

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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 )
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£125,065</b>	<b>£115,768</b>

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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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b7	Other payments	18,514	16,110	<b>34,624</b>	19,814
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>75,874</b>	<b>16,110</b>	<b>91,984 (b9)</b>	<b>104,659</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	9,267	(9,582)	<b>(315)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		132,791		<b>132,791 (c6)</b>
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	142,058	(9,582)	<b>132,476</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>142,058</b>	<b>(9,582)</b>	<b>132,476 (c8)</b>
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SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>	£	£
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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>297</b>
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**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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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	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>98,197</b>	<b>108,094</b>	<b>(9,897)</b>		<b>151,145 (x)</b>	<b>141,248 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	29,847	36,390
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f4 Central Finance Board	63,120	64,965
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	14,782	14,782
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**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)		
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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 .....  ..... Date... 21/2/25 .....

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... P. STEVENSON ..... Date 2<sup>3</sup> 25 .....

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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.

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Name of Church ..... CHRIST CHURCH ..... No .....

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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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