

Horfield Methodist Church Annual Report: September 2020 - August 2021

Context

Horfield Methodist Church is part of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit, which includes forty churches across both local authority areas, led by a Superintendent Minister. This circuit is one of nine in the Bristol Methodist District, which also covers most of Gloucestershire and part of both Wiltshire and Somerset.

The minister appointed to Horfield has oversight of four other Methodist churches in the Circuit as well as Horfield, so about seventy percent of our acts of worship are led by one of his ordained colleagues or by a Methodist Local (lay) Preacher. We acknowledge the contribution that each of them makes to our core activity of Christian worship.

The Church registered as a charity on 20 October 2020 so this is the first annual report.

Year under review

The year will be remembered against the background of the COVID-19 pandemic. The life and witness of Horfield Methodist Church were not immune from the difficulties and challenges faced by individuals and organisations alike.

Face-to-face church activities had stopped earlier in March 2020, when the UK's first period of lock down began. Alternative arrangements for church worship were put in place, focussed initially on a short, pre-recorded service available on YouTube. This was supplemented by weekly online gatherings for church members and others, weekly distribution of the church newsletter (electronically where possible) and an emphasis on keeping in touch with those who were vulnerable and without electronic communication.

When restrictions relaxed, a thorough risk assessment was prepared and implemented before in-person church activities restarted. This allowed worship to take place in the church building, for a period in autumn 2020, supplemented by the use of Zoom to allow remote attendance, in turn this facilitated fully online worship during a second period of lock-down. More recently, we have continued to offer hybrid worship, in-person and online together, and plan to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Sunday morning Junior Church was available to children and their parents via Zoom. Other church activities which rely on in-person attendance were impacted but we were able to continue Messy Church by offering some online material and by delivering individual packs to families and others.

Several community-led groups hire our premises regularly. Some of these were able to return during the late spring and summer of 2020, having implemented their own risk assessments to complement those put in place for the building as a whole. Income from these, and other lettings, was the significant cause of a drop in income for the year under review. The full financial statement accompanies this report.

Discussions were held during the year with a nearby Methodist Church (Bishopston) about the possibility of that church merging with Horfield, but maintaining a presence on two sites. That took place from 1 September 2021, so next year's report will include Bishopston's activities too as we are working on the basis that we are one church on two sites. Representatives from Bishopston have been included as trustees since 1 September.

Rev Patrick Stonehewer
on behalf of the Managing Trustees, 3 February 2022

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CHURCH (Short Form)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

Horfield Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Bristol & South Gloucestershire

Circuit

Circuit no

7/2

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1191908

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

26699

(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 Patrick Stonehewer

Church Stewards:

Asmin Taylor

Deana Sharpe

Colston Grady

Rachael Tan

Hazel Thorne

Treasurer:

Horfield Methodist

Church

Church - Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

SECTION A

a1 RECEIPTS	Note	This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
		£	£
a2 Offerings and Tax recovered		39,788	40,869
a3 Bank and CFB interest & investment income		172	489
a4 Lettings		22,697	20,438
a5 Other receipts		2,704	3,414
a6 TOTAL RECEIPTS		65,360	65,220

SECTION B

b1 PAYMENTS		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
b2 Circuit Assessment or Share		54,736	49,762
b3 Donations		20	130
b4 Repairs and Maintenance		2,488	3,875
b5 Utilities (insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		11,449	13,510
b6 Other payments		6,282	16,341
b7 TOTAL PAYMENTS		74,976	83,617

SECTION C

c1 NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	(9,615)	(18,397)
c2 Total funds brought forward from last year	94,347 (c7)	112,744
c3 TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	84,732	94,347 (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	5,295,000	5,295,000

SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

d1 Balances held at TMCP at 31 August	41,816	50,685
d2 Balances held at CFB at 31 August	20,967	15,750
d3 Bank and cash balances at 31 August	21,999	27,913
d4 TOTAL (= Box c3)	84,782	94,347

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			
e2 Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,071		2,150
e3 Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,021		2,150
e4 BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)	50		

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 *H.E. Wallbridge* Date *19 November 2021*

Name and address of treasurer Helen Wallbridge

20 Cransley Crescent, Henleaze, Bristol BS9 4PG

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *19 OCTOBER 2021*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *P.D. Stonehewer*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *REV PATRICK STONEHEWER* Date *19 NOVEMBER 2021*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Horfield Methodist Church

Charity Number .. 1191908

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *HORFIELD METHODIST* Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages *1* to *2*. 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

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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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.

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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner ELIZABETH HAWKSTON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

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Date 2/10/21

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