

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022      Period start date  
To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023      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	The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) are as follows:
	Para 1.17	<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>

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	<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>
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 2024 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	
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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. 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.</li> <li>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.</li> <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 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.</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>
		<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> </ul>

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</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>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).</li> <li>The other main source of income is lettings to pre school and other community groups. Lettings income totalled £18,408 (2021/22 £14,126).</li> <li>There was an increase in interest income to £1,245 (2021/22 £157) reflecting higher interest rates available on funds.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	



		<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>Church funds include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£75,677 (2021/ 22 £67,195) (unrestricted)</li> <li>£13,015 (2021/ 22 £12,578) (restricted)</li> <li>£88,692 (2021/ 22 £79,773) (total)</li> </ul> <p>Funds of Church organisations (restricted) total £142 (2021/ 22 £99).</p> <p>The unrestricted reserves are therefore £75,677 (2021/ 22 £67,195) and £66,831 (2021/ 22 £58,601) 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	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. At August 2023, funds of £50,996 (2021/ 22 £43,298) 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 £28,850 (2021/ 22 £27,881). The Richard Cox Bequest monies, totalling £8,846 (2021/ 22 £8,594) 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: <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>• Church Council have been considering the implications of 'sustainable circuit' arising as there will be fewer presbyters from September 2025 and many volunteer members of the church are becoming older. Various options have been explored and discussed by Church Council but no decisions made to date.</li> </ul>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)



(trust deed, royal charter)		The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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.  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 <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>
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, 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 and Margaret Ellwood (who was appointed on 26 March 2023). There are 18 Managing Trustees currently registered with the Charity Commission.</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting was held in person on 26 March 2023 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	Safeguarding Officer and Church in Abingdon representative (from 28 September 2023)		Annual Church Meeting
2	Alistair Batey			Annual Church Meeting
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)		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
18	Rev'd Keith Underhill	Minister & Circuit Superintendent		Ex officio
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		

**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 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)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
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	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>92,253</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>92,690 (a7)</b>	<b>83,325</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
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	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>83,771</b>		<b>83,771 (b9)</b>	<b>81,874</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	8,482	437	8,919
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		67,195	12,578	79,773 (c6)
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	75,677	13,015	88,692
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>75,677</b>	<b>13,015</b>	<b>88,692 (c8)</b>

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures 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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>313</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 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
e2 Just Women	532	489	43		28	71
e3 Men's Group					46	46
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	532	489	43		99 (e11)	142 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	92,690 (a7)	83,771 (b9)	8,919	(c7)	79,773 (c6)	88,692 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	93,222	84,260	8,962		79,872 (x)	88,834 (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 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
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	79,773 (c6)	88,692 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	99 (e11)	142 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	79,872 (x)	88,834 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,041,711	2,296,952
g3 Other Assets	113,362	124,970
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	1,653	3,434

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)

**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 2023-24, 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 and the recovery of letting income now the Church has reopened. Despite significantly higher operational costs forecast in the next 12 months, 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 No. 1184115

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 Mathews Date 17/3/24  
Name and address of treasurer RICHARD MATHEWS  
32, ABBOTT RD, ABINGDON Post Code OX14 2DQ

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 18 January 2024.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]  
Name of the Chair of the meeting IAN TIMOTHY GRIFFITHS Date 17/3/24

### 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 the ...All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon ['the Church'] for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 2 to 4. 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.



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### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner .....  .....

Name of independent examiner ...George Style .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ... ~~ECCA~~ ACA .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...Cooper Parry Advisory Limited.....

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

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

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

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Minister:

Rev Ian T Griffiths

Church Stewards:

Sue Butler

Dawn Tyrell

Margaret Ellwood (appointed 26 March 2023)

Treasurer:

Richard Matthews (Acting Treasurer)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
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	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>92,253</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>92,690 (a7)</b>	<b>83,325</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
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	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>83,771</b>		<b>83,771 (b9)</b>	<b>81,874</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	8,482	437	8,919
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		67,195	12,578	79,773 (c6)
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	75,677	13,015	88,692
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>75,677</b>	<b>13,015</b>	<b>88,692 (c8)</b>

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures 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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>313</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 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
e2 Just Women	532	489	43		28	71
e3 Men's Group					46	46
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	532	489	43		99 (e11)	142 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	92,690 (a7)	83,771 (b9)	8,919	(c7)	79,773 (c6)	88,692 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	93,222	84,260	8,962		79,872 (x)	88,834 (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 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
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	79,773 (c6)	88,692 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	99 (e11)	142 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	79,872 (x)	88,834 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,041,711	2,296,952
g3 Other Assets	113,362	124,970
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	1,653	3,434

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)

**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 2023-24, 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 and the recovery of letting income now the Church has reopened. Despite significantly higher operational costs forecast in the next 12 months, 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 No. 1184115

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 Mathews ..... Date ..... 17/3/24 .....  
Name and address of treasurer ..... RICHARD MATTHEWS .....  
..... 32, ABBOTT RD, ABINGDON ..... Post Code ..... OX14 2DQ .....

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 18 January 2024.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... [Signature] .....  
Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... IAN TIMOTHY GRIFFITHS ..... Date ..... 17/3/24 .....

### 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 the ...All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon ['the Church'] for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 2 to 4. 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 .....  .....

Name of independent examiner ...George Style .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ... ~~ECCA~~ ACA .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...Cooper Parry Advisory Limited.....

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

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

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