

# Church Accruals Accounts 2018-2019

## THE METHODIST CHURCH

# TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS (ACCRUALS BASIS)

for the year ended 31 August 2019

## **SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**

		Charity Registration n	umber	1127682
	BIRMINGHAM	Circuit No	5.1	
Minister		REW ORTON (from 01.		$\exists$

Church Stewards

 Mrs Sarah Shinner (till 31.05.19)
 Mr Andrew Hunt (till 31.05.19)
 Mrs Ann Polson
 Mr Derek Giles
 Mrs Sandra Ker
Mr Alan Faulkner
Ms Sue Kelley (from 31.05.19)
 Mr Jeremy Pearce (from 31.05.19)

Church Treasurer Mrs Christine Burr

#### Introduction

Welcome to this annual report from the Trustees of Solihull Methodist Church. This report sets out some of its life and work in the year to 31 August 2019. We are an embodiment of the universal church of Jesus Christ in one particular place, namely the town of Solihull and the areas around it. At a time when churches generally are in decline, we are close to maintaining our numbers of people joining in our worship, fellowship, service and mission, and we are reaching out and welcoming new ones. We are growing in the depth of our experience of God; in our thankful response to God's constant grace, and in our commitment to worshipping God and proclaiming in a variety of ways God's goodness in the world. With increasing confidence and imagination we seek to discern and fulfil the tasks to which we believe God has called us. For all this, and in all the work which this report represents, we give thanks. As a church, we belong to the Methodist Church in Great Britain. As a community, we consist of Methodist people and others who travel with us. We celebrate the ongoing story of God's good creation, as we seek to respond in a variety of ways to the outpouring of God's love for what we believe to be God's world. That leads us into seeking to care for the things of the world and the people in it. That in turn requires us to exercise a proper stewardship of the resources with which we have been entrusted. This report is one way of giving account of that stewardship.

## The Mission of Solihull Methodist Church

In order to fulfil its purposes, aims and calling as a local Methodist embodiment of the church of Jesus Christ (for which see a later section of this report), the members of Solihull Methodist Church endeavour to travel the Christian path, following the example of Jesus Christ:-

- by offering worship to God;
- by caring for one another; and
- by caring for the world and the communities in which they live.

## The main activities of the Church therefore consist of :-

- worshipping God through prayer, song, bible-reading, sacraments and other acts of worship;
- organising and resourcing regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike;
- teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- providing appropriately trained and overseen pastoral care for church members and for people in the wider community including visiting those who are sick and those who are bereaved;
- providing chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and as we are able;
- leading religious assemblies in local schools;
- providing premises and facilities for community groups that seek to serve people in ways compatible with the charitable purposes of the Methodist Church;
- promoting Christianity through the staging of events and services.

## Aims and organisation

The charitable objectives of Solihull are in accordance with the Purposes of the Methodist Church of Great Britain as set out in Section 4 of the Methodist Church Act 1976. That section states that:-

"The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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

The aims and calling of the Methodist Church of Great Britain are:

- 1. Worship to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;
- 2. Learning and Caring to help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and
- 3. Service to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice; and
- 4. Evangelism to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Within those purposes, Solihull Methodist Church sees its overall objective as being "Linking our Community to Christ" and making all those who use its premises "Feel at Home".

#### **Public Benefit**

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. This guidance sets out two key principles:

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

Every Methodist Church exists, inter alia, to:

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

At Solihuil Methodist Church, we seek to provide public benefit in the above ways by building relationships with all members of our community. That includes those who worship with us regularly. It also includes those who make use of our premises; those who commute past our grounds; and those who live in the neighbourhood. We seek to embody values of openness and humility in all we are and do. We do this by:

- 1. Offering a welcome to all who
- · wish to join us in worship or in our midweek activities;
- · seek help at various stages of life, e.g. baptism, marriage or bereavement; or
- turn to the Church for support in times of need.
- 2. Seeking to serve the needs of the wider community by providing services ourselves, or by offering the use of our premises and other support to community organisations.
- 3. Ensuring that all aspects of Church life reflect its open policy by
- · encouraging the faith, gifts and abilities of our members to be used in worship, work and witness;
- working with our Christian neighbours in other local churches, in the Birmingham Methodist Circuit and throughout the world;
- working with people of other faiths; and people in community organisations.

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

#### Review of the year

As we have reported in recent years, our premises can now be used for a variety of purposes. They are of a high standard, and receive many compliments. It is gratifying that non-religious organisations can and do now use them and feel comfortable in them. This includes the sanctuary area, which is increasingly used for concerts, recitals, drama, lectures and events as well as moving and profound acts of worship of various types. People who come to them, whatever their background, regularly describe the space as beautiful, peaceful and welcoming, and with a sense of presence about it.

During this last year we have also begun to upgrade our Methodist Community Centre next to the Church. Following a successful appeal for funds to the congregation, well-wishers and grant-making trusts, we have installed a lift in the Centre which can take a wheelchair. This has made the upper floor of the Centre accessible to everyone, and the rooms much more useable by all the community groups who use our premises, and also by our own groups.

Throughout the year, prompted regularly by our Greener Church Group, we have continued to seek ways of raising consciousness about the environment, and of ameliorating our impact upon it as individuals, as an institution, and as part of the wider community and society. Each month our *Messenger* magazine, which is read by members of our congregation and many others, contains Green Tips and other information about Green Matters. So far as our church's own practice is concerned, this led to it becoming one of about 100 churches in England of all denominations to be awarded a Silver Award in the Eco Church Award scheme managed by the charity A Rocha.

We have continued seeking to serve the needs of different age and 'interest' groups both within our own community, and within the wider society around us. Our weekly Pushchair Club continues to serve important needs. We provide facilities and support for flourishing Rainbow, Brownie, Beaver, Cub and Scout groups. Their leaders and workers include some church members, and their activities increasingly overlap with those that the church itself provides for children and young people. At the other end of the age scale, we continue to seek ways of bringing those who are less mobile to our worship and other activities. We have offered a Thursday Cafe where people can find companionship. Led by one of our lay workers, we have begun to work with other churches in the town in a coordinated way to visit and conduct services in local care homes.

Each year our church runs a project to raise consciousness about a particular issue and funds for a charity or cause connected with it. This last year we have supported an initiative of the Birmingham District of the Methodist Church to pioneer the Community Sponsorship of Refugees (in this cases of Syrian refugees) in the UK. This initiative has involved working with national and local government and other charitable organisations. We have shared in concerts and social events whilst rasing money. But above all we have learnt and benefitted a great deal from the whole process, whilst raising over £10,800 to help support the work.

Solihull Methodists Acting and Singing in Harmony (SMASH) are a group of people of all ages and all levels of skill at singing or playing instruments. They come from within the congregation and from the wider community to take part in major productions of Musicals. Increasingly these use the church itself as a Theatre Space. In February of this year they spectacularly presented the musical *Scrooge*. The final performance was on a Saturday. The set was then left up so that the following day worship could be conducted on and around it which explored the Christian themes and challenges raised by the story.

People from SMASH together are increasingly drawn with others from the church and wider community to form the Solihull Methodist Community Choir and Band. They contribute to the worship of the Church. For example, just before Easter they presented items from Roger Jones's piece From Pharaoh to Freedom in a Sunday service with a special linking narrative that pointed out the signifiance of the story being told. On Maundy Thursday the congregation then picked up those themes as it re-enacted a Passover Meal and shared a communion service to commemorate Jesus's Last Passover Supper the night before he died.

## Review of the year continued

Amongst our regular activities, we have continued to support a wide range of groups to meet various social, pastoral and recreational needs across the age range. We have conducted a schedule of worship services throughout the year. We offer a variety of styles on Sundays and midweek. We hold a 'Prayer Space' on one Sunday evening each month; and a Healing Service of Holy Communion on another. Our new Church Life and Mission Committee has begun to help the Church Council review and prioritise the Church's activities, and initiate new ones, including different styles of worship, to reach out to people and meet emerging needs. We have also collaborated on occasions with other local churches and with groups using our premises to provide special acts of worship.

### Income trends

The Church income is primarily drawn from the giving of the congregation in weekly offerings in the context of worship and by regular bank standing orders. However as the church budgeted for a deficit in 2018/19 it was thought appropriate to carry out a 'giving appeal' in the spring of 2019. The net increase in Collections and the associated gift resulted in an increase for a full year of around £8,000 Although the collections increased our external lettings (the other major source of income) have continued to fall due to the loss of some regular lettings. Plans have been made to increase lettings especially with more social media advertising and also a further 5 car spaces have been added to the previous car park licence for 10 spaces increasing our income by £3,000. With the installation of a lift in 2018/19 the Church's lettable rooms are all now accessible to everybody which again could increase the lettings income. **Expenditure trends** 

The major item of expenditure is in relation to the assessment paid to the Birmingham Circuit. £123,600 was paid in 2018/19 and represents 57% of our total expenditure. The Trustees decided especially with a budgeted deficit to only give the requested 3% increase in 2018/19 and not more as

A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers and family, community and youth workers within the Circuit.

23% (£51,022) of the church's expenditure relates to property expenses i.e. Heating, lighting, water, insurance, maintenance of grounds, pianos and organ as well as other repairs and renewals to keep the buildings in good repair. The fact that this property expenditure in 2018/19 is more than covered by the total lettings including car park and contributions from church internal organisations enables the premises to be kept in good order. Other Church expenditure is used firstly to provide and communicate, within the community, the Christian teaching and worship of the Church, and secondly to the maintaining of an office with all the related costs manned 5 mornings a week to help with the administrative needs of the church but also to have a presence within the church for the outside organisations who use our premises. Salaries were increased in 2018/19 to cover necessary administrative legal requirements such as GDPR and copyright reporting. However because in 2019/20 the Church budgeted for a £19,500 deficit the Trustees in October 2019 decided to take measures to reduce expenditure and increase income as mentioned in the paragraph above. One measure to save around £7,000 was to suspend for 1 year the 5% of the budgeted total collections and gift aid given to the Methodist Connexional Funds, other Methodist Funds and Charities. Also all Church organisations are to be made aware of the budgeted deficit and to be asked to increase their

#### Fund balances including Reserves Policy

The church has substantial property and believes that it is prudent to maintain between 3.5 and 5 months reserves in its **General unrestricted fund** to provide both normal, planned and reactive maintenance costs. As at 31 August 2019 General fund reserves were £88,906 giving 4.9 months' cover for expenditure. The budgeted loss in 2019/20 of £19,500 cause concern and measures have been agreed by the trustees at the October 19 Church Council Meeting to reduce this deficit to keep General Reserves at the equivalent of 4 months by the end of August 2020 in line with the Charity Commission and the Methodist Church recommendations.

#### Designated funds (Balance at 31.08.19 of £34,334) relates to

- 1. Youth & Children's work £2,066
- 2. Property reserve £15,062
- 3. Legacies with a wish for energy conservation projects but no binding obligation £10,000
- 4. Legacies with a wish for young people's work but no binding obligation £7,206 Details are given in Note 14 of these accounts.

**Restricted funds** (Balance at 31.08.19 of £21,680) relate to gifts/legacies and monies that are only used within the terms attached to them.

£10,832 of the £21,680 restricted funds at 31.08.19 is held in the 2018/19 Church Project Fund which raised money to help a Syrian family start a new life in the UK. It is hoped that the £10,832 fund will be given to a charity bringing Syrian families to the UK in the next few months.

£2,044 of the restricted funds is held in the Benevolent Fund which receives donations from the retiring collection after communion services and the Church is able to react immediately to worldwide emergency appeals after natural disasters etc.

Other restricted funds relate to monies held for various Church groups and these are released as and when requested by those organisations

£7,426 represents the balances held by the Internal organisations linked to the Church. Details are given in Note 14 of these accounts.

#### The Endowment fund

(Balance at 31.08.19 of £6,173) is restricted. The accumulated interest (£968 at 31.08.19) is restricted to fund children and youth work. The capital has been invested in a Corporate bond through TMCP. The valuation at 31.08.19 was £5,201 with a balance of £4 held by TMCP.

#### Plans for 2019/20

The Birmingham Methodist Circuit from 01.09.19 have divided the circuit into 5 Mission and Ministry Teams. There are 5 Churches in the team including Solihull. As the name suggests, the teams made up of members of the 5 Churches, will focus on mission and ministry. It is hoped with being in smaller groups the Churches can work together to support, encourage and enrich the Churchs' life and their communities. The first priority the team has set themselves is 'inspiring worship'. Solihull's Church Life and Mission Committee, will work closely with the team, but they are also organising a Christmas Angel Project and is looking at ways to encourage people to take on the commitments of discipleship, possibly using a course run by the Methodist Church. Connexion have also asked that the Church explore their resource 'Our Church's Future Story' of where the church is and where it wants to be in the future.

As always the Church will continue to maintain its buildings to a high standard which, especially with the installation of the lift in 2018/19 increasing our accessibility, will hopefully boost our lettings income to help reduce the budgeted deficit. The year started with a building contract to carry out quinquennial repairs to the external fabric of the Church. This followed a £5,000 expenditure for the replacement of flat roof coverings to the Community Hall. A lot of time and effort is being made on the gardens and outside space around the Church to make it a very welcoming environment.

## Trustees' Annual Report on Finance and Governance

## Basis of preparation and legal framework

Solihull Methodist Church's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRS) 102

Full Name of Charity: Solihull Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number: 1127682

Date of registration : January 2009

Main communication address ; Solihull Methodist Church, Blossomfield Road.

Solihull, B91 1LG

The members of the Solihull Methodist Church Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up, in accordance with Standing Order 610 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the General Church Meeting.

A Full list of Church Council members shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Mrs Christine Burr

Christine Burr acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Auditors: Wallace Crooke, Wallace House, 20 Birmingham Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 2LT

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Funds are Held at :- HSBC, CAF, & Central Finance Board of The Methodist Church

#### Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

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

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team, consisting of Stewards and other officers along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed ex officio in accordance with Standing Order 610 of CPD, or at the annual General Church Meeting.

#### **Trustee Training**

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Church of Great Britain to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees when they are asked to complete the declaration of eligibility for newly appointed trustees and at meetings.

#### **Related Parties**

The Church is part of the Birmingham Circuit which is part of the Birmingham District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisations linked to this church are :-

1. SMASH(Solihull Methodist Acting & Singing in Harmony 2.Pushchair Club, 3.Soupa Talks, 4. Badminton Club, 5. ENRG (Youth Club), 6.Mens Coffee Club, 7.Traidcraft, 8.Contact Choir. 9.JMA (Junior Mission for All)

#### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Risk Management**

The major risks have been identified and the trustees have appointed a Health & Safety officer who sits on the Church Council and regularly reviews all aspects of risk management and reports to the Trustees. Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget twice a year to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves. A biannual financial review is undertaken to help minimise risks in the income and expenditure processes.

#### Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm'

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- the selection and trainingof all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- the response, without delay, to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- seeking to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- challenging any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- offering pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

Solihull Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice within our Church premises.

Solihull Methodist Church commits itself through its safeguarding officer and team to the provision of support, advice and training for all volunteers, lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

## Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019

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		Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2018-19 £	Total 2017-18 £
Inc	come				-		~	~
1	Weekly Collections & Standing orders		113,585				113,585	112,059
2	Gift aid including GASDS		28,055	175	1,702		29,932	31,487
3	Donations		2,217	700	104 <b>5</b> 5 Nati - 01		2,917	17,057
4	Legacies			10,000			10,000	0
5	Interest and investment income	2,2a	668			104	772	561
6	Internal organisations				32,704		32,704	33,274
7	Other charitable income-collections, donations & charity fundraising activities	3,3a	2,830	575	34,377		37,782	36,153
8	Income from use of premises	4,4a	52,488				52,488	50,822
9	Other Income	5,5a	501	1,000			1,501	442
10	Total income		200,344	12,450	68,783	104	281,681	281,855
Ex	penditure			32 - 100 - 10				
	Circuit assessment or share		123,600			8	123,600	120,000
12	Salaries, N.I. & Pension Costs	9	17,274				17,274	10,660
	Donations to Methodist connexional Funds and other Charities		7,020		7,790		14,810	23,046
14	Property maintenance		39,046				39,046	37,079
15	Insurance, utilities etc		11,976				11,976	12,212
16	Depreciation		4,396				4,396	0
17	Office expenses including advertising, marketing & legal requirements eg copyright licence & audit	12	10,553				10,553	10,339
18	Other expenditure-including Christian teaching, worship, activities and fund raising costs	6a	4,699	4,047	3,534	٠	12,280	16,339
19	Internal organisations				32,229		32,229	32,195
20	Total charitable expenditure		218,564	4,047	43,553	0	266,164	261,870
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	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					300	300	-166
22	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0	0
23	Net income/(expenditure)		-18,220	8,403	25,230	404	15,817	19,819
24	Transfers between funds		31,042	-5,433	-25,609		0	0
	Other gains/(losses)						0	0
26	Net movement in funds		12,822	2,970	-379	404	15,817	19,819
27	Total funds brought forward		4,295,686	31,364	22,059	5,769	4,354,878	4,335,059
28	Total funds carried forward		4,308,508	34,334	21,680	6,173	4,370,695	4,354,878

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations	2019	2018
Balance brought forward from last year	•	-
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	4,111	1,516
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	4,011	1,516
Balance carried forward	100	=

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

Notes to General Fund Designated Restricted Endowment Totals Totals

	the accounts	(Unrestricted)	Funds (Unrestricted)	Funds	Funds	2018	2018
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					-		
Church buildings & Equipment	10	4,219,600				4,219,600	4,198,437
Investment properties						0	0
Investments	11				5,201	5,201	4,901
Total fixed assets	18 1914	4,219,600	0	0	5,201	4,224,801	
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	13	43,246		128		43,374	42,699
Investments with TMCP					4	4	,555
Central Finance Board Deposits	13	46,787	34,334	13,695	968	95,784	92,224
Cash at Bank and in hand	13	4,576		100		4,676	14,448
- Other- Internal Organisations				7,901		7,901	7,426
Total current assets	59 W.B.	94,609	34,334	21,824	972	151,739	
Current liabilities	1000			,		,. • •	-5,501
Creditors & accruals (due in under 1 year)	14	5,701		144		5,845	5,261
Grants payable within 2017-18						0,045	0,201
Total current liabilities	702	5,701	0	144	0	5,845	5,261
Net current assets/liabilities		88,908	34,334	21,680	972	145,894	151,540
Total assets less current				T	1	i	
liabilities		4,308,508	34,334	21,680	6,173	4,370,695	4,354,878
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Long term liabilities		3.00				П	
(due after more than one year)	1	ļ	1		i	ľ	
Grants payable after 2017-18					-	0	0
Loans to the Church						0	0
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Net assets	·	4,308,508	34,334	21,680	6 173	4,370,695	4 354 979
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Funds of the Church	14						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		4,308,508			Г	4,308,508	4,295,686
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	100 11		34,334		ŀ	34,334	31,364
Total Unrestricted Funds		Ļ	5 1,504		ŀ	4,342,842	4,327,050
Restricted Funds			Γ	21,680	ŀ	21,680	22,059
Endowment Funds	1 0 0		1_		6,173	6,173	5,769
Total Funds		4,308,508	34,334	21,680	6,173	4,370,695	4,354,878
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Church Council on  $\bigcirc 3$ ,  $\bigcirc 3$ ,  $\bigcirc 3$ ,  $\bigcirc 3$ , Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees

Chairman Christine Burr - Church Treasurer

#### SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

#### Notes to the Accounts

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

Solihull Methodist Church is a Charity registered in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 7 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on Page 2 of this report

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest  $\pounds$ .

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

#### Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

#### VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

#### Tangible fixed assets

The Church, Church Hall and their contents are shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on these assets because the trustees consider the current residual fair values to be not less than their current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The assets have been reviewed for impairment.

2018/19 a lift was installed and the total cost of this was capitalised and will be depreciated over 10years. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

#### **Investment Properties**

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

#### **Debtors and Creditors**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

#### Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Designated Funds which are unrestricted funds set aside for a future purpose or reserve e.g. Property reserve which is any unspent budget transferred to the next year's property budget. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endownment Fund as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18. Any of funds may be represented by more than just cash.

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2. Interest & Investment income	SOLIHULL General Fund	METHODIST CHU Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2019
	Unrestricted £	Funds	Funds £	Funds £	Total £
Central Finance Board	659		_	•	659
Bank Account CAF Cash A/c	9				9
Dividends -TMCP-Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes- Corporate Bond				104	104
	668		0	104	772
2a. Interest & Investment	General Fund	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2018
Income	Unrestricted £	Funds	Funds £	Funds £	Total £
Central Finance Board	442		1570		442
Bank Account CAF Cash A/c	3				3
Dividends -TMCP-Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes- Corporate Bond				116	116
58 31	445	0	0	116	561
3. Other Charitable Income	General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2019 Total
Other collections , donations &	£ 2,830	£ 575	£ 20,377	£	£ 23,782
charity fundraising activities	2,002				
Grants received			14,000		14,000
Total	2,830	<b>5</b> 75	34,377	0	37,782
3a. Other Charitable Income	General Fund	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2018
	Unrestricted	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
Other collections , donations & chanty fundraising activities	£ 2,097	£ 3,289	£ 17,767	£	£ 23,153
			13,000		13,000
Grants received Total	2,097	3,289	30,767	0	36,153
22220					79.75%
4. Income from use of Premises	General Fund Unrestricted £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds £	2019 Total £
External lettings of Church & Church Hall	38,781		-	~	36,781
Car Park licence	6,250				6,250
Contributions from Church Organisations	8,213				8,213
Donations for Car Park discs from	1,244				1,244
members	52,488				52,488
4a. Income from use of	General Fund	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2018
Premises	Unrestricted	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
External lettings of Church &	£ 38,646		£	£	£ 38,646
Church Hail	4,064				4,064
Car Park licence Contributions from Church	6,843				6,843
Organisations Donations for Car Park discs from	1,269				1,269
members	50,822				50,822
5. Other Income	General Fund	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2019
	Unrestricted	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
Sponsorship of Church magazine	£ 250		£	£	£ 250
Money received from Car Parking	125				125
Solutions for restricting parking Miscellaneous receipts Provision for Signage from	126	1,000			126 1,000
Comm.budget to Prop.reserve					1,501
Total	501	1,000	1000 0000 00 000		1,501
5a. Other Income	General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2018 Total
Sponsorship of Church magazine	£ 250		£	L	250
Miscellaneous receipts	192				192
Total	442				442

6a Other Expenditure

In the year to 31.08.18 £18,437 was spent on a development project to install a lift in the Community Hall and the Project was completed in the 2018/19 year when £25,559 was spent. All this expenditure has been capitalised within tangible fixed assets

7.	. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts		This year 2019	Last year 2018
	Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	2	2,160	1,920
	Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	2,100	1,920
3.	Payment to Trustees			
	Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting			1335
	Names of trustees remunerated for other services: Mrs S Saight (left 30.11.17)	£		
	Number of trustees who were paid expenses	Г		<del></del> -
	There were no trustees who were paid expenses	L		
	Total amount paid	£		1,335
	Paid employees			
	Staff Costs paid during the year were:			
	Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	16,010	10,272
	Employer's National Insurance costs	£	422	195
į	Pension costs	£	694	102
5	Salary admin.costs- Apprentice Levy & Payroll administration costs	$\perp$	148	91
7	Fotal staff costs	£	17,274	10,660
Д	Average number of staff employed during the year were:		2	2

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (€70,000) upwards.

## 10. Tangible Fixed Assets (General Fund Unrestricted

	Church (non investment) land and buildings	Other non investment land and buildings	Investment properties (land and buildings)	Other fixed assets including pipe organ	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	3,675,000			415,000	90,000	18,437	4,198,437
Additions			2000 31			25,559	25,559
Revaluations (+/-)	1		20000114		- 25 (4)7296		
Disposals (-)							
Transfers (+/-)	43,996					-43,996	
Balance carried forward	3,718,996			415,000	90,000		4,223,996
Accumulated depreciation  Balance brought forward				<del></del>	······································		
Depreciation charge for year	4,396						4,396
	4,396						4,396
Revaluations (+/-)	4,396						4,396
Depreciation charge for year  Revaluations (+/-)  Disposals (-)  Transfers (+/-)	4,396						4,396
Revaluations (+/-) Disposals (-) Transfers (+/-)	4,396						4,396 4,396
Revaluations (+/-) Disposals (-) Transfers (+/-) Balance carried forward							
Revaluations (+/-) Disposals (-)			-	415,000	90,000	18,437	

#### 11. Investments

investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

#### Analysis of investment

The investment is a Corporate Bond purchased through TMCP in the year 2014/15. It is within the Trust which is the only endowment fund that the Church has

#### Change in investment values

£

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	4901
Add: additions to investments at cost	
Less: disposals at carrying value	
Net gain/-loss on revaluation	300
Carrying (market) value at end of year	5201

#### 12. Leasing Commitments

A 5 year lease was taken out on a Ricoh phocopier/scanner commencing 01/12/2018

Committed to be paid:

Expiring within 1 year

Between 2 and 5 years

2019

2018

468	
1521	
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During the year 2018/19 £351 was expensed through the SoFA in relation to operating leases

13. Analysis of current assets	This year 2019	Last year 2018	
Debtors and prepayments	£	£	
Pre paid assessments	31825	30900	
Prepayments on insurance etc	4264	4159	
Other debtors	7285	7640	
Total debtors and prepayments	43,374	42,699	
Analysis of cash at bank		-	
Bank balance held in HSBC	1,072	5,352	
Bank balance held in CAF Bank	3,604	9,096	
Total Cash and Bank	4,676	14,448	

Internal Organisations	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Closing balances
SMASH	2,103	13,774	12,168	1,606	3,709
Pushchair Club	2,347	4,187	4,043	144	2,491
Soupa Talks	1,399	6,051	6,263	-212	1,187
Badminton	57	787	780	7	64
ENRG (Youth Club)	89	176	192	-16	73
Men's Coffee	23	1,734	1,722	12	35
Wesley Guild	403		403	-403	
Tuesday Fitness Class	17		17	-17	
Contact Choir	362	1,110	1,135	-25	337
Junior Mission for All (JMA)		1,141	1,136	5	5
Traidcraft	626	3,744	4,370	-626	
TOTAL	7,426	32,704	32,229	475	7,901
		Total Receipts	Total Payments	2500(4)	

14. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors	This year 2018	Last year 2018
	£	£
Trade Creditors	2774	2716
Accruals	3071	2545
	5,845	5,261

#### 15. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements 2018/19

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure		Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance	Fund Purpose
General	4,295,686	200,344	218,564	31,042		10000 2000 100 200 AVENUE AVENUE	The main fund for the running and maintaining a place of worship and fellowship within the community
Totals	4,295,686	200,344	218,564	31,042		4,308,508	

#### Designated Unrestricted

#### Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance	Fund Purpose
Youth & Children's Ministry	2,744	575	1,253		***	2,066	For Youth & Children's work. In 2018/19 used to support children attending Spring Harvest
Byles Legacy		10,000					No binding obligation on legacy but a wish that it be used for energy conservation.
Wain Legacy	2,135			-2,135			Trustees discretion on use of legacy. Fencing on Station Approach completed 2018/19
Mullineux Legacy	10,000		2,794				No binding obligation on legacy but a wish that it be used for Chidren and youth .
Property Reserve Fund	16,485	1,875		-3,298		15,062	Unspent property budget c/fwd to next year. Donations & transfer of reserves in 2017/18
Totals	31,364	12,450	4,047	-5,433		34,334	

#### **Restricted Funds**

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance	Fund Purpose
Church Internal Organisations	7,426	32,704	32,229		9	7,901	Social, Learning & Devotional Groups within the Church
Catering Fund							Amalgamated with Fellowship lunch Fund
Fellowship Lunch Fund							Amalgamated with Catering Fund Fund
Fellowship Lunch & Catering Fund	332	1,608	1,270	-100		570	Sunday Lunches for elderly & Lonely & Catering at Church events such as Church lunches etc
Green Church Fund	376	718	1,021			73	Promoting a greener Church & Community
Junior Mission for All		109	109				Overseas mission support
Benevolence Fund	3,554	4,729	6,339	100		2,044	To respond to appeals/emergencies/natural disasters for help both local & international
Drop-in Coffee Fund	264	298	200	-200		162	Weekly drop-in Coffee bar
Church Project Fund 2018/19	62	9,907	1,467	2,330		10,832	Fund raising for resettlement of Syrian refugee family in Birmingham.
Church Project Fund 2019/20		98				98	Fundraising for Camp Joy -gangster and drug abuser rehabilitation centre in Cape Town, South Africa
Church Christmas Card Donations		2,180		-2,180			Donations received for entry in Church Christmas card and money raised given to the Church Project
Lift Development Fund	10,045	15,514		-25,559			Development project to install Lift in Community Hall. To be completed in 2018/19
Easter Offering		917	917				Easter Offering for Methodist Overseas mission
Totals	22,059	68,782	43,552	-25,609		21,680	

Restricted Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Closing		Fund Purpose
	Balance			 gains/losses	Balance		8
Lambert Youth Bequest	5,769	104		300	6,173	Youth work	
Totals	5.769	104		300	6,173		

#### Reasons for transfer between funds

The transfers are between the different classes of funds and balance each other out in total.

## 16. Related party transactions 2018/19

	2018/19						
	Name of relate	d Relationship	Description of	Income from	Douge outs to	T	<del></del>
	party		transaction	100-100 Value (000-100)			Amounts owed
			Liansaction	related party			by / (to) related
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from Genera	Birmingham	One of the churche	s Annual Donation/	<u>£</u>	£ 127.500	<del> </del>	£
fund	Methodist	within the	Assessment		123,600		1
	Circuit	Birmingham Circui			1		
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fund	Funds			÷	1		8
	Mission in Britain	Part of Methodist			<del> </del>		5390
	Fund	Connexion	Annual Donation		870		
	World Mission	Part of Methodist			870	<del></del>	
	Fund	Connexion	Annual Donation		870		le .
	Fund for Support				3.0		
	of Presbyters &	Part of Methodist					
	Deacons	Connexion	Annual Donation		870		
	Methodist						<del> </del>
	Church Fund for	Part of Methodist					1
	Property Methodist	Connexion	Annual Donation		870		
				<i></i>			
	Church Fund for	Part of Methodist					8
	Training	Connexion	Annual Donation		870		8
for Description					4,350		
fr. Restricted		Part of Methodist	Gift aid collected		109		
fund	Mission for All)	Connexion	on donations.				
		8					
	Total	<del></del>	<del> </del> _	<u> </u>			
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8	2017/18			0	128,059	0	0
		Relationship	Description of		No.		
s	2017/18	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from	Payments to	Loans to /	Amounts owed
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fr. Restricted fund

Mission for All)

Total

Connexion

144

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124,419

0

Gift aid collected

on donations.

Appendix A

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

MINISTER(S) Rev Andrew Orton(from 01.09.19)

(Also Superintendents of Circuit - Rev. A. Richards

Rev Kenneth G Howcroft(till 31.08.19)

Rev N. Johnson & Rev Nicholas Jones)

LAY WORKERS

Mrs Tina Brooker

(Family & Community Worker employed by Circuit till 31.08.19)

Mrs Diane Webb

(Community Worker)

CHURCH STEWARDS

Mrs Sarah Shinner (till 31.05.19) Mr Andrew Hunt (till 31.05.19)

Mrs Ann Polson Mr Derek Giles

Mrs Sandra Ker (dual qualification see below)

Mr Alan Faulkner

Ms Susan Kelley (from 01.06.19) Mr Jeremy Pearce (from 01.06.19)

SENIOR OFFICERS

CHURCH TREASURER

Mrs Christine M. Burr

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Mrs Helen Banks

SECRETARY OF

Mrs Christine Cooke

PASTORAL COMMITTEE

OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES

Mrs Jennifer Kitson (Church Safeguarding Officer)

Rev. Christine Giles (Pastoral Co-ordinator)

Mrs Margery Benson (Pastoral Committee Representative)

Mr Stuart Aldridge (Ways & Means Committee representative)

Mr Christopher Tucker(Ways & Means Committee Officer)(dual qualification see below)

Mr Jonathan Tuckey (Property Committee Officer)

Mrs Alison Faulkner (Property Committee Representative)

Mrs Jane Garnett (Young Families Representative)

Mrs Judy Lingard (Communications Committee representative)

Mrs Pamela Beattie(Catering Committee representative) (dual qualification)

Mr Richard Balmer (Greener Church Group Representative)

Mrs Judith Farndon (Other Interests Representative)

Mrs Marjorie Roper(Churches together in Solihull)

REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CHURCH MEETI NG

Dr Susan Balmer Mrs Fiona Beadle

Mrs Abi Godfree Mrs Susan Bates

Mr David Grey

Mrs Sandra Ker (dual qalification -see above)

Mr Bryan Fitter

Mrs Pamela Beattie (dual qualification)

Mrs Sarah Shinner

Mr Tim Weatherup

Mr Richard Burr

Mrs Ros Hopkins

Miss Jackie Farmer

Mr Christopher Tucker (dual qualification)

Mrs Karen Handford

Mr A Hunt

Mrs Helen Banks (dual qualification)

Mrs Joy Wadsworth

#### **DECLARATIONS**

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I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer CoBus Name of Treasurer Mrs Christine M. Burr Address 41 Fowgay Drive, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3PH

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

! confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2019 were, presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

03 03 2020

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

REUN W. JOHNSON

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date 03.03 2020

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Solihull Methodist Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2019 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities set out on page 8, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wallace Crooke

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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