

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021      Period start date  
To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022          Period end date

Charity name: All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon

Charity registration number: 1184115.

## Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	SORP reference	
	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) are as follows:</p> <p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of –</p> <p>(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;</p> <p>(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.</p> <p>The Mission Statement of All Saints states that we seek to:</p> <p><i>Share our faith in worship and study;</i></p> <p><i>Reflect Christ's accepting love in friendship and caring;</i></p> <p><i>Help each other face any difficulties and doubts;</i></p> <p><i>Explore together what it means to be God's people in today's world.</i></p>

<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The provision of a sacred place (a building) for prayer, contemplation and spiritual exploration.</li> <li>• The teaching of Christianity, exploration of faith and providing nurture for individuals through sermons, courses and group activities.</li> <li>• Pastoral work including visiting and supporting the sick and bereaved among the congregation.</li> <li>• The provision of youth activities open to the local community.</li> <li>• Promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and children, and other specific needs groups.</li> <li>• The provision of hospitality and support for vulnerable people.</li> <li>• Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially, with prayer, appeals and fund-raising events, and in some cases with volunteering by individuals.</li> <li>• Letting the premises to a variety of church, charitable, community groups and individuals for events, concerts, celebrations etc.</li> <li>• Providing use of the premises for free to local guiding and scout groups who provide activities for young people.</li> </ul> <p><u>Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic – return to normality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have confirmed at the Church Council held on 18 January 2023 that:</p> <p>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.</p>

## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>All Saints has registered to be able to conduct same sex marriages.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>

		<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• All Saints have continued to support community groups, with use of the Church premises returning to pre-COVID 19 levels.</li> </ul>
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#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See the earlier sections on activities and main achievements.</li> </ul>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly and monthly contributions from members and the congregation cover the main operational expenses, including the circuit assessment, operational expenditure and routine property maintenance.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• See also the Financial Review below.</li> </ul>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investments are held centrally by the Methodist Central Finance Board.</li> </ul>
Other		



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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 &amp; Abingdon Circuit which was used in the prior year and to which the Church is no longer a party.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>



Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>Church funds include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £67,195 (2020/ 21 £65,797) (unrestricted)</li> <li>• £12,578 (2020/ 21 £12,525) (restricted)</li> <li>• £79,773 (2020/21 £78,322) (total)</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>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).</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>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.</p> <p>All Saints holds funds in its own bank accounts. Until September 2021, funds were held in Wantage &amp; 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.</p>

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Risk Register &amp; Regular Risk Review process – financial; property/fire; safeguarding and activity/events risks. Risks are discussed by Church Council.</p> <p>COVID-19 represented a principal risk to the Church due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the risk of infection to members and community groups using our facilities if hygiene/cleaning is poor or precautions are not maintained.</li> <li>the impact on the Church's financial resources, given the prolonged period of either shutdown or restricted numbers for attendance at church services.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>The Church takes professional advice as required. Safeguarding policies and procedures are in place.</p> <p>Specific risks of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the medium term, possible decline in Church membership and attendance leading to loss of income from collections, combined with higher operational costs</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
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## 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	<p>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 <a href="https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/office-holders/managing-trustees/">https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/office-holders/managing-trustees/</a></p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>All Saints Methodist Church Abingdon ("All Saints") is one of 9 congregations comprising The Wantage &amp; 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

### 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		Ex officio
		Church Steward (since 1 June 2022)		
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
<b>The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)</b>	
<b>Wantage &amp; Abingdon Circuit</b>	



### 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
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## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2022**

<b>Wantage &amp; Abingdon Methodist Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>23/2</b>
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**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 (appointed 1 June 2022)
Dawn Tyrell (appointed 1 June 2022)
Helen Appleyard (resigned 1 June 2022)
Martin Appleyard (resigned 1 June 2022)
Tim Coward (resigned 1 June 2022)
David Perrow (resigned 1 June 2022)

**Treasurer:**

Richard Matthews (Acting Treasurer)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	68,737		<b>68,737</b>	73,821
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	104	53	<b>157</b>	90
a4	Lettings	14,126		<b>14,126</b>	10,679
a5	Other receipts	305		<b>305</b>	2,847
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>83,272</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>83,325 (a7)</b>	<b>87,437</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	43,831		<b>43,831</b>	43,402
b3	Donations*	13,737		<b>13,737</b>	6,288
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,308		<b>11,308</b>	6,826
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,123		<b>5,123</b>	4,045
b6					
b7	Other payments	7,875		<b>7,875</b>	8,460
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>81,874</b>		<b>81,874 (b9)</b>	<b>69,021</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a6-b8)	1,398	53	<b>1,451</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		65,797	12,525	<b>78,322 (c6)</b>
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	67,195	12,578	<b>79,773</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	<b>67,195</b>	<b>12,578</b>	<b>79,773 (c8)</b>
					<b>78,322 (c6)</b>

\*Includes £1,000 donation refunded in September 2022 and £1,000 donation paid in September 2021 but budgeted in 2020/2

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	235	60
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,969	782
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,891	607
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>235</b>
	(d1+d2-d3)		



**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 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
1 Friendship					25	25
2 Just Women	143	115	28			28
3 Men's Group	46		46			46
4						
5						
6						
7						
8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	189	115	74		25 (e11)	99 (e12)
9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	83,325 (a7)	81,874 (b9)	1,451	(c7)	78,322 (c6)	79,773 (c8)
10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	83,514	81,989	1,525		78,347 (x)	79,872 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
1 Cash in hand		
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
6 Other funds		
7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	78,322 (c6)	79,773 (c8)
8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	25 (e11)	99 (e12)
9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	78,347 (x)	79,872 (y)

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

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
1 Investments (include Endowments)		
2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,967,180	2,041,711
3 Other Assets	108,405	113,362
4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
5 Other Liabilities	1,771	1,653

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2022**

<b>Wantage &amp; Abingdon Methodist Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>23/2</b>
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**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 (appointed 1 June 2022)
Dawn Tyrell (appointed 1 June 2022)
Helen Appleyard (resigned 1 June 2022)
Martin Appleyard (resigned 1 June 2022)
Tim Coward (resigned 1 June 2022)
David Perrow (resigned 1 June 2022)

**Treasurer:**

Richard Matthews (Acting Treasurer)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	68,737		<b>68,737</b>	73,821
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	104	53	<b>157</b>	90
a4	Lettings	14,126		<b>14,126</b>	10,679
a5	Other receipts	305		<b>305</b>	2,847
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>83,272</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>83,325 (a7)</b>	<b>87,437</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	43,831		<b>43,831</b>	43,402
b3	Donations*	13,737		<b>13,737</b>	6,288
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,308		<b>11,308</b>	6,826
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,123		<b>5,123</b>	4,045
b6					
b7	Other payments	7,875		<b>7,875</b>	8,460
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>81,874</b>		<b>81,874 (b9)</b>	<b>69,021</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	1,398	53	<b>1,451</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		65,797	12,525	<b>78,322 (c6)</b>
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	67,195	12,578	<b>79,773</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>67,195</b>	<b>12,578</b>	<b>79,773 (c8)</b>
					<b>78,322 (c6)</b>

\*Includes £1,000 donation refunded in September 2022 and £1,000 donation paid in September 2021 but budgeted in 2020/2

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	235	60
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,969	782
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,891	607
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>235</b>
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		



**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
1 Friendship					25	25
2 Just Women	143	115	28			28
3 Men's Group	46		46			46
4						
5						
6						
7						
8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	189	115	74		25 (e11)	99 (e12)
9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	83,325 (a7)	81,874 (b9)	1,451	(c7)	78,322 (c6)	79,773 (c8)
10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	83,514	81,989	1,525		78,347 (x)	79,872 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
1 Cash in hand		
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
6 Other funds		
7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	78,322 (c6)	79,773 (c8)
8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	25 (e11)	99 (e12)
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
1 Investments (include Endowments)		
2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,967,180	2,041,711
3 Other Assets	108,405	113,362
4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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