

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
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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)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	80,561	13,166	93,727 (c8)	88,692 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	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

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 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 Day 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 RR 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 [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting ROD GERGINA BENAZI-SIMMONS Date 6-2-25

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 ChurchAll 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*

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2023
To 31st August 2024

Period start date
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	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(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. <p>The Mission Statement of All Saints states that we seek to:</p> <p><i>Share our faith in worship and study;</i> <i>Reflect Christ's accepting love in friendship and caring;</i> <i>Help each other face any difficulties and doubts;</i> <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"> • 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	<p>The Trustees have confirmed at the Church Council held on 6 February 2025 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"> • 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.
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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"> • See the earlier sections on activities and main achievements.
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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		<p>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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 maintenance). • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Church funds include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £80,561 (2022/ 23 £75,677) (unrestricted) • £13,166 (2022/ 23 £13,015) (restricted) • £93,727 (2022/ 23 £88,692) (total) <p>Funds of Church organisations (restricted) total £114 (2022/ 23 £142).</p> <p>The unrestricted reserves are therefore £80,561 (2022/ 23 £75,677) and £71,262 (2022/ 23 £66,831) 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). 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 £50,936) 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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 8 congregations comprising The Warrage & 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 Mission Action, 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. During 2023/24, the presbyter was Rev. Ian Griffiths. The Secretary of the All Saints Church Council is Sue Russell and the current Stewards are Sue Butler, Dawn Tyrell, Margaret Ellwood and, from 28 April 2024, Helen Appleyard. There are 18 Managing Trustees currently registered with the Charity Commission. The Annual Church Meeting was held in person on 28 April 2024 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	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 Representative and Junior Church representative		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		

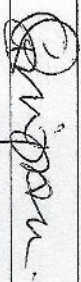
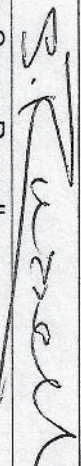
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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	