

# The Methodist Church



**BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**AND ACCOUNTS  
for the year ending  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Church: **BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH**

Name and address  
for correspondence: Rev'd Andrew Parker  
Chapel Street  
BUXTON  
Derbyshire  
SK17 6HX

Charity status: During 2009 Buxton Methodist Church became a registered charity, No **1129654**, with 29 Trustees

### Managing Trustees in 2018 - 2019

Rev Andrew Parker	Mrs Di Ruff	Mr Ray Parker
Mrs Wendy Jones	Mr Colin Parker	Mrs Pip Strachan
Mr Ian Stubbs	Miss Anna Quick	Mr Nick Taylor
Mr Malcolm Heyward	Mr Robin Evison	
Mrs Sue Anfield	Mrs Glynis Leyland	
Mr Stan Evans	Mrs Christine Hodgkinson	
Mr Ron Sinclair	Mrs Isabel Sinclair	
Mrs Beryl Blackwell	Mrs Gwen Cockayne	
Mrs Jackie Cowlshaw	Mr John Anfield	
Mrs Ann Leblanc	Mrs Ann Bradwell	
Mr Peter Johnson	Mrs Angela Crawford	
Mrs Kate MacLean	Mrs Christine Francis	
Mr Dick Silson	Mr Brian Laurence	

Number of Church Members as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019: **105**

(Oct 2018 – 107; Oct 2017 – 112; Oct 2016 – 118; Oct 2015 – 124; 2014 – 104; 2013 – 104; 2012 – 108)

## AIMS AND ORGANISATION

Buxton Methodist Church has accepted the definition of its aim and purpose given by the Methodist Church in Britain. We exist to:

### WORSHIP:

Increase awareness of God's  
presence and to celebrate  
God's love

### LEARNING AND CARING:

Help people to learn and grow  
as Christians, through mutual  
support and care

### SERVICE:

Be a good neighbour to people  
in need and to challenge  
injustice

### EVANGELISM:

Make more followers of Jesus  
Christ

The Managing Trustees of Buxton Methodist Church are the 'Church Council', which is responsible for overseeing the life and mission of the church in accordance with our stated aims and objectives and in accordance with the Constitutional Practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church. It consists of people elected from amongst the members of the church and those who are members by virtue of their office.

Several sub-committees are appointed by the Church Council to assist it in its work and are responsible to it.

The Church Leadership team and Church Stewards, elected by the church members, ensure, with the minister, that Church Council Policy is carried out and they have responsibility for the day-to-day life of the church.

## **REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS 1/9/2018 – 31/8/2019**

### **WORSHIP**

- Worship is central to our life. We seek to relate our spirituality and worship to the needs of this world and the community and we aim to serve. We hold a weekly morning service where numbers average about 75 – 80 and try to provide worship that is relevant and accessible for all.
- Our informal, monthly Praise@6 'café style' service continues to be popular and we often learn new worship songs led by the church band and have discussions about a relevant topic.
- We have established a more regular pattern of evening Taizé services which are appreciated by people from across the denominations.
- This year, after many years of faithful service, one of our regular organists retired and the church has appointed an organist in a paid role. This appointment will provide support for our regular organist and continue the good standard of organ music offered each week.
- Messy Church ran for much of the year on the third Tuesday afternoon of each month. Around 5 – 10 children attend with their parents/carers and activities and story time are planned for the under-fives. Unfortunately, due to health reasons for one of the key leaders of Messy church, it was cancelled from May and what we may do in future is now under review.
- Special services bring together the extended church family including Parade Services, Harvest, Christingle, and Easter.
- We continue to welcome a good number of visitors and holidaymakers, especially during the period of the Buxton International Festival and Fringe.

### **SERVICE**

- Wednesday Luncheon Club, staffed by over 20 volunteers on a rota, prepares and serves a lunch each week for about forty people over seventy years old and living on their own. Friendship, play and stimulation are an important part of the club's activities. Transport is provided for those who need it. We have been grateful for outside funding from the Hall Bank Trust and others towards transport for those attending.
- Tuesday and Saturday Café is run by church volunteers and provides a place of warmth and friendship to many people who come on a weekly or occasional basis. The Saturday volunteer rota attracts younger members of our congregation and provides 'service' opportunities for school students on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.
- The Church continues to be a Fair Trade church and has also become a 'Partner' Church for All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development). This means that the church pledges to raise at least £500 per year for the charity and also to promote the All We Can projects at different events.

- Through one of the church members who has family members in Zimbabwe, the church has established links with her church in Zimbabwe and provided clothes, shoes and toys along with the transportation costs for a container of items to go to the church in Zimbabwe for distribution amongst its members.
- The Church Council makes donations amounting to 10% of our regular giving income. This is divided between the following regular contributions: Methodist Mission in Britain Fund, Methodist Fund for World Mission, Action for Children, Methodist Fund for Church Property, JMA, and to local charities chosen on an annual basis. Additionally we raise money for local causes and national and international appeals throughout the year.
- In addition to the charity donations agreed by the church council, the church has raised amounts for charity including Water Relief, Action for Children (child and family care) and we have a particularly effective team of door-to-door collectors in Christian Aid Week.
- The church is a major provider of high quality rooms and facilities for the local community and our bookings have remained satisfactory at a challenging time. We have been pleased to continue to be on the 'approved list' of suitable venues for hire for organisations such as Derbyshire County Council and NHS, an indication of the quality, accessibility and appropriate price of our facilities.
- We allow our buildings to be used free of charge by the Guide Group affiliated to the church, which has active Rainbow, Brownie and Guide packs.
- Performers taking part in the Buxton Fringe use the church premises for concerts during the Annual Buxton Festival each year.
- We continue to improve and invest in our premises and in the past year we have particularly improved facilities in the church sanctuary area. The work included a ramp for access into the front of the church and also a much-needed fully accessible toilet. These have been very much appreciated and the ramp gained a Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust architectural award for design and local craftsmanship. We continue to hold financial reserves for longer term projects which will ensure the buildings remain at a high standard.

## **LEARNING and CARING**

- There is one small group meeting once a month in the home of one of our members and this is a valuable time to share faith, questions and insights. This year two groups have also led worship on an occasional basis. Their mutual support is a great pastoral benefit for all involved.
- 'Network' is a gathering of women and men for friendship and a talk by an invited speaker. There are often around 20 people in attendance each week.
- 'Inbetweeners' is an informal group who are too old for youth groups but too young for the U3A activities. Amongst their social activities, they have completed a sponsored walk for Christian Aid, went for a camping weekend in Yorkshire and went carol singing on their now regular annual trip to Hathersage.
- During the year, our minister took around ten funerals in the name of the church and visited bereaved families before each service, as well as undertaking preparation for two baptisms and a wedding. We introduced a 'church godparent' scheme during the year and remember baptism families with an Advent calendar and invitation to our Christingle and Christmas services.
- The church engages in pastoral work, seeking to visit housebound and elderly members of the church. The church employs a pastoral worker who co-ordinates a team of pastoral visitors and together they carry out many of the visits in the name of the church. However, finding people to volunteer as pastoral visitors is becoming increasingly difficult.
- We play a significant part in the life of the community through chaplaincy to the Royal Naval Association. Sadly, the RNA branch decided to 'lay up' their standard this year due to decreasing numbers and so a special service was held in June to mark this occasion. The RNA standard is now hanging in the church with a plaque to remember the branch and the support it gave to local members.



- Churches Together in Buxton (CTiB) has continued to develop good relationships between the churches in Buxton. CTiB has marked significant times throughout the year: united Lent services, a service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and One World Week. CTiB supports a Town Centre Chaplaincy and been involved with the town's 'Spring Fair', providing an indoor venue at Buxton Methodist Church for refreshment, entertainment and children's activities. Ministry is also shared at the annual Remembrance Service on the Slopes in Buxton.
- Sunday Club continues with numbers fluctuating between five and ten. The majority of these are aged under ten with a couple of teens in an older group. The thrice-yearly All Age services attract many members from the uniformed groups and special services at Christmas and Easter also attract an increased number of occasional visitors. As well as the Sunday morning activities, the Sunday Club provides valuable pastoral support to its members.
- The Friday youth groups continue. For the younger age group, up to age 11, there is a monthly 'Friday Club' which attracts around eight girls and for the older age group, 12 plus, there is a weekly 'Youth2Youth' attracting 5 – 7 both girls and boys.
- Baby and Toddler Group – a Friday gathering mainly involving parents/carers who have no other link with the church. It is run as a supportive group for both adults and young people.
- Uniformed organisations: Our affiliated Rainbows, Brownies and Guides packs continue to run in term time and attract good numbers often having a waiting list.
- The church family started the new year with a very successful Church Family Party and this was followed 3 months later by a fun afternoon 'Great Egg Challenge' event which sought to attract families loosely connected with church.

We have worked hard to create links between our children's groups and invite all youth group leaders to meet quarterly for feedback and planning. We have found this has helped to build stronger relations between the different groups and be a source of strength and encouragement.

We continue to monitor the regulations with regard to Children and Vulnerable Adults and Mrs Sue Anfield, the church safeguarding officer, works with all the leaders in making sure the church is a safe place to meet. We have established a pattern of running training courses in the autumn and spring.

We have regular contact with over 100 young people on church premises and more than 25 people work voluntarily with young people in a number of different capacities.

## **EVANGELISM**

Since the appointment of our Publicity Coordinator, the improved standard of our Church magazine has been widely praised and it remains a major way in which the church communicates the varied life of what the church. We also have an increasing presence on Facebook with regular posts and photos about events and activities and maintain an up-to-date website.

## **Looking to the future.**

The report provides a mixed picture of some areas of positive growth and other areas of difficulty. The Leadership Team with the stewards and Church Council continue to look at ways to enable more people to take an active role in the life of the church.

We also need to maintain our care for the church family both those who attend different events and those who see themselves as part of the church family but because of the reasons listed above cannot attend as much as they once did or would like. Finding ways to maintain a link is a challenge which needs creative thinking; creating a 'pastoral links' system may be one way to help.

The church as part of the Buxton Circuit is looking towards an amalgamation of three circuits to become the High Peak Partnership, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. This will provide a greater sharing of resources and ideas but will also mean additional pastoral responsibility for the minister.

**Andrew Parker (Minister)**

## **Treasurer's report for the financial year ended 31 August 2019**

The accounts for the financial year ending 31st August 2019 are contained in the Methodist Church's Standard Form of Accounts which is attached to this report.

At the end of the year the church's income was £11,781 less than its expenditure.

### **Utilities and Insurance**

The cost for Insurance, Gas, Electricity and Water was £1,217 higher than the previous year. Energy costs have increased but in the present year we should not have any estimated bills as both gas and electricity now have 'smart' meters. Income from Solar panels was £438 for the excess power 'sold back' to the grid; the power generated which we used ourselves saved us money from what otherwise we would have been billed for.

### **Employment**

Employment costs are £57 higher than the previous year. Wages and salaries were increased in line with Methodist Church guidance.

### **Repairs & Maintenance**

This year £21,197 has been spent on repairs compared to £5,194 last year. Included in that figure is organ maintenance costing £1,386. A reserve fund exists for upkeep of the organ. The major items of expenditure related to the installation of the accessible toilet. There will continue to be some necessary maintenance work in subsequent years, if our premises are to be kept to a high standard.

### **The Future**

The finances of the church are monitored closely. A 5-year plan has been updated, highlighting the need for the church to increase its income each year. We need to supplement free will giving with earned income if we are to cover the circuit assessment in future years. We will need to fundraise for all major projects and any new staff roles. With these initiatives in place however, our five year forecast shows a very positive cash position at the end of 2023/24. A Reserves Policy has been prepared.

Ian Stubbs, Treasurer

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>BUXTON METHODIST</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2019**

<b>BUXTON</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>19/18</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1129654

**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'd A Parker

**Church Stewards:**

Mrs J Cowlieshaw	Mr M Heyward
Mr R Hunter	Mrs W Jones
Mr J Morten	Ms D Ruff
Mr R Sinclair	Mr I Stubbs

**Treasurer:**

Mr I Stubbs

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	60,440	131	60,571	59,891
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,348		4,348	3,854
a4	Lettings	33,537		33,537	30,659
a5	Other receipts	11,957		11,957	13,359
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>110,282</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>110,413 (a7)</b>	<b>107,763</b>
SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	45,520		45,520	45,417
b3	Donations	5,240		5,240	5,615
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	20,606	19,543	40,149	23,746
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,126		12,126	10,639
b6					
b7	Other payments	18,079	1,080	19,159	22,216
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>101,571</b>	<b>20,623</b>	<b>122,194 (b9)</b>	<b>107,633</b>
SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>8,711 (20,492)</b>	<b>(11,781)</b>	<b>130</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	154,633	44,335	198,968 (c6)	198,838
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>163,344 23,843</b>	<b>187,187</b>	<b>198,968</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>163,344 23,843</b>	<b>187,187 (c8)</b>	<b>198,968 (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>			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				200
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,276	1,313
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,276	1,513
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>				
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>				



## 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 2019 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 Café	11,555	11,462	93		30	123
e2 Network	269	270	(1)		64	63
e3 Flower fund	603	639	(36)		809	773
e4 Junior Youth					338	338
e5 Yoth to youth	1,746	1,487	259		17	276
e6 Parent & Toddler	707	679	28		73	101
e7 Messy church	116	87	29		110	139
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,996	14,624	372		1,441 (e11)	1,813 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	110,413 (a7)	122,194 (b9)	(11,781)	(c7)	198,968 (c6)	187,187 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	125,409	136,818	(11,409)		200,409 (x)	189,000 (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 2019

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,647	12,986
f3 Bank Deposit Account	38,197	16,077
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	76,170	68,673
f6 Other funds	45,019	50,019
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	198,968 (c6)	187,187 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,441 (e11)	1,813 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	200,409 (x)	189,000 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2018	At 31 August 2019
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	76,968	50,000
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	781,150	781,150
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)

RECEIPTS - page 2 Section A	2018-19	2017-18
<b>1. Offerings and Tax Recoverable</b>		
Loose cash collections	6,325.00	6,547.00
Weekly envelopes	8,123.00	9,372.00
One-off Gift Aid envelopes/donations	799.00	691.00
BACS collections (Standing Orders)	26,891.00	26,220.00
Other Donations	2,515.00	1,583.00
Funeral collections	77.00	
Bequests and Memorial donations	3,064.00	6,989.00
Tax recovered under Gift Aid	12,645.00	8,057.00
Sub Total	<b>60,439.00</b>	<b>59,459.00</b>
<i>Restricted offerings received:</i>		
Misc donations (restricted)	131.00	432.00
Gift Day 2014		
Bequests		
Sunday Club		
Messy Church		
Sub Total	131.00	432.00
	<b>60,570.00</b>	<b>59,891.00</b>
<b>2. Interest and Investment Income</b>		
TMCP	794.00	616.00
Methodist Chapel Aid A/c	515.00	436.00
Special Interest bearing deposit A/c	71.00	15.00
Current A/c	5.00	6.00
Gain on Endowment investment		
M&G Charibond income	2,963.00	2,781.00
a3	<b>4,348.00</b>	<b>3,854.00</b>
<b>3. Other Receipts</b>		
Miscellaneous Sales	58.00	143.00
Café	8,250.00	8,800.00
Weddings and funerals fees	1,205.00	2,450.00
Personal photocopies	92.00	111.00
Solar Panels	438.00	622.00
Young People		503.00
Social Events	1,644.00	
Circuit's reimbursement of Circuit Admin costs		
Gas & Electricity Refund	270.00	
Insurance claim		730.00
Sub Total	<b>11,957.00</b>	<b>13,359.00</b>
Young People		
Grants		
Social Events		
Sub Total	-	-
a5	<b>11,957.00</b>	<b>13,359.00</b>
<b>4. Grants and Donations</b>		
Mission in Britain Fund	1,300.00	1,300.00
Fund for World Mission (includes £150.00 to JMA)	1,450.00	1,420.00
The Fund for Property	350.00	325.00
All We Can	550.00	550.00
Bible Society		225.00
Action for Children	600.00	600.00
Blythe House		225.00
Toilet Twinning		480.00
Theyer Foundation	250.00	
Buxton Foodbank/Nightstop	250.00	225.00
Volunteer Bureau		225.00
Churches together in Buxton	40.00	40.00
Ashgate Hospice	250.00	
Zimbabwe	200.00	
b3	<b>5,240.00</b>	<b>5,615.00</b>

**BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**Notes to the Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st August 2019**

<b>PAYMENTS (continued)</b>		
	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
<b>5. Repairs and Maintenance</b>		
Building (unrestricted funds)	1,068.00	4,623.00
Building (restricted funds)	19,543.00	
Organ and piano	1,386.00	571.00
Wages for caretakers (Net of Tax and NI)	16,873.00	17,467.00
Cleaning supplies and refuse collection	1,279.00	1,085.00
	<b>b4</b>	<b>23,746.00</b>
<b>6. Insurance, Utilities etc</b>		
Insurance	5,147.00	5,024.00
Gas	3,527.00	3,029.00
Electricity	2,454.00	1,485.00
Water	998.00	1,101.00
	<b>b5</b>	<b>10,639.00</b>
<b>7. Other Payments</b>		
Advertising		
Communications asst. Buxton office	3,164.00	3,080.00
Admin Assistant fees (Lettings)	5,800.00	5,647.00
Inland Revenue payments	652.00	287.00
Photocopier costs	978.00	2,312.00
Stationery	463.00	540.00
Postage	116.00	
CCL and other Copyright Licences	659.00	642.00
Organist Fees	160.00	
Software	216.00	426.00
Miscellaneous admin costs	683.00	1,443.00
Sunday refreshment packs	151.00	269.00
Church consumables (candles etc)		95.00
Music and Choir		
Social events	1,380.00	
Young People expenditure	151.00	1,314.00
Lay Worker (Pastoral)	2,122.00	2,073.00
Technical and Internet services	1,384.00	3,783.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>21,911.00</b>
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
Choir expenditure		
Social Events		
Sunday Club		41.00
Young People expenditure	1,080.00	189.00
Messy Church		75.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,080.00</b>
	<b>b7</b>	<b>22,991.00</b>
<b>Additional Notes:</b>		
<b>MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS page 2 Section D</b>		
Action for Children	193.78	270.00
Save The Children	40.00	
Easter offering	409.50	292.00
Youth work		
All we Can	1,021.21	690.00
Benevolent fund	39.99	
		200.00
Water Aid	40.36	61.00
	<b>d2 and d3</b>	<b>1,513.00</b>

Name of Church .. Buxton

19/18

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2019 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 25/2/2020 .....

Name and address of treasurer .....  
Mr Ian Stubbs, 67 White knowle Park, Buxton .....  
..... Post Code.. SK17 9XA

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 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 ..... Date .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Buxton Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1129654

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2019 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**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 CE Francis

Name of independent examiner CHRISTINE ELIZABETH FRANCIS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner RETIRED ACCOUNTANT

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

Address .....

..... Post Code .....

Date .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate