

Horfield Methodist Church Annual Report: September 2021 - August 2022

Context

Horfield Methodist Church is part of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit, which includes over thirty 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 three 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.

Year under review

After discussions it was agreed that the nearby Bishopston Methodist Church would merge with Horfield, but maintaining a presence on two sites. That took place on 1 September 2021. Representatives from Bishopston were immediately included within the cohort of trustees. There have been some tensions as the two sites work together as one church but such issues are probably inevitable in any such significant change, as people become used to each other and processes and policies are streamlined.

The year saw a re-start for community and outreach activities after Covid enforced breaks, including Messy Church, our toddler group, Film Club and coffee mornings on both sites.

Regular worship activities are in full swing on both sites. The main Sunday morning act of worship at Horfield is hybrid, in person and online via the Zoom platform. Online congregants are invited to participate in acts of worship, for example by pre-recording readings. Children's Junior Church on Sunday mornings re-started.

The church joined the Inclusive Church organisation and registered the premises at Horfield for the solemnisation of marriages of same-sex couples.

The church was awarded a bronze and then silver level from the A Rocha Eco Church scheme. This scheme is the UK's award scheme for churches wanting to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. Among other activities and as part of the award the church offsets its emissions annually, has set up a drop off zone for printer cartridges at church, has arranged themed fund-raising events for eco projects and ensured that the environment and the climate crisis have been the focus for church services.

Unexpected property repair/replacement arose at Horfield with urgent repairs required to stained glass and the replacement of the boiler upstairs. Maintaining an ageing building after many years of basic repairs only is likely to continue to bring challenging decisions about prioritising expenditure.

The church has updated its Mission Statement and has developed an accompanying action plan for the next couple of years,

Rev Patrick Stonehewer
on behalf of the Managing Trustees, 8 February 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

Horfield and Bishopston Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Bristol & South Gloucestershire	Circuit	Circuit no	7/2
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1191908

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

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(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:

Lou Carias	Rachael Tan
Pauline Harris	Hazel Thorne
Jennifer McLaren	Christine Williams
Donna Sharpe	

Treasurer:

Helen Wallbridge

Horfield and Bishopston Methodist				Church	Church - Short Form
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022					
SECTION A			This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£		£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		47,552		50,113
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income		325		209
a4	Lettings		55,180		30,707
a5	Other receipts		9,604		2,784
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		112,661		83,813
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		68,004		66,723
b3	Donations		9,920		570
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		21,313		7,854
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,715		14,730
b6	Other payments		30,696		7,394
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS		145,648		97,271
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6 - b7)	(32,988)		(13,459)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		118,078	(c7)	131,537
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c1 + c2)	85,091		118,078
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		5,830,548		5,830,548
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS					
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August		31,924		68,703
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August		31,950		20,967
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August		21,217		28,480
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)		85,091		118,150
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		72		
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		5,369		2,278
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		5,441		2,206
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		(e1+e2-e3)		72

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 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 H.E. Wallbridge Date 29/10/22

Name and address of treasurer HELEN WALLBRIDGE

20 CRANSLEY CRESC, HENLEAZE, BRISTOL Post Code BS9 4PG

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 15/11/2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting P.D. Stonehouse

Name of the Chair of the meeting PATRICK DAVID STONEHOUSE Date 15/11/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Horfield & Bishopston Methodist Church

Charity Number n 1191908

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Horfield & Bishopston Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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

Name of Church HORFIELD & BISHOPSTON METHODIST No 7/2

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.

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 [Signature]

Name of independent examiner Ernie Deane

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate) E. Deane Bookkeeping Services

Address 45 COOMBE BRIDGE AVE

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Date 9/11/22

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