ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1184115

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2019-06-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	All Saints Methodist Church Appleford Drive Abingdon OX14 2AQ
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Website	http://www.allsaintsabingdon.org.uk/

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 SUBSIDUARY 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: Provide premises at All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon, for regular Christian worship, prayer and reflection Provide premises to organisations supporting young people (e.g. Pre School, and uniformed organisations e.g. Scouts, Brownies, etc), and for other local community groups, at reduced cost or for free Provide pastoral support to Church members and othersRaise funds for good causes

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Classification

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

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£98,603	£90,008	-	-
2024-08-31	£97,261	£92,254	-	-
2023-08-31	£93,222	£84,260	-	-
2022-08-31	£83,514	£81,989	-	-
2021-08-31	£88,247	£70,064	-	-
2020-08-31	£98,800	£86,192	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alistair Batey		2019-10-10
Dawn Tyrell		2022-06-01
Derek Pooley		2018-10-30
Dr Judith Penrose Brown		2019-10-10
Helen Appleyard		2019-10-10
Jennifer Mary Pooley		2019-10-10
Joanne Fleur Phipps		2019-10-10
John Martin Appleyard		2025-02-06
Margaret Ann Hoskins		2019-10-10
Margaret Ellwood		2019-10-10
NEIL DENNIS OASTLER		2025-10-02
PAUL KUMBIRAI KAPSWARA		2026-02-05
Rev Carol Margaret HAMILTON-FOYN		2025-10-02
Rev Georgina Felicia Bondzi-Simpson MBE		2024-09-01
Richard Matthews LLB		2019-10-20
Richard William HAMILTON-FOYN		2025-10-02
Susan Butler		2019-10-10
Susan Russell		2018-10-30

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England & Wales - Charity number 1184115

Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 September 2024** **Period start date** **To** **31 August 2025** **Period end date**

Charity name: All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon

Charity registration number: 1184115

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) are as follows: 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 being a 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. The Mission Statement of All Saints states that we seek to: • *Share our faith in worship and study;* • *Reflect Christ's accepting love in friendship and caring;* • *Help each other face any difficulties and doubts;* • *Explore together what it means to be God's people in today's world.*
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	• The provision of public acts of worship open to members of the church and local community. Promotion of Christianity through staging events and services open to all who wish to attend. • The provision of a sacred place (a building) for prayer, contemplation and

		spiritual exploration. • The teaching of Christianity, exploration of faith and providing nurture for individuals through sermons, courses and group activities. • Prayer as a Church – recent initiatives include a prayer tree in the lobby (where anyone can add prayer requests), a dedicated prayer corner in the main Church, a what's app prayer group and a monthly 'in person' prayer meeting. • Pastoral work including visiting and supporting the sick and bereaved among the congregation. • The provision of youth activities open to the local community. • Promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and children, and other specific needs groups. New mission initiatives include a Friday coffee morning open to church members and the wider community. There is also a new Monday coffee morning to which participants in one of our user groups of the church offering exercise classes for older people are warmly invited. • The provision of hospitality and support for vulnerable people. • Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially, with prayer, appeals and fund-raising events, and in some cases with volunteering by individuals. • Letting the premises to a variety of church, charitable, community groups and individuals for events, concerts, celebrations etc. • Providing use of the premises for free to local guiding and scout groups who provide activities for young people.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have confirmed at the Church Council held on 5 February 2026 that: *The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.*

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	• All Saints makes donations to Methodist Church funds and other organisations that have been supported regularly for a number of years. These are budgeted for, with a cap based on a proportion of

		budgeted congregational giving and letting income, and reviewed for affordability. The overall charitable giving budget is agreed by Church Council. • During the year, a working party reviewed the policy on making donations for 2025-26. For the current year, budgeted charitable donations will be the sum of 5% of income (meaning collections plus gift aid plus letting income) and £500. This amount will be split between a smaller list of 12 charities regularly supported by All Saints in the past. This recommendation was subsequently approved by Church Council.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Many congregational members volunteer for All Saints in different capacities, including the governance of the church as stewards, Church Council and committee members. Others support worship in church services and fellowship/refreshments after church services, running house groups, prayer and worship groups. Others support the maintenance and general running of the church as well as general fellowship.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	• In September 2024, we welcomed a new Minister, Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson. • The Church Council continue to consider the future direction of the Church, under the guidance of our new minister, in light of reduced numbers of ministers in the wider Circuit. • There is a renewed focus on mission with workshops being held in the year by Selina Nesbitt as well as all church discussions. This work continues. • Prayer as a Church has been enhanced through a prayer tree, prayer corner, what's app group and monthly 'in person'

		prayer meetings. • Despite a small stewardship team in the period, the stewardship team have diligently prepared a safe and stimulating worship environment alongside the welcome stewards that support on a Sunday morning and have also taken on responsibility for property matters with the support of church members as Property Action no longer meets formally. Key property projects included the completion of the sound system upgrade (funded from generous bequests received in 2023-24). The Church Council have agreed to the replacement of the boiler due to old age. This will safeguard continuity of warmth for the congregation and Church user groups. • Throughout the year, an organist has accompanied services once a month, using funds from the restricted living legacy. Pianists and the Music Group also frequently lead our music in worship. • All Saints has continued to closely support charities through both direct giving and congregational giving. Contributions towards the Methodist Church and other charities regularly supported by the Church were made and events for fundraising for other charities held. During the period the Church continued to support Abingdon Foodbank with a donation and food and toiletries donated by the congregation as part of initiatives to support the Anti-Poverty Charter. • All Saints has continued to support community groups, with an increasing number of local organisations making regular use of the Church premises. • All Saints has expanded its links with the community by establishing two new coffee mornings. These include a Friday coffee morning open to church members and the wider community. There is also a new Monday coffee morning to which participants in one of our user groups of the church offering exercise classes for older people are warmly invited

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	• See above.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	• Weekly and monthly contributions from members and the congregation together with letting income aim to cover the main operational expenses, including the circuit assessment, operational expenditure and routine property maintenance. • Fundraising events are generally appeals for external organisations. • All Saints has received generous bequests totalling £5,000 in 2024-25 (and £14,663 in 2023-24). A further bequest of just under £1,000 was received in 2025-26. • However, given a fall in congregational giving in 2023-24 and continuing operational costs, as we sadly lost church members, there was concern over a large budgeted shortfall in 2024-25. A Gift day raised £6,520 (or £7,888 including related Gift Aid). Some church members have also kindly reviewed their regular giving. We are grateful to church members for their response and generosity. • See also the Financial Review below.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	• Investments are held centrally by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	• The main ongoing source of income is through offerings, including Sunday collections and donations by regular bank standing orders which need to support largely fixed costs. All Saints are very fortunate with the continued generosity of Church members despite the sad loss of several members in recent years. • As noted above, in response to concerns over a budgeted shortfall for 2024-25, the congregation generally responded to the Gift Day appeal raising £7,888 (including gift aid) and a number of Church members increased regular giving.

		• Collections for the year totalled £55,183 (2023/ 24 £51,948). The level of bank standing orders increased to £43,715 (2023/ 24 £42,475), having fallen 6% in the previous year, and the level of envelope giving increased 17% to £9,338 (2023/ 24 £7,968), having fallen 35% in the previous year. Loose cash increased to £2,130 (2023/ 24 £1,505). The annual amount recovered through gift aid on the Sunday collections was £11,943 (2023/ 24 £12,692). The total for these donations and the associated gift aid was up 4% to £67,126 (2023/ 24 £64,641), having fallen 11% in the previous year. Both the July and August 2025 gift aid claims were received post year-end (usually only the August gift aid claim). • Bequests of £5,000 (2023/ 24 £14,663) were received in the year and are held locally, in accordance with a direction from TMCP. A further bequest of just under £1,000 was received in October 2025. These amounts are held in the Deposit Fund at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which earns interest. The 2023/24 bequests have been used to part fund the sound system (total costs £17,677 over 2023/24 and 2024/25). Other memorable donations of £1,050 (2023/ 24 £100) were also received. • The other main source of income is lettings to community groups. Lettings income totalled £13,824 (2023/24 £14,513; 2022/ 23 £18,408). The fall over the past couple of years is attributable mainly to the fact that pre-school moved its premises after December 2023. However, lettings from new hirers have shielded the impact. • There was an increase in interest income to £3,037 (2023/ 24 £2,519) reflecting increased funds despite falling interest rates. • The largest item of operational expenditure is the Circuit assessment of £50,759 (2023/ 24 £50,512). Other operational costs totalled £7,877 (2023/ 24 £8,494). The overall reduction in operational costs reflects a significant fall in independent examiner costs following a change of firm, offset by increases in other cost categories, including the cost of the administrator and one-off spending on noticeboards, music stands and small furniture.

		• Maintenance expenditure of £18,230 (2023/ 24 £18,303) was incurred. £60 garden waste costs have been reclassified to utilities in prior year, previously shown as repairs and maintenance. Maintenance expenditure included £11,784 to complete the upgrade of the sound system (2023/ 24 £5,892 initial spend on the sound system and £3,960 hall redecoration). These amounts were part funded by bequests. Otherwise, costs fell, with generally lower costs of services/parts for fire protection, electrical and gas safety/boiler checks. • Cleaning costs fell to £5,100 (2023/ 24 £5,823), with lower hours required after pre-school left in December 2023. • Utilities expenditure and insurance fell to to £6,477 (2023/ 24 £8,554). This welcome fall was attributable to lower energy costs reversing the rise in utility costs in the prior year. In fact, total utility costs are lower than in 2022/ 23. • The level of ongoing income has enabled All Saints to continue to donate to central Methodist funds and other charities. In 2024/ 25, giving was £6,606 (2023/ 24 £6,248) with £2,946 (2023/ 24 £4,196) to Methodist Church funds and affiliated organisations and £3,661 (2023/ 24 £2,052) other donations to charitable organisations regularly supported by the church. The increased proportion of donations to non-Methodist charities reflects the fact that the circuit assessment includes a contribution to the Methodist Church Fund, so the amounts paid directly by the church were reduced. The amounts to non-Methodist Church charities also included £1,134 relating to 2023/24 budgeted allocations. • In addition to these donations, £2,273 (2023/ 24 £1,925) has been raised and £2,282 (2023/ 24 £1,855) disbursed for external organisations through appeals and events. • The Church achieved a surplus of £8,419 (2023/ 24 £5,035). The Church internal organisations made a surplus of £176 (2023/ 24 £28 deficit). Just Women remains active, meeting regularly and holding speaker events. • Church funds of £102,146 (2023/ 24 £93,727) together with funds of Church internal organisations of £290 (2023/ 24 £114) totalled £102,436 (2023/ 24 £93,841). These are held predominantly

		in bank accounts or in deposit funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church or Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) and £219 (2023/ 24 £43) in loose cash held by internal organisations. • Restricted funds – the living legacy of £13,150 (2023/ 24 £13,166) increased by allocated interest income net of organist fees charged to this reserve. This donation is restricted for specific use, to support and enrich the worship life of the church (and not for recurrent expenditure and maintenance). • The amounts available in the Richard Cox bequest, which is unrestricted, totalled £9,712 (2023/ 24 £9,299) with the accretion due to interest income. The Church Council has previously decided that £5,000 should be retained for future Mission Initiatives.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	• The reserves policy approved by the Church Council is that retained funds (unrestricted reserves), excluding the Richard Cox Bequest (currently £9,712), should not exceed 9 months expenditure and that there should be a minimum reserves level of £30,000. Action will be needed to reduce discretionary donations or raise funds if reserves fall below that level. The unrestricted reserves of £79,284 on this basis represented around 10.5 months of 2024/ 25 actual expenditure and 11.5 months of 2025/ 26 budgeted expenditure (which exclude the costs of a boiler replacement which may be implemented in 2025/ 26). • Restricted reserves comprise mainly the living legacy of £13,150 – which supports worship and is being used to fund organist costs. The Church Council has previously decided that £5,000 of the Richard Cox bequest should be used for mission activities. • Consideration of the adequacy of reserves is also informed by the levels of expected capital expenditure, the expectation of continued cost-inflation (and volatility) on operational costs which are difficult to reduce. On the income side, there is greater volatility in letting income which has reduced in recent years, although there is now a broader group of hirers. Moreover, with an older congregation, there remains unpredictability over the level of future giving and it is expected that in the

		medium term, outgoings will exceed incoming resources on an annual basis. The surpluses in 2024/ 25 and 2023/ 24 have arisen due to receipts from bequests, memorable donations and the gift day. In their absence, there would have been deficits. • Reserves are held to safeguard against unforeseen expenditure, this can be the case particularly in respect of property costs, and the impact of inflation, particularly on the level of circuit assessment, energy costs, administrator costs and cleaning costs (with energy costs expected to remain volatile). In the next year or so, it will be necessary to replace the boiler, with an estimated cost of between £9,000 and £10,000. It is hoped that the costs will be partly defrayed if successful in grant applications but a net reduction in reserves is anticipated. • Church members have continued to be generous in their giving throughout 2024/ 25 and have responded very generously to a Gift Day held in December 2024 raising £7,888 including gift aid as well as increasing congregational giving. The Church has received just over £20,000 bequests since 1 October 2023 (of which £14,000 have already been utilised to fund property-related projects). These amounts are held locally at the interest-bearing deposit fund of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, as permitted by a direction from TMCP.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At 31 August 2025, Church funds include: • £88,996 (2023/ 24 80,561) (unrestricted) • £13,150 (2023/ 24 £13,166) (restricted) • £102,146 (2023/ 24 £93,727) (total) Funds of Church organisations (restricted) total £290 (2023/ 24 £114). The unrestricted reserves are £79,284 (2023/ 24 £71,262) excluding the Richard Cox bequest.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Weekly and monthly offerings from members and adherents, tax recovery from gifts, lettings and donations. Fund raising events (although these are usually for appeals for external organisations). A Gift Day was held in December 2024 to raise funds for the Church. Occasional bequests. Grants for building projects (when applicable).
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investments are held centrally by the Methodist Church and investment policies are laid down by the Methodist Conference as carried out by the Central Finance Board. All Saints holds funds in its own bank accounts. At 31 August 2025, funds of £29,164 (2023/ 24 £28,848) are held in All Saints own bank account. This bank account can be used for online payments. The Central Finance Board deposit fund amounts to £63,203 (2023/ 24 £55,580). The Richard Cox Bequest monies, totalling £9,712 (2023/ 24 £9,299) are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee) on behalf of All Saints, as required by standing orders.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Risk Register & Regular Risk Review process – financial; property/fire; safeguarding, health and safety, and activity/events risks. Risks are discussed by Church Council. The Church takes professional advice as required. Safeguarding policies and procedures are in place. Specific risks of concern: In the medium term, possible decline in Church membership and attendance leading to loss of income from collections, combined with higher operational costs.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church

(trust deed, royal charter)		Act (1976) The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon reports to the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit. The Governing Body of the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit and of the Methodist Church is the Methodist Conference. The authority under which the Methodist Conference acts is given by The Methodist Church Act 1976.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Local church constituted under Deed of Union and Standing orders. Forms part of the Methodist Church connexion in the UK.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Church Council, General Church Meeting or ex-officio.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Policies and procedures for Trustees (members of Church Council) are laid down in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD vol. 2) and training materials are located at https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/office-holders/managing-trustees/
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon ("All Saints") is one of 7 congregations comprising The Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit ("Circuit") and the Circuit is within the Northampton District of the Methodist Church in the UK. All Saints, like all local churches is accountable to the Methodist Conference. Church Council is the main decision-making body of All Saints. Church Council is supported by a number of committees that advise and undertake the work of the Church, including Finance Committee, Pastoral Committee, and Family Committee which report to the Church Council meetings. The Presbyter and Chair of the Managing Trustees of the All Saints Church Council is the Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson. The Secretary of the All Saints Church Council is Sue Russell and the current Stewards are Sue Butler, Dawn Tyrell, Margaret Ellwood and Helen Appleyard. There are 17 Managing Trustees currently registered with the Charity

		Commission. The Annual Church Meeting which was held on 8 June 2025 provided an opportunity for members to celebrate achievements of the year and ensure proper governance.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184115
Charity's principal address	Appleford Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 2AQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Appleyard	Safeguarding Officer and Church in Abingdon representative Steward		Ex officio
2	Alistair Batey			Annual Church Meeting
3	Rev. Georgina F. Bondzi-Simpson	Minister & Chair of Church Council & Circuit Superintendent	Appointed 1 September 2024	Ex officio
4	Judith Penrose Brown	Church Family Committee and Youth Forum Representative		Annual Church Meeting
5	Susan Butler	Pastoral Committee Secretary, Circuit Representative and Junior Church representative Church Steward		Ex officio
6	Margaret Ellwood	Church Steward		Ex officio

7	Gareth Hawkes		Resigned 8 June 2025	Annual Church Meeting
8	Margaret A. Hoskins	Communion Steward (resigned 3 October 2024 in that role)		Annual Church Meeting
9	Richard Matthews	Chair of Finance Committee (and Acting Treasurer)		Annual Church Meeting
10	Dcn. Selina Nisbett	Deacon and Chair of Mission Action	Resigned 31 August 2025	Ex officio
11	Joanne F. Phipps			Annual Church Meeting
12	Derek Pooley	Circuit representative (from 8 June 2025)		Annual Church Meeting
13	Jennifer M. Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
14	Carolyn I. Roche	Circuit Leadership Team	Resigned 2 October 2025	Circuit
15	Susan Russell	Secretary to Church Council		Ex officio
16	Dawn Tyrell	Church Steward		Ex officio
17	Rev. Keith Underhill	Minister & Circuit Superintendent	Resigned 31 August 2025	Ex officio
18	Paul Williams	Circuit representative	Resigned 2 October 2025	Annual Church Meeting
19	John M. Appleyard	Health and safety representative	Appointed on 6 February 2025	Church Council then subsequently at Annual Church Meeting
20	Neil D. Oastler		Appointed 2 October 2025	Circuit
21	Richard W. Hamilton-Foyn		Appointed 2 October 2025	Church Council
22	Rev. Carol M. Hamilton-Foyn		Appointed 2 October 2025	Church Council

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)		
Wantage & Abingdon Circuit		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Only appeal funds collected to be passed on to other charitable organisations.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Various. Organising appeals for funds for other charitable purposes is a common activity carried out by Methodist Churches and falls within charitable purposes of the Methodist Church.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Separate recording of monies collected.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information) N/A

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

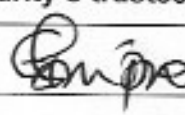
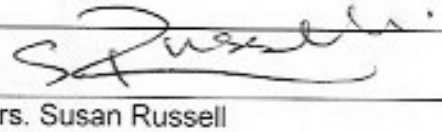
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. Georgina F. Bondzi-Simpson	Mrs. Susan Russell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Church Council	Secretary of Church Council

Date	Presented at Church Council meeting on 5 February 2026

5/2/26.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Circuit	Circuit no.	23

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1184115
If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

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

Minister:

Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

Church Stewards:

Helen Appleyard

Sue Butler

Margaret Ellwood

Dawn Tyrell

Treasurer:

Richard Matthews (acting)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon — Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		67,126		**67,126**		64,641
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,453	584	**3,037**		2,519
a4	Lettings		13,824		**13,824**		14,513
a5	Other receipts (includes bequests/gift day)		14,381		**14,381**		15,473
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**97,784**	**584**	**98,368**	(a7)	**97,146**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		50,759		**50,759**		50,512
b3	Donations		6,606		**6,606**		6,248
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		18,230		**18,230**		18,303
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		6,477		**6,477**		8,554
b6							
b7	Other payments		7,277	600	**7,877**		8,494
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**89,349**	**600**	**89,949**	(b9)	**92,111**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	8,435	(16)	**8,419**		5,035
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		80,561	13,166	**93,727**	(c6)	88,692
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	88,996	13,150	**102,146**		**93,727**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**88,996**	**13,150**	**102,146**	(c8)	**93,727** (c6)

	SECTION D		
d	**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	409	339
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,273	1,925
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,282	1,855
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**400**	**409**

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

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances		Closing balances	
c1	Friendship					25		25	
c2	Just Women	235	59	176		43		219	
c3	Men's Group					46		46	
c4									
c5									
c6									
c7									
c8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	235	59	176		114	(e11)	290	(e12)
c9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	98,368 (a7)	89,949 (b9)	8,419	(c7)	93,727	(c6)	102,146	(c8)
c10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	98,603	90,008	8,595		93,841	(x)	102,436	(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 2025	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand			67	
f2	Bank Current Account	28,848		29,164	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	55,580		63,203	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	9,299		9,712	
f6	Other funds				
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	93,727	(c6)	102,146	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	114	(e11)	290	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	93,841	(x)	102,436	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,407,202	2,486,619
g3	Other Assets	130,886	136,212
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities	14,313	2,786

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025

1. Going concern

The Trustees, having regard to the available cash resources and budgeted income and expenditure for the year 2025-26, have a reasonable expectation that the Church will continue in operational existence as a going concern and meet its liabilities as they fall due.
The Trustees are thankful for the generous giving by church members and legacies made by former church members.
Budgeted expenditure includes discretionary donations to Methodist and other charitable organisations which could be phased if necessary.

2. Other notes

Other income includes gift day (and related gift aid) receipts of £7,888 (2023-24 £nil), bequests of £5,000 (2023-24 £14,663), memorable donations of £1,050 (2023-24 £100) and coffee/other donations of £443 (2023-24 £710).

Repairs and maintenance include £11,784 sound system (2023-24 £9,852 sound system/hall redecorate). £60 costs relating to waste in 2023-24 were reclassed from repairs and maintenance to utilities.

Independent examiner fees were £600 (2023-24 £2,700).

A payment of £61 was made towards a retirement collection for circuit ministerial team members (also Church trustees) in appreciation of their contribution.

Name of Church .....All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon..... No.....1184115.....

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 ..... Date 5/2/26

Name and address of treasurer ...Richard Matthews, 32 Abbott Road, Abingdon, Oxon.....

Post Code OX12 2DU.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...5 February 2026.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting .....Rev. Georgina F. Bondzi-Simpson..... Date 5/2/26.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon.....Church

Charity Number ...1184115.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon ('the Church') for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 2 to 5. 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.

Name of Church All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon... No ...1184115.....

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 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 .....Sheila Parry.....

Name of independent examiner ...Sheila Parry.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...ACCA.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...SPX Oxford Ltd.....

Address .....Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford.....

Post Code OX1 1LD.....

Date .....13/2/26.....

* delete or circle as appropriate

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1184115

Accounts

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Northampton	Circuit	Circuit no.	23

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1184115
If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

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

Minister:

Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

Church Stewards:

Sue Butler

Dawn Tyrell

Margaret Ellwood

Helen Appleyard (appointed 28 April 2024)

Treasurer:

Richard Matthews (acting treasurer)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon — Church

	SECTION A	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £		Totals last year £
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		64,641		64,641		72,354
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,818	701	2,519		1,245
a4	Lettings		14,513		14,513		18,408
a5	Other receipts (includes bequests of £14,663)		15,473		15,473		683
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		96,445	701	97,146	(a7)	92,690
	SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		50,512		50,512		47,155
b3	Donations		6,248		6,248		8,673
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		18,363		18,363		13,029
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		8,494		8,494		7,065
b6							
b7	Other payments		7,944	550	8,494		7,849
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		91,561	550	92,111	(b9)	83,771
	SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	4,884	151	5,035		8,919
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		75,677	13,015	88,692	(c6)	79,773
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	80,561	13,166	93,727		88,692
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	80,561	13,166	93,727	(c8)	88,692 (c6)

	SECTION D	£	£
d	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	339	313
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,925	1,875
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,855	1,849
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	409	339

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon **Church**

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

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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	**Friendship**					25	25
e2	**Just Women**	115	143	(28)		71	43
e3	**Men's Group**					46	46
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	115	143	(28)		142 (e11)	114 (e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**97,146** (a7)	**92,111** (b9)	**5,035**	(c7)	**88,692** (c6)	**93,727** (c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**97,261**	**92,254**	**5,007**		**88,834** (x)	**93,841** (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 2024

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	50,996		28,848	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	28,850		55,580	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	8,846		9,299	
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**88,692**	(c6)	**93,727**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**142**	(e11)	**114**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**88,834**	(x)	**93,841**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,296,952	2,407,202
g3	Other Assets	124,970	130,886
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities	3,434	14,313

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Note 1 - Going concern

The Trustees, having regard to the available cash resources and budgeted income and expenditure for the year 2024-25, have a reasonable expectation that the Church will continue in operational existence as a going concern and meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The Trustees are thankful for the continued generosity of giving by church members (including the response to the Gift Da in December 2024) and legacies made by former members.

Despite higher operational costs and lower letting income anticipated in the next 12 months, significant property spend (aside from the final payments on the sound system upgrade, made in September 2024) is not anticipated and budgeted donations include discretionary donations to Methodist and other charitable donations, which could be phased if necessary.

Name of Church ...All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon..... No...1184115.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 R R Matthews Date 6-2-25

Name and address of treasurer RICHARD RONALD MATTHEWS

32, ABBOTT ROAD, ABINGDON Post Code OX14 2DU

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 6 February 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date 6-2-25

REV GEORGINA BONAZI-SIMPSON.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon

Charity Number 1184115

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 2 to 5. 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.

Name of Church .....All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon..... No ...1184115.....

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 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 .....Sheila Parry.....

Name of independent examiner ..SHEILA PARRY.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ....FCCA.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...SPX OXFORD LTD.....

Address .....PEACE HOUSE, PARADISE STREET.....

.....OXFORD..... Post Code .OX1 1LD.

Date ..22 FEBRUARY 2025.....

Form Reviewed Aug-24

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2023 **Period start date**
To 31st August 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon

Charity registration number: 1184115.

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) are as follows: 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 being a 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. The Mission Statement of All Saints states that we seek to: *Share our faith in worship and study;* *Reflect Christ's accepting love in friendship and caring;* *Help each other face any difficulties and doubts;* *Explore together what it means to be God's people in today's world.*

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	• The provision of public acts of worship open to members of the church and local community. Promotion of Christianity through staging events and services open to all who wish to attend. • The provision of a sacred place (a building) for prayer, contemplation and spiritual exploration. • The teaching of Christianity, exploration of faith and providing nurture for individuals through sermons, courses and group activities. • Pastoral work including visiting and supporting the sick and bereaved among the congregation. • The provision of youth activities open to the local community. • Promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and children, and other specific needs groups. • The provision of hospitality and support for vulnerable people. • Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially, with prayer, appeals and fund-raising events, and in some cases with volunteering by individuals. • Letting the premises to a variety of church, charitable, community groups and individuals for events, concerts, celebrations etc. • Providing use of the premises for free to local guiding and scout groups who provide activities for young people.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have confirmed at the Church Council held on 6 February 2025 that: The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	• During the period, Rev Ian Griffiths was the minister. In September 2024, we welcomed a new Minister, Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson. • Despite a small stewardship team in the period (this increased from three to four from 28 April 2024), the stewardship team have diligently prepared a safe and stimulating worship environment alongside the welcome stewards that support on a Sunday morning and have also taken on responsibility for property matters with the support of church members as Property Action no longer meets formally. Key property projects included the update of the sound system (funded from generous bequests received in 2023-24) and hall decoration. The quinquennial property inspection did not indicate significant issues to be addressed but replacement of the boiler will have to be considered in future years. • Throughout 2023-24, worship life has been enhanced as an organist has played monthly, using funds from memorable donations reserves. Pianists and the Music Group also frequently lead our music in worship. • In January 2022, the Church held a meeting and prior consultation on a 'sustainable circuit' to discuss the issues faced in connection with a shortage of presbyters (with a reduction in the number of Circuit presbyters expected from September 2025), putting more pressure for volunteers to take on tasks or for such tasks to be paid for, and the challenges of an ageing congregation. The review has concluded with no changes impacting All Saints but the Church Council continue to consider the future direction of the Church, under the guidance of our new minister. • All Saints has continued to closely support charities through both direct giving and congregational giving. Contributions towards the Methodist Church and other charities regularly supported by the Church were made and events for fundraising held. During the period the Church again gave £1,000 donation to Abingdon Foodbank as part of initiatives to support the Anti-Poverty Charter. • All Saints have continued to support community groups, with an increasing number of local organisations making regular use of the Church premises. However, in December 2023, we said goodbye to the pre-school that met for many years at All Saints as it is now located alongside a local primary school.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	• See the earlier sections on activities and main achievements.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	• Weekly and monthly contributions from members and the congregation together with letting income aim to cover the main operational expenses, including the circuit assessment, operational expenditure and routine property maintenance. • Fundraising events are generally appeals for external organisations. Events were held to raise funds during the period by the Church and Just Women. • However, given a fall in congregational giving in 2023-24 and continuing operational costs, as we sadly lost church members, there was concern over a large budgeted shortfall in 2024-25 so a recent Gift day was held raising £7,825 including related Gift Aid. Some church members have also kindly reviewed their regular giving. We are grateful to church members for their response and generosity. • See also the Financial Review below.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	• Investments are held centrally by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	• The main ongoing source of income is through offerings, which include Sunday collections and donations through regular bank standing orders which needs to support largely fixed costs. All Saints are very fortunate with the continued generosity of Church members despite the sad loss of several members in recent years. In recent years, there has been a sustained rise in giving each year. However, there was a reduction in 2023/ 24, mainly due to changes in our Church membership. Collections for the year totalled £51,948 (2022/ 23 £59,103). The level of bank standing orders fell 6% to £42,475 (2022/ 23 £45,240), and the level of envelope giving fell by £4,320 to £7,968 (2022/ 23 £12,288). Loose cash was stable at £1,505 (2022/ 23 £1,575). The annual amount recovered through gift aid on the Sunday collections was £12,692 (2022/ 23 £13,251). The total for these donations and the associated gift aid was down by 11% at £64,641 (2022/ 23 £72,354). • Bequests of £14,663 (2022/ 23 £nil) were received in the year and are held locally, in accordance with a direction from TMCP. These amounts are held in the Deposit Fund at the Central Finance Board of the

		Methodist Church which earns interest. These have been used to part fund the sound system (total costs £17,676.60 over 2023/24 and 2024/25). • The other main source of income is lettings to community groups. Lettings income totalled £14,513 (2022/ 23 £18,408). The fall is attributable mainly to the fact that pre-school moved its premises after December 2023. However, there have been several new regular lettings in the year. • There was an increase in interest income to £2,519 (2022/ 23 £1,245) reflecting higher interest rates available on increased funds. • The main operational expenditure is the Circuit assessment of £50,512 (2022/ 23 £47,155). Other operational expenditure totalled £8,494 (2022/ 23 £7,849). The most significant costs included the independent examination fee and the costs of an administrator, including postage and photocopying costs. Monthly organist fees of £550 were incurred in 2023/ 24 but not in the prior year. • Maintenance expenditure of £18,363 (2022/ 23 £13,029) was incurred. This included £3,960 on the hall redecoration and £5,892 on the sound system (2022/ 23 £4,455 on the hall fire door replacement). Further payments of £11,784 were made on the sound system in September 2024. These amounts were funded by bequests. Cleaning costs fell to £5,823 (2022/ 23 £7,245), with lower hours required after pre-school left in December 2023. It is encouraging that the recent quinquennial church inspection indicating no significant property issues to rectify. • Utilities expenditure and insurance rose to £8,494 (2022/ 23 £7,065), reflecting higher energy costs. • The level of ongoing income has enabled All Saints to continue to donate to central Methodist funds and other charities albeit at a lower level. In 2023/ 24, giving was £6,248 (2022/ 23 £8,673) and included £1,000 to the Abingdon Foodbank in both years in support of the anti-poverty charter as well as to charities regularly supported by the Church. Payments of £1,134 relating to the 2022/23 budgeted allocations were made to two charities in September 2024. In addition to these donations, £1,925 (2022/ 23 £1,875) has been raised and £1,855 (2022/ 23 £1,849) disbursed for external organisations through appeals and events. • The Church achieved a surplus of £5,035 (2022/ 23 £8,919). This reduction reflected mainly £3,895 lower lettings income and £7,713 lower congregational giving (including gift aid) and £8,340 higher costs offset by £1,274 additional interest income and £14,663 bequests. The main increases in costs related to utilities, electrical costs, property projects and the circuit assessment, with a fall in cleaning costs. • The Church internal organisations made a deficit of £28 (2022/ 23 £142 surplus). Just Women remains active meeting regularly and holding speaker events. • Church funds of £93,727 (2022/ 23 £88,692) together with funds of Church organisations of £114 (2022/ 23 £142) totalled £93,841 (2022/ 23 £88,834). These are held in bank accounts or in deposit funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church or Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) and £46 (2022/ 23 £71) in loose cash held by internal organisations.

		• Restricted funds – the memorable donation reserve of £13,166 (2022/ 23 £13,015) increased by allocated interest income net of the organist fees charged to this reserve. This donation is restricted for specific use, to support and enrich the worship life of the church (and not for recurrent expenditure and mairtenance). • The amounts available in the Richard Cox bequest, which is unrestricted, totalled £9,299 (2022/ 23 £8,846). The Church Council has decided that £5,000 should be retained for future Mission Initiatives. Interest income from the Richard Cox bequest is intended to be donated to the Church charities and a disbursement is expected in the next year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	• The reserves policy approved by the Church Council is that retained funds (unrestricted reserves), excluding the Richard Cox Bequest (currently £9,299), should not exceed 9 months expenditure and that there should be a minimum reserves level of £30,000. The unrestricted reserves of £71,262 on this basis represented around 9.3 months of 2023/ 24 actual expenditure and 8.7 months of 2024/ 25 budgeted expenditure. However, £11,784 of that expenditure is part funded by the bequests received in 2023/ 24. A significant deficit is budgeted next year due to falls in congregational giving and letting income (as pre school revenue is not available) and the receipt of bequests in 2023/ 24 together with higher operational costs. • Reserves are held to safeguard against unforeseen expenditure, this can be the case particularly in respect of property costs, and the impact of inflation, particularly on the level of circuit assessment, energy costs and cleaning costs (energy costs are expected to remain high). • Church members have continued to be generous in their giving throughout 2023/ 24 and have responded very generously to a Gift Day held in December 2024 raising £7,825 including gift aid. The Church has received £14,663 bequests during 2023/ 24 which are held locally at the interest-bearing deposit fund of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, as permitted by a direction from TMCP. However, with an older congregation, there remains unpredictability over the level of future giving.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Church funds include: • £80,561 (2022/ 23 £75,677) (unrestricted) • £13,166 (2022/ 23 £13,015) (restricted) • £93,727 (2022/ 23 £88,692) (total) Funds of Church organisations (restricted) total £114 (2022/ 23 £142). The unrestricted reserves are therefore £80,561 (2022/ 23 £75,677) and £71,262 (2022/ 23 £66,831) excluding the Richard Cox bequest.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	All funds were in credit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No material uncertainties identified. The basis of preparation is explained in a note to the accounts.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Weekly and monthly offerings from members and adherents, tax recovery from gifts, lettings and donations. Fund raising events (although these are usually for appeals for external organisations). A Gift Day was held in December 2024 to raise funds for the Church. Occasional bequests. Grants for building projects (when applicable).
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investments are held centrally by the Methodist Church and investment policies are laid down by the Methodist Conference as carried out by the Central Finance Board. All Saints holds funds in its own bank accounts. At August 2023, funds of £28,848 (2022/ 23 £50,996) are held in All Saints own bank account. This bank account can be used for online payments. The Central Finance Board deposit fund amounts to £55,580 (2022/ 23 £28,850). The Richard Cox Bequest monies, totalling £9,299 (2022/ 23 £8,846) are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee) on behalf of All Saints, as required by standing orders.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Risk Register & Regular Risk Review process – financial; property/fire; safeguarding and activity/events risks. Risks are discussed by Church Council. The Church takes professional advice as required. Safeguarding policies and procedures are in place. Specific risks of concern: • In the medium term, possible decline in Church membership and attendance leading to loss of income from collections, combined with higher operational costs.

Structure, Governance and Management

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Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon reports to the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit. The Governing Body of the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit and of the Methodist Church is the Methodist Conference. The authority under which the Methodist Conference acts is given by The Methodist Church Act 1976.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Local church constituted under Deed of Union and Standing orders. Forms part of the Methodist Church connexion in the UK.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Church Council, General Church Meeting or ex-officio.

Additional information (optional)
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184115
Charity's principal address	Appleford Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 2AQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Appleyard	Safeguarding Officer and Church in Abingdon representative (from 28 September 2023) Steward (from 28 April 2024)		Annual Church Meeting then ex officio
2	Alistair Batey			Annual Church Meeting
3	Rev'd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Minister & Chair of Church Council	Appointed on 1 September 2024	Ex officio
4	Judith Penrose Brown	Church Family Committee and Youth Forum Representative		Annual Church Meeting
5	Susan Butler	Pastoral Committee Secretary, Circuit Representativeand Junior Church representative Church Steward		Ex officio
6	Margaret Ellwood	Church Steward		Ex officio
7	Rev'd Ian Griffiths	Minister & Chair of Church Council	Resigned on 31 August 2024	Ex officio
8	Gareth Hawkes			Annual Church Meeting

9	Margaret A. Hoskins	Communion Steward (resigned 3 October 2024 in that role)		Annual Church Meeting
10	Richard Matthews	Chair of Finance Committee (and Acting Treasurer)		Annual Church Meeting
11	Dcn. Selina Nisbett	Deacon and Mission Action chair		Ex officio
12	Joanne F. Phipps			Annual Church Meeting
13	Derek Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
14	Jennifer M. Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
15	Carolyn I. Roche	Circuit Leadership Team		Circuit
16	Susan Russell	Secretary to Church Council		Ex officio
17	Dawn Tyrell	Church Steward		Ex officio
18	Rev'd Keith Underhill	Minister & Circuit Superintendent		Ex officio
19	Paul Williams	Circuit representative from 28 April 2024		Annual Church Meeting
20	Martin Appleyard		Appointed on 6 February 2025	Church Council

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)		
Wantage & Abingdon Circuit		

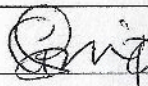
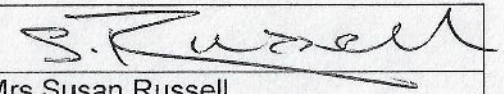
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Only appeal funds collected to be passed on to other charitable organisations.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Various. Organising appeals for funds for other charitable purposes is a common activity carried out by Methodist Churches and falls within charitable purposes of the Methodist Church.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Separate recording of monies collected.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Mrs Susan Russell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman of Church Council	Secretary to Church Council

Date	Presented at the Church Council meeting on 6 February 2025

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1184115

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022 Period start date
To 31st August 2023 Period end date

Charity name: All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon

Charity registration number: 1184115.

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) are as follows: 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 being a 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. The Mission Statement of All Saints states that we seek to: *Share our faith in worship and study;* *Reflect Christ's accepting love in friendship and caring;* *Help each other face any difficulties and doubts;* *Explore together what it means to be God's people in today's world.*

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	• The provision of public acts of worship open to members of the church and local community. Promotion of Christianity through staging events and services open to all who wish to attend. • The provision of a sacred place (a building) for prayer, contemplation and spiritual exploration. • The teaching of Christianity, exploration of faith and providing nurture for individuals through sermons, courses and group activities. • Pastoral work including visiting and supporting the sick and bereaved among the congregation. • The provision of youth activities open to the local community. • Promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and children, and other specific needs groups. • The provision of hospitality and support for vulnerable people. • Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially, with prayer, appeals and fund-raising events, and in some cases with volunteering by individuals. • Letting the premises to a variety of church, charitable, community groups and individuals for events, concerts, celebrations etc. • Providing use of the premises for free to local guiding and scout groups who provide activities for young people.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have confirmed at the Church Council held on 18 January 2024 that: The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	• Despite the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic, the worship life of the Church has remained strong and has now returned to normality, in progressive steps since September 2021. Unfortunately, while many church groups have returned to meeting face to face, some groups have ceased to meet due to various circumstances. During the year, the Church took steps to find organists to play regularly at services, and this is a welcome feature of worship in 2023/24. • Despite only having two serving stewards in the period (this has increased to three from March 2023), the stewardship team have diligently prepared a safe and stimulating worship environment alongside the welcome stewards that support on a Sunday morning and have also taken on responsibility for property matters with the support of church members as Property Action no longer meets formally. In January 2022, the Church held a meeting and prior consultation on a 'sustainable circuit' to discuss the issues faced in connection with a shortage of presbyters (with a reduction in the number of Circuit presbyters expected from September 2025), putting more pressure for volunteers to take on tasks or for such tasks to be paid for, and the challenges of an ageing congregation. These pressures have been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic but that has also provided opportunities for mission and in the use of technology. These discussions have continued at Circuit and local Church level with various options being explored, but no decisions have been made. Over the year, some services were held jointly with another local methodist church. • All Saints has continued to closely support charities through both direct giving and congregational giving. Contributions towards the Methodist Church and other charities regularly supported by the Church were made and events for fundraising held. During the period the Church gave £1,000 donation to Abingdon Foodbank and made a contribution to support snacks at a local preschool for a term as part of initiatives to support the Anti-Poverty Charter. • All Saints have continued to support community groups, with use of the Church premises returning to pre-COVID 19 levels.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	• See the earlier sections on activities and main achievements.
		• Weekly and monthly contributions from members and the congregation cover the main operational expenses, including the circuit assessment, operational expenditure and routine property maintenance.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	• Fundraising events are generally appeals for external organisations. Events were held to raise funds during the period by the Church and Just Women. • See also the Financial Review below.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	• Investments are held centrally by the Methodist Central Finance Board.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	• The main ongoing source of income is through offerings, which include Sunday collections, donations through regular bank standing orders which needs to support largely fixed costs. All Saints are very fortunate with the continued generosity of Church members despite the sad loss of many members in recent years. Collections for the year totalled £59,103 (2021/22 £55,282). The level of bank standing orders increased, there was also a rise in the level of envelope giving compensated by a fall in loose cash. The annual amount recovered through gift aid on the Sunday collections was £13,251 (2021/ 22 £13,455). The total for these donations and the associated gift aid was up 5% at £72,354 (2021/ 22 £68,737). • The other main source of income is lettings to pre school and other community groups. Lettings income totalled £18,408 (2021/ 22 £14,126). • There was an increase in interest income to £1,245 (2021/ 22 £157) reflecting higher interest rates available on funds. • The main operational expenditure is the Circuit assessment of £47,155 (2021/ 22 £43,831). Other operational expenditure totalled £7,849 (2021/ 22 £7,875). The most significant costs included the independent examination fee and the costs of an administrator, including postage and photocopying costs. • Maintenance expenditure of £13,029 (2021/ 22 £11,308) was incurred. This included £4,455 on the hall fire door replacement (2021/ 22 £3,160 on the hall fire door replacement and LED light installation) and cleaning costs of £7,245 (2021/ 22 £7,238). It is encouraging that the recent quinquennial church inspection indicating no significant property issues to rectify.

		• Utilities expenditure and insurance rose to £7,065 (2021/ 22 £5,123), reflecting higher energy costs (despite the government support) and the fact that 2021/ 22 reflected an overall credit for water costs due to a refund (water costs were £1,137 higher in 2022/ 23 than the previous year, explaining most of the movement). • The level of ongoing income has enabled All Saints to continue to donate to central Methodist funds and other charities albeit at a lower level. In 2022/ 23, giving was £8,673 (2021/ 22 £13,737) and included £1,000 to the Abingdon Foodbank (2022/23 £nil) in support of the anti-poverty charter as well as to charities regularly supported by the Church. It should be noted that the 2021/ 22 donations included £1,000 relating to 2020/ 21 which was made in September 2021 and £1,000 donation refunded in September 2022. In addition to these donations, £1,875 (2021/ 22 £1,969) has been raised and £1,849 (2021/ 22 £1,891) disbursed for external organisations through appeals and events. • The Church achieved a surplus of £8,919 (2021/ 22 £1,451). This reflected mainly £4,282 higher lettings income and £3,617 higher congregational giving (including gift aid) and £1,088 additional interest income offset by £1,897 higher costs. The main increases in costs related to utilities, hall door replacement and the circuit assessment but offset by lower donations (as discussed above). The next year 2023/ 24 is likely to see a significant reduction in letting income due to pre-school no longer using the premises from January 2024, and there will be a further increase in circuit assessment costs so a deficit is currently budgeted. • The Church organisations made a surplus of £142 (2021/ 22 £99). Just Women remains active meeting regularly and holding speaker events. It made donations of £469 to external charities (shown within payments in internal organisations) in the year, • Church funds of £88,692 (2021/ 22 £79,773) together with funds of Church organisations of £142 (2021/ 22 £99) totalled £88,834 (2021/ 22 £79,872). These are held in bank accounts or in deposits at Central Finance Board or Trustees for Methodist Church purposes and £71 (2021/ 22 £75) in loose cash held by internal organisations. • Restricted funds – the memorable donation reserve of £13,015 (2021/ 22 £12,578) increased by allocated interest income. This donation is restricted for specific use, to support and enrich the worship life of the church (and not for recurrent expenditure and maintenance). In 2023/ 24, this is starting to be used to fund organists to play at services. • The amounts available in the Richard Cox bequest, which is unrestricted, totalled £8,846 (2021/ 22 £8,594). The Church Council has decided that £5,000 should be retained for future Mission Initiatives. Interest income from the Richard Cox bequest is intended to be donated to the Church charities and a disbursement is expected in the next year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	• The reserves policy approved by the Church Council is that retained funds (unrestricted reserves), excluding the Richard Cox Bequest (currently £8,846), should not exceed 9 months expenditure and that there should be a minimum reserves level of £30,000. The unrestricted reserves of £66,831 on this basis

		represented around 9 1/2 months of 2022/ 23 actual expenditure and just over 9 months of 2023/ 24 budgeted expenditure. The surplus for 2022/ 23 was higher than anticipated but a deficit is budgeted next year due to an expected significant loss of letting income and this high level of reserves is not expected to remain the case. • Reserves are held to safeguard against unforeseen expenditure, this can be the case particularly in respect of property costs, (which have increased as the church reopened) and the impact of inflation, particularly on the level of circuit assessment, energy costs and cleaning costs (energy costs are expected to remain high, given no government support in 2023/ 24). Church members have continued to be generous in their giving throughout 2022/ 23. However, with an older congregation, there remains unpredictability over the level of future giving. In addition, the Church is considering the strategic options available to ensure a sustainable circuit. Consequently, it is important for the Church to maintain its reserves. • Subsequent to the year-end, a bequest of £5,000 has been received (which was left to TMCP to hold on the Model Trusts for the benefit of All Saints Methodist Church). The Acting Treasurer is discussing this with TMCP and in due course, Church Council will consider how such monies, once available, are best to be used. In January 2024, the Church Council approved a transfer of £15,000 of funds to be held at CFB rather than the main bank account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Church funds include: • £75,677 (2021/ 22 £67,195) (unrestricted) • £13,015 (2021/ 22 £12,578) (restricted) • £88,692 (2021/ 22 £79,773) (total) Funds of Church organisations (restricted) total £142 (2021/ 22 £99). The unrestricted reserves are therefore £75,677 (2021/ 22 £67,195) and £66,831 (2021/ 22 £58,601) excluding the Richard Cox bequest.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	All funds were in credit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No material uncertainties identified. The basis of preparation is explained in a note to the accounts.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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(trust deed, royal charter)		The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon reports to the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit. The Governing Body of the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit and of the Methodist Church is the Methodist Conference. The authority under which the Methodist Conference acts is given by The Methodist Church Act 1976.
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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184115
Charity's principal address	Appleford Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 2AQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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3	Judith Penrose Brown	Church Family Committee and Youth Forum Representative		Annual Church Meeting
4	Susan Butler	Pastoral Committee Secretary, Circuit Representative and Junior Church representative (the latter from 26 March 2023) Church Steward		Ex officio
5	Margaret Ellwood	Church Steward (from 26 March 2023)		Annual Church Meeting then ex officio
6	Rev'd Ian Griffiths	Minister & Chair of Church Council		Ex officio
7	Trudy A. Hall	Junior Church Representative	Resigned on 26 March 2023	Annual Church Meeting

8	Margaret A. Hoskins	Communion Steward		Annual Church Meeting
9	Richard Matthews	Chair of Finance Committee (and Acting Treasurer)		Annual Church Meeting
10	Dcn. Selina Nisbett	Deacon and Mission Action Chair		Ex officio
11	David E. Perrow	Co-ordinator of Property Action till 31 December 2022	Resigned on 31 December 2022	Ex officio
12	Joanne F. Phipps			Annual Church Meeting
13	Derek Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
14	Jennifer M. Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
15	Carolyn I. Roche	Circuit Leadership Team		Circuit
16	Susan Russell	Secretary to Church Council		Ex officio
17	Dawn Tyrell	Church Steward		Ex officio
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19	Paul Williams			Annual Church Meeting
20	Gareth Hawkes		Appointed on 26 March 2023	Annual Church Meeting

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)		
Wantage & Abingdon Circuit		

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Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Separate recording of monies collected.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	I T Griffiths. 17/3/24	S. Russell
Full name(s)	Rev Ian Griffiths	Mrs Susan Russell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman of Church Council	Secretary to Church Council

Date	Presented at the Church Council meeting on 18 January 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Circuit	Circuit no.	23/2

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1184115
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 Ian T Griffiths

Church Stewards:

Sue Butler

Dawn Tyrell

Margaret Ellwood (appointed 26 March 2023)

Treasurer:

Richard Matthews (Acting Treasurer)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon — **Church**

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	**Note**					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		72,354		**72,354**		68,737
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		808	437	**1,245**		157
a4	Lettings		18,408		**18,408**		14,126
a5	Other receipts		683		**683**		305
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**92,253**	**437**	**92,690**	**(a7)**	**83,325**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		47,155		**47,155**		43,831
b3	Donations		8,673		**8,673**		13,737
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		13,029		**13,029**		11,308
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		7,065		**7,065**		5,123
b6							
b7	Other payments		7,849		**7,849**		7,875
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**83,771**		**83,771**	**(b9)**	**81,874**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	8,482	437	**8,919**		1,451
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		67,195	12,578	**79,773**	**(c6)**	78,322
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	75,677	13,015	**88,692**		**79,773**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					**(c7)**	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**75,677**	**13,015**	88,692	**(c8)**	**79,773** **(c6)**

	SECTION D		
d	**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	313	235
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,875	1,969
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,849	1,891
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**339**	**313**

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon **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 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	**Friendship**					25		25	
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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	43,298		50,996	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	27,881		28,850	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	8,594		8,846	
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Signature of treasurer R.R Mathews Date 17/3/24

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Charity Number .....1184115.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

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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.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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Address ...3 Danebrook Court, Langford Lane, Kidlington, Oxford.....

Post Code ...OX5 1LQ.....

Date ...22 MARCH 2024.....

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Circuit	Circuit no.	23/2

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1184115
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 Ian T Griffiths

Church Stewards:

Sue Butler

Dawn Tyrell

Margaret Ellwood (appointed 26 March 2023)

Treasurer:

Richard Matthews (Acting Treasurer)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon — **Church**

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	**Note**					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		72,354		**72,354**		68,737
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		808	437	**1,245**		157
a4	Lettings		18,408		**18,408**		14,126
a5	Other receipts		683		**683**		305
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**92,253**	**437**	**92,690**	**(a7)**	**83,325**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		47,155		**47,155**		43,831
b3	Donations		8,673		**8,673**		13,737
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		13,029		**13,029**		11,308
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		7,065		**7,065**		5,123
b6							
b7	Other payments		7,849		**7,849**		7,875
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**83,771**		**83,771**	**(b9)**	**81,874**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	8,482	437	**8,919**		1,451
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		67,195	12,578	**79,773**	**(c6)**	78,322
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	75,677	13,015	**88,692**		**79,773**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					**(c7)**	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**75,677**	**13,015**	88,692	**(c8)**	**79,773** **(c6)**

	SECTION D		
d	**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	313	235
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,875	1,969
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,849	1,891
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**339**	**313**

All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon **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 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.

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Date ...22 MARCH 2024.....

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1184115

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2021 **Period start date**
To 31st August 2022 **Period end date**

Charity name: All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon

Charity registration number: 1184115.

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) are as follows: 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 being a 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. The Mission Statement of All Saints states that we seek to: *Share our faith in worship and study;* *Reflect Christ's accepting love in friendship and caring;* *Help each other face any difficulties and doubts;* *Explore together what it means to be God's people in today's world.*

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	• The provision of public acts of worship open to members of the church and local community. Promotion of Christianity through staging events and services open to all who wish to attend. • The provision of a sacred place (a building) for prayer, contemplation and spiritual exploration. • The teaching of Christianity, exploration of faith and providing nurture for individuals through sermons, courses and group activities. • Pastoral work including visiting and supporting the sick and bereaved among the congregation. • The provision of youth activities open to the local community. • Promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and children, and other specific needs groups. • The provision of hospitality and support for vulnerable people. • Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially, with prayer, appeals and fund-raising events, and in some cases with volunteering by individuals. • Letting the premises to a variety of church, charitable, community groups and individuals for events, concerts, celebrations etc. • Providing use of the premises for free to local guiding and scout groups who provide activities for young people. <u>Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic – return to normality</u> • Since September 2021, Church morning services returned to 'near normality' with no pre-booking required, live music at the services and the resumption of Holy Communion services, but with some Covid precautions. Coffee after the service also resumed. A number of special services were also held in the year. • Over the year, it has been possible to take further steps to normality in worship life in and out of the church. Congregation numbers have recovered significantly. Worship resources including weekly services continue to be made available by email or post to members of Church, not all of whom have online access, and Circuit continues to offer Zoom services. • Many of the Church Committees such as Finance Committee, Pastoral Committee and Family Committee have met on Zoom or in person during the period, and Church Council has continued to meet regularly. Property Action no longer acts as a Committee but its functions continue to be carried out by its members and significant projects in the year included organising the hall fire door replacement (completed early September 2022) and the installation of LED lights in the hall, with energy saving benefits. Pastoral work has continued with the Pastoral Visitors supporting church members.

		• Some All Saints groups including Just Women, and the House Study Groups met on Zoom (during COVID-19 surges) or in person during the year. The Church has also held events for members to raise funds for charities, also providing welcome social occasions for Church members. • Since September 2021, the Church has opened widely for community groups to use its facilities, although there was some disruption in bookings over Winter 2021 due to COVID-19 surges. Therefore, the building has been available to pre-school, youth uniformed organisations and to wider community groups throughout the year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have confirmed at the Church Council held on 18 January 2023 that: The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	• Despite the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic, the worship life of the Church has remained strong and has now returned to normality, in progressive steps since September 2021. • Another initiative has been the use of worship steward volunteers on a Sunday, which has reduced pressure on a small steward leadership team. In January 2022, the Church held a meeting and prior consultation on a 'sustainable circuit' to discuss the issues faced in connection with a shortage of presbyters, putting more pressure for volunteers to take on tasks or for such tasks to be paid for, and the challenges of an ageing congregation. These pressures have been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic but that has also provided opportunities for mission and in the use of technology. • All Saints has registered to be able to conduct same sex marriages. • A new All Saints website was launched in Spring 2021. It is updated regularly and as well as useful information about the church, it includes calendar dates for events as well as including the regular 'View from the Manse', and regular articles on faith topics and other worship resources. • Weekly newsletters and other communications have also been sent to Church members by the Church Administrator. The Administrator's work has also freed up time for the stewards to concentrate on other aspects of their roles. • Another key theme of Future Focus, a strategy initiative in 2018 undertaken by the Church, was combating loneliness. It is pleasing to see the significant increase in congregation numbers, continued

		connectivity of Church groups, and return of some social events, since September 2021 when the Church returned to near-normality. Coffee is now available again after the Sunday services and flowers are distributed to members of the congregation in need of prayer and comfort. • All Saints has continued to closely support charities through both direct giving and congregational giving. Contributions towards the Methodist Church and other charities regularly supported by the Church were made and events for fundraising have recommenced since September 2021. During 2021/ 22, All Saints members have continued to support Abingdon Foodbank through food gift or individual monetary giving. A donation from the Church to the Foodbank is budgeted for the current year. • All Saints have continued to support community groups, with use of the Church premises returning to pre-COVID 19 levels.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	• See the earlier sections on activities and main achievements.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	• Weekly and monthly contributions from members and the congregation cover the main operational expenses, including the circuit assessment, operational expenditure and routine property maintenance. • Fundraising events are generally appeals for external organisations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the congregation were encouraged to donate directly to the charities that All Saints support rather than channelling their giving via the Church. However, appeals giving via the Church has increased in 2021/ 22 with the recommencement of some fundraising and social events. • See also the Financial Review below.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	• Investments are held centrally by the Methodist Central Finance Board.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	• Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, All Saints reopened with restricted numbers on 20 September 2020 but closed for the period of the second lockdown, reopening again on 6 December 2020 but closed again from 3 January 2021 until 25 April 2021. However, the church has been open for Sunday morning services throughout 2021/ 22. • The main ongoing source of income is through offerings, which include Sunday collections, donations through regular bank standing orders and donations made while the church was closed. All Saints are very fortunate with the continued generosity of Church members, particularly as the Church faces largely fixed costs. Collections for the year totalled £55,282 (2020/21 £58,072). Many members have moved their giving from envelopes to bank standing orders while the Church was closed and increased their giving during 2021/ 22. The level of bank standing orders remained similar year on year despite the sad loss of Church members, with the main fall occurring in the level of envelope giving. The annual amount recovered through gift aid on the Sunday collections was £13,455 (2020/ 21 £15,749). The total for these donations and the associated gift aid was down 7% at £68,737 (2020/ 21 £73,821). • The other main source of income is lettings which included primarily the Pre-school in the period. Lettings income totalled £14,126 (2020/ 21 £10,679) reflecting the opening up of the Church to wider community groups since September 2021. • The main operational expenditure is the Circuit assessment of £43,831 (2020/ 21 £43,402). Other operational expenditure totalled £7,875 (2020/ 21 £8,460). The most significant costs included the independent examination fee and the costs of an administrator, including postage and photocopying costs. • Maintenance expenditure of £11,308 (2020/ 21 £6,826) was incurred. This included £3,160 (2020/ 21 £290) on the hall fire door replacement and LED light installation and higher cleaning costs at £7,238 (2020/ 21 £5,706). • Utilities expenditure and insurance rose to £5,123 (2020/ 21 £4,045), reflecting the fact that the Church had been closed over Winter 2020 (in prior year) and rising costs net of a refund of water charges. • The level of ongoing income has enabled All Saints to continue to donate to central Methodist funds and other charities. In 2021/ 22, giving was £13,737 (2020/ 21 £6,288). The donations included £1,000 relating to 2020/ 21 which was made in September 2021 and £1,000 donation refunded in September 2022. In addition to these donations, £1,969 (2020/ 21 £782) has been raised and £1,891 (2020/ 21 £607) disbursed for external organisations through appeals and events. Fewer events have been held due to the COVID-19 pandemic, when the congregation were encouraged to donate to charities supported by All Saints directly rather than via the Church. However, events have now resumed.

		• The Church achieved a surplus of £1,451 (2020/ 21 £18,416, including £2,516 restricted surplus). The surplus in the prior year arose principally due to stable collection receipts (including gift aid) but significantly lower property and operational expenditure due to closure of the Church and the reduction in donations to Methodist and external organisations. These factors had reversed in the current year, with lower collections and higher property expenditure and donations. Moreover, the result would have been £4,455 lower had the final payments for the hall fire door replacement (completed on 1 September 2022) been made in August 2022 rather than early September 2022. • The Church organisations made a surplus of £74 (2020/ 21 deficit of £408, largely due to donations being made by Friendship which ceased its activities during that year). • Church funds of £79,773 (2020/ 21 £78,322) together with funds of Church organisations of £99 (2020/ 21 £25) totalled £79,872 (2020/ 21 £78,347). These are held in bank accounts or in deposits at Central Finance Board or Trustees for Methodist Church purposes and £74 in loose cash (Just Women/Men's Group). From 1 September 2021, the Church transitioned to using its own bank account, rather than the bank account operated by Wantage & Abingdon Circuit which was used in the prior year and to which the Church is no longer a party. • Restricted funds – the memorable donation reserve of £12,578 (2020/ 21 £12,525) increased by interest of £53 (in 2020/ 21, increased by £2,516 interest and gift aid relating to the generous £10,000 donation received in 2019/20). This donation is restricted for specific use, to support and enrich the worship life of the church (and not for recurrent expenditure and maintenance). • The amounts available in the Richard Cox bequest, which is unrestricted, totalled £8,594 (2020/ 21 £8,579). The Church Council has decided that £5,000 should be retained for future Mission Initiatives. Interest income from the Richard Cox bequest is donated to the Church charities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	• The reserves policy approved by the Church Council is that retained funds (unrestricted reserves), excluding the Richard Cox Bequest (currently £8,594), should not exceed 9 months expenditure and that there should be a minimum reserves level of £30,000. All Saints are within this policy. The unrestricted reserves of £58,601 on this basis represented between 8-9 months of 2021/ 22 actual and budgeted expenditure for 2022/23. • Reserves are held to safeguard against unforeseen expenditure, this can be the case particularly in respect of property costs, (which have increased as the church reopened) and the impact of inflation, particularly on energy costs and cleaning costs (which have increased significantly in recent months). Church members have continued to be generous in their giving throughout 2021/ 22 although the overall levels (including gift aid recoveries) are down by over £5,000. However, letting income has significantly recovered now that the Church is fully open meaning that overall unrestricted income fell by £1,648. However, with an older congregation, there remains unpredictability over the level of future giving. Consequently, it is important for the Church to maintain its reserves.

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Church funds include: • £67,195 (2020/ 21 £65,797) (unrestricted) • £12,578 (2020/ 21 £12,525) (restricted) • £79,773 (2020/21 £78,322) (total) Funds of Church organisations (restricted) total £99 (2020/ 21 £25). The unrestricted reserves are therefore £67,195 (2020/ 21 £65,797) and £58,601 (2020/ 21 £57,218) excluding the Richard Cox bequest.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	All funds were in credit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No material uncertainties identified. The basis of preparation is explained in a note to the accounts.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Weekly and monthly offerings from members and adherents, tax recovery from gifts, lettings and donations. Fund raising events (although these are usually for appeals for external organisations). Occasional bequests. Grants for building projects (when applicable).
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investments are held centrally by the Methodist Church and investment policies are laid down by the Methodist Conference as carried out by the Central Finance Board. All Saints holds funds in its own bank accounts. Until September 2021, funds were held in Wantage & Abingdon Circuit bank account amounting to £41,878 at 31 August 2021. All Saints are no longer party to the Circuit bank accounts and at August 2022, funds of £43,298 (2020/ 21 £100) are held in All Saints own bank account. This bank account can be used for online payments. The Central Finance Board deposit fund amounts to £27,881 (2020/ 21 £27,765). The Richard Cox Bequest monies, totalling £8,594 (2020/ 21 £8,579) are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee) on behalf of All Saints, as required by standing orders.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Risk Register & Regular Risk Review process – financial; property/fire; safeguarding and activity/events risks. Risks are discussed by Church Council. COVID-19 represented a principal risk to the Church due to: • the risk of infection to members and community groups using our facilities if hygiene/cleaning is poor or precautions are not maintained. • the impact on the Church's financial resources, given the prolonged period of either shutdown or restricted numbers for attendance at church services. The Church undertook an operational risk assessment, specifically for COVID-19 including cleaning routines and documented procedures for 'return to Church', in line with then Methodist and government guidelines. Until September 2021, there was a booking system available for members to ensure that All Saints remain within the legal restrictions as well as appropriate operating procedures for church services but this is no longer required, following a return to near-normality from September 2021 although precautions such as face coverings remained throughout the year (but are no longer required). Holy Communion services have resumed, with procedures adapted to follow COVID-19 precautions during the year in response to the then higher level of COVID-19 uncertainty. Guidance on 'return to Church' procedures was communicated to members. The Church takes professional advice as required. Safeguarding policies and procedures are in place. Specific risks of concern: • In the medium term, possible decline in Church membership and attendance leading to loss of income from collections, combined with higher operational costs • The Church have discussed the implications of 'sustainable circuit' as a small number of presbyters means that more tasks will need to be undertaken by volunteers, who are becoming older, or outsourced for payment.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

		All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon reports to the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit. The Governing Body of the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit and of the Methodist Church is the Methodist Conference. The authority under which the Methodist Conference acts is given by The Methodist Church Act 1976.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Local church constituted under Deed of Union and Standing orders. Forms part of the Methodist Church connexion in the UK.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Church Council, General Church Meeting or ex-officio.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Policies and procedures for Trustees (members of Church Council) are laid down in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD vol. 2) and training materials are located at https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/office-holders/managing-trustees/
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon ("All Saints") is one of 9 congregations comprising The Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit ("Circuit") and the Circuit is one of 19 Circuits within the Northampton District of the Methodist Church in the UK. All Saints, like all local churches is accountable to the Methodist Conference. Church Council is the main decision-making body of All Saints. Church Council is supported by a number of committees that advise and undertake the work of the Church, including Mission Action, Property Action (now an informal group meeting for ad hoc projects), Finance Committee, Pastoral Committee, Family Committee and Junior Church Council which report to the Church Council meetings. The Presbyter and Chair of the Managing Trustees of the All Saints Church Council is the Rev. Ian T. Griffiths. The Secretary of the All Saints Church Council is Sue Russell and the current Stewards are Sue Butler and Dawn Tyrell, who were appointed on 1 June 2022. Up to that date, Helen Appleyard, Martin Appleyard, Tim Coward and David Perrow served as stewards during the year. There are 20 Managing Trustees currently registered with the Charity Commission. Church Council resumed meeting in person in September 2021 and met regularly in the year. The Annual General Meeting was held in person in May 2022 provided an opportunity for members to celebrate achievements of the year and ensure proper governance.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184115
Charity's principal address	Appleford Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 2AQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Appleyard	Church Steward (until 1 June 2022) & Safeguarding Officer		Annual Church Meeting
2	J. Martin Appleyard	Church Steward (until 1 June 2022)		Annual Church Meeting
3	Alistair Batey			Annual Church Meeting
4	Judith Penrose Brown	Church Family Committee and Youth Forum Representative		Annual Church Meeting
5	Susan Butler	Pastoral Committee Secretary and Circuit Representative Church Steward (since 1 June 2022)		Ex officio
6	Tim Coward	Church Steward (until 1 June 2022)		Ex officio
7	Margaret Ellwood			Annual Church Meeting
8	Rev'd Ian Griffiths	Minister & Chair of Church Council		Ex officio
9	Trudy A. Hall	Junior Church Representative		Annual Church Meeting
10	Margaret A. Hoskins	Communion Steward		Annual Church Meeting

11	Richard Matthews	Chair of Finance Committee (and Acting Treasurer)		Annual Church Meeting
12	Dcn. Selina Nisbett	Deacon and Mission Action Chair		Ex officio
13	David E. Perrow	Church Steward (resigned 1 June 2022) Co-ordinator of Property Action till 31 December 2022	31 December 2022 Resigned	Ex officio
14	Joanne F. Phipps			Annual Church Meeting
15	Derek Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
16	Jennifer M. Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
17	Carolyn I. Roche	Circuit Leadership Team		Circuit
18	Susan Russell	Secretary to Church Council		Ex officio
19	Dawn Tyrell	Church Steward	1 June 2022 appointed	Ex officio
20	Rev'd Keith Underhill	Minister & Circuit Superintendent		Ex officio
21	Paul Williams			Annual Church Meeting

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)		
Wantage & Abingdon Circuit		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Only appeal funds collected to be passed on to other charitable organisations.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Various. Organising appeals for funds for other charitable purposes is a common activity carried out by Methodist Churches and falls within charitable purposes of the Methodist Church.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Separate recording of monies collected.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev Ian Griffiths	Mrs Susan Russell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman of Church Council	Secretary to Church Council
Date	Presented at the Church Council meeting on 18 January 2023	

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

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Treasurer:

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon — **Church**

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a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**83,272**	**53**	**83,325**	**(a7)**	**87,437**
	SECTION B						
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b6							
b7	Other payments		7,875		**7,875**		8,460
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**81,874**		**81,874**	**(b9)**	**69,021**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	1,398	53	**1,451**		**18,416**
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c4	Transfers and adjustments					**(c7)**	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**67,195**	**12,578**	**79,773**	**(c8)**	**78,322** (c6)

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	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	235	60
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,969	782
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d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**313**	**235**

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

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8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	189		115		74			25	(e11)	99	(e12)
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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
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2	Bank Current Account	41,978		43,298	
3	Bank Deposit Account				
4	Central Finance Board	27,765		27,881	
5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	8,579		8,594	
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ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1184115

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2020 Period start date
To 31st August 2021 Period end date

Charity name: All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon

Charity registration number: 1184115.

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) are as follows: 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 being a 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. The Mission Statement of All Saints states that we seek to: *Share our faith in worship and study;* *Reflect Christ's accepting love in friendship and caring;* *Help each other face any difficulties and doubts;* *Explore together what it means to be God's people in today's world.*

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	• The provision of public acts of worship open to members of the church and local community. Promotion of Christianity through staging events and services open to all who wish to attend. • The provision of a sacred place (a building) for prayer, contemplation and spiritual exploration. • The teaching of Christianity, exploration of faith and providing nurture for individuals through sermons, courses and group activities. • Pastoral work including visiting and supporting the sick and bereaved among the congregation. • The provision of youth activities open to the local community. • Promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people (such as the Thursday Friendship Group, until its closure as a consequence of the sad loss of members during the past year), parents and children, and other specific needs groups. • The provision of hospitality and support for vulnerable people. • Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially, with prayer, appeals and fund-raising events, and in some cases with volunteering by individuals. • Letting the premises to a variety of church, charitable, community groups and individuals for events, concerts, celebrations etc. • Providing use of the premises for free to local guiding and scout groups who provide activities for young people. <u>Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic</u> • The Church premises reopened on 20 September 2020 and was able to run a full programme of in-person Advent and Christmas services in 2020 (but experienced further periods of closure during the November 2020 lockdown and from 3 January 2021 to 25 April 2021). Initially, the Church was open using a pre-booking system, limited to a congregation of 30 people. Since September 2021, Church services have returned to near normality with no pre-booking requirement and Holy Communion services have resumed, with COVID-19 precautions in place. • Since March 2020, worship resources including weekly services have been made available by e-mail or post to members of the Church, not all of whom have online access. Some of these resources have been shared more widely and are available to members of the Church and the public on the All Saints website. Some Church members also attended the Zoom services run by Wantage & Abingdon Circuit. Certain All Saints group activities continued on Zoom during periods of closure and some of these, such as the Men's Group, Just Women and House Groups have now resumed in person. • The Church has continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to let the premises to the pre-school who returned from June 2020 under a licence agreement, and from September 2021, has opened more widely to other groups. Youth organisations have also returned to use the Church for face-to-face meetings.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have confirmed at the Church Council held on 13 March 2022 that: The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	• "Future Focus" (a strategic review of the Church's aims and objectives from 2018) continues to guide our thinking and development, with a key theme of better communications. Despite the difficulties of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the worship life of the Church has remained strong. • A new All Saints website was launched in Spring 2021. It is updated regularly and as well as useful information about the church, it includes calendar dates for events as well as being the home of a series of Lent Reflections, a regular monthly feature called 'View from the Manse', promotion of the 'Methodist Way of Life' initiative and a series of articles on faith topics. • Weekly newsletters and other communications have also been sent to Church members by the Church Administrator, whose role (after completion of a 6-month trial) was confirmed during the period. The Administrator's work has also freed up time for the stewards to concentrate on other aspects of their roles. • Wantage & Abingdon Circuit organised Weekly Zoom services which some church members have attended and digital services available on a Circuit You-Tube channel include some jointly produced by All Saints and Trinity Methodist Churches. Resources were also sent to support young people throughout the Circuit (focused on issues facing the world) and the Junior Church at All Saints. • A member of the congregation led several sessions on Guided Meditations on Zoom which were well attended and appreciated. • Another key theme of Future Focus was combating loneliness. Mission Action at All Saints strongly supports the Church's 'Loneliness Initiative'. While the Church was closed, many resources were sent to our Church community and some groups like Just Women and Men's Group met online. Some groups, including Men's Group have resumed meeting in-person. It is pleasing to see the significant increase in congregation numbers and return of some social events, since September 2021 when the Church returned to near-normality. Coffee is now available again after the Sunday services.

		• All Saints has continued to closely support charities through both direct giving and congregational giving. Contributions towards the Methodist Church and other charities were made as budgeted. • All Saints have continued to support community groups, including the reopening of Pre-school in June 2020 and a wider reopening of the Church premises from September 2021.Youth organisations, such as the Guiding and Scout groups have resumed face-to-face meetings using the Church premises.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	• See the earlier sections on activities and main achievements.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	• Weekly and monthly contributions from members and the congregation (including donations made outside services, since the COVID-19 pandemic) cover the main operational expenses, including the circuit assessment, operational expenditure and routine property maintenance. • Fundraising events are generally appeals for external organisations. The congregation have been encouraged to donate directly to the charities that All Saints support rather than channelling their giving via the Church. Due to this, and fewer events since the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a decrease in the amounts of appeals giving. • See also the Financial Review below.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	• Investments are held centrally by the Methodist Central Finance Board.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	• Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, All Saints reopened with restricted numbers on 20 September 2020 but closed for the period of the second lockdown, reopening again on 6 December 2020 but closed again from 3 January 2021 until 25 April 2021. • The main ongoing source of income is through offerings, which include Sunday collections, donations through regular bank standing orders and donations made while the church was closed. All Saints are very fortunate and grateful that so many members have responded and continued to make donations while the Church was closed, particularly as the Church faces largely fixed costs. Indeed, collections for the year fell only 3%, totalling £58,072 (2019/20 £59,787). Many members have moved their giving from envelopes to bank standing orders while the Church was closed. The annual amount recovered through gift aid on the Sunday collections was £15,749 (2019/20 £14,182), the increase due to submitting more frequent gift aid returns facilitated by a new accounting system. The total for these donations and the associated gift aid was stable at £73,821 (2019/20 £73,969). • Restricted funds received included £2,516 interest and gift aid relating to the generous £10,000 donation received in 2019/20. This donation is restricted for specific use, to support and enrich the worship life of the church (and not for recurrent expenditure and maintenance). • The amounts available in the Richard Cox bequest totalled £8,579 (2020/21 £8,544). The Church Council has decided that £5,000 should be retained for future Mission Initiatives. Interest income from the Richard Cox bequest is donated to the Church charities. • The other main source of income is lettings which included primarily Rush Common Pre-school in the period. Lettings income totalled £10,679 (2019/20 £9,997). This amount has fallen significantly compared to 2018/19 as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic but some regular lettings have recommenced from September 2021, after the end of the current period. • The main operational expenditure is the Circuit assessment of £43,402 (2019/20 £41,980). Other operational expenditure totalled £8,460 (2019/20 £7,979). The most significant costs included the independent examination fee of £2,592 (2019/20 £1,740), and a full year of the costs of an administrator to support the small stewardship team and to email out or post worship resources and communications, which totalled £3,490 (2019/20 £2,112), including postage and photocopying costs. The prior year included £1,400 one-off costs relating to the Diamond Anniversary. • As reported last year, all the current major property projects have now been completed. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, work on the property has been limited to necessary maintenance while the church was closed. Repairs and maintenance expenditure of £6,826 (2019/20 £14,213) was incurred. The prior year

		spend also included £2,696 final costs relating to the toilet refurbishment project and £3,402 relating to replacement of the vestry door and UPVC windows. Utilities expenditure fell to £4,045 (2019/20 £5,458), reflecting closure of the Church over many of the Winter months. • The level of ongoing income has enabled All Saints to continue to donate to central Methodist funds and other charities. However, due to the uncertainties over the level of income occasioned by the pandemic, the amounts in 2019/20 were restricted to 10% of income (in the prior year, 20% of income, excluding funds for property projects), as agreed by Church Council. It is hoped that, subject to available funds, this level of giving will be able to increase again in the forthcoming year. In 2020/21, giving was £6,288 (2019/20 £16,562) although a further budgeted charitable contribution of £1,000 relating to 2020/21 was made in September 2021. In addition to these donations, £782 (2020/21 £3,160) has been raised and £607 (2019/20 £2,645) disbursed for external organisations through appeals and events. Fewer events have been held this year, and the congregation have been encouraged to donate to charities supported by All Saints directly rather than via the Church. • The Church achieved a surplus of £18,416, including £2,516 restricted surplus (2019/20 £12,608 including £10,009 restricted surplus). The surplus arose principally due to stable collection receipts (including gift aid) but significantly lower property and operational expenditure due to closure of the Church and the reduction in donations to Methodist and external organisations. The Church organisations made a deficit of £408 (2019/20 £696), largely due to donations being made by Friendship (which ceased its activities during the year). Church funds of £78,322 (2019/20 £59,906) together with funds of Church organisations of £25 (2019/20 £433) totalled £78,347 (2019/20 £60,339). These are held in bank accounts or in deposits at Central Finance Board or Trustees for Methodist Church purposes.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	• The reserves policy approved by the Church Council is that retained funds (unrestricted reserves), excluding the Richard Cox Bequest (currently £8,579), should not exceed 9 months expenditure and that there should be a minimum reserves level of £30,000. All Saints are within this policy. Although the unrestricted reserves of £57,218 on this basis represented just under 10 months of 2020/21 actual expenditure, they cover 8 months of budgeted expenditure for 2021/22. • Reserves are held to safeguard against unforeseen expenditure, this can be the case particularly in respect of property costs, including both maintenance and energy costs (the latter have increased significantly in recent months). In addition, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic meant that the Church has been closed for certain periods. The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic also led to a loss of approximately £4,000 annual rental income compared to 2018/19. Church members have continued to be generous in their giving throughout 2020/21 with many members now contributing via standing order. However, with an older congregation and continued uncertainty over the state of the COVID-19 pandemic, there remains unpredictability over the level of future giving. Consequently, it is important for the Church to maintain its reserves.

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Church funds include: • £65,797 (2020/21 £49,897) (unrestricted) • £12,525 (2020/21 £10,009) (restricted) • £78,322 (2020/21 £59,906) (total) Funds of Church organisations (restricted) total £25 (2020/21 £433). The unrestricted reserves are therefore £65,797 (2020/21 £49,897) and £57,218 (2020/21 £41,354) excluding the Richard Cox bequest.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	All funds were in credit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No material uncertainties identified. The basis of preparation is explained in a note to the accounts.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Weekly and monthly offerings from members and adherents, tax recovery from gifts, lettings and donations. Fund raising events (although these are usually for appeals for external organisations). Occasional bequests. Grants for building projects (when applicable).
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investments are held centrally by the Methodist Church and investment policies are laid down by the Methodist Conference as carried out by the Central Finance Board. All Saints holds funds in its own bank accounts. Until September 2021, funds were held in Wantage & Abingdon Circuit bank account amounting to £41,878 (2020/21 £23,636) and in the Central Finance Board deposit fund £27,765 (2020/21 £27,727). The Richard Cox Bequest monies, totalling £8,579 (2020/21 £8,543) are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee) on behalf of All Saints, as required by standing orders.

		During 2020/21, the Church, opened its own bank account at a High Street bank, at the request of Circuit. This has online payments enabled. At 30 August 2021, this held £100 but is now the main bank account with the discontinuance of All Saint's use of the Circuit bank account.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Risk Register & Regular Risk Review process – financial; property/fire; safeguarding and activity/events risks. Risks are discussed by Church Council. COVID-19 represented a principal risk to the Church due to: • the risk of infection to members and community groups using our facilities if hygiene/cleaning is poor or precautions are not maintained. • the impact on our financial resources, given the prolonged period of either shutdown or restricted numbers for attendance at church services. The Church undertook an operational risk assessment, specifically for COVID-19 including cleaning routines and documented procedures for 'return to Church', in line with then Methodist and government guidelines. Until September 2021, there was a booking system available for members to ensure that All Saints remain within the legal restrictions as well as appropriate operating procedures for church services but this is no longer required, following a return to near-normality from September 2021 although precautions such as face coverings remain. Holy Communion services have resumed, with procedures adapted to follow COVID-19 precautions. Guidance on 'return to Church' procedures was communicated to members. We take professional advice as required. Safeguarding policies and procedures are in place. Specific risks of concern: • In the medium term, possible decline in Church membership and attendance leading to loss of income from collections. This situation is exacerbated by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

		All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon reports to the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit. The Governing Body of the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit and of the Methodist Church is the Methodist Conference. The authority under which the Methodist Conference acts is given by The Methodist Church Act 1976.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Local church constituted under Deed of Union and Standing orders. Forms part of the Methodist Church connexion in the UK.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Church Council, General Church Meeting or ex-officio.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Policies and procedures for Trustees (members of Church Council) are laid down in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD vol. 2) and training materials are located at https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/office-holders/managing-trustees/
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon ("All Saints") is one of 9 congregations comprising The Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit ("Circuit") and the Circuit is one of 21 Circuits within the Northampton District of the Methodist Church in the UK. All Saints, like all local churches is accountable to the Methodist Conference. Church Council is the main decision-making body of All Saints. Church Council is supported by a number of committees that advise and undertake the work of the Church, including Mission Action, Property Action (now an informal group meeting for ad hoc projects), Finance Committee, Pastoral Committee, Family Committee and Junior Church Council which report to the Church Council meetings. The Presbyter and Chair of the Managing Trustees of the All Saints Church Council is the Rev. Ian T. Griffiths. The Secretary of the All Saints Church Council is Sue Russell and the current Stewards are Tim Coward, Helen Appleyard, Martin Appleyard, and David Perrow. Rosemary Perrow was co-opted as a Steward from 1 May 2020 and appointed by the Annual General Meeting on 24 September 2020 and served as Steward until her death on 19 February 2021. There are 19 Managing Trustees currently registered with the Charity Commission. Church Council met four times by Zoom in the year ended 31 August 2021 and resumed meeting in person in September 2021. The Annual General Meetings, held on Zoom on 24 September 2020 (delayed from the Spring) and on 22 April 2021 were well attended and provided an opportunity for members to celebrate achievements of the year and ensure proper governance.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184115
Charity's principal address	Appleford Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 2AQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Appleyard	Church Steward & Safeguarding Officer		Annual Church Meeting
2	J. Martin Appleyard	Church Steward		Annual Church Meeting
3	Alistair Batey			Annual Church Meeting
4	Judith Penrose Brown	Church Family Committee and Youth Forum Representative		Annual Church Meeting
5	Susan Butler	Pastoral Committee Secretary and Circuit Representative		Ex officio
6	Tim Coward	Church Steward		Ex officio
7	Margaret Ellwood			Annual Church Meeting
8	Rev'd Ian Griffiths	Minister & Chairman of Church Council		Ex officio
9	Trudy A. Hall	Junior Church Representative		Annual Church Meeting
10	Margaret A. Hoskins	Communion Steward		Annual Church Meeting
11	Brian D.F. Mansfield (deceased)	Church Treasurer	Deceased 12 November 2020	Ex officio
12	Richard Matthews	Chairman of Finance Committee (and Acting Treasurer)		Annual Church Meeting

13	Dcn. Selina Nisbett	Deacon and Mission Action Chairman		Ex officio
14	David E. Perrow	Church Steward & Chairman of Property Action		Ex officio
15	Rosemary A. Perrow	Church Steward Co-opted as Church Steward 1 May 2020, reappointed as Church Steward on 24 September 2020	Deceased 19 February 2021	Annual Church Meeting (then later ex officio)
16	Joanne F. Phipps			Annual Church Meeting
17	Derek Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
18	Jennifer M. Pooley			Annual Church Meeting
19	Carolyn I. Roche	Circuit Leadership Team	Appointed 1 September 2020	Circuit
20	Susan Russell	Secretary to Church Council		Ex officio
21	Alan N. Smith	Circuit Leadership Team	Resigned 1 September 2020	Circuit
22	Rev'd Keith Underhill	Minister & Circuit Superintendent		Ex officio
23	Paul Williams		Appointed 22 April 2021	Annual Church Meeting

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)		
Wantage & Abingdon Circuit		

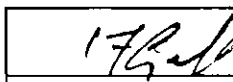
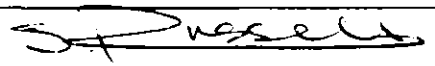
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Only appeal funds collected to be passed on to other charitable organisations.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Various. Organising appeals for funds for other charitable purposes is a common activity carried out by Methodist Churches and falls within charitable purposes of the Methodist Church.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Separate recording of monies collected.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev Ian Griffiths	Mrs Susan Russell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman of Church Council	Secretary to Church Council

Date	Presented at the Church Council meeting on 26 March 2022

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON
Charity Commission Number 1184115
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st August, 2021

	Notes		2020/2021		2019/20
RECEIPTS			£		£
Unrestricted					
Collections			58,071.90		59,787.41
Tax recoveries			15,749.18		14,182.13
	2		73,821.08		73,969.54
Lettings			10,679.34		9,996.65
Interest			73.37		335.58
Cox bequest - additional bequest			23.49		1,992.21
Other income	3		324.00		945.71
Unrestricted income			**84,921.28**		**87,239.69**
Restricted					
Grants towards toilets refurbishment			-		1,552.00
Gift day			-		0.00
Memorable donation (including tax refund and interest)			2,516.70		10,008.64
Circuit grants - roof & outside signage			-		0.00
	3		2,516.70		11,560.64
Special events and appeals	6		781.71		3,159.75
Friendship			27.24		791.18
Just Women					110.00
Restricted income			**3,325.65**		**15,621.57**
TOTAL INCOME			**88,246.93**		**102,861.26**
PAYMENTS					
Unrestricted					
Circuit assessment			43,402.00		41,980.00
Donations to Methodist Funds	4		4,266.00		9,725.00
Other donations	5		2,021.60		6,837.21
All Saints costs -					
Junior Church & Messy Church		-		88.99	
Operational costs	7	8,461.46		7,890.45	
Property costs	8	10,871.07		19,670.59	
			19,332.53		27,650.03
Expenditure out of unrestricted income			**69,022.13**		**86,192.24**
Restricted					
Special events and appeals	6	607.00		2,644.90	
Friendship		435.08		1,487.40	
Just Women		-		110.00	
Expenditure out of restricted income			**1,042.08**		**4,242.30**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			**70,064.21**		**90,434.54**
SURPLUS or NET DEFICIT for the year			**18,182.72**		**12,426.72**

Opening balances at beginning of year -				
Unrestricted funds -				
General fund	39,993.81		40,991.02	
Richard Cox bequest (Trust 21871)	8,543.63		5,000.00	
Memorable donations	1,005.57		991.57	
Coffee fund	354.44		315.41	
	49,897.45		47,298.00	
Restricted funds -				
Property projects	-		-	
Memorable donation	10,008.64		-	
Appeals fund	60.00		- 454.85	
Thursday Friendship	432.53		1,128.75	
	10,501.17		673.90	
		60,398.62		47,971.90
TOTAL FUNDS at 31st August 2021		78,581.34		60,398.62

Summary of assets & liabilities as at 31st August 2021

	2020/2021	2019/2020
Unrestricted funds	£	£
General fund including property fund	55,832.73	39,993.81
Richard Cox bequest (Trust 21871)	8,578.86	8,543.63
Memorable donations	1,005.57	1,005.57
Coffee fund	379.44	354.44
	65,796.60	49,897.45
Restricted funds		
Property projects	-	-
Memorable donation	12,525.34	10,008.64
Appeals fund	234.71	60.00
Thursday Friendship	24.69	432.53
	12,784.74	10,501.17
TOTAL FUNDS	78,581.34	60,398.62
Represented by:		
Cash (Friendship)	-	0.08
Current bank account (HSBC through Circuit)	42,137.67	24,128.24
Current bank account (Nat West)	100.00	
Central Finance Board Deposit Fund	27,764.81	27,726.67
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	8,578.86	8,543.63
	78,581.34	60,398.62

See also note 9 for other assets and liabilities.

Chair Acting Treasurer Date

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Going concern - basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees, having regard to the available cash resources and budgeted income and expenditure for the year 2021-22, have a reasonable expectation that the Church will continue in operational existence as a going concern and meet its liabilities as they fall due.
The Trustees are thankful for the generosity of giving by church members even while the church was closed for a period during 2020/21. The Trustees recognise that letting income may be lower than normal in the forthcoming 12 months, but significant property spend is not anticipated and budgeted expenditure includes discretionary donations to Methodist and other charitable organisations which could be phased if necessary.

		2020 /21		2019 /20
		£		£
2. Collections and related tax recoveries:-				
Envelopes		13,603.00		14,372.30
Bank standing orders		43,280.00		43,095.00
Loose cash		1,188.90		2,320.11
		58,071.90		59,787.41
Tax reclaimed under 'Gift Aid'	15,624.13		13,311.71	
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	125.05	15,749.18	870.42	14,182.13
		73,821.08		73,969.54
3. Other income:-				
Unrestricted				
OHCT ride or stride		-		215.00
Sunday morning coffee donations		25.00		399.67
Memorable donations		-		14.00
Other donations		100.00		317.04
Other income		199.00		-
		324.00		945.71
Restricted				
Memorable donation	2,516.70		10,008.64	
Grants towards toilet improvements	-		1,552.00	
		2,516.70		11,560.64
		2,840.70		12,506.35

4. Donations to central and other Methodist Church Funds and also other associated Methodist

	2020 /21	2019/ 20
Churches or affiliated organisations:-	£	£
Methodist Church Fund (unrestricted)	2,762.00	6,168.00
The World Mission Fund	252.00	561.00
The Mission in Britain Fund	174.00	388.00
Fund for Property	82.00	185.00
Methodist Women in Britain	174.00	388.00
All We Can (M.R.D.F.)	180.00	402.00
Action for Children (N.C.H.)	180.00	402.00
Methodist Homes Association (M.H.A)	180.00	402.00
Minister's Housing Society	180.00	402.00
Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust	64.00	143.00
Northampton District Benevolent Fund	38.00	84.00
	4,266.00	9,525.00
Methodist Homes - Sunday morning coffee		200.00
	4,266.00	9,725.00

5. Other donations from church funds:-

	2020 /21	2019 /20
	£	£
The Abingdon Bridge	1,018.40	4,190.00
Trinity Learning	250.80	524.00
Future Pillars Zambia (Contesa)	250.80	524.00
The Nasio Children	250.80	524.00
Karibuni Children	250.80	524.00
Other donations - Host Abingdon	-	500.00
	2,021.60	6,786.00
Interest from Cox bequest to church charities		51.21
	2,021.60	6,837.21

6. Special events and appeals:-

In addition to the donations from Church Funds, as indicated in notes 4 & 5 above, the community at All Saints has responded in many ways to support specific events and appeals, both local and throughout the world. The beneficiaries of these appeals, principally collections and collection boxes are set out below. Many members of All Saints have donated directly rather than via the church to appeals.

	2020/ 21		2019 /20	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
	£	£	£	£
The World Mission Fund - Collecting boxes	357.50		619.07	609.32
- Easter offerings			103.75	-
	357.50	357.50	722.82	609.32
Action for Children	217.21	75.00	455.75	360.25
Methodist Homes	34.50	32.00	168.41	101.29
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Opening balance - 1/9/19.	40,991.02	5,000.00	991.57	315.41	47,298.00	0.00	0.00	- 454.85	1,128.75	0.00	**47,971.90**
INCOME											
Collections & gift aid	73,969.54				73,969.54				786.51		**74,756.05**
Lettings	9,996.65				9,996.65						**9,996.65**
Interest	274.37	61.21			335.58		8.64		4.67		**348.89**
Bequest		1,992.21			1,992.21						**1,992.21**
Toilet refurbishment grant					-	1,552.00					**1,552.00**
Appeals					-			3,159.75			**3,159.75**
Other income	532.04		14.00	399.67	945.71		10,000.00			110.00	**11,055.71**
	84,772.60	2,053.42	14.00	399.67	87,239.69	1,552.00	10,008.64	3,159.75	791.18	110.00	**102,861.26**
EXPENDITURE											
Methodist donations	9,525.00			200.00	9,725.00						**9,725.00**
Other donations	6,786.00	51.21			6,837.21				1,450.00	110.00	**8,397.21**
Appeals and events					-			2,644.90			**2,644.90**
Circuit assessment	41,980.00				41,980.00						**41,980.00**
Junior & Messy Church	88.99				88.99						**88.99**
General expenditure	7,719.81	10.00		160.64	7,890.45				37.40		**7,927.85**
Property expenditure	16,974.85				16,974.85						**16,974.85**
General					-						-
Toilet refurbishment	1,143.74				1,143.74	1,552.00					**2,695.74**
	84,218.39	61.21	0.00	360.64	84,640.24	1,552.00	0.00	2,644.90	1,487.40	110.00	**90,434.54**
TRANSFER											
Toilet refurbishment (refund of Cox bequest)	- 1,551.42	1,551.42									
Closing balance - 31/8/20.	39,993.81	8,543.63	1,005.57	354.44	49,897.45	-	10,008.64	60.00	432.53	-	**60,398.62**

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INCOME											
Collections & gift aid	73,821.08				73,821.08						**73,821.08**
Donations & gift aid					-		2,500.00		26.61		**2,526.61**
Lettings	10,679.34				10,679.34						**10,679.34**
Interest	44.54	28.83			73.37		16.70		0.63		**90.70**
Bequest		23.49			23.49						**23.49**
Toilet refurbishment grant					-						**-**
Appeals					-			781.71			**781.71**
Other income	299.00			25.00	324.00						**324.00**
	84,843.96	52.32	0.00	25.00	84,921.28	0.00	2,516.70	781.71	27.24	0.00	**88,246.93**
EXPENDITURE											
Methodist donations	4,266.00				4,266.00						**4,266.00**
Other donations	2,021.60				2,021.60						**2,021.60**
Appeals and events					-			607.00	435.08		**1,042.08**
Circuit assessment	43,402.00				43,402.00						**43,402.00**
General expenditure	8,444.37	17.09			8,461.46						**8,461.46**
Property expenditure - general	10,871.07				10,871.07						**10,871.07**
	69,005.04	17.09	0.00	0.00	69,022.13	0.00	0.00	607.00	435.08	0.00	**70,064.21**
Closing balance - 31/8/21.	**55,832.73**	**8,578.86**	**1,005.57**	**379.44**	**65,796.60**	**0.00**	**12,525.34**	**234.71**	**24.69**	**0.00**	**78,581.34**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon (Charity No. 1184115)

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
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.

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:

1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I 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.

Jodie McDermott FCCA
Haines Watts Oxford LLP
Chartered Accountants
Sterling House
19/23 High Street
Kidlington
Oxfordshire, OX5 2DH

Date: . . . . . .

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON

Charity Commission Number 1184115

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st August, 2021

	Notes		2020/2021		2019/20
			£		£
RECEIPTS					
Unrestricted					
Collections			58,071.90		59,787.41
Tax recoveries			15,749.18		14,182.13
	2		73,821.08		73,969.54
Lettings			10,679.34		9,996.65
Interest			73.37		335.58
Cox bequest - additional bequest			23.49		1,992.21
Other income	3		324.00		945.71
Unrestricted income			**84,921.28**		**87,239.69**
Restricted					
Grants towards toilets refurbishment			-		1,552.00
Gift day			-		0.00
Memorable donation (including tax refund and interest)			2,516.70		10,008.64
Circuit grants - roof & outside signage			-		0.00
	3		2,516.70		11,560.64
Special events and appeals	6		781.71		3,159.75
Friendship			27.24		791.18
Just Women					110.00
Restricted income			**3,325.65**		**15,621.57**
TOTAL INCOME			**88,246.93**		**102,861.26**
PAYMENTS					
Unrestricted					
Circuit assessment			43,402.00		41,980.00
Donations to Methodist Funds	4		4,266.00		9,725.00
Other donations	5		2,021.60		6,837.21
All Saints costs -					
Junior Church & Messy Church		-		88.99	
Operational costs	7	8,461.46		7,890.45	
Property costs	8	10,871.07		19,670.59	
			19,332.53		27,650.03
Expenditure out of unrestricted income			**69,022.13**		**86,192.24**
Restricted					
Special events and appeals	6	607.00		2,644.90	
Friendship		435.08		1,487.40	
Just Women		-		110.00	
Expenditure out of restricted income			**1,042.08**		**4,242.30**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			**70,064.21**		**90,434.54**
SURPLUS or NET DEFICIT for the year			**18,182.72**		**12,426.72**

Opening balances at beginning of year -				
Unrestricted funds -				
General fund	39,993.81		40,991.02	
Richard Cox bequest (Trust 21871)	8,543.63		5,000.00	
Memorable donations	1,005.57		991.57	
Coffee fund	354.44		315.41	
	49,897.45		47,298.00	
Restricted funds -				
Property projects	-		-	
Memorable donation	10,008.64		-	
Appeals fund	60.00		- 454.85	
Thursday Friendship	432.53		1,128.75	
	10,501.17		673.90	
		60,398.62		47,971.90
TOTAL FUNDS at 31st August 2021		78,581.34		60,398.62

Summary of assets & liabilities as at 31st August 2021

		2020/2021		2019/2020
Unrestricted funds		£		£
General fund including property fund		55,832.73		39,993.81
Richard Cox bequest (Trust 21871)		8,578.86		8,543.63
Memorable donations		1,005.57		1,005.57
Coffee fund		379.44		354.44
		65,796.60		49,897.45
Restricted funds				
Property projects	-		-	
Memorable donation	12,525.34		10,008.64	
Appeals fund	234.71		60.00	
Thursday Friendship	24.69		432.53	
		12,784.74		10,501.17
TOTAL FUNDS		78,581.34		60,398.62
Represented by:				
Cash (Friendship)		-		0.08
Current bank account (HSBC through Circuit)		42,137.67		24,128.24
Current bank account (Nat West)		100.00		
Central Finance Board Deposit Fund		27,764.81		27,726.67
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		8,578.86		8,543.63
		78,581.34		60,398.62

See also note 9 for other assets and liabilities.

Chair Acting Treasurer Date 26/3/22

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Going concern - basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees, having regard to the available cash resources and budgeted income and expenditure for the year 2021-22, have a reasonable expectation that the Church will continue in operational existence as a going concern and meet its liabilities as they fall due.
The Trustees are thankful for the generosity of giving by church members even while the church was closed for a period during 2020/21. The Trustees recognise that letting income may be lower than normal in the forthcoming 12 months, but significant property spend is not anticipated and budgeted expenditure includes discretionary donations to Methodist and other charitable organisations which could be phased if necessary.

		2020 /21 £		2019 /20 £
2. Collections and related tax recoveries:-				
Envelopes		13,603.00		14,372.30
Bank standing orders		43,280.00		43,095.00
Loose cash		1,188.90		2,320.11
		58,071.90		59,787.41
Tax reclaimed under 'Gift Aid'	15,624.13		13,311.71	
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	125.05	15,749.18	870.42	14,182.13
		73,821.08		73,969.54
3. Other income:-				
Unrestricted				
OHCT ride or stride		-		215.00
Sunday morning coffee donations		25.00		399.67
Memorable donations		-		14.00
Other donations		100.00		317.04
Other income		199.00		-
		324.00		945.71
Restricted				
Memorable donation	2,516.70		10,008.64	
Grants towards toilet improvements	-		1,552.00	
		2,516.70		11,560.64
		2,840.70		12,506.35

4. Donations to central and other Methodist Church Funds and also other associated Methodist

Churches or affiliated organisations:-	2020 /21 £	2019/ 20 £
Methodist Church Fund (unrestricted)	2,762.00	6,168.00
The World Mission Fund	252.00	561.00
The Mission in Britain Fund	174.00	388.00
Fund for Property	82.00	185.00
Methodist Women in Britain	174.00	388.00
All We Can (M.R.D.F.)	180.00	402.00
Action for Children (N.C.H.)	180.00	402.00
Methodist Homes Association (M.H.A)	180.00	402.00
Minister's Housing Society	180.00	402.00
Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust	64.00	143.00
Northampton District Benevolent Fund	38.00	84.00
	4,266.00	9,525.00
Methodist Homes - Sunday morning coffee		200.00
	4,266.00	9,725.00

5. Other donations from church funds:-

	2020 /21 £	2019 /20 £
The Abingdon Bridge	1,018.40	4,190.00
Trinity Learning	250.80	524.00
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The Nasio Children	250.80	524.00
Karibuni Children	250.80	524.00
Other donations - Host Abingdon	-	500.00
	2,021.60	6,786.00
Interest from Cox bequest to church charities		51.21
	2,021.60	6,837.21

6. Special events and appeals:-

In addition to the donations from Church Funds, as indicated in notes 4 & 5 above, the community at All Saints has responded in many ways to support specific events and appeals, both local and throughout the world. The beneficiaries of these appeals, principally collections and collection boxes are set out below. Many members of All Saints have donated directly rather than via the church to appeals.

	2020/ 21 Receipts £	Payments £	2019 /20 Receipts £	Payments £
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INCOME											
Collections & gift aid	73,969.54				73,969.54						**74,756.05**
Lettings	9,996.65				9,996.65				786.51		**9,996.65**
Interest	274.37	61.21			335.58		8.64		4.67		**348.89**
Bequest		1,992.21			1,992.21						**1,992.21**
Toilet refurbishment grant					-	1,552.00					**1,552.00**
Appeals					-			3,159.75			**3,159.75**
Other income	532.04		14.00	399.67	945.71		10,000.00			110.00	**11,055.71**
	84,772.60	2,053.42	14.00	399.67	87,239.69	1,552.00	10,008.64	3,159.75	791.18	110.00	**102,861.26**
EXPENDITURE											
Methodist donations	9,525.00			200.00	9,725.00						**9,725.00**
Other donations	6,786.00	51.21			6,837.21				1,450.00	110.00	**8,397.21**
Appeals and events					-			2,644.90			**2,644.90**
Circuit assessment	41,980.00				41,980.00						**41,980.00**
Junior & Messy Church	88.99				88.99						**88.99**
General expenditure	7,719.81	10.00		160.64	7,890.45				37.40		**7,927.85**
Property expenditure	16,974.85				16,974.85						**16,974.85**
General					-						**-**
Toilet refurbishment	1,143.74				1,143.74	1,552.00					**2,695.74**
	84,218.39	61.21	0.00	360.64	84,640.24	1,552.00	0.00	2,644.90	1,487.40	110.00	**90,434.54**
TRANSFER											
Toilet refurbishment (refund of Cox bequest)	- 1,551.42	1,551.42									
Closing balance - 31/8/20.	39,993.81	8,543.63	1,005.57	354.44	49,897.45	-	10,008.64	60.00	432.53	-	**60,398.62**

Movements on reserves during the year

	Unrestricted					Restricted					
	General fund	Richard Cox bequest	Memorable donations	Coffee fund	Sub total	Property projects	Memorable donation	Appeals fund	Thursday Friendship	Just Women	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening balance - 1/9/20.	39,993.81	8,543.63	1,005.57	354.44	49,897.45	-	10,008.64	60.00	432.53	-	**60,398.62**
INCOME											
Collections & gift aid	73,821.08				73,821.08						**73,821.08**
Donations & gift aid					-		2,500.00		26.61		**2,526.61**
Lettings	10,679.34				10,679.34						**10,679.34**
Interest	44.54	28.83			73.37		16.70		0.63		**90.70**
Bequest		23.49			23.49						**23.49**
Toilet refurbishment grant					-						-
Appeals					-			781.71			**781.71**
Other income	299.00			25.00	324.00						**324.00**
	84,843.96	52.32	0.00	25.00	84,921.28	0.00	2,516.70	781.71	27.24	0.00	**88,246.93**
EXPENDITURE											
Methodist donations	4,266.00				4,266.00						**4,266.00**
Other donations	2,021.60				2,021.60						**2,021.60**
Appeals and events					-			607.00	435.08		**1,042.08**
Circuit assessment	43,402.00				43,402.00						**43,402.00**
General expenditure	8,444.37	17.09			8,461.46						**8,461.46**
Property expenditure - general	10,871.07				10,871.07						**10,871.07**
	69,005.04	17.09	0.00	0.00	69,022.13	0.00	0.00	607.00	435.08	0.00	**70,064.21**
Closing balance - 31/8/21.	**55,832.73**	**8,578.86**	**1,005.57**	**379.44**	**65,796.60**	**0.00**	**12,525.34**	**234.71**	**24.69**	**0.00**	**78,581.34**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon (Charity No. 1184115)

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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.

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:

1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or

2 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I 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.

Jodie McDermott FCCA
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Oxfordshire, OX5 1LQ

Haines Watts

Date: 5/4/22

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Circuit	Circuit no	23/2

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1184115
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. Ian T Griffiths

Church Stewards:

David Perrow

Tim Coward

Martin Appleyard

Helen Appleyard

Rosemary Perrow (till 19/2/21)

Treasurer:

Richard Matthews (Acting Treasurer)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon — **Church**

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	**Note**					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		73,821		**73,821**		73,969
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		74	16	**90**		344
a4	Lettings		10,679		**10,679**		9,997
a5	Other receipts		347	2,500	**2,847**		14,490
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**84,921**	**2,516**	**87,437**	**(a7)**	**98,800**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		43,402		**43,402**		41,980
b3	Donations		6,288		**6,288**		16,562
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		6,826		**6,826**		14,213
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		4,045		**4,045**		5,458
b6							
b7	Other payments		8,460		**8,460**		7,979
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**69,021**		**69,021**	**(b9)**	**86,192**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	15,900	2,516	**18,416**		12,608
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		49,897	10,009	**59,906**	**(c6)**	47,298
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	65,797	12,525	**78,322**		**59,906**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					**(c7)**	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**65,797**	**12,525**	**78,322**	**(c8)**	**59,906** **(c6)**

Note that £313 website costs has been reallocated to other payments from repairs and maintenance in the comparative period.

	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	60	(455)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	782	3,160
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	607	2,645
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**235**	**60**

All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdo **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 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	
e1	**Thursday Friendship**	27		435		(408)			433		25	
e2	**Just Women**											
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	27		435		(408)			433	(e11)	25	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**87,437**	(a7)	**69,021**	(b9)	**18,416**		(c7)	**59,906**	(c6)	**78,322**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**87,464**		**69,456**		**18,008**			**60,339**	(x)	**78,347**	(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	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	23,636		41,978	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	27,727		27,765	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	8,543		8,579	
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**59,906**	(c6)	**78,322**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**433**	(e11)	**25**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**60,339**	(x)	**78,347**	(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)	1,945,792	1,967,180
g3	Other Assets	111,674	108,405
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities	790	1,771

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Notes to the accounts

1. Going concern - basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees, having regard to the available cash resources and budgeted income and expenditure for the year 2021/22, have a reasonable expectation that the Church will continue in operational existence as a going concern and meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The Trustees are thankful for the generosity of giving by church members even while the church was closed for a period during 2020/21. The Trustees recognise that letting income may be lower than normal in the forthcoming 12 months, but significant property spend is not anticipated and budgeted expenditure includes discretionary donations to Methodist and other charitable organisations which could be phased if necessary.

Name of Church . **All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 ..... Date 26/3/2022

Name and address of treasurer ..... RICHARD MATTHEWS,
32, ABBOT ROAD, ABINGDON
..... Post Code OX14 2DH.

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 26 March 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV IAN T. GRIFFITHS ..... Date 26/03/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon.....[Church]

Charity Number . 1184115

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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.

Name of Church . All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon No. 1184115

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Signature of independent examiner J. McDermott

Name of independent examiner Janet McDERMOTT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) HAINES WATTS

Address 3 DANEBROOK COURT LANGFORD LANE KIDLINGTON OXFORD Post Code OX5 1LQ

Date 5/4/22