

CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Shern Hall Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

in the <b>Forest Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>35/33</b>
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	<b>1202535</b>
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Minister:

Rev Oseias da Silva
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Church Stewards:

Marcia Brandt	
Millicent Freeman	Emmanual Kusi
Donald Espeute	Jennifer Whitfield
Heather Espeute	Abena Adofo
	Thelma Blake

Joint Treasurers:

Hannah Roberts
Leandre Tuitt (from 29/07/2024)

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#### 1. Reference and Administration Details

- 1.1. **The full name of the Charity is "Shern Hall Methodist Church".** The Shern Hall Methodist Church was entered onto the register of the Charity Commission in England and Wales on the 29th March 2023. Their Charity No is 1202535.
- 1.2. **The address of Shern Hall Methodist Church for correspondence** is Shern Hall Methodist Church, ShernHall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HX. The name of the person to whom correspondence should be addressed is **Revd Oseias Da Silva, the Minister of the Church.**
- 1.3. **The Church's Bankers** are: HSBC, Charity Aid Foundation Bank (CAF Bank) and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church "CFB".
- 1.4. **The Church's Examiners** are Clay Ratnage Strevens & Hills. They were re-appointed as examiners at the Church Council Meeting in July 2024. They have been examiners for the church since 2020.

As far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charity's examiners are unaware;
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant examination information and to establish that the examiners are aware of that information.

- 1.5. **The Charity's Trustees** are those members of the Shern Hall Church Council who have agreed to be the Trustees of the Church. The membership of the Church Council is governed by the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church. The Church Trustees that served during the year are listed below

	Date Retired as Trustee	Appointed since 1 September 2023
Revd Oseias da Silva		
Hannah Roberts		
Peter Sambani		
Leandre Tuitt		29/07/24
Abena Adofo		
Emmanuel Kusi		
June Carole Campbell		
Sonia Jennifer Whitfield		
Kathleen Hudson		
Donald Espeute		
Millicent Patience Freeman		
Dereen Omard		
Cynthia Vilma Bonds		
Evangelica Marietta Solomon		
Loyl Marcia Brandt		
Elvena Bernita Brumant		
Ciddra Skerritt		
Claudina A Green		
William Poko-Adu		

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## **2. Objectives and Activities**

### **2.1. Introduction**

The Shern Hall Methodist Church "The Church" is a Methodist church in the Forest Methodist Circuit. The congregation is ethnically diverse, from e.g. the Caribbean, Africa, England, Wales, etc. We are all one family in Christ, and strive to love and respect each other. The church wishes to be seen as relevant to the local community. It is therefore imperative that we try to address this by making the church a central part of the community, not only by looking up to date and modern, but able to offer mission and ministry.

### **2.2. The Shern Hall Church Mission and Vision**

The Shern Hall Church mission statement is "We believe that God has called us to be a transforming, united Church of Jesus Christ's disciples, who are growing as followers, obedient to the word of God and with a passion to serve God's church and community."

### **2.3. Aims and organisation**

The Church's purpose is to provide a place for Christian Methodist Worship at Shern Hall Street, Walthamstow. The Church Council meets at least twice each year to consider the work of God in the Church and the general management of the Church its business and buildings.

### **2.4. Purpose of the Church within the Methodist Connexion**

The Church is an expression, over a lesser geographical area than a Circuit, of the Connexional character of the Methodist Church. The purposes of the Methodist church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:

- a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church
- b) any charitable purposes 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 subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church

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### **3. Review of Progress and Achievements**

#### **3.1. Shern Hall Church Annual Report**

The Shern Hall and Woodford joint management team utilised professional HR expertise to follow the safer recruitment process to find a person to be part time church manager for the two churches. They were pleased to appoint Vanessa Rose, who started her role in January 2024.

Revd Da Silva was due a sabbatical in the year. He used part of this time to complete his walking pilgrimage to Compostela. Many of the church members were pleased to follow his progress through his posted photographs and brief meditations. These were shared more fully on his return with the Circuit as well as the church.

After negotiation and property preparation, the church felt blessed to agree a contract with Village Nest for the use of the Church Annex during the week for a Preschool. Village Nest is a local established family preschool organisation wishing to expand their organisation.

The Church Council reviewed a number of property project areas and carefully considered the priorities. A number of investigations were made and quotations for work obtained. Grant contributions to the cost were also explored. Ideally one big project would cover all aspects, but this proved too difficult to achieve. Therefore the priority order was considered. With health & safety in mind the focus was given to 1) making safe and exploring the use of the stables block followed by 2) replacement of the windows in the main church building, 3) Sorting out the car park drainage and resurfacing. Work on the stables began with a group of qualified church members organising a working group of professionals to clear a considerable amount of rubbish from the stables buildings and making it safe.

Unfortunately difficulties in relation to the land registry for the stables and carpark area have been uncovered. These need to be sorted out with lawyers before progress can be made.

The Church council agreed that a number of small projects could progress separately to the large projects, as funds allowed. The responsibility for actioning these was devolved to the Finance and Property Group. This allowed for progress on the smaller tasks between church Councils. These included: redecoration of the church hall with new blinds and lights, refurbishment of the lighting in the church sanctuary and around the church and initial work to try to improve the efficiency of the heating system. Action on the larger project /jobs need to be referred to the Church Councils.

A future Treasurer was identified, Ms Leandre Tuitt. Leandre will work with Hannah Roberts for 6 to 12 months till she is comfortable with all the aspects of the financial role, in an effort to smooth the handover process.

A Mission and outreach program was explored initially focusing on light exercise and Health & Wellbeing. Cynthia Bonds, liaising with the Leyton Orient Trust, set up pilot sessions which were well received.

In 2025 Revd Da Silva will have been at Shern Hall for 7 years and 12 years in the Circuit. His appointment was therefore subject to the Methodist Stationing process. Two representatives from the Church council were appointed to join the Circuit Stationing Committee.

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#### **3.2. Future Plans**

The Church Finance and Property committee have already been reconsidering the priorities of the larger projects. This is likely to be focusing on the replacement of windows. As soon as quotes can be revisited, grant applications can be revised to organise funding. A resolution to the responsibility for the stables and car park will be explored in parallel. The projects in those areas can then be re-evaluated.

One of the Church Manager responsibilities is working on ensuring the church building is compliant in all areas. E.g. 24-25 is when full electrical inspections are due.

It is hoped that the decision will be made to continue the Mission and Outreach program - health and well being sessions on a regular basis other areas of activity will be explored.

Revd Da Silva will be leaving Shern Hall and the Circuit in the summer of 2025 to continue his ministry in the West Country. The church council and congregation are grateful for his care, commitment and expertise through a number of difficult times for the church, the covid pandemic, a flood, and financial difficulties to name but a few.

A new minister Revd Kong Ching Hii will be joining the Circuit in September 2025 with pastoral responsibility for Shern Hall and Woodford. The Congregation look forward to his new ministry.

#### **4. Financial Review**

The total receipts for the year of £125,583 were a further increase on the previous year (22-23 £116,674). The payments for the year £107,050 were less than last year of £115,746, as certain of the planned repair and maintenance work was not completed in the year. This gave a surplus for the year of £18,533, (22-23 £928).

The congregational offerings were maintained at the same level as last year £54,575, but the gift aid received was £8,166, slightly lower than last year (22-23 £9,184). The letting fees had been increased by 50% in the previous year due to energy costs. These were not further increased, but a significant full time letting of the Annex to a Preschool was agreed and started, which increased the lettings to £59,400, significantly more than the previous year (22-23 £30,992)

Energy prices increased by 70%, further than expected to £20,456 compared with the previous year (22-23 £12,064). Water rates were much less at £685 compared with the previous year (22-23 £6,541), as the debt which Castle claimed was due was paid off following threats to cut off the water. The debt was disputed, but it is unlikely this will now be refunded.

The management team were very pleased to be able to employ Vanessa Rose as the new Church Manager. This is a joint agreement with Woodford Methodist Church. Vanessa works 2 mornings at Shern Hall and two at Woodford. She has quietly and efficiently provided most effective support.

The repairs and maintenance of £20,016, (22-23 £23,494) included: £4,765 on heating system efficiency changes, with more due on this in October 2024; £8,000 was spent on a badly needed refreshing of the Hall decoration and new blinds.

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#### **5. Reserves Policy**

The Church needs to maintain an operating reserve approximately equal to 6 months of annual expenditure. This would give a short time for the church to respond to an income drop whilst still meeting immediate expenditure needs. This is currently approximately £55,000. Committed expenditure includes such items as: assessment to the circuit; church manager salary; utility bills; financial examination; etc. However, the church also has significant work required to the fabric of the main church building, e.g. new windows are urgently required,

At the end of the year the church had £34,793 unrestricted assets. This is equivalent to just under 4 months operating reserve, so particularly careful financial management of funds is needed.

With slightly increased funds from the letting of the Annex to the preschool, the Finance and Property group should be able to address a few more of the small property jobs identified with little further detrimental impact on the church reserves. However grant funding urgently needs to be sought for all major property work required.

The church's benevolent fund is a restricted fund and holds £3,548 at 31st August 2024.

#### **6. Structure, governance and Management**

##### **6.1. Structure**

Shern Hall Methodist Church is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. It is part of the Forest Methodist Circuit. Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference.

The Circuit Meeting passes regulatory control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the Presbyter, the Church Stewards, and other officers, and this regulatory authority is then exercised by Church Councils as Managing Trustees of their charity.

##### **6.2. Governance**

The Church operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist Standing Orders. It relies on the Forest Circuit, the London District, the Connexional Office and the Charity Commission to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Church.

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by the order of the annual conference (CPD)

##### **6.3. Management**

Day to day management of Shern Hall Methodist church, between trustees meetings is undertaken by the Minister, Church Stewards, the Treasurers and a number of established committees: the Pastoral Committee, the Safeguarding committee and the Finance and Property Committee. These committees are appointed by the Church Council to act on behalf of the Church Council between Church Council Meetings.

#### **7. Related Parties**

Shern Hall Methodist Church is part of the Forest Methodist Circuit which is part of the London District of the Methodist church and is therefore also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The church's main source of funding is offerings from the congregation and income from rooms let.

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The income is used to pay an assessment to the Forest Methodist Circuit, pay for the upkeep of the Church building and carry out the Church Mission.

The church now also shares the responsibility for the employment and cost of a Church Manager with Woodford Methodist church.

### **8. Public Benefit Requirement**

The trustees had due regard to the guidance published by the Charities Commission in compliance with its duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011. This guidance sets out two key principles:

- The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.
- The benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

The church exists to:

- increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;
- help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care; and
- be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.

The trustees consider that for these reasons the charity meets these public benefit requirements.

### **9. Church Trustee Responsibilities**

9.1. General Responsibilities Include:

- formulation and promotion of policies which will advance the mission of Shern Hall Methodist Church
- constantly being aware of the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission

9.2. Financial Responsibilities include:

- a) ensuring that sufficient accounting records are kept which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Shern Hall Methodist Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law and Standing Orders of the Methodist Church.
- b) safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
- c) ensuring financial statements are prepared for each financial year ending 31st August, that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) ensure accounts comply with the Charities SORP;
- d) prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.



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**9.3. The Shern Hall Church Council**

The Church Council meets at least 2 times a year to deal with routine and exceptional matters. It seeks to think strategically about the work of the Church and carry out administrative matters. Its key functions have been:

- a) to encourage the Church to consider its Vision, and enable it to achieve its Goals
- b) to monitor the life and mission of the whole Church
- c) to identify and advocate strategic policy directions
- d) to oversee formal authorisations and approvals
- e) to ensure essential appointments are made and compliances met

**9.4. The Church Finance and Property Committee**

This sub-committee have been authorised by the Church council to act in an executive capacity in relation to Financial and Property matters requiring decisions and action between meetings of the Church Council Trustees. All actions taken being reported to the following Church Council meeting.

**10. Risk Management**


The church council has responsibility for considering the various risks facing the church, the impact and the likelihood of issues occurring. This is managed between Church Council Meetings by the Church Safeguarding Committee. Guidance is received from the Forest Circuit, the London District of the Methodist Church and the Methodist connexion. The headings under which the risks are being categorised include:

- a) Safeguarding Risks
- b) Governance Risks including Trustees' Responsibilities
- c) Financial Risks
- d) Operational Risks including Resources, People and Property
- e) External Risks and Legal Risks

**11. Report Approval**

10/6/2025

The report was approved by the trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by

  
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Revd Oseias Da Silva  
Church Minister & Chair of Trustees

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

## Shern Hall Methodist Church

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	1	62,741			<b>62,741</b>	64,553
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		661			<b>661</b>	267
a4	Lettings		59,400			<b>59,400</b>	30,992
a5	Other receipts (incl donations, Fundraising & Streaming Appeal)	2		1,436	1,345	<b>2,781</b>	20,862
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>122,802</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>125,583 (a7)</b>	<b>116,674</b>
SECTION B							
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		42,776			<b>42,776</b>	50,151
b3	Donations						
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		20,016			<b>20,016</b>	23,494
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	3	22,981			<b>22,981</b>	20,403
b6	Salaries, admin, cleaning & Church Expenses	4	19,673			<b>19,673</b>	16,072
b7	Other payments (incl Streaming Project, Exam. Charge)	5	1,604			<b>1,604</b>	5,626
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>107,050</b>			<b>107,050 (b9)</b>	<b>115,746</b>
SECTION C							
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	15,752	1,436	1,345	<b>18,533</b>	928
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		17,605	1,293	2,203	<b>21,101 (c6)</b>	20,173
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	33,357	2,729	3,548	<b>39,634</b>	<b>21,101</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,436	(1,436)			(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>34,793</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>3,548</b>	<b>39,634 (c8)</b>	<b>21,101 (c6)</b>
SECTION D							
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>							
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>					<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					3,603	120
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					382	3,840
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					3,624	357
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>				<b>361</b>	<b>3,603</b>

## Shern Hall Methodist Church Church

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	125,583 (a7)	107,050 (b9)	18,533	(c7)	21,101 (c6)	39,634 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>125,583</b>	<b>107,050</b>	<b>18,533</b>		<b>21,101 (x)</b>	<b>39,634 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		7
f2	Bank Current Account	9,269	37,937
f3	Bank Deposit Account	1	1
f4	Central Finance Board	11,831	1,689
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>21,101 (c6)</b>	<b>39,634 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>21,101 (x)</b>	<b>39,634 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (Updatee Insurance value'n)	1,775,934	2,239,607
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities: ();		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

# SHERN HALL METHODIST CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024***

#### Notes to the accounts

##### 1 Offerings and Tax recovered

	<u>23-24</u>	<u>22-23</u>
Church Offerings	54,575	54,839
Gift Days	-	530
Tax Reclaim	8,166	9,184
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>62,741</u></b>	<b><u>64,553</u></b>

##### 2 Other receipts (incl donations, Fundraising & Streaming Appeals)

	<u>23-24</u>	<u>22-23</u>
<b>To General fund</b>		
21-22 Insurance Claim Payment (22-23)	-	15,992
Donations	-	180
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>16,172</u></b>
<b>To designated Funds</b>		
Fundraising - Black History event	1,436	1,485
Steel Band donation	-	1,250
Other	-	100
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,436</u></b>	<b><u>2,835</u></b>
To Benevolent Fund	1,345	1,855
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2,781</u></b>	<b><u>20,862</u></b>

##### 3 Utilities etc (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)

	<u>23-24</u>	<u>22-23</u>
Water	685	6,541
Gas	11,332	7,883
Electric	9,124	4,181
Insurance	1,840	1,798
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>22,981</u></b>	<b><u>20,403</u></b>

##### 4 Salaries, admin, cleaning & Church Expenses

	<u>23-24</u>	<u>22-23</u>
Salary contribution	6,000	-
Security	1,113	1,541
Cleaning	6,144	6,496
Postage, Printing, etc	275	436
Printer Lease	1,054	1,580
Licences & subscriptions	968	770
Bank charges	317	274
Telephone & Broadband	1,082	1,055
Organist	2,720	3,920
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>19,673</u></b>	<b><u>16,072</u></b>

##### 5 Other payments (e.g. Streaming Projects, Exam. Charge)

	<u>23-24</u>	<u>22-23</u>
Examination Fee	1,536	1,050
Sundry Items	68	1,725
Donations made	-	-
Re-payment of loan from Circuit	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,604</u></b>	<b><u>2,775</u></b>
<b>From designated Funds</b>		
Fundraising	-	998
Steel Band	-	337
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>1,335</u></b>
From Benevolent Fund	-	1,516
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,604</u></b>	<b><u>5,626</u></b>

Name of Church .. **Shern Hall Methodist Church**

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... *Hannah Roberts* ..... Date <sup>10/6/2025</sup>.....

Name and address of Treasurer ..... **Hannah Roberts**

..... **45 Byron Avenue, South Woodford, London , E18 2HH**

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees to be held on ..12th June 2025.....

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting .... **Reverend Oseias Da Silva**

Date: 10/6/2025

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

### Shern Hall Methodist Church

**Charity Number 1202535**

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Shern Hall Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 11. 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.

Name of Church ..... **Shern Hall Methodist Church**

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have 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 *Lorraine Purdy* .....

Name of independent examiner ...Lorraine Catherine Purdy FCCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) ... Clay Ratnage Strevens & Hills

Address ... Suite D, The Business Centre, Faringdon Avenue, Romford, Essex RM3 8EN

Date 10/6/2025 .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate