

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Horfield Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

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**

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 Martin Slocombe

Church Stewards:

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

Treasurer:

Helen Wallbridge

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Horfield Methodist

Church

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		48,492		48,492	47,552
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,464		1,464	325
a4	Lettings		65,915		65,915	55,180
a5	Other receipts		7,290		7,290	9,604
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		123,161		123,161 (a7)	112,661

SECTION B			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		67,965		67,965	68,004
b3	Donations		426		426	9,920
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		20,735		20,735	21,313
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		17,820		17,820	15,715
b6						
b7	Other payments		20,444		20,444	30,696
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		127,391		127,391 (b9)	145,648

SECTION C			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(4,230)		(4,230)	(32,988)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		85,091		85,091 (c6)	118,078
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	80,861		80,861	85,091
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	80,861		80,861 (c8)	85,091 (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			72
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		4,491	5,369
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		4,366	5,441
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		125	

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 2023 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 Little Fishes Toddler Group	900	794	106		163	269
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	900	794	106		163 (e11)	269 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	123,161 (a7)	127,391 (b9)	(4,230)	(c7)	85,091 (c6)	80,861 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	124,061	128,185	(4,124)		85,254 (x)	81,130 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		7
f2 Bank Current Account	21,217	27,772
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	31,950	20,270
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	31,924	32,811
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	85,091 (c6)	80,861 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	163 (e11)	269 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	85,254 (x)	81,130 (y)

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)		
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)

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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 *H.E. Wallbridge* Date 10 October 2023

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 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ... *14/11/2023* ...

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Revd M.J. Shroome* Date *14/11/2023*

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 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

Horfield Methodist Church

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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.

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



Name of independent examiner

E. Drewe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

E. DREWE BOOKKEEPING SERVICES

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Date

21/11/23

* delete or circle as appropriate

Horfield Methodist Church Annual Report: September 2022 - August 2023

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

The merger with nearby Bishopston Methodist Church, while maintaining a presence on both sites, has continued to face minor difficulties as processes and policies are streamlined. However, it is pleasing to note that individuals have become more involved in activities in the 'other' premises, such as attending coffee mornings and participating in the outreach immediately before Christmas of singing carols from the steps of the building in a thriving high street environment.

Community and outreach activities continue with Messy Church, Little Fishes (our toddler group), Film Club and coffee mornings. While there is no shortage of ideas for expanding community and outreach activities there are limitations as to what can be achieved with the volunteer-power available. There are fewer people willing to take on roles/responsibilities within the church and those who already do are fully committed.

Regular worship activities are in full swing. 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. Junior Church for children continues and the young peoples' group, for those aged 11-18, re-started on a monthly basis.

The church continues to be ecologically aware, and representatives from other Methodist churches in the area are part of the eco group, giving an opportunity to share best practice. The church offsets its emissions annually, has themed fund-raising events for eco projects and ensures that there are regular church services which focus on the environment and the climate crisis. The church has undertaken when serving food/drinks at any time to have a vegan/veggie option, a non-cow milk option and to use organic products from local outlets when possible and has become a Fairtrade Church. Junior Church children are aware of climate change and participated in the Climate Coalition's initiative to make and give green hearts to the adult congregation in recognition of climate change.

The congregation is very diverse and we are proud of offering a warm welcome to all comers. We are seeing new people attending which is testament to the

welcome and demonstrates the ideals of the Inclusive Church movement which we joined in 2022.

Once again, Horfield was faced with unexpected repairs, this time to a leaking roof. During investigations into this it became apparent that the ventilation tower was beyond repair and that taking no action would result in a serious health and safety issue in the near future. The ventilation tower was removed. We applied for grant funding towards the costs of this work and were fortunate to be awarded funds from both the Benefact Trust and The National Churches Trust. Maintaining ageing buildings, on both sites, after many years of basic repairs only is likely to continue to bring challenging decisions about prioritising expenditure.

The church updated its Mission Statement in 2022. It was discussed at the annual Church Meeting to ensure wide communication. Discussion groups focussed on one area of Worship, Learning & Caring, Evangelism and Service and provided feedback, while the online group considered how the online experience could be improved. The church is tracking progress against the accompanying action plan.

Rev Martin Slocombe
on behalf of the Managing Trustees, 7 February 2024