

CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1196677

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2021-11-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 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 OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Nurturing people's faith to enable them to become better disciples of Jesus.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£144,538	£150,411	-	-
2024-08-31	£44,279	£42,865	-	-
2023-08-31	£32,092	£51,597	-	-
2022-08-31	£31,710	£43,849	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew James Bell	Chair	2024-09-01
ANN MARGARET PURSEY		
BRIAN DAVID PRICE		2022-09-01
CHRISTINE SHAW		2020-11-24
EDWARD GEORGE CHAPLIN		
Helen Janet Brown		2020-11-24
JACKIE HAWKESBY		
JACQUELENE YUK YENG SEEL		2020-11-24
JEANNETTE JONES		
JUDITH MARGARET PRICE		2022-09-01
RUTH THOMAS		
Robert Kenneth Young		2020-11-24
Sharon Dawn Wilkinson		2020-11-24
Stuart Martin Seel		2017-11-16
TREVOR JONES		

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Accounts

CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

Reference and administrative details

- Churchill Methodist Church of the Methodist Church is a Registered Charity, No 1196677.

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MANAGING TRUSTEES

Rev. Andrew Bell
Janet Brown
Edward Chaplin
Jackie Hawkesby
Jeannette Jones
Trevor Jones
Brian Price
Judith Price
Ann Pursey
Jacqueline Seel
Stuart Seel
Chris Shaw
Queenie Storey
Ruth Thomas
Sharon Wilkinson
Ken Young

STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

Minister in Charge – Rev. Andrew Bell
Pastor – Ken Young
Community Development Worker – Jacqueline Seel
Safeguarding Officer – Ruth Thomas
GDPR Co-ordinator – Stuart Seel
Stewards – Jackie Hawkesby, Brian Price, Judith Price, Stuart Seel & Ken Young
Property Team Leader – Queenie Storey
Pastoral Team Leaders – Jackie Hawkesby & Sharon Wilkinson
Treasurer – Stuart Seel
Church Council Secretary – Stuart Seel

Church Council – meets twice a year (minimum) and can convene extra meetings as and when required. Meeting is open to all trustees (see above) plus a representative of the Somerset Mendip Circuit. This meeting is the controlling body of the church.

General Church Meeting – meets once a year and is open to all the church family. This meeting appoints the Church Stewards and appoints representatives to the Church Council

Stewards Meeting – meets quarterly and is attended by the stewards, the Community Development Worker and the Minister in Charge

Property Team – meets quarterly and is attended by the Property Team Leader plus two trustees

Pastoral Team – meets bi-annually and is attended by the Pastoral Team Leaders, the Minister in Charge and the Pastoral Visitors

REPORTS ON CHURCH ACTIVITIES FROM CHURCH GROUPS

PASTORAL REPORT

As usual the Pastoral Team have been busy and diligent behind the scenes in helping and caring for the Church family. We thank each member of the Pastoral Team for this, and also to Anne, who continues to help us, with her many phone calls.

Members of the Pastoral Team have now completed the Safeguarding Training at Churchill Methodist Church on 18 February 2025, under the really interesting and capable hands of Ruth Thomas.

Looking forward, we are in the process of arranging an annual Pastoral Meeting with Rev Andrew. Also we will be discussing an option of changing our December Christmas get together to a different month.

Please keep watching out for anyone not in church, a 5 minute phone call can mean so much to someone, especially if they are on their own.

Sharon Wilkinson & Jackie Hawkesby

STEWARDS

The current steward's team comprises Judith Price, Brian Price, Jackie Hawkesby, Ken Young and Stuart Seel. The team would like to formally welcome Rev Andrew Bell as this is the first opportunity to do so officially since he arrived as our minister in September last year.

It is clear that, as a church, we are going to have to face more Sundays when we are not able to be allocated a preacher due to a circuit wide shortage. The stewards team hopes that all the church family will be open to looking at new ideas to try and accommodate this and will help the stewards in organising services.

The team would like to thank all those who do help out at Sunday worship whether by reading or leading prayers and all who help at larger events such as weddings and funerals. We would also like to again thank Paul Beechey for all that he does and to wish him well on his new home near Sherborne.

Stuart Seel

CLEANING

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the ever dwindling band (Chris Shaw, Jeannette Jones and Trevor Jones). who clean our church premises and keep dust and cobwebs etc. at bay. I would also like to thank the Thursday lunch team who keep an eye on the toilets and make sure they are clean. We still manage to clean the church, hall and associated rooms 3 weeks out of four.

Deeper cleaning tasks are undertaken at our regular maintenance days, the last of which was on Saturday 14th June. We ask groups to clean up after themselves, in respect of the rooms they use but this does not always happen. If anyone would like to volunteer to clean please contact me and I will be happy to explain what needs to happen and to attach you to one of the existing cleaning teams.

Stuart Seel

PROPERTY

We church members are custodians of a large, elaborate and decorative building with Grade 2 listed status. It is a complex and expensive task to keep our building and grounds in good shape but at present we are doing OK.

The project to install secondary glazing in the main hall has been completed this year and has made a significant improvement to heating effectiveness, general comfort and noise levels in the hall whilst being very unobtrusive in appearance. The church council has approved a further project to install similar glazing to the kitchen, the library, the Oasis and the Vestry, this will be progressed this coming year but due to project bureaucracy may take some time. On sunny days the main hall needs blinds, particularly if the screen / projector is in use, these are furnishings and can be purchased without raising a project.

Ongoing Maintenance

Monitoring, maintenance and rectification are proceeding on several fronts. We continue to have some penetrating damp problems on the back wall of the church, in the transept and on the wall behind the communion table. These are being monitored and will be redecorated in the next few years using special breathable paints as advised by specialist decorators we have consulted; this problem is one of management there is no permanent cure. The condition of the mullions in the gallery window is slowly deteriorating though they remain weathertight. This window will need specialist work by stonemasons at some time in the future. The paint finish on our metal railings is deteriorating, these need redecoration, we will plan this work either this coming summer or next year. You will remember how we needed to move to the hall for worship during the winter due to a fault with the main church boiler. This problem was eventually fixed but this boiler is also old and nearing end of life. It is also obsolete, and spares are becoming difficult to source. We should therefore plan for replacement in the short to medium timescale, this require a modern boiler with an interface system to our old pipework as the existing pipes and radiators would probably spring leaks under the higher pressure of a modern sealed and pressurised

system. Our boiler engineer informs us that this replacement would be around £25k. The organ is working but we are aware that the whole electro - mechanical action which enables it to play is wearing out. As we have no one to play it at present this expensive repair is considered low priority and will not be actioned at present.

Audio Visual Upgrade

The church sound system is many decades old and is at the end of its useful life. There is random interference and background noise through the speakers which is distracting in services. We have been considering this problem over the past few years and have a 2-year-old quote for replacement. In the meantime, we have found out that we may be able to get free internet connection from True speed as a community facility, Stuart is investigating this for us. With Paul's departure we also need to improve our ability to provide electronic accompaniment for hymn singing. We therefore propose purchasing a comprehensive new audio-visual system, this will cost £8-10k and should set us up for the foreseeable future. A proposal will be brought to the next church council.

Minor works and purchases

During the year we had a minor water leak in the kitchen, which was eventually traced, after much head scratching and dismantling, to the hot water inlet on the combi boiler. This was repaired with no serious damage to the kitchen fabric. A vinyl overlay for the church sign with Andrew's details has been ordered and will be installed soon. The copier is showing its age, and a new printer / copier will be purchased and installed.

Keeping the building in good condition is a shared responsibility among us all, let Ken or Edward know if you spot anything that needs attention.

Ken Young & Edward Chaplin

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER



INTRODUCTION

As the demands of my role and the needs of our community evolve, I have continued to seek new learning and support through training and Connexional webinars. Training courses since September 2024 included the remainder of Youthscape course; 6 sessions of Bite-sized Rural Mission; 'Faith that Lasts a Lifetime' 2 day conference; Connexional Christmas Campaign; Equality, Diversity & Inclusion; Advanced Safeguarding; Working Out Worship- 2 webinars.

WORSHIP

Our community intergenerational, nature focused worship CREATE! Sunday, continues to grow in numbers. May 2025 was our best ever attendance of 30 adults and 36 children, thanks to our Facebook profile and inspiring farm venue. Our aim is to provide thought provoking resources to inspire the ripples of chat and spiritual growth beyond the monthly sessions. Huge thanks to the team which makes this possible: Rev Andrew, Judith & Brian Price, Stuart Seel; also thank you to Trevor and Jeanette Jones for regular support. Please consider joining us to chat around the table as we move indoors in the autumn.

Our Christmas services were well supported, with several Toddler Group and CREATE! Sunday families, plus several newcomers who came via Facebook.

CHURCHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

This popular group continues to grow in terms of the average number of families per session. This is the 'shop window' for church, with seasonal activities in church and invitations to CREATE!Sunday plus our other community events. Not all families come every week, so the total number of families on our WhatsApp group has risen to 50. Thank you to our very welcoming and committed team: Judith & Brian Price, Stuart Seel, Jackie Hawkesby, Chris Clarke and Trevor Jones.

ECUMENICAL OUTREACH

- a) **Churchill Academy Christmas Services** Sadly, the Academy withdrew from this event at short notice. After a conversation with the Head, we hope to resume this much loved tradition in 2025.
- b) **Easter Trail** In conjunction with friends at St Mary's, we ran an outdoor event on Good Friday that shared the life story of Jesus with 20+ families, starting at St Mary's and finishing with refreshments at church. Easter Story booklets and CREATE!Sunday news were shared.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

- a) **Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign** – was very well supported by donations, including a record number of handmade gifts to fill 79 boxes. We collected more public boxes as a public Drop Off location for the second time.
- b) **Health & Wellbeing Events** Pottery painting evenings have been well supported.
- c) **Freewheelers EVS** A community flower festival in conjunction with a speaker at our pop up café proved very popular indeed, attended by 90+ people of all ages.
- d) **Publicity** has proved pivotal this year, as a way of reaching our scattered village communities, as well as the extensive newer housing on our doorstep. This helps show who and what issues are important to us, while offering welcome hospitality.

Jacqueline Seel

BIBLE STUDY

The bible study group meets each Monday in the Oasis from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. We are a small group from a range of Christian backgrounds and with a diverse range of views; our discussions are lively but respectful. While our main focus is the bible we also sing a few hymns and share a short prayer time. We are also sustained and refreshed by coffee and biscuits. We welcome our minister Andrew when he can make it. This year we took our "summer" break in winter avoiding the worst of the dark nights and inclement weather. We have been meeting again since early March and intend to meet all through the summer, all are most welcome to join us.

Ken Young

LETTINGS

We have the usual weekly lettings of Cubs, Guides and Rainbows but not too much else. I did have two bookings which got cancelled the week before which was a bit annoying.

Janet Brown

FINANCE

FINANCES 2024/25 – YEAR TO DATE

CATEGORY	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	
CIRCUIT ASSESSMENT	£ 14,475.00	£ -	
UTILITIES	£ 3,634.45	£ 989.35	
INSURANCE	£ -	£ -	
OFFERTORY	£ -	£ 10,690.42	
GIFT AID	£ -	£ 3,077.35	
LUNCH CLUB	£ -	£ 800.00	
BABY & TODDLER GROUP	£ 205.00	£ 615.00	
MEN GET COOKING	£ -	£ -	
MAINTENANCE	£ 1,746.15	£ -	
PLANS AND NOTICES	£ 119.34	£ -	
INTEREST	£ 5.07	£ 4,558.92	
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 874.33	£ 593.40	
LETTINGS	£ -	£ 1,462.50	
COPYRIGHT LICENCES	£ 395.72	£ -	
DONATIONS	£ -	£ 388.50	
SHOEBOX CARRY OVER	£ -	£ -	
FUND RAISING		£ 689.42	
TOTAL - CORE ITEMS	£ 21,455.06	£ 23,864.86	£2,409.80

FUND RAISING			
ANNUAL CHARITY - FREEWHEELERS	£ 499.00	£ 689.42	
EVS			
OTHER CHARITIES	£ 706.27	£ 863.53	£157.26
TOTAL - CHARITY	£ 1,205.27	£ 1,552.95	£347.68

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
WORKER	£ 12,115.52	£ 5,000.00	
DEVELOPMENT	£ 13,618.00	£ -	
TOTAL - EXTRAORDINARY	£ 25,733.52	£ 5,000.00	£20,733.52

SUB TOTAL	£ 47,188.58	£ 28,864.86	£18,323.73
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LEGACY	£ 91,294.45	£ 91,294.45	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES		£10,083.00	

GRAND TOTAL	£ 138,483.03	£ 130,242.31	-£ 8,240.73
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- The church's funds have improved during the year to date and we have been grateful to receive a bequest of £91,000 from the estate of the late Jean Darby
- To date, no money has been drawn down from the church's invested funds for day to day running costs out of the £8,000 facility that was agreed by the church council. However, I may need to draw some funds down before the end of the financial year to meet the final assessment payment which will be made in August. Any draw down will be kept to the absolute minimum.
- The budget for offertory in this financial year was £13,500 and this target is very likely to be met as offerings to date stand at circa £10,300. Thank you to all who contribute.
- The church has been granted circuit funding of £9,500 over 3 years to support the Community Development Worker post. We had asked for £25,000 over 5 years but the circuit felt unable to support this due to the legacy the church received. District funding of £25,000 over 5 years is being sought (the District meeting is in July)
- The circuit assessment for 2025/26 was agreed as £20,100 in October.

FUNDS HELD CURRENTLY

ACCOUNT	STARTING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 2024	POSITION AS AT 11/6/2025
CURRENT ACCOUNT - SANTANDER	£ 16,411.66	£7,869.85
CFB - CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH	£ 60.40	£ 17.61
CFB - SYDNEY SIMON HILL TRUST	£ 457.48	£ 966.15
TMCP - CHARLES GWYN KINGTON BEQUEST	£ 200.00	£ 200.75
TMCP - CFB MANAGED FUND	£ 65,057.29	£ 67,865.06
TMCP - INVESTMENT FUND	£ 90,978.56	£ 168,190.01
	£173,165.39	£245,109.43
		£71,944.04

Stuart Seel

THURSDAY LUNCHES

Our numbers ebb and flow between 22 and 25. We lost two a few months ago when they moved away but gained three new ones. In the last two weeks we have gained another two although they may possibly be alternate week clients. We are now serving a Ploughman's Lunch until September but have decided, with the client's agreement, to just do a cold dessert or ice cream as we were having either too much hot or cold pudding left and having to persuade people to take a portion home.

We will have to do some restructuring within the team as Alison, who did the dishwasher, left us on Thursday as she is moving to Chichester. We are very grateful for Jeannette's help when we are short staffed.

Janet Brown

FUND RAISING TEAM


We've been fortunate to have Edward Chaplin join us and it's refreshing to have new ideas and energy. Over the last year we have had concerts, courtesy of the Sommernotes and Weston Light Orchestra, we had a "meet and greet" with a team from the Blood Bikes, who we are raising funds for 2024/2025 and this was incorporated with Jacqueline's pop up café, craft and flower displays. We look forward to a BBQ at Edward's home later this month. As a team we have some ideas of how we move forward with our fundraising and will bring them forward for consideration.

All ideas and considerations are all rooted in prayer and we fell blessed with the support that comes from that. Lastly we would like to thank Paul for the way he has moved us on with our fundraising, for his energy and ideas and organising skills and we hope that we will be able to draw on some input from him in the future, even though from a distance.

Chris Shaw

Public benefit statement

The trustees of CMC have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their responsibilities.

Signed.....  Date 8.12.25

Rev Andrew Bell – Minister In Charge

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CHURCHILL METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

SOMERSET MENDIP

Circuit

Circuit no.

X7/16

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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STUART SEEL

Treasurer:

STUART SEEL

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	19,565		19,565	13,245
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,822		6,822	6,464
a4	Lettings	1,538		1,538	1,355
a5	Other receipts	121,539		121,539	31,111
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	149,464		149,464 (a7)	52,175

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	19,500		19,500	18,625
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,026		2,026	1,788
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,789		8,789	5,655
b6	Lay worker	14,795		14,795	13,489
b7	Other payments	107,491		107,491	8,936
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	152,601		152,601 (b9)	48,493

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(3,137)		(3,137)	3,682
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	16,789		16,789 (c6)	13,107
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	13,652		13,652	16,789
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	13,652		13,652 (c8)	16,789 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
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			141	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,831	2,457
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,831	2,316
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			141	141

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 2025 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 Baby & Toddler Group	994	994				
e2 Lunch club	4,865	4,797	68		14	82
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,859	5,791	68		14 (e11)	82 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	149,464 (a7)	152,601 (b9)	(3,137)	(c7)	16,789 (c6)	13,652 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	155,323	158,392	(3,069)		16,803 (x)	13,734 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	16,412	7,604
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	518	6,189
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds	(141)	(141)
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	16,789 (c6)	13,652 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	14 (e11)	82 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	16,803 (x)	13,734 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	157,269	233,610
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	7,362,143	7,619,713
g3 Other Assets	76,018	78,678
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 No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

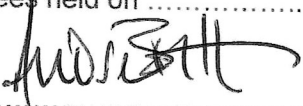
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 27/9/2025

Name and address of treasurer Stuart Seel 4 The Chestnuts Winscombe
..... Post Code BS25 1LD

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Andrew Bell Date 6.11.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Churchill methodist Church

Charity Number 1196677

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Churchill Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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

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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 John Batt

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner previous Circuit Treasurer

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 1 Jubilee Homes, Langford Road, Langford, North Somerset

Post Code BS40 5HU

Date 8th October 2025

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b7	Other payments	107,491		107,491	8,936
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	152,601		152,601 (b9)	48,493

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(3,137)		(3,137)	3,682
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	16,789		16,789 (c6)	13,107
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	13,652		13,652	16,789
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	13,652		13,652 (c8)	16,789 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
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			141	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,831	2,457
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,831	2,316
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			141	141

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 2025 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 Baby & Toddler Group	994	994				
e2 Lunch club	4,865	4,797	68		14	82
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,859	5,791	68		14 (e11)	82 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	149,464 (a7)	152,601 (b9)	(3,137)	(c7)	16,789 (c6)	13,652 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	155,323	158,392	(3,069)		16,803 (x)	13,734 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	16,412	7,604
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	518	6,189
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds	(141)	(141)
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	16,789 (c6)	13,652 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	14 (e11)	82 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	16,803 (x)	13,734 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	157,269	233,610
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	7,362,143	7,619,713
g3 Other Assets	76,018	78,678
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 No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

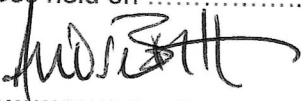
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 27/9/2025

Name and address of treasurer Stuart Seel 4 The Chestnuts Winscombe
..... Post Code BS25 1LD

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Andrew Bell Date 6.11.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Churchill methodist Church

Charity Number 1196677

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Churchill Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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: Churchill Methodist Church

No 1196677

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 John Batt

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner previous Circuit Treasurer

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 1 Jubilee Homes, Langford Road, Langford, North Somerset

Post Code BS40 5HU

Date 8th October 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

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REPORTS ON CHURCH ACTIVITIES FROM CHURCH GROUPS

PASTORAL REPORT

Jackie and I would once again like to thank the Pastoral Team for all the time and commitment, they spend on taking care of their allocated church family. Also thank you Ann for all your phone calls which are so important to the receivers.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Meg for her support to all the Pastoral team and the wider church family. Our meetings have always been informative as well as fun. Thank you Meg. We wish you and Graham every happiness in your new church. We have our last meeting with Meg on 24th July, when I am sure we will be putting everything in order, for the arrival of the new Minister.

We look forward to meeting the new Minister and working alongside him. Hopefully we can make a date with him to arrange for him to meet the whole Pastoral team and also everyone on the Pastoral list, maybe at our annual Christmas Coffee and Mince pies?

Sharon Wilkinson & Jackie Hawkesby

STEWARDS

The current steward's team comprises Judith Price, Brian Price, Jackie Hawkesby, Ken Young and Stuart Seel. It is good to have five stewards given that Ken Young is much in demand as a preacher throughout the circuit so he is limited in the number of Sunday duties he can fulfil. Thanks also need to be expressed to all those who have helped by providing cover at Sunday worship for the steward's team when not enough Stewards have been available for duty and also at the larger events such as weddings and funerals. Sadly, in the past year there have been too many of the latter. The stewards would also like to thank everyone who contributes to the worship services, either by reading, or prayers etc. and also want to say a big thank you again to Paul Beechey for his very valued contribution as musician and reader.

Rev. Meg Slingo will be leaving the circuit at the end of August 2024 and a circuit leaving tea followed by a farewell service will be held at Churchill on the afternoon of Sunday 28th July. The stewards wish to thank Meg for all her work at the church during

the last 5 years and wish her (and Graham) every blessing as she moves to become a Superintendent Minister in North Devon.

Rev. Andrew Bell will be joining the circuit in September 2024 and will be Meg's replacement and we look forward to welcoming him and working with him.

Stuart Seel

FINANCE

2023/2024 ACCOUNTS

CATEGORY	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	
CIRCUIT ASSESSMENT	£ 13,800.00	£ -	
UTILITIES	£ 4,846.64	£ 39.18	
INSURANCE	£ 3,819.38	£ -	
OFFERTORY	£ -	£ 10,138.54	
GIFT AID	£ -	£ -	
LUNCH CLUB	£ -	£ 1,205.00	
BABY & TODDLER GROUP	£ 227.29	£ 375.56	
MEN GET COOKING	£ 49.99	£ 374.00	
MAINTENANCE	£ 1,468.00	£ -	
PLANS AND NOTICES	£ 134.64	£ -	
INTEREST	£ -	£ 5,142.30	
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 779.12	£ 972.29	
LETTINGS	£ -	£ 922.50	
COPYRIGHT LICENCES	£ 377.30	£ -	
DONATIONS	£ -	£ 12,076.60	
SHOEBOX CARRY OVER	£ -	£ 141.00	
FUND RAISING	£ -	£ 934.58	
TOTAL - CORE ITEMS	£ 25,502.36	£ 32,321.55	£6,819.19
ANNUAL CHARITY	£ 290.90	£ -	
OTHER CHARITIES	£ 756.19	£ 961.18	
FUND RAISING	£ -	£ 934.58	
TOTAL - CHARITY	£ 1,047.09	£ 1,895.76	£848.67
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER	£ 9,340.01	£ 5,033.88	
DEVELOPMENT	£ 3,324.00	£ -	
TOTAL - EXTRAORDINARY	£ 12,664.01	£ 5,033.88	£7,630.13
BUDGET SUB TOTAL	£ 38,166.37	£ 37,355.43	-£810.95

TRANSFER FROM RESERVES		£4,000.00
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BUDGET GRAND TOTAL	£ 38,166.37	£ 41,355.43	£ 3,189.06
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FUNDS HELD

ACCOUNT	STARTING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 2023	POSITION AS AT 30/6/2024	
CURRENT ACCOUNT - SANTANDER	£ 7,854.31	£ 16,140.82	
CFB - CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH	£ 3,248.24	£ 249.57	
CFB - SYDNEY SIMON HILL TRUST	£ 2,005.20	£ 947.87	
TMCP - CHARLES GWYN KINGTON BEQUEST	£ 200.00	£ 201.87	
TMCP - CFB MANAGED FUND	£ 65,057.29	£ 69,133.08	
TMCP - INVESTMENT FUND	£ 90,978.56	£ 86,978.56	
	£169,343.60	£173,651.77	£4,308.17

- The church's funds have improved during the year to date 30/6/2024
- To date, only £4,000 has been drawn down from the church's invested funds for day to day running costs out of the £8,000 facility that was agreed by the church council. A substantial donation has helped the balance sheet and, as things stand, I do not expect to draw down any further money from TMCP this year for day to day expenses. However, money will be drawn down to pay for the secondary glazing in the hall. The timing of the work and therefore the drawdown is not fixed as yet.
- The budget for offertory in this financial year was £12,000 and this target is very likely to be met as offerings to date stand at circa £10,000.
- The church will receive a bequest from the will of the late Jean Darby. Probate has been granted but the receipt of the bequest depends upon the sale of Jean's house.
- The circuit assessment for 2024/25 was agreed as £19,300 in February and then increased to £23,500 in May when the lay worker post was due to move to the

circuit. The church council to be held 7th July will reconsider this figure in light of new information from the circuit.

Stuart Seel

CLEANING

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the small band (Queenie Storey, Chris Shaw, Jeannette Jones, Trevor Jones and Maureen Milward) who clean our church premises and keep dust and cobwebs etc. at bay. Sadly, Queenie Storey moved to Banwell church earlier this year so the cleaning team is even more reduced. Cleaning of the church, hall and associated rooms continues to take place 3 weeks out of four. The lavatories still get weekly attention and I would like to express my thanks to Maureen for this.

Deeper cleaning tasks are undertaken at our regular maintenance days, the last of which was on Saturday 15th June. The hall carpet was also thoroughly cleaned in May. We ask groups to clean up after themselves, in respect of the rooms they use but this does not always happen. If anyone would like to volunteer to clean please contact me and I will be happy to explain what needs to happen and to attach you to one of the existing cleaning teams.

Stuart Seel

PROPERTY

Our property is generally in good condition as reported in our last quinquennial although as with all old structures a programme of maintenance is required to keep things up to scratch. Our most recent issues is water ingress to the porch, probably an issue with the lead roof flashing, it is still there we've checked! Our ongoing project is the secondary glazing for the hall. Our conservation officer made some good recommendations on this resulting in some improvements to the design and inevitably some extra cost. The new design and increased finance have been approved by church council and the revised plan submitted to Manchester, final approval is awaited. The front wall of the church behind the communion table is slowly deteriorating although the extensive work carried out by Trevor and Edward has lasted well having been carried out over a decade ago. More work will be required, probably next summer. We wish to pass on a special thanks to Queenie who has relinquished the lead on property this year and moved to Banwell due to health issues, she did a great job of keeping order, both building and those of us who do the work on it over many years.

Ken Young

SAFEGUARDING

The Safeguarding Policy was approved at the February Church Council meeting and is available on the noticeboard in the schoolroom. Safeguarding is an important aspect in our work at the Church so it is helpful if everyone is familiar with the policy.

DBS checks and safeguarding training are required to be renewed every 4 years, for those who are appointed to roles that require these and, therefore, there is an ongoing programme of checks and training.

For information, a District Safeguarding Audit was planned for May this year but it has been postponed until September.

Any safeguarding concerns that have been raised over the past year have been addressed as appropriate. Everyone is reminded to contact me if they have any concerns about safeguarding concerns within our Church, either about an individual or about good practice.

Ruth Thomas

Church Safeguarding Officer

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER



INTRODUCTION

It has been a very busy year, fitting in quite a lot of varied outreach activities and training courses, while progressing my own training for Youthscape and Facebook. A huge thank you for everyone's prayer and practical support.

Worship

We have continued to welcome newcomers to our community worship via CREATE!Sunday. This gives many good opportunities to talk about importance of faith and real life issues. Thank you Rev Meg, Ken Young, Judith & Brian Price, Stuart Seel; also thank you to Trevor and Jeanette Jones for regular support.

Our Christmas services were well supported, with several Toddler Group and CREATE!Sunday families, plus several totally unknown newcomers who had seen our publicity on Facebook (using the Connexional Christmas Campaign).

Church Led Groups and Training

- a) **Churchill Baby & Toddler** continues to grow in terms of the average number of families per session. Not all families come every week, so the total number of families on our WhatsApp group has risen to 50. Thank you to our very welcoming and committed team: Ruth Thomas, Judith & Brian Price, Stuart Seel, Chris Clarke and Trevor Jones.
- b) **Men Get Cooking** continues to be popular with all cohorts keen to do further, follow on weeks. Many recent trainees supported the February Pudding Night.
- c) **Time Out for Parents** led by CDW and Zoe Maitland Round, supported by a creche run by Judith and Brian Price with a number of helpers, has been much appreciated by a small number of parents, some new to us.

ECUMENICAL OUTREACH

- a) **Churchill Academy Christmas Services** Thanks to liaison with Caz Carter (Congresbury Youth Worker) and her daughter, we were able to reword Take That's well known song 'Rule the World' for a puppet nativity; copies of 'Little Book of Help' were given to students and staff.
- b) **Pop Up Easter Café** was the only Easter outreach in our vicinity and was very well attended. We included an egg hunt in the sanctuary and a simple story – 'The Easter Fix'.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

- a) **Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign** – was very well supported by donations, including a record number of handmade gifts. We become an official public Drop Off location for the first time.

- b) **Health& Wellbeing Events** have been well supported, including craft and pottery painting evenings.
- c) **Publicity** is vital to invite people to join in and for them to understand what our church believes is important. This generates many newcomers trying us, in addition to those from personal recommendation. Regular monthly publicity includes:
- posters on church and local noticeboards
 - weekly church notices (thank you Paul Beechey)
 - monthly features in New Signpost (Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish magazine)
 - church (thank you to Stuart Seel) and Circuit website
 - Facebook (thank you to joint admins Jacqueline Hawkesby and Stuart Seel)

Jacqueline Seel

BIBLE STUDY

The bible study meets regularly on a Monday evening in the Oasis from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. We are a small group, normal attendance is 4-6, so more members would be most welcome. We undertake self-guided individual studies each week, sometimes lingering for longer in a complex book. We recently completed a look at Job over several weeks. We use our study to try to gain an insight into God's will and Jesus' teaching on contemporary issues. Although most of our time is spent with the Bible we also like to sing a few hymns and have a short time of prayer. A time of fellowship with coffee and biscuits is also part of the proceedings so do come along.

Ken Young

THURSDAY LUNCHES

The number of diners remains fairly constant between 18 and 24 mainly depending on medical appointments. We have changed to our summer menu of ham or cheese ploughman's with new potatoes, hot or cold pudding and tea or coffee. Sadly at Christmas we lost our hand washer up Sandra (Joyce Harvey's daughter- a few of you may remember Joyce). Sandra helped up for about 10 years; unfortunately she was found collapsed in her lounge one Thursday morning having had a stroke, so she is now in a nursing home in Midsummer Norton and we miss her as part of the team. Our next full meal will be for Harvest and the diners look forward to these meals at Christmas and Easter. My thanks go to the team Niamh, Sue, Angela, Alison, Maureen and, of course, Jeannette who fills in for us to keep the wheels turning. Of course also we lost Queenie who has now gone to Banwell. She also had ben a member of the team for 12 – 14 years.

Janet Brown

Public benefit statement

The trustees of CMC have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their responsibilities.

Signed..... Date

Rev Meg Slings – Minister In Charge

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THURSDAY LUNCHES

Our numbers stay between 22- 27 and as usual with the age group of our diners we have lost a couple through moving away to be nearer family or going into a nursing home. At the moment, during the summer months the menu is a ham or cheese salad with new potatoes and a hot or cold pudding. When the cold weather returns we shall revert to soup and puddings.

LETTINGS

We continue to have our regular groups; Rainbows, Guides and Somernotes. Bookings for children's parties seem to be non-existent this year for whatever reason. I have had a couple of enquiries for regular bookings but they always seem to want the nights when something else is already on.

PASTORAL REPORT

Jackie has made out a new Pastoral List which she will hand out to Pastoral Carers and Stewards.

We have recently lost Inez Kington who died in her Nursing Home. At our last Pastoral Meeting with Rev Meg we deduced that our Pastoral List of about 50 people has diminished by some 5 or more people, of the remainder only about 20 people come to church on a fairly regular basis. Our Pastoral Carer's continue to do a stoic job and we would like to thank each and every one of them.

Aikol from Kyrgyzstan and who is staying at The Old Vicarage Methodist Home in Churchill for six months has joined us for Sunday Services. She has thrown herself into our church life, going to Bible Study group and even helping with the annual church cleaning day!

We are in the midst of planning a couple of coffee mornings for August and December.

We are having a Pastoral Carers meeting on the 23rd August.

**FINANCE
2022/2023 ACCOUNTS**

AS AT 27/6/2023

CATEGORY	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	
CIRCUIT ASSESSMENT	£ 12,750.00	£ -	
UTILITIES	£ 4,750.04	£ 37.34	
INSURANCE	£ 3,690.39	£ -	
OFFERTORY	£ -	£ 9,604.81	
GIFT AID	£ -	£ 510.05	
COFFEE MONEY	£ -	£ -	
LUNCH CLUB	£ -	£ 2,090.00	
BABY & TODDLER GROUP	£ -	£ 254.44	
MEN GET COOKING	£ -	£ 440.00	
MAINTENANCE	£ 5,399.24	£ 504.38	
PLANS AND NOTICES	£ 131.58	£ -	
INTEREST	£ -	£ 2,507.30	
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 395.98	£ 468.70	
LETTINGS	£ -	£ 1,421.19	
COPYRIGHT LICENCES	£ 351.89	£ -	
DONATIONS	£ -	£ 461.20	
FUND RAISING	£ 125.00	£ 821.00	
ACTION FOR CHILDREN	£ -	£ -	
VILLAGE FUND GRANT	£ 148.86	£ -	
OTHER CHARITIES	£ 1,599.14	£ 1,249.14	
TOTAL	£ 29,342.12	£ 20,369.55	-£8,972.57

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER	£ 8,460.90	£ 7,969.96	
DEVELOPMENT	£ -	£ -	
TOTAL	£ 8,460.90	£ 7,969.96	-£490.94

GRAND TOTAL	£ 37,803.02	£ 28,339.51	-£9,463.51
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FUNDS HELD

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CURRENT ACCOUNT - SANTANDER	£ 5,815.19	£11,797.65
CFB - CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH	£ 400.09	£ 178.83
CFB - SYDNEY SIMON HILL TRUST	£ 1,013.12	£ 326.47
TMCP - CHARLES GWYN KINGTON BEQUEST	£ 200.22	£ 200.00
TMCP - CFB MANAGED FUND	£ 67,942.69	£ 65,768.94
TMCP -INVESTMENT FUND	£ 106,978.56	£ 90,978.56
	£182,349.87	£169,250.45
		-£13,099.42

- The draw down facility (for funds held with TMCP) that was granted by the Church Council in October 2022 has been used and £16,000 has been drawn down to date.
- The current circuit assessment is £16,000 p.a. – this will increase to £18,400 for 2023/24, the first instalment of the new figure being taken in August 2023 (£4,600 per quarter).
- Besides run of the mill expenditure for the remainder of the year, we also have to pay the final circuit assessment in August and the invoice for electrical works. These two bills will be circa £7,800 in total so it is estimated that the current account will stand at about £4,000 at the end of the financial year.
- A figure of £10,500 was budgeted for Offertory for the year and this is likely to be met or surpassed given that the current figure stands at £9,600 received so far. Annual offertory is likely to reach the 2021/22 level of £11,100.
- The church's financial position remains healthy at present, although the church's investments are down £13,000 from September 2022. As previously predicted the church will increasingly have to draw down from reserves to cover day to day costs if our income remains at the current level. The meeting agenda includes a request for the church family to make one off donations over and above weekly giving to help close the gap between income and expenditure.

STEWARDS

We were pleased to welcome Judith Price and Brian Price to the stewards team at the start of the church yea. In addition to the Price's, the stewards team comprises Jackie Hawkesby, Ken Young and Stuart Seel. It is good to have five stewards given that Ken Young is much in demand as a preacher throughout the circuit so he is limited in the number of Sunday duties he can fulfil. Thanks also need to be expressed to all those who have helped out by providing cover at Sunday worship for the steward's team when not enough Stewards have been available for duty. The stewards would also like to thank everyone who contributes to the worship services, either by reading, or

prayers etc. and also want to say a big thank you to Paul Beechey for his very valued contribution.

Most of you will have heard the news that Rev. Meg Slingo will be leaving the circuit at the end of August 2024. As Meg will be with us for another 14 months it seems a bit premature to thank Meg for her service in Somerset Mendip and wish her well in her new circuit but I'll do it anyway – thank you Meg; we wish you well. Churchill may have a new minster in September 2024 but, given the lack of available presbyters, we do need to understand that no new minster may be allocated. If that happens the circuit will have to decide the best way to allocate their resources. The situation will become clearer in the new year.

CLEANING

I would again like to express my thanks to the small band of stalwarts (Queenie Storey, Chris Shaw, Jeannette Jones, Trevor Jones and Maureen Milward) who clean our church premises and keep dust and cobwebs etc. at bay. Cleaning of the church, hall and associated rooms now takes place 3 weeks out of four as Queenie and Chris have decided to work with each other rather than on separate weeks. This arrangement is safer and has helped to reduce lone working in the premises. The lavatories still get weekly attention and I would like to express my thanks to Maureen for this.

Deeper cleaning tasks are undertaken at our regular maintenance days. For instance, all the chairs in the church hall were washed recently. We also ask groups to clean up after themselves, in respect of the rooms they use. If anyone would like to volunteer to clean please contact me and I will be happy to explain what needs to happen.

PROPERTY

Last September the gallery walls had the flaking paint / distemper removed & two coats of a specialist paint applied by Jolly Decorators. The charge for labour & materials was £850.

Our 5 year Electrical Check was carried out in January and we have had our battery operated doorbell replaced with a mains operated one which has a ringer in the kitchen & also in the corridor to the Church. Both jobs were carried out by Harwood's Electrical.

In March we had the ceiling collapse in the ladies toilet bringing down the light fittings and suspended ceiling etc. The replacement work was carried out and the ceiling was replaced by some of our efficient members and a claim made against our insurance policy.

Our Church Council has approved the quote we had from Panasonic Windows, which is £10,083, for secondary glazing to the church hall. We are seeking some funding (10%) from the circuit at the July Circuit Meeting and will then await T.M.C.P approval for the work as our premises are listed.

Church Council also approved the estimate of £3,240 including VAT to remove our electrical consumer units and reposition them at a lower level in the corridor between the church and hall in a lockable metal cabinet. This will avoid the need to use a ladder to access the switches.

Many thanks to all who came and helped us on our Big Tidy Up day on the 10th of June; we achieved a lot and enjoyed our time together. Many hands make light work!

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is an important aspect in our work at the Church. The Safeguarding Policy was approved at the February Church Council meeting and is available on the noticeboard in the schoolroom.

DBS checks and safeguarding training are required to be renewed every 4 years, for those who are appointed to roles that require these and, therefore, there is an ongoing programme of checks and training.

There was a Zoom meeting for all the Church Safeguarding Officers in the Circuit in May. This was a very useful meeting, when everyone had the opportunity to raise any questions about safeguarding. It was decided that it would be helpful to have some training about how to make our churches a safe place for people in our churches who have dementia. This is planned for the near future.

Any safeguarding concerns that have been raised over the past year have been addressed as appropriate. Everyone is reminded to contact me if they have any concerns about safeguarding concerns within our Church, either about an individual or about good practice.

Ruth Thomas

CHURCHILL & SANFORD FELLOWSHIP

Our meetings are led by Eileen Westlake and myself, usually on alternate Tuesday afternoons beginning on the first Tuesday in September. This first meeting is our A.G.M. and is led by our minister Rev. Meg Slingo. Due to my enforced absence, Eileen led all the meetings until my return.

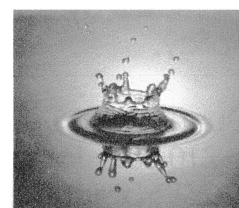
We have a regular pattern which includes three hymns chosen by the speaker, as is the prayer and a bible reading. On one occasion, when our pianist was away, Paul played for us which was a real treat.

On the 24th January we went to the Stag & Hounds for lunch and after our last meeting on the 30th May we arranged to meet for our "Summer Outing" at the New Inn in Blagdon in July. We have a constant number of members of about 10 -11 and it is a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Introduction

Nationally, this has been an emotional rollercoaster: the death of Queen Elizabeth and King Charles' Coronation. Throughout the church year 2022-23, there have been many opportunities on a 'splash & ripple' model of outreach. Churchill Methodist has been busy offering exciting, encouraging and thoughtful 'splash' events to build new relationships and nurture faith ('ripples'), some of which featured in local press.



Although in post 7 years, I'm glad to report on fresh developments and new openings. This report highlights aspects of Methodist Life which are Our Calling.

Worship

- a) **Sunday Services** (*Worship; Pray; Tell & Learn of God's love; Care for self & others*)
- All Age Worship monthly morning services were introduced in September 2021, at the request of 2 families and have continued to be enjoyed by 2 different families, together with our regular congregations. Please pray these families will feel welcome and enriched.
 - #Follow The Star, our carol singing procession from Cottage Homes to the Candlelit service, was led by Ken Young and attracted a fulsome, all age congregation, including families from Baby & Toddler Group, as well as CREATE!Sunday.

- b) **CREATE!Sunday** (*Worship; Pray; Tell & Learn of God's love; Notice God in Scripture & world; Care for self & others; Flourish i.e. care for God's creation; Live in a way that draws people to God*)

Exploring faith and nature since August 2018, our church's all-age 'faith nursery' has met monthly in term time to share Bible stories, prayer and testimony. Hence, caring relationships and fellowship have developed. Just as Jesus preached outdoors with practical demonstrations and parables, we have enjoyed outdoor venues such as Ann's garden and Burnham beach. During winter, spiritual content was enriched with a prayer room plus a focused 10-minutes devotion before worship in the sanctuary. At least 3 families have remained connected since the first year. More recently, we have had some adults enjoy fresh spiritual perspectives.

My personal thanks to Rev Meg, Ken Young, Brian & Judith Price, Stuart Seel, Jeannette & Trevor Jones, Malcolm & Heather Gale (till March 2023), Rev Pauline Nixon (from April 2023) for their support and skills that make each joyful session so rich and fruitful. Please pray for our continued inspiration, spiritual nurture and growth.

Church Led Groups & Training

(Open hospitality; Serve our community; Caring for self & others; Tell of God's Love; Live in a way that draws people to God)

- a) **Churchill Baby & Toddler Group** was a community-based group of 4-5 families when church adopted it in January 2016, but now includes 40 families on the WhatsApp group (not all families attend each week). This friendly group has a natural turnover but has grown through recommendations and regular publicity. Our focus is to support and care for families at a challenging stage of life within a safe, welcoming space; to encourage good parenting skills; to share our faith and values; to signpost families to CREATE!Sunday and Splash events.

Thank you to our stalwart team: Ruth Thomas, Judith & Brian Price, Chris Clarke and Trevor Jones plus the Church Property and Cleaning Teams who make our facilities so welcoming.

- b) **Men Get Cooking!** Two courses of 6 weeks plus one further 4-week course 'Men Cook On!' have run this year (10th anniversary). The focus is to increase the independence of men through healthy eating, shopping and cookery skills. There are important elements of humour, peer support and friendship that uplifts carers, single men and others with health or life issues. Faith and sustainability issues are discussed sometimes. Four men accepted a Trypraying booklet.

- c) **Time Out For Parents** Care for the Family resources were used for this six-week course led by CDW and Ruth Thomas. Specifically for families with children under 5 years, we were able to offer a creche (run by Judith & Brian Price with Victoria Gibson) so that parents could engage fully in the discussions. Thank you very much to everyone who helped this course run – it was much appreciated by the families concerned.

Ecumenical Outreach

(Open hospitality; Serve our community; Worship; Pray; Tell of God's Love)

- a) **Churchill Academy Christmas Services** resumed in 2022 (last ones in 2019). Thanks to liaison with Caz Carter (Congresbury Youth Worker), we borrowed puppets to perform 'Bohemian Nativity' (a very lively Christian re-wording of rock song 'Bohemian Rhapsody') for our 5 minute 'God Slot'. About 770 students and staff enjoyed the nativity. About 600 students took home a Bible Society pamphlet 'Outside In'. By CDW liaising with St John's vicar, Rev Andrew Hiscox, a similar Bohemian Nativity was mounted for their half of Academy students and staff; Outside In booklets were also offered.
- b) **Bohemian Nativity Splashes** followed with Rev Hiscox's team at *Sandford Primary* and *Winscombe Primary*. CDW liaised with St Mary's and was a 'human puppet' in their Christmas Workshop Bohemian Nativity. It has been calculated that approximately 3000 people directly enjoyed the Bohemian Nativity. Incredibly, if everyone told just one other person, 6000 will have been touched by this nativity.
- c) **Coronation Praise on Sunday 7 June 2023** was held in a marquee and involved several village organisations. The worship was shared ecumenically, skilfully facilitated by Ken Young with CDW supporting children's activities.
- d) **Pop Up Cafes** on themes of seasonal church festivals or national events have proved popular. Complimentary feedback has been received and we have noticed repeat visitors. Thank you to Jeannette & Trevor Jones, Judith & Brian Price, Jane Stiddard, Debbie Honey and Stuart Seel.

Community Profile

- a) **OCC Shoeboxes** reached a record 74, due to major effort by church and community people. Church profile was raised with a fundraising café, hen a packing party.
- b) **Health and Wellbeing Events** have appealed to a varied audience, building skills, increasing confidence and safety, as well as offering social interaction.
- c) **Publicity:** New Signpost, posters in shops, school newsletters, Parish Council website and Facebook, as well as Circuit email/website and Facebook have proved essential for generating footfall and ripples of post event conversations.
- d) **Trypraying** is a simple 7-day prayer guide for people who aren't religious. Between Mother's Day and Pentecost, we displayed a banner and dispersed 120 guides.
- e) **Facebook:** with Church Council approval, Circuit Digital Enabler, David Knight has begun training CDW and Stuart Seel to develop a social media presence which should extend our publicity reach.

BIBLE STUDY

Following the end of pandemic restrictions Churchill bible study has once again been meeting regularly in the Oasis. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:30pm until around 9:00pm. We don't meet on Bank Holidays of which there have been rather a lot recently.

Our format is informal, we tend not to follow a planned study but rather look at certain books, passages or topics led by our members who feel confident to lead in rotation. We include other elements of worship, we sing 2 or 3 hymns, (unaccompanied and not very tunefully) and share a short time of prayer. This is a small but diverse group hailing from many Christian traditions, weekly attendance is normally between 4 and 8.

We would welcome new members, tea /coffee and biscuits are provided and there are several vacant comfy seats in the Oasis. Details from Ken Young or Robert Tubman.

Public benefit statement

The trustees of CMC have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission in exercising their responsibilities.

Signed.....M.C. Slingo..... Date ~~7~~ 29.10.2023

Rev Meg Slingo – Minister In Charge

CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH

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CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING - SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022

MINUTES OF MEETING v 1.0

Chair - Rev Meg Slingo

Attendees: Ken Young, Janet Brown, Trevor Jones, Jeannette Jones, Dene Shute, John Shute, Ruth Thomas, Anne Pursey, Queenie Storey, Stuart Seel, Jacqueline Seel, Sharon Wilkinson and Jackie Hawkesby.

1. Welcome & devotions – led by Rev Meg Slingo
2. Apologies: Chris Shaw, Edward Chaplin, Rev. Carol Chaplin, Malcolm Gale (Circuit Steward), Judith Price and Brian Price
3. The minutes of the previous meeting (Sunday 25th July 2021) were agreed as a true and correct record of that meeting. The minutes were signed by Rev. Meg Slingo.

4. Appointment of Stewards

- 4.1. The meeting expressed its thanks to the stewards for their service during the year. Jeannette Jones is stepping down as a steward at the end of August 2022 and the meeting thanked Jeannette for her years of diligent service
- 4.2. Jackie Hawkesby, Ken Young, Stuart Seel agreed to continue as stewards for the next 12 months
- 4.3. Judith Price and Brian Price have agreed to become stewards for the next year. The meeting agreed to their appointment. It was agreed that the meeting's thanks and appreciation for them stepping forward to be stewards would be passed on.

5. Appointment of Communion Stewards

- 5.1. Janet Brown, Jackie Hawkesby & Jennette Jones are the current communion stewards. They all expressed their willingness to continue as stewards for the next year and the meeting agreed.
- 5.2. After some discussion, the meeting agreed to do away with the use of cocktail sticks for communion bread and ask any visiting ministers to use hand sanitiser before sharing communion.

6. Appointment of representatives from the General Church Meeting to the Church Council

- 6.1. Janet Brown, Chris Shaw, Edward Chaplin, Trevor Jones, Ann Pursey, Jacqueline Seel, Queenie Storey & Ruth Thomas were the representatives for the General Church Meeting to the Church Council last year. They all agreed to continue in this role for a further year (Edward Chaplin was not present but it is presumed that he will continue). Jeannette Jones previously attended the Church Council as a Steward but will lose her place as she is stepping down. Jeannette agreed to become a further representative from the GCM.

7. Reports from Groups (see also the written reports)

- 7.1. Pastoral - The appointments of pastoral visitors and telephone pastoral visitors will be ratified by the Church Council.
- 7.2. Finance – The drawdown of reserves to meet running costs will increase in future years as offertories are dropping.
- 7.3. CDW – Jacqueline Seel reported that it had been a promising and optimistic year, that there was a lot to be encouraged about and that the church's community profile was being raised. The Jubilee Café was a particularly successful event with people coming from as far as Weston and Hutton due to information found on the internet. She also reminded the meeting that this was the 4th year out of 5 years of grants for the role (the grants will end in 2024). The church council will consider the future of the work and possible future grant applications at its next full meeting. Jacqueline thanked everyone who has supported all the CDW work this year.
- 7.4. Bible Study – is now meeting on Monday's between 7:30 pm until 9 pm. The evening includes singing some hymns and a short time of prayer as well as bible study.

8. Services on Create! Sundays

- 8.1. At present no separate morning services are held on Sundays when there is a Create! service. The Stewards are of a mind to continue with this arrangement; which runs to end of August 2022 at present. If the church goes back to having more services at 11 on a Sunday we will inevitably have more local arrangements as the numbers of preachers in the circuit is reducing. Ruth Thomas provided the circuit's view which is that services at other times than 11 or 10:30 on a Sunday morning are to be encouraged to reduce pressure on the preaching plan. The number of local preachers is likely to drop further as preachers become older and decide to cease preaching. Families appreciate the intergenerational nature of the Create! services and also members of the church chatting to them. The Create! services have a soft start and soft finish so people can come and go as they please. Stuart Seel proposed that the church continue the current arrangement of no separate Sunday morning service on Create days. Jackie Hawkesby seconded this and the meeting agreed. The decision will be ratified at the next full Church Council

9. Selection of charity for 2022/23

- 9.1. After some discussion Ken Young proposed that Open Doors be the charity supported by the church in 2022/23. Jackie Hawkesby seconded this and all present agreed.
- 9.2. Open Doors is a charity that supports persecuted Christians across the world. Rev. Meg Slingso has already arranged for Open doors to present details of their work at a sectional service to be held at Churchill on Sunday 30th

October 2022. The meeting agreed to organise a lunch that day for all the visiting congregations as a fund raising effort for Open Doors.

10. Circuit news

- 10.1. Rev Craig Manley and his wife Elizabeth are leaving the circuit and a leaving service will be held on Sunday 24th July 2022.
- 10.2. Rev. Collin Moore is taking over from Rev. Craig Manley and there will be a welcome service on Saturday 3rd September 2022 at Castle Cary.
- 10.3. Wedmore will be holding a closing service at 3 pm on Sunday 21st August 2022. There will be no refreshments afterwards.
- 10.4. Rev. Graham Slingo is retiring at the end of August 2022. Graham will become a Supernumerary in the Gordano circuit from the 1st September 2022. Meg thanked everyone for their prayers for Graham.
- 10.5. There will only be 3 ministers in the circuit from the 1st September 2022.
- 10.6. A question was asked regarding the next step in the Circuit envisioning process. The circuit is apparently considering practical/ tactical issues at present. Street are to close and become a class of Glastonbury but there is no decision regarding the Street building as yet. More Sectional services could help church congregations to mix and get to know each other. Sustainable change is required and our church needs to look at that. The circuit has apparently not reached any strategic conclusions at present.

11. Same Sex Marriage

- 11.1. The Same Sex Marriage meeting that had to be postponed will now be held on Sunday 25th September 2022. There will be a 30 minute service, followed by an open discussion for an hour and a half, then lunch. After lunch the church council will meet to agree a way forward.
- 11.2. Rev. Meg Slingo is likely to deregister herself re officiating at any weddings as she does not want to cause pain to anyone in the church, given the strong views of some people on both sides of the issue.

12. Date of next meeting

- 12.1. The next general Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 11th June 2023 after the morning service.
13. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Signed..... Date

REPORTS FROM GROUPS

PASTORAL REPORT

Pastoral Coordinators: Jackie Hawkesby and Sharon Wilkinson.

Pastoral Visitors: Edward Chaplin, Queenie Story, Chris Shaw and Jeannette Jones.

Pastoral Phone Caller: Anne Pursey

1. Jackie will shortly be producing a new Pastoral List, due to many changes within the congregation over the recent months.
2. Jackie, Meg and I have recently had an informal Pastoral meeting. We have planned to meet with the Pastoral Visitors on 20 July.
3. We are now without any Pastoral Phone Callers, however Anne Pursey has very kindly volunteered to undertake phoning in an unofficial capacity, until she can be voted officially to undertake this duty, at the next Church Council meeting. We thank Anne for stepping in.

Sharon Wilkinson

THURSDAY LUNCHESES

We have continued doing Soup and pudding \lunches since September 2021 having made the decision that since Covid we are all 2 years older and a three-course meal is a lot to do. The diners are quite happy with that.

We have about 24 – 26 each week; one person coming back after six years as she has been looking after her husband (who has now sadly passed away) and we have had two new people join us which is good. At Christmas we did do a Christmas lunch and again a roast diner to celebrate Easter. Our next meal will be September to celebrate Harvest and also 40 years since lunches was started by Mary Westington.

From this month we are doing either ham or cheese ploughman's and a pudding, hopefully for the warmer weather but will revert back to Soup and Pudd for the winter.

Janet Brown

LETTINGS

The hall continues to be used regularly by Toddlers, Somernotes, Guides, lunches and Rainbows. Weston Light Orchestra use it fairly often too. Churchill Singers have just started using it regularly and we have had the usual occasional child's birthday party.

In July/ August Slimming World are going to use the hall while Churchill Memorial Hall refurbish their toilets and on Bank Holiday Monday in August Laura has booked the hall for her Prickles hedgehog Rescue Coffee Morning.

Janet Brown

PROPERTY REPORT

Steve Hancock (Roofer) has now completed the repairs / & repositioning of our roof tiles etc & the scaffold has been removed , it was a very necessary job for safety .

Mike Wales (builder) has cleared the gutters of leaves / debris & whilst he was here I showed him the Gallery wall& asked him if he was interested in removing the flaking paint/ distemper & repairing the places that need to be addressed.

Mike did send me a good quote of £370 , but has since declined the work , so we will have to make enquiries for a suitable builder / Decorator as I need 2 quotes .

I am pleased to say that we now have a lovely bench in our churchyard, many thanks to our kind benefactors & also thanks to Edward & Trevor for the superb siting & fixing of bench.

With regards to the grass cutting of our grounds, I have spoken to Rob Henbrow's wife, who told me that Rob has been very unwell & has resigned from the job & passed the contract to someone called Adam who used to help Rob out, but Adam has subsequently gone to Canada on a 3 month holiday, so that explains why the grass is so long now.

We are overdue a Property Team meeting, when we do meet I will have more information of ongoing issues, & also fixing a date for a Maintenance Day & we will circulate the information when we get it.

Queenie Storey.

SANFORD & CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP

We were pleased to be able to resume our fortnightly meetings after a "covid" gap of eighteen months. We have an interesting speaker at each meeting who is able to choose the hymns and bible reading to fit in with their chosen theme. They also usually lead us in prayer. For the first meeting, we celebrated with a Christmas meal together which was very enjoyable, so much so that we are returning to the same venue for our summer "outing". We are an ecumenical group representing six different churches. The meetings are led either by myself or Eileen Westlake – joint leaders of the Fellowship. After singing the doxology and the grace we conclude with tea and biscuits.

Ann Pursey

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The Methodist Church requires that DBS checks should be renewed every 4 years and that training should be undertaken every 4 years. The restrictions as a result of the pandemic have meant that the training, in particular, has been difficult to deliver.

However, over the past year, Safeguarding Training has been available, both online and in-person. Local preachers and worship leaders are being asked to complete the Advanced Safeguarding Training by August 31st.

Several members have attended the online Foundation Safeguarding Training and others have undertaken the Advanced Safeguarding Module online. There will be other sessions available in the Autumn for those who still require training.

DBS checks for all people who are required to have them are ongoing.

Please contact me if you have any safeguarding concerns.

Ruth Thomas

STEWARDS

The stewards team currently comprises Jeannette Jones, Jackie Hawkesby, Ken Young and Stuart Seel. Jeannette Jones has decided to stand down at the end of August this year and the team would like to express its immense thanks for all Jeannette's hard and diligent work during her time as a steward. Thanks also need to be expressed to Chris Shaw, Sharon Wilkinson and Jacqueline Seel for providing cover at Sunday worship for the steward's team when not enough Stewards have been available for duty. Although the team is four strong, Ken Young is much in demand as a preacher throughout the circuit so he is limited in the number of Sunday duties he can fulfil. It is therefore hoped that we can appoint at least two new stewards to start in September 2022. As well as making sure the Sunday worship happens, the Stewards are also on

duty for other services such as funerals. We are also called on to provide “a key leadership role in relation to both practical duties and responsibilities held for the congregation and the wider church” (The Church Stewards Handbook 2021 The Methodist church) and we hope all the church family will support us in this duty.

Stuart Seel

CLEANING

I would like to express my thanks to the small band of stalwarts who clean our church premises each week and keep dust and cobwebs etc. at bay. Cleaning duty for most of us comes around once every four weeks (with the exception of the lavatories which get weekly attention) but the overall team of cleaners is only 6 strong. Cleaning does take place every week at present but we may have to accept in the future that the cleaning period has to extend given the small number of people involved. If anyone would like to volunteer to clean please contact me and I will be happy to explain what needs to happen.

Stuart Seel

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Introduction

There never seems to be a quiet season in our church and community, so I commend this report which covers the most exciting and encouraging highlights of this remarkably busy, post-pandemic, Platinum Jubilee year. Our Churchill Methodist story unexpectedly hit the Connexional and Circuit social media and online headlines in April/May 2022.

WORSHIP

Sunday Services

- Sectional Service & barbecue, August 2021: following feedback from families who attended, the autumn preaching plan was adapted to introduce All Age Worship once per month by incorporating themed children's activities. This pattern of All Age Worship continues.
- Journey to the Stable, December 2021: despite fresh concerns about Covid, Ken Young led our carol procession from Cottage Homes and worship, which drew seniors, neighbours, church family and CREATE!Sunday families.
- We were incredibly pleased to baptise three children (Harry, Hattie and Harper) in December 2021.
- Jubilee Celebration Sunday 5 June was All Age Worship in a marquee, coordinated by Ken Young and supported by CDW as part of an ecumenical team. Feedback on this intergenerational celebration was enthusiastic, including families who might not otherwise attend morning worship.

CREATE!Sunday (Exploring nature and faith together since August 2018)

Focus: to share bible stories and prayer; explore faith and nature with intergenerational fun; to celebrate Christian festivals and values. This is a nurturing, deeply appreciated expression of all age worship, which echoes Jesus' example of teaching from boats, beaches, hillsides with parables about fish, sheep, seeds.

It is encouraging that this kind of monthly worship and exploration of faith through nature is thriving in small rural churches like ours up and down the country. This is the fresh worship and fellowship that we can offer local families and seniors who are not

available on Sunday mornings and not familiar with the traditional 'hymn sandwich & sermon.' WhatsApp provides the hub of communication.

My personal thanks to Rev Meg, Ken Young and Stuart Seel for prioritising the preparation and leading of this worship. This year, we have deeply appreciated the regular support for specific activities of Heather and Malcolm Gale, plus Judith and Brian Price. May I also thank friends who normally join Sunday morning services, for joining this less formal afternoon worship since it moved indoors during autumn 2021.

Summer venues will include a 'Secret Garden Party' (at Ann Pursey's home) and a beach barbecue in Burnham. Please pray for our continued inspiration, spiritual growth and development.

CHURCH LED GROUPS

Churchill Baby & Toddler Group (CBT)

Focus: to support families through a changing time of their life; to provide safe, friendly facilities; to encourage social opportunities for parents and children; to share our Christian faith and values, celebrate festivals, offer practical support; to signpost families to Messy Church, CREATE!Sunday, Splash events.

This thriving group has a natural turnover of families as parents return to work or children begin school. Equally, regular publicity and personal recommendations ensure there is a steady inflow of local families. There is a lovely, friendly atmosphere at sessions, reflected in kind, helpful comments on WhatsApp.

Post pandemic, we have reverted to morning only sessions without booking a place. We have a programme of craft activities and visitors during sessions. A sizeable number of families also dipped into the suitable events listed under Community Profile. Thank you to our steadfast team: Chris Clarke, Ruth Thomas, Judith & Brian Price, Trevor Jones. Thank you too to relief helpers: Stuart Seel, Zoe Maitland Round, Sue Vernon plus our Church Property & Cleaning Teams who make our facilities so welcoming.

Tuesday Gang/JAM

Focus: to support children aged 8-13y in their curiosity about Christian life; introduce Bible stories and Christian values; encourage acts of kindness locally and through charities.

Since last year's Church Annual report, several people have been approached to collaborate with CDW to review and relaunch faith based activities for this age group. However, none have yet been able to commit their time. As with most people working with children, timetables may alter in September, so please hold this opportunity in your prayers.

ECUMENICAL OUTREACH

'**Splash**' events aim to make our faith more accessible to non-church families, with publicity via local schools and on church social media. This has built on the experience of joint planning and preparation during the pandemic by CDW with Messy Church leaders. Events have included Barnfest, New Christmas Workshop, Love Bomb and Easter Workshop.

Love Bomb hosted families only at Churchill Primary but a parallel event for the wider community included a pop-up café with activities in our hall. The event drew 150 people across both venues and was reported in Mendip Times; also in Circuit news.

Churchill Academy Christmas Service – CDW preparations shared the previous impact of past Methodist services and new resources by liaising with Rev Hiscox' team (responsible for St John's service) and Caz Carter (Youth Worker, St Andrew's

Congresbury). Sadly, the Academy cancelled both services at short notice, due to covid.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

The rationale for mounting this variety of courses or events, or attending community meetings, is to express our Methodist Calling; by publicising what we offer, we have a more vibrant profile in our catchment area. My posters regularly appear in Signpost, school newsletters, shop windows, Circuit social media, Parish Council magazine and, of course our own church emails and website.

The following have raised our church profile while facilitating social and spiritual conversations: Positive Parent course; Shoebox Packing Party; Wreathmaking Workshop; Paint Your Own Pots evening; Men Get Cooking! (2 courses); information stand at Parish Council Annual Meeting; coordinator on behalf of local churches for Jubilee Community Tea; Paediatric First Aid evening; Jubilee Café and Open Church. (Surprisingly, the Jubilee Café drew visitors from WSM and Hutton.)

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked hard and shared their talents to support these events and make them so successful, including our Property Team and Cleaning Team.

Jacqueline Seel

FINANCE REPORT
Accounts for year 2020/2021

CATEGORY	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	
CIRCUIT ASSESSMENT	£ 15,569.97	£ -	
UTILITIES	£ 3,490.84	£ -	
INSURANCE	£ 3,033.80	£ -	
OFFERTORY	£ -	£ 13,188.50	
GIFT AID	£ -	£ 1,780.90	
COFFEE MONEY	£ -	£ -	
LUNCH CLUB	£ -	£ 175.00	
MEN GET COOKING	£ -	£ -	
MAINTENANCE	£ 975.19	£ -	
PLANS AND NOTICES	£ 137.80	£ -	
INTEREST	£ -	£ 1,179.80	
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 314.38	£ 183.40	
LETTINGS	£ -	£ 335.00	
COPYRIGHT LICENCES	£ 325.98	£ -	
DONATIONS	£ -	£ 730.00	
FUND RAISING	£ -	£ -	
ACTION FOR CHILDREN	£ 128.25	£ 128.25	
VILLAGE FUND GRANT	£ 12.23	£ 970.00	
OTHER CHARITIES	£ 441.00	£ 441.00	
TOTAL	£ 24,429.44	£ 19,111.85	-£5,317.59

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER	£ 11,151.53	£ 7,106.66	
DEVELOPMENT	£ -	£ -	
TOTAL	£ 11,151.53	£ 7,106.66	-£4,044.87

GRAND TOTAL	£ 35,580.97	£ 26,218.51	-£9,362.46
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ACCOUNT	STARTING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 2020	CLOSING BALANCE AUGUST 2021	
CURRENT ACCOUNT - SANTANDER	£ 8,982.69	£ 8,345.50	
CFB - CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH	£ 512.81	£ 2,009.28	
CFB - SYDNEY SIMON HILL TRUST	£ 7,292.19	£ 1,070.45	
TMCP - CHARLES GWYN KINGTON BEQUEST	£ 200.14	£ 200.03	
TMCP - CFB MANAGED FUND	£ 61,253.23	£ 72,497.22	
TMCP - INVESTMENT FUND	£ 118,978.56	£ 114,978.56	
	£197,219.62	£199,101.04	£1,881.42

The accounts have been audited

Financial year 2021/2022

Current funds as of 11th June 2022

ACCOUNT	STARTING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 2021	POSITION AS AT 11/6/2022	
CURRENT ACCOUNT - SANTANDER	£ 8,345.50	£ 9,473.41	
CFB - CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH	£ 2,009.28	£ 260.77	
CFB - SYDNEY SIMON HILL TRUST	£ 1,070.45	£ 133.10	
TMCP - CHARLES GWYN KINGTON BEQUEST	£ 200.03	£ 200.00	
TMCP - CFB MANAGED FUND	£ 72,497.22	£ 70,646.94	
TMCP -INVESTMENT FUND	£ 114,978.56	£ 106,978.56	
	£199,101.04	£187,692.78	-£11,408.26

- The draw down facility (for funds held with TMCP) that was granted by the Church Council in October 2021 has been used and £8,000 has been drawn down.
- Besides run of the mill expenditure for the remainder of the year, we also have to pay the final circuit assessment in August and the invoice for our insurance cover in June. These two bills will be circa £7,400 in total so it is estimated that the current account will stand at between £2,000 & £3,000 at the end of the financial year.
- Offertory for the year received so far is approximately £7,500 and is unlikely to reach budgeted figure of £15,000. Indeed it is expected that the offertory figure for 2021/22 will be below the amount received in the financial year 2020/21.
- The current circuit assessment is £15,667 p.a. – this will increase to £16,000 for 2022/23, the first instalment of the new figure being taken in August 2022. Although our membership has fallen, the pattern is repeated across the circuit so the assessment burden will continue to increase.
- The church's financial position is healthy at present, from a reserves perspective, but the church will increasingly have to draw down from reserves to cover day to day costs if our income remains at the current level. It is likely that the church will have to draw down a larger amount from our TMCP investment funds in 2022/23 than we have had to do this year in order to meet our general running expenses and this trend is likely to continue for some time.

CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH

2021/2022 ACCOUNTS

CATEGORY	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	
CIRCUIT ASSESSMENT	£ 16,000.31	£ -	
UTILITIES	£ 3,966.00	£ -	
INSURANCE	£ 3,405.46	£ -	
OFFERTORY	£ -	£ 11,108.23	
GIFT AID	£ -	£ 2,633.60	
COFFEE MONEY	£ -	£ -	
LUNCH CLUB	£ -	£ 720.00	
BABY & TODDLER GROUP	£ -	£ 563.90	
MEN GET COOKING	£ -	£ 142.00	
MAINTENANCE	£ 8,232.77	£ -	
PLANS AND NOTICES	£ 141.49	£ -	
INTEREST	£ -	£ 1,750.19	
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 649.28	£ 217.50	
LETTINGS	£ -	£ 1,815.37	
COPYRIGHT LICENCES	£ 336.66	£ -	
DONATIONS	£ -	£ 5,973.85	
FUND RAISING	£ -	£ 548.99	
ACTION FOR CHILDREN	£ 458.27	£ 183.77	
VILLAGE FUND GRANT	£ 611.69	£ -	
OTHER CHARITIES	£ 708.44	£ 708.49	
TOTAL	£ 34,510.37	£ 26,365.89	-£8,144.48

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER	£ 11,139.01	£ 7,086.66	
DEVELOPMENT	£ -	£ -	
TOTAL	£ 11,139.01	£ 7,086.66	-£4,052.35

GRAND TOTAL	£ 45,649.38	£ 33,452.55	-£12,196.83
	£ -	£ -	

ADJUSTMENT FOR SIMON SYDNEY HILL HALL CHARITY	£ 1,800.00	£ 1,742.67	
FINAL TOTAL FOR CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH	£ 43,849.38	£ 31,709.88	

TRANSFER IN FROM TMCP £ 8,000.00

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Churchill Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

Somerset Mendip	Circuit	Circuit no.	X7/16
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1196677

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. MEG SLINGO

Church Stewards:

JEANNETTE JONES

STUART SEEL

KEN YOUNG

JACKIE HAWKESBY

Treasurer:

STUART SEEL

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	13,742	✓	13,742	14,989 ✓
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,750	✓	1,750	1,179 ✓
a4	Lettings	1,815	✓	1,815	335 ✓
a5	Other receipts	22,978	✓	22,978	13,145 ✓
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	40,285		40,285 (a7)	29,648 ✓

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	16,000	✓	16,000 ✓	15,570 ✓
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8,232	✓	8,232	975 ✓
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,371	✓	7,371	6,525 ✓
b6		11,139	✓	11,139	11,152 ✓
b7	Other payments	1,739	✓	1,739	790 ✓
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	44,481		44,481 (b9)	35,012 ✓

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(4,196)	(4,196)	(5,364) ✓
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	11,424	✓	11,424 (c6)	16,788 ✓
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	7,228	7,228	11,424 ✓
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	7,228	7,228 (c8)	11,424 (c6) ✓

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
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				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,167 ✓	569 ✓
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,167 ✓	569 ✓
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 2022 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 Baby & Toddler Group	994 ✓	994 ✓			31 ✓	31 ✓
e2 Lunch club	4,233 ✓	3,616.0 ✓	617 ✓			617 ✓
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,227 ✓	4,610 ✓	617 ✓		31 (e11)	648 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	40,285 (a7)	44,481 (b9)	(4,196)	(c7)	11,424 (c6)	7,228 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	45,512 ✓	49,091 ✓	(3,579) ✓		11,455 (x)	7,876 (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 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	8,345 ✓	5,815 ✓
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	3,079 ✓	1,413 ✓
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	11,424 (c6)	7,228 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	31 (e11)	648 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	11,455 (x)	7,876 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	187,676 ✓	175,121 ✓
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,791,852 ✓	6,561,906 ✓
g3 Other Assets	60,104 ✓	67,756 ✓
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 CHURCHILL No.....

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  Date 24/9/2022

Name and address of treasurer Stuart Seel, 4 The Chestnuts, Winscombe
..... Post Code BS25 1LD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on Wednesday 19th October 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting M.C. Slingo

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Meg Slingo Date 19.10.2022.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Churchill Methodist Church

Charity Number 1196677

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Churchill Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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 - Churchill Methodist Church No

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 

Name of independent examiner JOHN BATT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner PREVIOUS CIRCUIT TREASURER

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 1 Jubilee Homes, Langford Road, Langford, North Somerset

..... Post Code BS40 5HU

Date 10th October 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

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