

CHRISTCHURCH (METHODIST AND UNITED REFORMED) GRANTHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1187168

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-12-31

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO):A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Activities: The Church exists to: Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.Help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care.Become a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.Make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Classification

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

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£91,669	£91,984	-	-
2023-12-31	£111,969	£104,659	-	-
2022-12-31	£66,874	£81,559	-	-
2021-12-31	£80,416	£59,741	-	-
2020-12-31	£78,368	£64,038	-	-

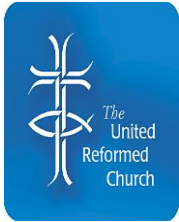
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan John Greenslade		2020-01-14
Christopher Alwyn Morgan		2020-01-14
Isabella McIntyre Wyatt		2020-01-14
Jean Lightbody Breckenridge		2020-01-14
John Heald		2020-01-14
John Trevor Ridsdale		2020-01-14
June Elizabeth Ruddock		2024-04-09
Lesley Pamela Mees		2020-01-14
Marion Elaine Bevan		2020-01-14
Rev Neil Andrew Maynard		2025-09-01
Ruth Margaret Hinch		2024-04-09
Susan Sulston		2019-03-19

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The **Methodist Church** 

CHRISTCHURCH
FINKIN STREET
GRANTHAM
NG31 6QZ
A Welcoming Local Ecumenical Partnership

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024.

Introduction:

The accounts are being prepared and will be submitted to the Independent Examiner, and show a true reflection of payments and income over the financial year which runs from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

Aims and organisation:

ChristChurch is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. It is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit in the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, and the United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod.

The Church Mission statement was developed in line with those of the two sponsoring denominations using the five marks of mission. We seek to make our worship stimulating, challenging and relevant to the needs of our congregation. We share in fellowship through study, fundraising activities and social groups.

Review of the year:

The members of the Ecumenical Church Council, (E.C.C.) are the Managing Trustees of ChristChurch.

2024 has been a challenging year with the Church and Church Members being affected by the “Cost of Living Crisis” and the general inflation. On the positive side we have gained some new lettings. The Managing Trustees (E.C.C.) were kept fully updated on the Financial situation locally. and ECC having fully assessed all the risks and mitigations put in place. Risk Assessments were reviewed and updated. Probably the factor that has affected us most, especially the financial side, is the Cost-of-Living Crisis. As a Church we have suffered just as much as individuals have and we have seen our Utility bills soar to 3 times more than it had been previously.

Income:

The church's regular income is primarily drawn from the giving of Church members, Sunday collections, regular coffee mornings and letting income from users hiring rooms. For 2024 this income has been slightly reduced than the expectation, due to the loss of a number of Members who gave generously via direct bank payments to Church. However, the Congregation have continued to supply their offerings by direct bank payments, for which the Trustees are very grateful. Without this support and financial help, it would not be possible to maintain the premises to a satisfactory standard and develop them to serve the Church's mission more effectively.

Expenditure:

The major regular expenditure is the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit, and the

Ministry and Mission payment made to the U.R.C. East Midlands Synod, the contribution made by ChristChurch to the costs met centrally by the Circuit and the Synod, including the stipends and Manse costs for Ministers. Additional costs this year have related to ongoing maintenance issues that arise from the running and maintenance of a Grade II listed building over 175 years old in a conservation area.

Fund Balances:

As stated in the first paragraph, the accounts are being prepared for the Independent Examiner. As of 31st December 2024, we had the following balances in our accounts:

H.S.B.C. (working account)	£36,390	(2023 £29,847)
H.S.B.C. (Kenwick Drive account)	£7,497	(2023 £6,688)
H.S.B.C. (Friends account)	£1,431	(2023 £1331)
Central Finance Board Account.	£64,965	(2023 £63,120)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (T.M.C.P.) Account	£14,782	(2023 £14,782)
TOTAL	£125,065	£115,768

As can be seen from those figures we have £9,297 more in our accounts as of the same time in 2023. In my view this is quite an achievement considering our expected total expenditure for the year, but I do want to comment too much on this until the Standard Form of Accounts are received back from the Independent Examiner.

Financially, we also have the monies in the ChristChurch Community Project Account which is administered by June Ruddock, the balance in this account is £7,300

Plans:

During 2025 there are a number of plans that will require to be finalised.

- a) The next Phase of the Community Project, has been fully discussed and consulted up on, to redevelop the rear of Church, to make this into a more accessible and working area, for members of Church and other Church users. The architects work needed, went out to tender and cbp Architects of Nottingham were the successful architects. We have been in regular contact with them and they have prepared plans for the work. The relevant procedures in relation to the Methodist Consents process has commenced on line and has received favourable comments from the Methodist Conservation Officer.
- b) The building itself is a Grade II listed building, in an important Conservation area and due to its age will always require maintenance, and because of its status, this does mean that any work and advice can be expensive.
- c) The Quinquennial report was completed during 2022 and there are still a number of issues here that do need to be investigated and resolved – This work has already commenced, and will hopefully be completed within the proposed Project.

Basis of preparation and legal framework:

ChristChurch accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the guidance from the Methodist Church and will be presented at the Church meeting in April 2024, for approval, once they have been returned from the Independent Examiner.

Full Name of Church – ChristChurch L.E.P. – The Church is registered as a charity. Due to the annual income. This was approved by the Charity Commission and ChristChurch L.E.P. is now a Registered Charity (Charity No. 1187168).

The members of the ChristChurch Ecumenical Council are the Managing Trustees, membership being made up of office holders, representatives appointed by the Church at the Annual General Meeting with a Circuit Representative.

The treasurer, Mr Chris Morgan, has acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mrs Susan RADFORD, Screveton Road, Car Colston, Nottingham NG13 7ND

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Presented to ChristChurch L.E.P. E.C.C. meeting of January 2025 for the report to be discussed and the request that full approval given to the report.

Chris. Morgan, Treasurer, ChristChurch L.E.P. (January 2025)

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STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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Mrs Sue Sulston Mr John Heald
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Mrs Lesley Mees

Treasurer:

Mr Chris Morgan

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	36,256		36,256	38,927
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	718		718	583
a4	Lettings	20,475		20,475	19,469
a5	Other receipts	27,692	6,528	34,220	52,990
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	85,141	6,528	91,669 (a7)	111,969

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	26,087		26,087	24,323
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,404		11,404	26,661
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,869		19,869	33,861
b6					
b7	Other payments	18,514	16,110	34,624	19,814
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	75,874	16,110	91,984 (b9)	104,659

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	9,267	(9,582)	(315)	7,310
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	132,791		132,791 (c6)	125,481	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	142,058	(9,582)	132,476	132,791
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	142,058	(9,582)	132,476 (c8)	132,791 (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	297	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	150	667
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	200	370
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	247

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Community Project	6,368	16,050	(9,682)		17,023	7,341
e2 Friends	160	60	100		1,331	1,431
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6,528	16,110	(9,582)		18,354 (e11)	8,772 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	91,669 (a7)	91,984 (b9)	(315)	(c7)	132,791 (c6)	132,476 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	98,197	108,094	(9,897)		151,145 (x)	141,248 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 December 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	29,847	36,390
f3 Bank Deposit Account	6,688	7,567
f4 Central Finance Board	63,120	64,965
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	14,782	14,782
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	114,437 (c6)	123,704 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	18,354 (e11)	8,772 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	132,791 (x)	132,476 (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)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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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)

Name of Church ChristChurch L.E.P.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 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 *CAMorgan* Date *2/2/25*

Name and address of treasurer *Christopher MORGAN*

10, Manchester Way, GRANTHAM Post Code *NG31 8RR*

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *6th 25*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *[Signature]*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *P STEVENSON* Date *2³ 25*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages ... to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church CHRIST CHURCH No

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner MRS SUSAN RADFORD


Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2023

SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	38,927	36,089
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	583	100
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b6	Other payments	19,814	15,371
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	104,659	81,559
SECTION C			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	7,310	(14,685)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	125,481 (c7)	140,166
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	132,791	125,481 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church		
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents		
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 December	£ 14,782.00	£ 14,747.00
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	63,120	59,062
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	54,889	51,637
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	132,791	125,446
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year		220
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	667	
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	370	220
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)	297	

Name of Church Christ Church

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 *C.A. Morgan* Date *20/2/24*

Name and address of treasurer *C.A. MORGAN*

10, Manchester Way, GRANTHAM Post Code *NG318RR*

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 ^{December} ~~August~~ 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *21-3-24*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *[Signature]*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *P STEVENSON* Date *21/3/24* ¹¹⁹⁴⁹¹

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Christ Church

Charity Number 1187168 #####

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 ^{December} ~~August~~ 2023 set out on pages ... to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church . Christ Church

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/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  119491

Name of independent examiner Mrs Susan Radford

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address Cordwainers Car Colston Notts

..... #####
..... Post Code .. NG138JG

Date 15/02/2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

Form reviewed May-23



CHRISTCHURCH
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A Welcoming Local Ecumenical Partnership

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023.

Introduction:

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Review of the year:

The members of the Ecumenical Church Council, (E.C.C.) are the Managing Trustees of ChristChurch.

2023 has been a challenging year with the Church still being affected by the Covid 19 pandemic although things have improved on this aspect, but Covid is still around and as a Church we do need to be mindful of that especially with some of our more vulnerable congregation. Our lettings have almost returned to normal. On the positive side we have also gained some new lettings. The Managing Trustees (E.C.C.) were kept fully updated on the Covid situation locally. and ECC having fully assessed all the risks and mitigations put in place. The Risk Assessment was regularly reviewed and updated. Probably the factor that has affected us most, especially the financial side, is the Cost-of-Living Crisis. As a Church we have suffered just as much as individuals have and we have seen our gas and electricity bills soar to 3 times more than it had been previously.

Income:

The church's regular income is primarily drawn from the giving of Church members, Sunday collections, regular coffee mornings and letting income from users hiring rooms. For 2023 this income has been slightly reduced than the expectation, due to the cautiousness of some of our groups returning to hire the rooms and the relevant reduction of attendance once the premises were opened. However, the Congregation have continued to supply their offerings by direct bank payments, for which the Trustees are very grateful. Without this support and financial help, it would not be possible to maintain the premises to a satisfactory standard and develop them to serve the Church's mission more effectively.

Expenditure:

The major regular expenditure is the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit, and the Ministry and Mission payment made to the U.R.C. East Midlands Synod, the contribution made by ChristChurch to the costs met centrally by the Circuit and the Synod, including the stipends and Manse costs for Ministers. Additional costs this year have related to ongoing maintenance issues that arise from the running and maintenance of a Grade II listed building over 175 years old in a conservation area. Repairs this year were just under £34k (the previous year they were just over £20k) but we have had the Shepherd Hall roof replaced, and new flooring in the Shepherd Hall and also had the ceiling repair in the Sanctuary fully completed, so all in all I believe this is an acceptable figure

Fund Balances:

As stated in the first paragraph, the accounts are being prepared for the Independent Examiner. As of 31st December 2023, we had the following balances in our accounts:

H.S.B.C. (working account)	£29,847	(2022 £30,212)
H.S.B.C. (Kenwick Drive account)	£6,688	(2022 £6,354)
H.S.B.C. (Friends account)	£1331	(2022 £1,418.)
Central Finance Board Account.	£63,120	(2022 £59,062)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (T.M.C.P.) Account	£14,782	(2022 £14,782)
TOTAL	£115,768	£111,828

As can be seen from those figures we have £3,940 more in our accounts as of 31/12/23 as, the same time, the previous year. In my view this is quite an achievement considering our expected total expenditure for the year, but I do want to comment too much on this until the Standard Form of Accounts are received back from the Independent Examiner.

Plans:

During 2024 there are a number of plans that will require to be finalised

- a) The next Phase of the Community Project, has been fully discussed and consulted up on, to redevelop the rear of Church, to make this into a more accessible and working area, for members of Church and other Church users. The architects work needed, went out to tender and cbp Architects of Nottingham were the successful architects. We have been in regular contact with them and they are preparing plans for the work. The initial cost for this (architects) work as agreed with cbp is £60k which has been approved by E.C.C. However cbp are hopeful that this amount will be reduced, because of the recent changes that have been proposed.
- b) The building itself is a Grade II listed building, in an important Conservation area and due to its age will always require maintenance, and because of its status, this does mean that any work and advice can be expensive.
- c) The Quinquennial report was completed during 2022 and there are still a number of issues here that do need to be investigated and resolved – This work has already commenced, and will hopefully be completed within the proposed Project.

Basis of preparation and legal framework:

ChristChurch accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the guidance from the Methodist Church and will be presented at the Church meeting in April 2023, for approval, once they have been returned from the Independent Examiner.

Full Name of Church – ChristChurch L.E.P. – The Church is registered as a charity. Due to the annual income. This was approved by the Charity Commission and ChristChurch L.E.P. is now a Registered Charity (Charity No. 1187168).

The members of the ChristChurch Ecumenical Council are the Managing Trustees, membership being made up of office holders, representatives appointed by the Church at the Annual General Meeting with a Circuit Representative.

The treasurer, Mr Chris Morgan, has acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

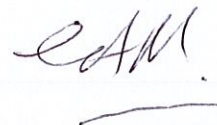
Independent Examiner: Mrs Susan RADFORD, Screveton Road, Car Colston, Nottingham NG13 7ND

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Presented to ChristChurch L.E.P. E.C.C. meeting of January 2024 for the report to be discussed and the request that full approval given to the report.

Chris. Morgan, Treasurer, ChristChurch L.E.P. (January 2024)

Agreed. 11/1/24



ChristChurch Methodist/United Reformed Church L.E.P

Reserves Policy 2024

This policy relates to bank accounts held by

- Central Finance Board
- HSBC
- T.M.C.P.

- **What are Reserves?**

A reserve is an amount of money held by the church to carry out its ongoing commitments and set aside for specific purposes. These monies may be classified as: Unrestricted, which are the general funds of the church, Restricted, which means their use is restricted under the provisions of a trust deed, or Endowed, which in most cases only allows the interest to be used by the church.

- **Planned expenditure**

Usual running costs

Surplus funds to cover unforeseen expenditure

Property repairs and maintenance (including quinquennial inspection outcomes)

Planned developments in the property at ChristChurch, which includes the ChristChurch Community Project

It is **“best practice”** that any organisation should keep at least 6mths of expenditure in reserve.

For 2024, I would recommend that the reserve is set at **£38,000** the same as last year

Total expenditure for 2023 was just over £94k, (more than the previous year of approx. £76k). During 2023 we were able to maintain the reserves, despite the difficult times and we are more fortunate than a number of other Churches in the area. It is seen as best practice to hold approx. 6 months expenditure figure as a Reserve. However, our expenditure for 2023 was unusually high due to the fact of the costly replacement of the Shepherd Hall Roof, and the new flooring in the Shepherd Hall which obviously will not need doing again for some time. So, as I have said, I recommend that the reserve remains the same as last year

Income can be unpredictable e.g., lettings, giving. Thus, it is important to ensure there is a reserve to cover all essential costs e.g., assessment, utilities, and maintenance.

The Treasurer/Managing Trustees will monitor the church finances at regular intervals to ensure the reserve is kept, where possible, and action taken if the reserve is not maintained, I have not recommended an increase in the amount for this year, because last year's expenses were unusually high, as stated. However, to take into account cost of living increases, especially the energy costs and increased costs for any work that needs to be carried out due to the age of the building and the fact that it is a Grade II listed building in an important Conservation area within Grantham town centre, it is important to maintain this flexibility and the reserves.

2023 has obviously been a challenging year, the Covid 19 pandemic is still with us, the “Cost of

Living Crisis" and major repairs and maintenance that have been carried out. Our Income has increased, in 2023 with lettings income starting to get back to pre-Covid figures. Income from the coffee mornings, has reduced, as it was decided not to charge for coffee but to ask for donations. However, our Congregation have remained very supportive, and regular giving has carried on through giving via direct bank payments and the Stewardship account, and the Gift Aid payment received.

- **Money set aside for projects**

Money may be set aside from the reserves towards a long-term project. However, not to the risk to general church finances. This money will be listed as such to evidence why it is not being used currently.

ChristChurch is currently developing the ChristChurch Community Project, which is part of the overall development vision that our premises should be used to develop town centre ministry and serve the poor and marginalised in the town. It is hoped that during 2024, the next phase, which has been consulted on will be planned.

ChristChurch is looking at the possibility of redeveloping the rear of the Church to make this a more accessible and useable place for all our congregation and other users of the premises.


- **All reserves should be earning interest where possible.**

No interest is earned in the HSBC accounts. So where possible larger sums of money will be transferred to the CFB account where interest can be earned.

- **The Reserves policy will be reviewed each financial year.**

Trustees are under a general legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable time of receiving them. If reserves are held without reasonable justification the trustees may be in breach of trust.

- **The treasurer will report to General Church Council, advising reserve status.**

Signature CAM  Date January 2024

Accepted at Ecumenical Church Council Date 11/1/24

Accepted at General Church Council Date 21/1/24

Review due 31/12/2024

CHRISTCHURCH (METHODIST AND UNITED REFORMED) GRANTHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1187168

Accounts



The **Methodist Church** 

CHRISTCHURCH
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Treasurer's Annual Report 2022.

Introduction:

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Review of the year:

The members of the Ecumenical Church Council, (E.C.C.) are the Managing Trustees of ChristChurch.

2022 has obviously been a challenging year due to the Covid 19 pandemic although things have improved on this aspect, but Covid is still around and as a Church we do need to be mindful of that especially with some of our more vulnerable congregation. Our lettings have started to return during the year but there are a couple who have not, but on the positive side we have also gained some new lettings. The Managing Trustees (E.C.C.) were kept fully updated on the Covid situation and the decision to open was made by this group having fully assessed all the risks and mitigations put in place. The Risk Assessment was regularly reviewed and updated as restrictions were eased during the year. Probably the factor that has effected us most, especially the financial side, is the Cost of Living Crisis. As a Church we have suffered just as much as individuals have and at the beginning of the year we saw our gas and electricity bills soar to 3 times more than the previous year.

Income:

The church's regular income is primarily drawn from the giving of Church members, Sunday collections, regular coffee mornings and letting income from users hiring rooms. For 2022 this income has been reduced, due to the cautiousness of some of our groups returning to hire the rooms and the relevant reduction of attendance once the premises were opened. However, the Congregation have continued to supply their offerings by direct bank payments, for which the Trustees are very grateful. Without this support and financial help, it would not be possible to maintain the premises to a satisfactory standard and develop them to serve the Church's mission more effectively.

Expenditure:

The major regular expenditure is the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit, and the Ministry and Mission payment made to the U.R.C. East Midlands Synod, the contribution made by ChristChurch to the costs met centrally by the Circuit and the Synod, including the stipends and Manse costs for Ministers. Additional costs this year have related to ongoing maintenance issues that arise from the running and maintenance of a Grade II listed building over 175 years old in a conservation area.

Fund Balances:

As stated in the first paragraph, the accounts are with the Independent Examiner. As of 31st December 2022, we had the following balances in our accounts:

H.S.B.C. (working account)	£30,212	(2021	£46,583)
H.S.B.C. (Kenwick Drive account)	£6,354	(2021	£6718)
H.S.B.C. (Friends account)	£1,418.	(2021	£1,418)
Central Finance Board Account.	£59,062	(2021	£59,713)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (T.M.C.P.) Account	£14,782	(2021	£14,747)
TOTAL	£111,828		£129,179

As can be seen from those figures we have over £17k less in our accounts as of 31/12/22 as the previous year. This is due to increased costs due to the Cost of Living Crisis and repairs that have been needed to keep the premises fit for purpose, and the fact that we did have a legacy left us in 2021.

The building itself is a Grade II listed building, in an important Conservation area and due to its age will always require maintenance, and because of its status, this does mean that any work and advice can be expensive.

The Quinquennial report was completed during 2022 and there are a number of issues here that do need to be investigated and resolved – This work has already commenced.

Chris. Morgan, Treasurer, ChristChurch L.E.P. (March 2023)

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2022

Circuit	22038	22/15
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1187168

confirm that

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

X83738 0271

(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 Dr Peter Stevenson

Church Stewards:

Mr Alan Greenslade Mrs Marion Bevan
Mrs Isabel Wyatt
Mr Trevor Ridsdale Mrs Jean Breckenridge
Mrs Sue Sulston Mr John Heald
Brian Bowes
Mrs Lesley Mees

Treasurer:

Address Cordwainers Car colston NG13 8JG

Mr Chris Morgan

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

SECTION A

a1	RECEIPTS	Note
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	
a4	Lettings	
a5	Other receipts	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	

This year's amount to the nearest £

£
36,089
100
16,982
13,703
66,874

Last year's amount to the nearest £

£
37,478
20
10,608
32,310
80,416

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS	
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	
b3	Donations	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	
b6	Other payments	
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	

26,938
22,038
17,212
15,371
81,559

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21,859
5,839
12,440
19,603
59,741

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6 - b7)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c1 + c2)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church	
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church	
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents	

(14,685)
140,166 (c7)
125,481

20,675
119,491
140,166 (c7)

Christ Church

SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 December
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 December
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 December
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)

£	14,782.00
	59,062
	51,637
	125,481

£	14,747.00
	59,722
	65,697
	140,166

SECTION E

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)

e1	Balance brought forward from last year	
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e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(e1+e2-e3)

220
220

(83)
427
124
220

Name of Church ... Christ Church 22/15

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 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 *EA Morgan* Date *30-3-23*

Name and address of treasurer Mr C Morgan
10 Manchester Way Grantham

22038 22/15

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *[Signature]*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *PETER STEVENSON* Date *4-4-23*¹¹⁹⁴⁹¹

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of theChurch

Address Cordwainers Car Colston NG13 8JG
Charity Number 1187168

Respon: 30/03/2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages *1* 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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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Mrs Susan Radford

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address Cordwainers Car Colston

..... Post Code NG13 8JG

Date 30.3.23

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-22

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CHRISTCHURCH (METHODIST AND UNITED REFORMED) GRANTHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1187168

Accounts



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021.

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Review of the year:

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2021 has obviously been a challenging year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The Church was closed during the lock downs. However as soon as it was possible to open again for services, a great deal of work was carried out by a number of the Trustees to ensure that the relevant Risk Assessments were completed, and the premises made "Covid Secure" As a result of this work we were able to open the premises for Church Services. The Managing Trustees (E.C.C.) were kept fully updated on this and the decision to open was made by this group having fully assessed all the risks and mitigations put in place. The Risk Assessment was regularly reviewed and updated as restrictions were varied during the year.

Income:

The church's regular income is primarily drawn from the giving of Church members, Sunday collections, Gift Aid tax credit, regular coffee mornings and letting income from users hiring rooms. For 2021 this income has been reduced, due to the closure and the relevant reduction of attendance once the premises were opened. However, the Congregation have continued to supply their offerings by direct bank payments,

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Fund Balances:

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(2020 £27,769.57)	
H.S.B.C. (Kenwick Drive account)	£6,718.20
(2020 £5,297.53)	
H.S.B.C. (Friends account)	£1,418.00
(2020 £1,263.00)	
Central Finance Board Account.	£59,712.92
(2020 £61,401.00)	
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (T.M.C.P.) Account	£14,747.44
(2020£ 14,781.67)	
TOTAL	£129,179.46
£110,512.97	

Plans:

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Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

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Chris. Morgan, Treasurer, ChristChurch L.E.P. (February 2022)

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2021

Circuit	Circuit no	22/15
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1187168

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
Gift Aid number

X83738 0271

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a1	RECEIPTS	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	37,478	36,833
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	20	86
a4	Lettings	10,608	15,913
a5	Other receipts	32,310	25,536
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	80,416	78,368
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	21,859	25,722
b3	Donations		385
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,839	16,073
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,440	14,114
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e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	124	140
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)	220	(83)

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STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
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Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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England & Wales - Charity number 1187168

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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SECTION A

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a1	RECEIPTS	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	36,833	49,507
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	86	98
a4	Lettings	15,913	23,055
a5	Other receipts	25,536	47,900
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	78,368	120,560

SECTION B

SECTION B		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
b1	PAYMENTS	£	£
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	25,722	25,477
b3	Donations	385	1,112
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,073	61,209
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	14,114	14,411
b6	Other payments	7,744	80,250
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	64,038	182,459

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	14,330	(61,899)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	105,161 (c7)	167,060
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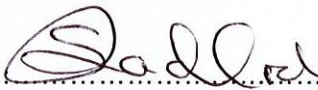
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ChristChurch Methodist/United Reformed Church L.E.P

Reserves Policy

This policy relates to bank accounts held by

- Central Finance Board
- HSBC
- T.M.C.P.

- **What are Reserves?**

A reserve is an amount of money held by the church to carry out its ongoing commitments and set aside for specific purposes. These monies may be classified as: Unrestricted, which are the general funds of the church, Restricted, which means their use is restricted under the provisions of a trust deed, or Endowed, which in most cases only allows the interest to be used by the church.

- **Planned expenditure**

Usual running costs

Surplus funds to cover unforeseen expenditure

Property repairs and maintenance (including quinquennial inspection outcomes)

Planned developments in the property at ChristChurch, which includes the ChristChurch Community Project

It is recommended that ChristChurch holds at least 6mths of expenditure in reserve.

For 2021, I would recommend that the reserve is set at **£30,000** (2020 was also **£30,000**.)

Total expenditure for 2020 was in excess of £80k, however, at the beginning of the year we were still paying the instalments on the new heating system (installed in late 2019), a total of £9k and we also had the stairwells at the entrance of Church decorated at £2,700, so that inflated the cost a little. I do believe that a £30k reserve is ample for the needs of ChristChurch. During 2020 we were able to maintain the reserves, despite the difficult times and we are more fortunate than a number of other Churches in the area.

Income can be unpredictable e.g. lettings, giving. Thus, it is important to ensure there is a reserve to cover all essential costs e.g. assessment, utilities, and maintenance.

The Treasurer/Managing Trustees will monitor the church finances at regular intervals to ensure the reserve is kept where possible, and action taken if the reserve is not maintained, I have recommended an increase in the amount for this year to take into account cost of living increases and increased costs for any work that needs to be carried out due to the age of the building and the fact that it is a Grade II listed building in an important Conservation area within Grantham town centre.

2020 has obviously been a challenging year, due to Covid 19, and our Income has been dramatically reduced, with lettings income only being received Jan – March 2020, as was income from the coffee mornings and giving in the collection at Services. However, our Congregation have remained very supportive, and regular giving has carried on through giving via direct bank payments and the Stewardship account

- **Money set aside for projects**

Money may be set aside from the reserves towards a long-term project. However, not to the risk to general church finances. This money will be listed as such to evidence why it is not being used currently.

ChristChurch is currently developing the ChristChurch Community Project, which is part of the overall development vision that our premises should be used to develop town centre ministry and serve the poor and marginalised in the town. It is hoped that during 2021, the next phase, will be planned and consulted upon with all our users and the local community.

ChristChurch is looking at the possibility of redeveloping the rear of the Church to make this a more accessible and useable place for all our congregation and other users of the premises.

- **All reserves should be earning interest where possible.**

No interest is earned in the HSBC accounts (societies account with no charges). So where possible larger sums of money will be transferred to the CFB account where interest can be earned.

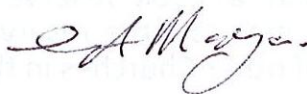
- **The Reserves policy will be reviewed each financial year.**

Trustees are under a general legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable time of receiving them. If reserves are held without reasonable justification the trustees may be in breach of trust.

- **The treasurer will report to General Church Council, advising reserve status.**

Signature

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Date 10/01/2021

Accepted at Ecumenical Church Council

Date 13/01/2021

Accepted at General Church Council

Date

Review due 31/12/2021



The Methodist Church 

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FINKIN STREET
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A Welcoming Local Ecumenical Partnership

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020.

Introduction:

The accounts have been submitted to the Independent Examiner and show a true reflection of payments and income over the financial year which runs from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

Aims and organisation:

ChristChurch is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. It is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit in the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, and the United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod.

The Church Mission statement was developed in line with those of the two sponsoring denominations using the five marks of mission. We seek to make our worship stimulating, challenging and relevant to the needs of our congregation. We share in fellowship through study, fundraising activities and social groups.

Review of the year:

The members of the Ecumenical Church Council, (E.C.C.) are the Managing Trustees of ChristChurch.

2020 has obviously been a challenging year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The Church was closed during the first lock down. However as soon as it was possible to open again for services, a great deal of work was carried out by a number of the Trustees to ensure that the relevant Risk Assessments were completed, and the premises made "Covid Secure" As a result of this work we were able to open the premises for Church Services. The Managing Trustees (E.C.C.) were kept fully updated on this and the decision to open was made by this group having fully assessed all the risks and mitigations put in place.

Income:

The church's regular income is primarily drawn from the giving of Church members, Sunday collections, Gift Aid tax credit, regular coffee mornings and letting income from users hiring rooms. For 2020 this income has been dramatically reduced, due to the closure and the relevant reduction of attendance once the premises were opened. However, the Congregation have continued to supply their offerings by direct bank payments, for which the Trustees are very grateful. Without this support and financial help, it would not be possible to maintain the premises to a satisfactory standard and develop them to serve the Church's mission more effectively.

Expenditure:

The major regular expenditure is the assessment paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit, and the Ministry and Mission payment made to the U.R.C. East Midlands Synod, the contribution made by ChristChurch to the costs met centrally by the Circuit and the Synod, including the stipends and Manse costs for Ministers. Additional costs this year have related to ongoing maintenance issues that arise from the

running and maintenance of a Grade II listed building over 175 years old in a conservation area, For the first five months of the year we were paying the regular instalments of the interest free loan to C.Dunphy, the heating engineers who installed the new heating system at the end of last year – a total of £9k. There has also been the addition expense to ensure that the premises are “Covid Secure” with the purchase of the relevant items of Personal Protection Equipment, and sanitising products.

Fund Balances:

As stated in the first paragraph, the accounts are with the Independent Examiner, so I do not want to pre-empt anything that may come from that report. But as of 31st December 2020 we had the following balances in our accounts:

H.S.B.C. (working account)	£27,769.57	(2019 -£26,060.64)
H.S.B.C. (Kenwick Drive account)	£5,297.53	(2019 £ 5,354.83)
H.S.B.C. (Friends account)	£1,263.00	(2019£ 1,193.00)
Central Finance Board Account.	£61,401.00	(2019 £ 50,113.16)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (T.M.C.P.) Account	£14,781.67	(2019) £ 15,155.97p)
TOTAL	£110,512.97	(2019 £97,877.60)

Plans:

During 2021 there are a number of plans that will require to be finalised

- The next Phase of the Community Project, will need to be fully discussed and consulted up on. Thoughts at the moment are to redevelop the rear of Church, to make this into a more accessible and working area, for members of Church and other Church users.
- The building itself is a Grade II listed building, in an important Conservation area and due to its age will always require maintenance, and because of its status, this does mean that any work and advice can be expensive.
- I have also been requested to obtain quotes to replace the carpet in the main Church Sanctuary, this has been agreed by E.C.C. the quotes I have received (although now dated, and need to be updated) range from £4,750 to £6,440

Basis of preparation and legal framework:

ChristChurch accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the guidance from the Methodist Church and will be presented at the Church meeting in April 2021, for approval

Full Name of Church – ChristChurch L.E.P. – The Church is now registered as a charity. Due to the annual income. This was approved by the Charity Commission and ChristChurch L.E.P. is now a Registered Charity (Charity No. 1187168).

The members of the ChristChurch Ecumenical Council are the Managing Trustees, membership being made up of office holders, representatives appointed by the Church at the Annual General Meeting with a Circuit Representative.

The treasurer, Mr Chris Morgan, has acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mrs Susan RADFORD, Screveton Road, Car Colston, Nottingham NG13 7ND

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Presented to ChristChurch L.E.P. E.C.C. Meeting of 13th January 2021 for the report to be discussed and the request that full approval given to the report.

Accepted & approved at E.C.C.

Chris Morgan