

Elworth Methodist Church
Report from minutes of Church Council Meeting
12th November 2019

Sadly, the Boys Brigade closed in July after 40 years' service in the church. Although we had enough serving officers and despite their efforts in recruitment projects, we had been unable to recruit boys. The Minister thanked all those who had served as officers and those who had supported the BB in any way over the last 40 plus years. He said we should be proud of all that had been achieved during this time.

Worship: Afternoon Tea Services are an opportunity to invite members of the community to a more informal service. There have also been opportunities for worship over breakfast.

Combining with these services a new family craft group has been introduced.

There will be four ATS in the coming year, Harvest, Easter, Christmas and one in July. Also 3-4 craft sessions would be held.

The format for the ATS was discussed and for the 15th December we would begin at the earlier time of 3.30pm (crafts from 3-4pm). From 3.30-4pm carols and readings.

Tea all together from 4-4.30pm, then a further 15 -20mins with an all age message.

ATS Palm Sunday 5th April 2020 – 3.30pm with crafts

ATS 5th July 2020

At the Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2019 We were pleased to note that many people joined us at the War Memorial, especially the Beavers, cubs and Scouts.

A display of knitted poppies (thanks to our new knitting group) were on show in the windows of the church coffee lounge.

The Remembrance Hope journey with Elworth C of E school had been well received by staff and children. The school have asked if we are willing to do it again next year but as the school grows it will possibly be necessary to have 2 groups of children.

The opening of the new coffee lounge provides many opportunities for meeting members of the local community, visitors to the area and staff, friends and families from local nursing homes. Quiz nights are popular and our monthly 'Good cause' coffee mornings where the premises are offered free of charge for use by local groups.

The regular Big breakfasts and supper nights are well supported and continue to be another opportunity for meeting people from the local community as well as friends from other churches in the area.

We continue to work with Elworth Park committee and Elworth station committee.

Safeguarding: the model Church policy had been circulated to members previously. This includes the room letting procedures and agreement. Any person letting the rooms will receive the full policy and booklet. Anyone booking a birthday party must be responsible for their own people.

Finance: The treasurer reported a reasonably healthy situation at the moment. A full financial statement and treasurer's notes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. An income of over £8000 raised from catering events has resulted in £6000 added to funds after expenses this year. The coffee lounge helping to achieve this amount. All events at the church continue to be run on a donation basis rather than fixed prices.

Some remaining BB money is to be donated to church funds. Room hire revenue is down, which is disappointing. The Brownies are no longer meeting on the premises

It has been agreed that £8000 surplus from our fund raising for the coffee lounge is to be used to update the old kitchen which still has a great deal of use.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ELWORTH METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2019

CHESHIRE SOUTH	Circuit	Circuit no	11
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1175469

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 JEREMY TRESISE

Church Stewards:

JOHN KINDER
JEAN KINDER
PATRICIA JONES
CATHERINE WILKINSON
ALISON BAILEY

Treasurer:

JEAN ELLERSHAW

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	12,324		12,324	99,734
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	214		214	409
a4	Lettings	2,735		2,735	2,780
a5	Other receipts	14,152		14,152	11,487
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	29,425	0	29,425 (a7)	114,410

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	12,573		12,573	12,821
b3	Donations	910		910	660
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	1,812		1,812	941
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,487		8,487	6,338
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	3,623	67,779	71,402	54,825
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	27,405	67,779	95,184 (b9)	75,585

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	2,020	(67,779)	(65,759)	38,825
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	18,341	75,965	94,306 (c6)	54,981
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	20,361	8,186	28,547	93,806
c4	Transfers and adjustments	250		250 (c7)	500
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	20,611	8,186	28,797 (c8)	94,306 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	870	678
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	870	378
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	0	300

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 Boys' Brigade	57	422	(365)	(250)	1,068	453
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	57	422	(365)	(250)	1,068 (e11)	453 (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	29,425 (a7)	95,184 (b9)	(65,759)	250 (c7)	94,306 (c6)	28,797 (c8)
e9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	29,482	95,606	(66,124)	0	95,374 (x)	29,250 (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		202
f2 Bank Current Account	46	
f3 Bank Deposit Account	9,887	4,598
f4 Central Finance Board	84,373	23,997
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	94,306 (c6)	28,797 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,068 (e11)	453 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	95,374 (x)	29,250 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2018	At 31 August 2019
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,731,793	1,929,669
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)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer Date

Name

Address

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

- (3) I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

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Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address

Date

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DATE.. 12/11/19.