Histon Methodist Church Trustees Annual Report 2024/25 to Charity Commission 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 62.

**Mission**

One of our young people attended 3Generate, the Methodist Church's national children and youth assembly, during the reporting period. This event provided a safe, inspiring, and faith-nurturing environment where young people from across the Connexion gather for worship, learning, discussion, and creative expression. Attendance supported the young person's spiritual development, confidence, and sense of belonging within the wider Church, helping them to see that faith is lived out in community and action. The experience has had an ongoing positive impact locally, strengthening engagement with church life and encouraging deeper participation in worship and discipleship at Histon.

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. Each month we hold a coffee morning on a Saturday which is well supported.

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 decided that they would move away from the centre of the village as they wanted a more permanent base), (Menopause Café has temporarily suspended their meeting as the organiser is having health problems and nobody on the committee is prepared to take over to keep it running on a monthly basis), 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 church 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.

December 7th and 8th we hosted the biannual Christmas tree festival. All village organisations decorated their trees and the church had more than twenty trees on display. The plan was to have a Santa's grotto outside for younger children on the Sunday but the weather turned out to be too bad for this so we managed to fit this in the foyer and we offered refreshments in the hall on both days. We saw over 400 people come through our doors and it was a great chance for the village to come together.

Histon and Impington Friends, a local group that supports the village community are using the premises for "Holiday at Home" and other community events.

**Building:-**

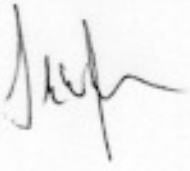
**Toilet Refurbishment Project:**

A year after we started fund-raising for this project the builders started and completed within eight weeks. We continued fund raising and had a grant of £40K from Thalia WB Community Fund. We invited all the parties that gave us grants to a service of celebration and blessing of the toilets. We have now paid in full for this project.

Having completed this project we started to look more in depth at our journey to move from a bronze ECO church to a gold standard.
We are continuing to developing our Environmental Policy with the aim to meet the Methodist Church target of Carbon net zero by 2030. At the celebration and blessing service for the toilet refurbishment, parties who had given us grants gave us positive comments regarding this and indicated that they might support us again if we considered installing Solar panels and battery storage.

**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 |
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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED

## Sunday, 31 August 2025

| 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 / Rev Barbara Garwood

Church Stewards:

| | |
|---|---|
| Julia Daft | Judy Houghton |
| Rosemary Watson | Judy Wynn |
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Treasurer:

Kathryn Coles / John Wyborn

# Histon

## Statement of Financial Activities

## For the period from 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Prior year total funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts** | | | | | |
| Offerings and tax recoverable | 47,717 | 0 | 0 | 47,717 | 29,106 |
| Bank & CFB interest and investment income | 1,281 | 996 | 0 | 2,278 | 1,904 |
| Lettings | 7,986 | 0 | 0 | 7,986 | 13,637 |
| Other receipts | 17,946 | 62,478 | 0 | 80,424 | 48,567 |
| Internal organisations (income) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total income** | **74,929** | **63,476** | **0** | **138,405** | **93,215** |
| **Payments** | | | | | |
| Circuit assessment or share | 31,931 | 0 | 0 | 31,931 | 29,781 |
| Donations | 3,821 | 0 | 0 | 3,821 | 496 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 10,662 | 0 | 0 | 10,662 | 14,631 |
| Utilities, insurances etc | 13,971 | 0 | 0 | 13,971 | 9,373 |
| Other payments | 2,403 | 82,095 | 0 | 84,499 | 9,051 |
| Internal organisations (expenditure) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total expenditure** | **62,789** | **82,095** | **0** | **144,884** | **63,331** |
| **Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer** | **12,140** | **(18,620)** | **0** | **(6,480)** | **29,884** |
| **Transfers:** | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds - in | 5,677 | 6,983 | 0 | 12,660 | 44,653 |
| Gross transfers between funds - out | (6,983) | (5,677) | 0 | (12,660) | (44,653) |
| **Other recognised gains / losses** | | | | | |
| Gains/losses on investment assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Net movement in funds** | **10,835** | **(17,314)** | **0** | **(6,480)** | **29,884** |
| **Reconciliation of funds** | | | | | |
| **Total funds brought forward** | **32,780** | **43,344** | **0** | **76,124** | **46,240** |
| **Total funds carried forward** | **43,614** | **26,030** | **0** | **69,644** | **76,124** |

*There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown*

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 August 2025

| Class and nominal code | General (Unrestricted) | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand** | | | | | | |
| 5001: Barclays Bank Current Account | £3,758.15 | - | - | - | £3,758.15 | £17,158.79 |
| 5004: CFB - General Deposit Account | £39,856.21 | - | - | - | £39,856.21 | £15,603.89 |
| 5005: CFB Development Fund Account | - | - | £26,029.94 | - | £26,029.94 | £43,344.25 |
| 5006: Petty Cash | - | - | - | - | - | £17.02 |
| **Total** | **£43,614.36** | **-** | **£26,029.94** | **-** | **£69,644.30** | **£76,123.95** |
| **Net total assets** | **£43,614.36** | **-** | **£26,029.94** | **-** | **£69,644.30** | **£76,123.95** |
| **Represented by** | | | | | | |
| General (Unrestricted) | £43,614.36 | - | - | - | £43,614.36 | £32,779.70 |
| Restricted - DV | - | - | £26,029.94 | - | £26,029.94 | £43,344.25 |
| **Total** | **£43,614.36** | **-** | **£26,029.94** | **-** | **£69,644.30** | **£76,123.95** |

Name of Church Histon Methodist Church No. 14/26

# Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 4/11/25

Name and address of treasurer John E. Wilson

41 Cottenham Road, Histon Post Code CB24 9ES

**Presentation to the Church trustees**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 4/11/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Barbara Garwood

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV BARBARA GARWOOD Date 4/11/25

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**

Histon Methodist Church **Church**

**Charity Number** 1193162

**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 2025 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.

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Name of Church ..... Histon Methodist Church ..... No ..... 14/26

**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 ..... DMS .....

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

Address ..... 11 BIRCH TREES RD .....

GT. SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGE. .....

..... Post Code CB22 5AU

Date ..... 30/10/2025 .....

* delete or circle as appropriate