflecting the life and work of the church meet to discuss their work and write a report shared at Church Council meetings:

- The Stewards
- The Safeguarding Officer
- The Mission Projects Group
- Second Helpings – ‘feeding bellies not bins’ initiative
- The Well – the church coffee shop & Fairtrade Shop
- The Growth & Outreach Group

As an employee of the Church, the Children’s and Families Work Enabler also submits a report.

Bodies entitled to appoint Trustees

The Stamford Circuit Meeting is entitled to appoint four Trustees to the Stamford Methodist Church Council, which comprise:

- the Minister of Stamford Methodist Church;
- the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit;
- one other Minister from the Circuit; and
- a Circuit Steward.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Objectives and activities

Purposes

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

It does this through:



Worship

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love



Learning and Caring

The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care



Service

The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice



Evangelism

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ

Stamford Methodist Church seeks to apply this within the local environment of Stamford, Lincolnshire. As well as acting as a place of worship, Stamford Methodist Church also aims to use the building with which it is blessed, to offer space for hire to the local community.

Activities undertaken

The Charity undertakes a wide range of activities every year in line with its Christian purpose. These typically include but are not limited to:

- Acting as a place of worship and providing a holy space for focus within the local community.
- Offering pastoral care: to its members, to those visiting the Church and to the wider community.
- Providing and maintaining the church building for both worship and community use.
- Conducting religious ceremonies, including regular Sunday and occasional services as well as weddings and funerals on request.
- Raising awareness of Christianity in our community.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

- Both providing the opportunity for external community action groups to hire the building and running some such groups directly - examples including Second Helpings, Twinkle Tots, Girls' Brigade & JCBs, Messy Church, various fellowship groups & The Well.
- Providing a hire venue for use by the community.
- Being part of the Stamford Churches Together group with other local churches.
- Maintaining links with the various user groups of its premises.
- Serving as a base for Stamford Street Pastors.

Public benefit statement

The Managing Trustees oversee the activities of the Charity with due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The benefits of the Christian activities of the Stamford Methodist Church are considered to be:

- Improved spiritual and mental wellbeing.
- Pastoral care and support within the local community for families and those without families.
- Friendship and fellowship amongst the congregation and others who visit regularly.
- Fosters community involvement at all levels.
- Care for the environment based on a responsibility for stewardship of God's creation.
- Challenging trade injustice through the support of such causes as Fair Trade.
- Bereavement support.
- Availability for local ceremonies at key stages in life (weddings, funerals, baptisms).
- Availability of a safe space.
- Support through direct giving, fundraising and support for other local, national and international charities.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

The benefits of the community hire activities of the Church are considered to be:

- Strengthening the local community through the availability of learning, leisure and social activities.
- Availability of local cultural activities through concerts and other events hosted.
- Availability of local therapeutic, wellbeing and health beneficial activities.
- Support of other charities through availability of space for hire or hosting of fundraising events.
- Encouragement of interaction between different community groups meeting within the same building.

Achievements and performance

As the impact of COVID-19 continued to cast its shadow across the world, the year to 31 August 2021 was one of gradual steps back towards some sort of normality.

Sunday worship services in church had already resumed, with some restrictions, before August 2020, and worship continued to respond to the changing pandemic situation throughout the period covered by this report (Sept 2020 – Aug 2021).

The year also saw the gradual resumption of hire activity of the Church building and we were delighted to begin to welcome hirers old and new through our doors once more.

Financial review

The 2020/2021 Accounts have been audited and show a deficit of £8,759. This shortfall is as a result of the deposits paid for the manufacture of the new halls windows and sills, in advance of the work starting.

Thanks were expressed to the various internal organisations for getting their accounts to the treasurer in time for the final audit.

We were successful in obtaining grants for a large portion of the cost of the work for the refurbishment of the kitchen. In addition, we were able to reclaim all of the VAT paid on the project. Thanks to all those involved.

It will be noticed that the windows in the Halls have now been replaced. We are hoping that we will be able to offset most of that expenditure by obtaining grants and also by reclaiming the VAT. At last this project is complete, it has been a long haul!

The Collection Counting rota will be starting again in the New Year and Alan Carling, who organises this, will be hoping for more volunteers to help with this important part of church life. To begin with, the frequency will be fortnightly as the amounts of cash in the plates is

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

not as much as it used to be. This is due to the fact that most members of the congregation are using standing orders through their banks to make their contributions.

You will be aware that the church is employing, on a part time basis, a Children's & Families Work Enabler. We are currently financing this without assistance, except for the few who continue to contribute regularly. If there are any folk who feel that they would like to make a regular payment towards this work, then they should speak to the treasurer.

You will note that we have a sum of £1,000 invested with TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) as the Siddons Bequest. The interest from the account last year was £1.24. It is a restricted fund and we wish to release this to help finance the Children's & Youth Enabler. I will be applying to the Board in the next week for the release of funds.

Finally, a word about the projected figures to the end of the current financial year. The Finance Committee have carefully examined our likely income and expenditure and we are forecasting an approximate break-even situation. It will be noted that lettings have resumed, and we are anticipating a sum of about £17,000 for this.

Nearly all the community groups have now returned to their usual full use of their previous bookings leaving just a few smaller groups who have decided not to return. We are also getting many enquiries for new bookings and the weekly schedule is now reaching maximum.

We anticipate an income of between £15,000 and £20,000 for the present year.

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2021

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

The Trustees' Annual Report was signed by the Chair of Trustees on behalf of the Church Council. The accompanying Methodist Standard Form of Accounts were presented to and approved by the Church Council in November 2021

Rev Andrew Hollins

Chair of Trustees *(from September 2022)*

Date: **15 February 2023**

(due to the lateness of this report)

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Managing Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stamford Methodist Church (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2021.

As the Managing Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **David Swann**

Name of Independent Examiner: David Swann

Address: 39 Chatsworth Road
Stamford
Lincolnshire

Date: **29 Nov 2021**

Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2022

Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

Basis of accounts

On the following pages 11 to 13 are given the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts of Stamford Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Church in Great Britain.

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis since income is below the threshold that allows this approach.

Accounting policies

In order to better aid the understanding of readers, the following accounting policies are stated which explain aspects of the standard form of accounts:

Core activities

The result for the year from core activities of the Charity, being the operation of the Church and it's rooms, are given in sections A to C.

Charitable collections

Collections made for specific charities are accounted for separately in section D and are not therefore part of the funds of the Charity.

Internal organisations

Any internal organisations within the overall Charity that have separate funds are shown in section E.

Funds

In common with most charities, the funds held by Stamford Methodist Church fall into three categories:

General unrestricted funds

General funds are unrestricted and can be used for any purpose in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Managing Trustees.

Designated unrestricted funds

Designated funds are also unrestricted but have been allocated to a particular purpose by the Managing Trustees.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the charitable objectives. Such restrictions may arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. All funds relating to internal organisations are deemed to be restricted funds

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Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

Church site and building

In common with all Methodist Churches, the property is owned by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP"). Usage of the building by Stamford Methodist Church is for those purposes as permitted under the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

Accompanying notes

Additional accompany notes are given voluntarily where it is felt these will add beneficial information to the reader of the accounts.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021**

STAMFORD	Circuit	Circuit no	23/15
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1182848

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

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

Minister:

Rev. A. W. Fyall

Church Stewards:

C Selby	A Wiltshire
Beth Hodgson	Anne Earl
Sally Ijioma	John Cameron
Stephen Husbands	

Treasurer:

Edward G Adams

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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SECTION A		Unreconciled Funds	Reconciled Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	67,565		67,565	63,281
a3	Bank and CFB Interest and Investment Income	96		96	640
a4	Lettings	2,575		2,575	17,495
a5	Other receipts	52,058		52,058	20,165
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	122,294		122,294 (a7)	101,581
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	45,001		45,001	57,000
b3	Donations	7,400		7,400	6,560
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	58,520		58,520	9,003
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,658		9,658	11,064
b6					
b7	Other payments	10,474		10,474	5,965
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	131,053		131,053 (b9)	89,612
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(8,759)	(8,759)	11,969
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		112,247	112,247 (c6)	100,278
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	103,488	103,488	112,247
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	103,488	103,488 (c8)	112,247 (c6)
SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)				

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
a1 See attached Sheet	77,005	92,696	(15,691)	(483)	41,579	25,495
a2						
a3						
a4						
a5						
a6						
a7						
a8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	77,005	92,696	(15,691)	(483)	41,579 (e11)	25,495 (e12)
a9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	122,294 (a7)	131,063 (a8)	(8,769)	(c7)	112,247 (c6)	103,488 (c8)
a10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	199,359	223,718	(24,359)	(483)	153,826 (c)	128,983 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
a1 Cash in hand		
a2 Bank Current Account	30,983	40,636
a3 Bank Deposit Account		
a4 Central Finance Board	49,409	30,635
a5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	31,178	31,217
a6 Other funds	1,000	1,000
a7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	112,247 (c6)	103,488 (c8)
a8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	41,579 (e11)	25,495 (e12)
a9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	153,826 (c)	128,983 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
a1 Investments (Include Endowments)		
a2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
a3 Other Assets		
a4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
a5 Other Liabilities		

a1 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

a5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

a7 Include any other Investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line a5)