



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022 To 31st August 2023

Charity name: Ivybridge Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1192612

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) are the governing documents. The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of- a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church; c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church; d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary to the Methodist Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Ivybridge Methodist Church provides buildings, facilities, a place for worship (including live-streaming services), the general advancement of the Christian faith, Christian education, pastoral care, evangelising, maintaining the church building, conducting Christian services, such as funerals, marriages, welcoming new children and raising awareness of the Christian faith.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and always seek to fulfil that to the best of their ability within the guidance of its governing document.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants have been made by Ivybridge Methodist Church.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Ivybridge Methodist Church has no social investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The contribution of volunteers is essential to the work of the charity. Volunteers undergo DBS checks where appropriate. Together they contribute around 7000 hours of service per year. Without them the charity would be unable to provide services to our Church and community. They are involved in diverse areas from bookings management to youth work and group leaders to providing technology for worship service live streaming.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Charity's main focus is a place for services of worship for its fellowship and surrounding community. To also offer the sacraments of baptism, marriages and funerals to the community. The charity also seeks to build up the fellowship and serve the community – such as, community lunches are held weekly, offering food, conversation and listening ears to all who attend and other groups (both spiritual and secular) for young and old to further develop this aim and achievement. Post the pandemic the livestreaming of the Sunday services has continued, as well as restarting joint community events, such as Party in the Park and a town Carol Service.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The main objective of the Charity is to be a body of people committed to following Jesus Christ and to enable others to explore what this might mean for them. To also ensure all have every opportunity of joining in the established
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		fellowship. We have five guiding aims namely: Providing accessible worship, Sharing the Good News, Encouraging Spiritual growth, Blessing our community and being a Church family and these guide our ongoing strategy.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We receive our funding via donations from the fellowship, gift aid, rental income and VAT refunds. During this year with all its challenges we maintained enough funding to remain financially stable.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Ivybridge Methodist Church holds no investments.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	For the year 2022/23 the fellowship has been blessed by the Lord to have ended the year with a healthy bank balance of £98,161.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserve policy is circa a quarter of Ivybridge Methodist Church annual expenditure. This should provide sufficient time to enable the trustees to rectify any financial jeopardy due to either falling income, rising expenditure or a combination of both.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£26,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no financial concerns re the viability of the charity, but this is kept under a continued forecast review.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principle sources are donors who are largely church attendees who contribute either by standing order, weekly envelopes or cash in the church collection. As many of these donations are from UK tax payers, IMC claims the gift aid.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	If IMC had investments then it would comply with the Methodist Church investment policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We have completed the Methodist Insurance Risk Assessment and keep it under regular review. Our principal risks are: 1) A large fall in fellowship numbers that could impact donations. 2) A major safeguarding problem.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Not applicable.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	1976 Methodist Church Act authorises the Methodist Conference as the governing body
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees (Stewards) are appointed by the Annual Church meeting from nominations received from the Church membership. Other Trustees are appointed by the Church Council as per Methodist rules. The only Trustee not appointed in this way is the Chair (the Minister) who is selected by the Circuit and appointed by the Conference of the Methodist Church.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The Methodist Church Trustee Eligibility Declaration with Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 – Ivybridge Methodist Church – Guidance and Policies.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The national Methodist Church/The Connexional is the governing charity that devolves responsibility via local District & circuit charities that are formed from individual Methodist Churches. Ivybridge Methodist Church is governed by the Church Council, who all are trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Church hosts the office of the local Youth for Christ team and the local Food Bank under annual license as prescribed by TMCP (Trustees of Methodist Church Purposes).
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ivybridge Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	IMC, Ivybridge Methodist Church Trustees
Registered charity number	1192612
Charity's principal address	Ivybridge Methodist Church, Fore Street, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 9AB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Amanda Roper	Minister/Chair	From 1 st Sept 2021	Methodist Conference
2	Lindsey Reid	Secretary		Church Council
3	Robin Duckering	Treasurer		Church AGM
4	Valerie Marriott	Administrator		Church AGM
5	Reg Marriott	Senior Steward		Church Council
6	Christine Gentle	Steward		Church AGM
7	David Bithell	Steward	Resigned 23 July 2023	Church AGM
8	David Rowe	Steward		Church AGM
9	Lynn Allen	Steward		Church AGM
10	Pam Shead	Steward	From 24 May 2023	Church AGM
11	Carole Mitchell	Pastoral Secretary		Church Council
12	Chris Phillips	Property Steward		Church Council
13	Andrew Phillips	Youth Vision Fund		Church Council
14	Sara Hladkij	Safeguarding Officer		Church Council
15	Maureen Scoble	Congregational Rep		Church Council
16	Judy Jago	Congregational Rep		Church Council
17	Madeline Allen	Congregational Rep		Church Council
18	Stephen Gill	Congregational Rep		Church Council
19	Pam Montgomery	Steward	31 January 2023	Church AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Trustees for the Methodist Church Purposes		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not Applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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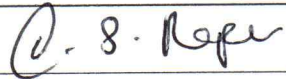
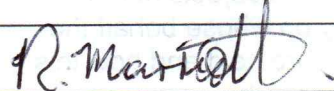
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev Amanda Roper	Reg Marriott
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Minister & Chair	Senior Steward

Date 13th February 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

IVYBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Plymouth & Devonport	Circuit	Circuit no.	24/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1192612

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:

Rev Amanda Roper

Church Trustees:

Reg Marriott	Lindsey Reid
Pam Shead	Valerie Marriott
Chris Gentle	Dave Rowe
Lynn Allen	Carole Mitchell
Chris Phillips	Andrew Phillips
Sara Hladkij	Maureen Scoble
Judy Jago	Madeline Allen
Steve Gill	David Bithell resigned during this year

Treasurer:

Robin Duckering

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	64,446	9,342	73,788	85,906
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,401		1,401	160
a4	Lettings	12,022		12,022	9,391
a5	Other receipts	4,901		4,901	3,685
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	82,770	9,342	92,112 (a7)	99,141

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	32,661		32,661	46,015
b3	Donations	4,680	2,255	6,935	10,366
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	14,136	2,710	16,846	13,430
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	14,516	2,053	16,568	10,566
b6					
b7	Other payments	8,628	2,437	11,065	12,025
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	74,622	9,455	84,076 (b9)	92,402

	SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)		8,148	(113)	8,036	6,739
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		62,673	193	62,866 (c6)	56,127
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)		70,822	80	70,902	62,866
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)		70,822	80	70,902 (c8)	62,866 (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)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(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 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	Youth Vision Fund Account	8,567		8,567		18,693	27,260
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	8,567		8,567		18,693 (e11)	27,260 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	92,112 (a7)	84,076 (b9)	8,036	(c7)	62,866 (c6)	70,902 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	100,679	84,076	16,603		81,558 (x)	98,161 (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		
f2 Bank Current Account	24,107	28,221
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	38,759	42,680
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	62,866 (c6)	70,902 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	18,693 (e11)	27,260 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	81,558 (x)	98,161 (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)	8,950,000	9,854,064
g3 Other Assets	180,000	198,182
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 Ivybridge Methodist Church Charity No.: 1192612

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 Date 23rd October 2023

Name and address of treasurer Robin Duckering

6 Scoldens Close, Modbury, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 0SN

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 23rd October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Amade S. Roper*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Amader Roper Date 23rd October 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ivybridge Methodist Church

Charity Number 1192612

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 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 - Ivybridge Methodist Church Charity No.: 1192612

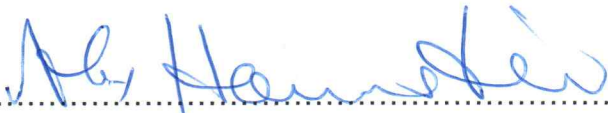
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 for concern 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. No further 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 Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of Ivybridge 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 ANDY HAMMETT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date 08/01/2024