

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St Thomas Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2019

Exeter Coast and Country Circuit	Circuit no 24		Church 2403
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135010

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status)

Minister:

Rev J Albrow

Church Stewards:

A Matthews

A Bond

Treasurer:

D Bradford

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

	Notes to the account s	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2018-19
		£	£	£
Income				
1 Offerings		42,344		42,344
2 Donations		1,212		1,212
3 Gift Aid		9,197		9,197
4 Interest and investment income		42		42
5 Letting income		27,086		27,086
6 Internal organisations				0
7 Other charitable income		4,136	128,064	132,200
8 Total income		84,017	128,064	212,081
Expenditure				
9 Circuit assessment or share		53,000		53,000
10 Grants and donations				0
11 Property maintenance		8,682		8,682
12 Insurance, utilities etc		12,470		12,470
13 Depreciation				0
14 Office expenses		4,015		4,015
15 Other expenditure		2,454	130,859	133,313
16 Internal organisations				0
17 Total charitable expenditure		80,621	130,859	211,480
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties				0
		3,396	(2,795)	601
21 Transfers between funds				0
22 Other gains/(losses)				0
23 Net movement in funds		3,396	(2,795)	601
24 Total funds brought forward		33,335	23,544	56,879
25 Total funds carried forward		36,731	20,749	57,480

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2018

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2017-18
		£	£	£
Income				
1 Offerings		45,392		45,392
2 Donations				0
3 Gift Aid		14,017		14,017
4 Interest and investment income		31		31
5 Letting income from investment properties		21,453		21,453
6 Internal organisations				0
7 Other charitable income		23,301	131,847	155,148
8 Total income		104,194	131,847	236,041
Expenditure				
9 Circuit assessment or share		57,250		57,250
10 Grants and donations				0
11 Property maintenance		13,862		13,862
12 Insurance, utilities etc		11,627		11,627
13 Depreciation				0
14 Office expenses				0
15 Other expenditure		11,441	129,195	140,636
16 Internal organisations				0
17 Total charitable expenditure		94,180	129,195	223,375
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties				0
		10,014	2,652	12,666
21 Transfers between funds				0
22 Other gains/(losses)				0
23 Net movement in funds		10,014	2,652	12,666
24 Total funds brought forward		23,321	20,892	44,213
25 Total funds carried forward		33,335	23,544	56,879

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2019 £	Totals 2018 £
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Fixed Assets

Church building and other property				0	
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Investments				0	
Total fixed assets		0	0	0	0

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments		9,665		9,665	14,228
Loans by the Churches					
Investments with TMCP					
Central Finance Board Deposits		1,581	819	2,400	
Cash at Bank and in hand		43,474	19,930	63,404	56,895
Total current assets		54,720	20,749	75,469	71,123

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)		17,989		17,989	14,244
Grants payable within 2018-19				0	
Total current liabilities		17,989		17,989	14,244
Net current assets/liabilities		36,731	20,749	57,480	56,879

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Long term liabilities

(due after more than one year)

Grants payable after 2018-19				0	
Loans to the Church				0	
				0	
Net assets		36,731	20,749	57,480	56,879

Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)		36,731		36,731	33,335
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0	
Total Unrestricted Funds				36,731	33,335
Restricted Funds			20,749	20,749	23,544
Endowment Funds				0	
Total Funds		36,731	20,749	57,480	56,879

Signed

D Bradford
Church Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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.

Resources Expended

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.

4 Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors included in the accounts are in respect of the Gift Aid refund due to the Church from HM Revenue and Customs in respect of the refund claimed up to 31 August 2019.

5 Creditors

Creditors were amounts due from the Church at 31 August 2019.

6 Fees for independent examination of the accounts

	2018/19 £	2017/18 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	NIL	NIL
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	NIL	NIL

Notes to the Accounts**7 Paid employees****Staff Costs paid during the year were:**

Gross wages,
National Insurance
and pension
contributions

2018/19

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2017/18

5,441

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

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8 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2019 there were no capital commitments.
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2019.

9 For information only**Money received and passed on to External Organisations****Balance brought fwd
from last year**

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried fwd

2018/19
£
1,391
2,486
3,754
123

2017/18
£
1,831
2,828
3,268
1,391

10 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2018-19

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	
Benevolent Fund	341		241	100	Support people in need
Bequests	1,119		400	719	As per bequest
Internal organisations					
Network	249	391	640	0	
Young families	5,794	2,322	7,493	623	
Boys Brigade	900	1,816	1,137	1,579	
St Thomas Pre School	15,141	120,048	117,891	17,298	
Adult Literacy and Numeracy Club		3,487	3,057	430	Adult literacy and numeracy support for the citizens of Exeter
Totals	23,544	128,064	130,859	20,749	

****Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2017-2018

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	
Benevolent Fund	341			341	Support people in need
Bequests	1,119			1,119	As per bequest
Internal organisations					
Network	167	549	467	249	
Young families	3,199	5,770	3,175	5,794	
Boys Brigade	1,004	1,450	1,554	900	
St Thomas Pre School	15,062	124,078	123,999	15,141	
Totals	20,892	131,847	129,195	23,544	

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ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

The Church is situated in Cowick Street, Exeter and is a registered charity (charity number 1135010)

The Managing Trustees during the year were as follows:

Rev Julian Albrow
Peter Bennett
Mary Bailey
Ann Bond
David Bradford
Keith Butler
Sue Collins
Ruth Goodwin
Janet Lee
David Kirk
Jon Curtis
Ann Matthews
Rachel Scott
Peter Kempster

The number of members at the Church on 1 November 2018 when the annual statistics was 139. The number of people that the Church is in contact with directly in the course of its work or indirectly through the use of its buildings is estimated to be at least 1,000 people.

All correspondence related to the charity should be addressed to the Chairman of the Charity and Minister of the Church at the following address:

Rev Julian Albrow
21 Dunsford Road
Exeter
EX4 1LG

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The vision of our Church is to:

- * Offer worship to all which is relevant and engaging.
- * To create a community of belonging offering pastoral care to all members particularly those in need.
- * To serve God through our community both the community local to the Church and the world-wise community.

Services are held on a Sunday morning at 10.30 am catering to all ages, an evening service at 6.00 pm and other services dependant on the Christian calendar. The Church is an active member of Churches Together in Central Exeter.

St Thomas Methodist Church is building on its closer links with St Thomas Parish Church as part of the Anglican Methodist Covenant and Riverside Church by sharing mission opportunities' within the community.

The Church premises are extensively used by the Church in the course of its arranged activities and also by a large number of community groups. Further details concerning the activities of the Church can be found on the Church website.

www.stthomasmethodist.co.uk

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF LAST YEAR

The Church was involved in the following activities during the year:

- (1) Messy Church continues as a regular feature in Church life.
- (2) Boys Brigade, Guides, Rainbows and Brownies are all sponsored groups and the Church runs its own Pre-School as well as Carers and Toddlers and a Friday Café.
- (3) Various Church groups meet during the week and other groups supporting various local community ventures meet on the premises.
- (4) Church Council acts as the Leadership Team and has developed a Sunday Stewards Team involving over 60 people.
- (5) The Church continues a social programme for members to develop their common life together. Holiday@Home continues to grow and attract new members. It has enhanced the social and pastoral life of the Church, especially the elderly.
- (6) The Church has responded to the needs of the community by offering practical help and by responding to appeals to humanitarian needs across the world. It is a member of St Thomas Community Association and has actively supported it.

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- (7) The Church has responded to the needs of the community by continuing an Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALAN) Club. This runs weekly and currently has over 60 students with 27 helpers. It has been a great joy seeing people develop their skills and confidence.
- (8) Church Council continues with its programme of decoration and enhancement of Church premises. The garden continues to bloom and attracts lots of visitors.
- (9) The Church has continued the work of replacing the old lighting with new LED lights.
- (10) Apart from normal acts of worship, various services have been held throughout the year celebrating, remembering and reflecting, all involving large numbers of the community. Schools are holding their Festival celebrations here in the Church, whilst the Minister is actively involved in assemblies within the schools. There is an active groups of folk who go into several local nursing homes conducting communion and various acts of worship.
- (11) The Church is involved with others in providing a Christmas Day lunch and social event for over 40 folk who would otherwise be alone. A carol service was once again conducted on this occasion which was appreciated.
- (12) A very successful celebration was held in Church to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The General Fund for the year ended 31 August 2019 showed a surplus of £3,396.

The Church bankers are HSBC Bank and monies are also held on deposit with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

CHURCH RESERVE POLICY

The Church has a policy of holding six months expenditure in reserve on the General Fund and organises various fund raising projects and events to provide adequate income.

BENEVOLENT FUND

The Church maintains a benevolent fund which is a restricted fund to enable loans and gifts to be made at the discretion of the Minister. The balance in the Benevolent Fund at 31 August 2019 was £100.

ST THOMAS METHODIST CHURCH

Church no. 2403

DECLARATIONS

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 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

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2019

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.

ST THOMAS METHODIST CHURCH

Church no. 2403

DECLARATIONS

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
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding the accounts to be reached.
- (3) I 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.

Name	PG Kempster
Signature	
Relevant Professional qualification or body	
Address	20 Buddle Lane, Exeter, EX4 1JH
Date	18-Nov-19