



Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire



Annual report and Accounts Year ended 31 August 2021

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 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)
Moirra 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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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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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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- 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 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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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.

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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)

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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 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**

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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 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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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	Church
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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 excepted 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	5,985
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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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 2021 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
a1 See attached Sheet	77,005	92,690	(15,685)	(483)	41,579	25,495
a2						
a3						
a4						
a5						
a6						
a7						
a8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	77,005	92,690	(15,685)	(483)	41,579 (x11)	25,495 (x12)
a9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	122,294 (x7)	131,063 (x8)	(8,769)	(x7)	112,247 (x6)	103,488 (x5)
a10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	199,359	223,718	(24,359)	(483)	153,826 (x)	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
b1 Cash in hand		
b2 Bank Current Account	30,600	40,636
b3 Bank Deposit Account		
b4 Central Finance Board	49,409	30,635
b5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	31,178	31,217
b6 Other funds	1,000	1,000
b7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	112,247 (x6)	103,488 (x5)
b8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (x12)	41,579 (x11)	25,495 (x12)
b9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	153,826 (x)	128,983 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
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		

b1 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

b5 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 b5)