

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>Bethesda Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2024**

<b>Gloucestershire</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>07/07</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

**1188011**

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

**Minister:**

<b>Rev'd Rachel Leather</b>
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**Church Stewards:**

<b>Teresa Griffiths</b>	<b>Keith Norman</b>
<b>Bridget Nye</b>	<b>Joanne Reed</b>

**Treasurer:**

<b>Peter Allsopp</b>
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	122,200	731	122,931	87,849
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,939		5,939	1,945
a4	Lettings	10,948		10,948	13,391
a5	Other receipts	148,142	33,376	181,518	33,216
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>287,229</b>	<b>34,107</b>	<b>321,336 (a7)</b>	<b>136,401</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	77,314		77,314	74,604
b3	Donations	170		170	2,978
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,964	371	4,335	11,130
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	13,383		13,383	11,265
b6					
b7	Other payments	13,754	31,895	45,649	31,997
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>108,585</b>	<b>32,266</b>	<b>140,851 (b9)</b>	<b>131,974</b>

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	178,644	1,841	180,485	4,427
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		59,446	28,711	88,157 (c6)	81,434
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	238,090	30,552	268,642	85,861
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,000	(1,000)	(c7)	2,296
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	239,090	29,552	268,642 (c8)	88,157 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		344
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	182	1,388
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	182	1,732
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 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	Lunch club	260		260		1,472	1,732
e2	Bethesda singers					682	682
e3	Bethesdplans					380	380
e4	Flower fund					581	581
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	260		260		3,115 (e11)	3,375 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	321,336 (a7)	140,851 (b9)	180,485	(c7)	88,157 (c6)	268,642 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>321,596</b>	<b>140,851</b>	<b>180,745</b>		<b>91,272 (x)</b>	<b>272,017 (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 August 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	1,157	753
f2	Bank Current Account	27,611	29,827
f3	Bank Deposit Account	1,128	36,228
f4	Central Finance Board	27,188	85,579
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	34,188	119,832
f6	Other funds	(3,115)	(3,375)
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>88,157 (c6)</b>	<b>268,642 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,115 (e11)	3,375 (e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>91,272 (x)</b>	<b>272,017 (y)</b>

Funds held for internal organisations

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

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (Include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,611,000
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

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)

Name of Church ..... BETHESDA METHODIST CHURCH ..... No. 07/07 .....

## 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.

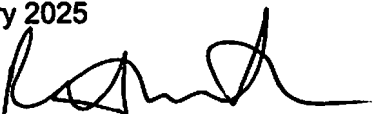
Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date ..... 27/01/2025

Name and address of treasurer ..... Peter Allsopp

32 Linden Close, Cheltenham GL52 3DU

### 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 27 January 2025

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting .... Rev Rachel Leather 27/01/2025

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Bethesda Methodist Church

Charity Number 1188011

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bethesda Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Name of Church

**Bethesda Methodist Church**

No:

**1188011**

### **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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner .....



Name of independent examiner - Emma Conway

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner - ACCA

Address 3 Fairview Court, Fairview Road, Cheltenham

..... GL52 2EX

Date .... 27 January 2024

Summary of cash and Investments at 31 August 2024

CIRCUIT NUMBER :- 07/07

CIRCUIT NAME: Methodist Circuit of Gloucestershire

CHURCH NAME:

Bethesda

Treasurer Name  
Contact number

Brian Gibb  
07970 924126

e-mail : brianagibb@gmail.com

Reserves Policy - Unrestricted funds needed  
(Full reserves policy should be sent in with Accounts forms.)

77,415

Available -  
from total  
below

79,585

Surplus /  
(Shortfall)  
2,170

Fund Name \ Where Held?	BALANCES AT CFB (£)	BALANCES AT TMCP (£)	OTHER INVESTMENTS (£)	CASH AT BANK (£)	TOTAL @ 31/08/2024	TOTAL @ 1/08/24			CHECK SUM - should be zero	Purpose of Fund / Restrictions on use? (please give as much information as possible)
						UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	ENDOWMENTS		
Current accounts				29,627	29,627	19,627	10,000		-	Unrestricted - general. Restricted Lay Worker, Creative Age + Sundry
Deposit accounts				36,226	36,226	19,789	16,437		-	Unrestricted - general. Restricted Lay Worker, Creative Age + Sundry
Cash				753	753	753			-	General
CFB	85,579				85,579	39,416	46,163		-	Unrestricted - general. Designated Legacy church council working on
TMCP		119,832			119,832		119,832		-	Designated - Legacy church council working on options
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					-				-	
					-				-	
SUB - TOTAL -(Pink Rows only!)	85,579	119,832	-	66,606	272,017	79,585	165,995	26,437	-	

Notes:

- 1 If the church has made or received loans, these should be shown in *Other Investments*
- 2 Investment Properties (not used for charitable purposes) should be shown in *Other Investments*
- 3 All Circuit Treasurers are required to collate church information and complete the table above each year and submit it to the District Treasurer in compliance with The Methodist Conference directive.

- From P3 R & P Page-line 15 - box 'c8'  
- 272,017 Difference