Histon Methodist Church Trustees Annual Report to Charity Commission 2023/24 Charity No. 1193162

In all its activities Histon Methodist Church has sought to follow the calling of the Methodist Church and respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

General

Attendance at worship is just about back to what it was before covid and we have welcomed many new worshippers to our congregation. We still have close contact with Castle Street Methodist Church and now we have regular monthly joint services or social events. Currently our membership is 59.

Mission

The weekly Coffee Shop is very popular and young mums mostly on maternity leave are finding it a good support group for them and the older generations enjoy their company. We are still suggesting payment by donations allowing people to pay what they can afford for drinks and cakes and it saves us handling money and food together. During the winter period it became more popular for a warm welcome and the numbers have stayed high throughout the summer, averaging 75.

We now have the following local groups meeting either weekly or monthly;-
The Village Society, Gardening Club, WI, Pilates x2, Archaeology group, Pioneers for young people, Menopause Café, Games Afternoon, Country Dancing, a 9-5 group which is a support for working adults, and Hope Again (a locally organised bereavement course which is held three times a year).

Another monthly letting is a Farmers Market held on a Saturday which has been very well supported by the whole village.

More local societies have started to enquire about using the premises, as a result of the work the church put in upgrading its premises in recent years and being positioned in the centre of the village.

We have a basket at the entrance of the premises for food to go to Cottenham Food Bank (the next village along the main road) which has been used by anybody coming into the building.

In May we held a Flower and Quilt Festival over the bank holiday weekend and donations from this were sent to a local Cancer Charity. We saw over 500 people come through our doors and it was a great chance for the village to come together.

Building

The roof above the choir side of the church has been stripped, insulated and re-felted.

The screen in church has been replaced by a larger one to improve visual presentations. Ebenezer Trust, Cottenham gave a grant which covered half of the costs.
The Village Society which meets monthly with about 60 – 70 attendees + members on Zoom, wanted to improve their zoom presentation and so had some of the AV system in the church and hall upgraded, also the church installed internet to the whole building.
We were awarded the bronze certificate for ECO Church and are developing our Environmental Policy with the aim to meet the Methodist Church target of Carbon net zero by 2030.

Toilet Refurbishment Project:
At the beginning of September we launched a project to refurbish the toilets, this was due to be done in 2020 but covid stopped any progress. Therefore we have been running local events to raise funds for this and apply for grants. The estimate was for £84K.

So far we have had in house fund raising, £10 pound challenge, social events, concert etc. As well as a donation from another local Methodist Church, grant from Cambridge Circuit, grant from Hunter Rowe Bequest and a grant from Thalia Community Funding promised.

One of the spin offs from the £10 challenge was that a group from church and further afield is to read the whole of the Bible in a year with monthly meetings and two other meetings open to anybody on the old and new testaments.

Safeguarding
We carried out an audit of who required to complete both foundation and advanced modules and all the training is now up to date. We identified that all the Stewards were due to renew their training and this has been completed.

Alongside the importance of Safeguarding, we take the issue of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion very seriously. All our stewards have undertaken training and are fully compliant with the Methodist Church's EDI policy.

J.E. Wyborn

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Histon Methodist	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Circuit	Circuit no.	14/26

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1193162

If not a registered charity **His 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 Jenny Pathmarajah

Church Stewards:

Julia Daft	Judy Houghton
Rosemary Watson	Judy Wynn
John Wyborn	

Treasurer:

Kathryn Coles

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Histon Methodist Church — Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year	
			£	£	£		£	
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		29,106		**29,106**		34,920	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,651	254	**1,904**		557	
a4	Lettings		13,637		**13,637**		8,548	
a5	Other receipts		20,717	27,851	**48,568**		15,666	
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**65,111**	**28,104**	**93,215**	(a7)	**59,691**	
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		29,781		**29,781**		27,465	
b3	Donations		496		**496**		1,140	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		14,631		**14,631**		7,694	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		9,373		**9,373**		6,371	
b6								
b7	Other payments		9,051		**9,051**		3,416	
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**63,331**		**63,331**	(b9)	**46,086**	
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	1,780	28,104	**29,884**		13,606	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		46,240		**46,240**	(c6)	32,566	
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	48,020	28,104	**76,124**		**46,172**	
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)		
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**48,020**	**28,104**	**76,124**	(c8)	**46,172**	(c6)

	SECTION D		
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS** (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	496	1,010
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	496	1,010
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)		

Histon Methodist Church **Church**

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												
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds									(e11)		(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	93,215	(a7)	63,331	(b9)	29,884		(e7)	46,240	(c6)	76,124	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	93,215		63,331		29,884			46,240	(x)	76,124	(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 2024	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	29		17	
f2	Bank Current Account	13,895		17,158	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	32,315		58,948	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	46,239	(c6)	76,123	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	46,239	(x)	76,123	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
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

Name of Church Histon methodist Church

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 ..... Kathryn E. A. Coles ..... Date 1/4/2025

Name and address of treasurer: Kathryn Coles

15 Orchard Way, OAKINGTON, CB24 3BQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 1/4/2025

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting J PATHMARAJAH Date 1/4/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

HISTON METHODIST **Church**

Charity Number 1193162

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the HISTON METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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 Histon Methodist Church

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 A. F. Campbell

Name of independent examiner Angus F Campbell

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 11 Birch Trees Rd, Great Shelford, CAMBRIDGE, CB22 5AW

Date 10th December 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate