

WESLEY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE

Trustees Annual Report - year to 31st August 2019

Required information

Charity name	Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge	
Charity registration number	1129303	
Address:	Christ's Pieces, Cambridge CB1 1LG	
Trustee names	Paul Ashley Barbara Sinclair Robert Coultas Derek Nicholls Graham Burghall Geoff Batty Kathy Batty Janet Davis John Papaloizou Lynda Meharry Timothy Cliff	Rachel Hallam Mary Rycroft Elaine Papaloizou Rosemary Tice Adrian Mackintosh Margaret Skempton Natalie Amery Helen Garside-Hornby Elaine Papaloizou Liz Ramsden Tricia Graves
Structure and management	<p>Wesley Methodist Church, as a charity, incorporates the physically and numerically larger Wesley Church and the smaller Chesterton Methodist Church.</p> <p>Wesley Methodist Church is governed and managed in accordance with the standing orders of the Methodist Church. The church is led a minister who chairs the Church Council, the governing body. The members of the Church Council, excluding the minister(s) and representatives of external organisations, are the trustees of the charity. Members of the Church Council are chosen by one of the following processes: (1) Ministers appointed to the church by the Methodist Church (2) ordinary members elected by the annual General Church Meeting (3) stewards of the church, elected by the annual General Church Meeting (4) <i>ex officio</i> officers of the church, such as the treasurer, who are appointed by the Church Council itself (5) representatives from the Methodist Church in the local circuit.</p> <p>The Church Council meets normally three times a year, and receives reports from officers and organisations within the church. Day-to-day management is devolved to the ministers, stewards, the Finance & Property Committee, the Pastoral Committee, and the officers of the church, such as the pastoral secretary, treasurer and property steward.</p> <p>Trustees must all be members of Wesley Methodist Church or Chesterton Methodist Church. They serve for a period of six years at a time, and may be reappointed.</p>	

Objectives in the year

Our objectives are summarised in our mission statement:

Our mission is to be a...

Worshipping

Welcoming

Witnessing

Christian Community

- with a distinctive Methodist character serving Cambridge and district. To that end, we intend...
 - To maintain a centre of Christian worship in the Methodist tradition, of high quality and in a wide variety of styles
 - To strengthen expressions of our fellowship and unity in Christ, through growth and nurture and pastoral care
 - To deepen the Christian knowledge and faith of the church community
 - To engage in effective outreach to those who live, work, study or play in central Cambridge
 - To serve the local community through individual participation and the use of our premises
 - To co-operate with other Churches and Christian workers in the city and in our circuit

In particular, we intend to increase our efforts...

- To reach out to children and young people
- To welcome and integrate those who join our community
- To provide adequate resources to reach our targets – resources of people, premises and money to reach our targets in:
 - Increasing small fellowship groups and extending other opportunities for Christian Education
 - Extending the use of premises for outreach and improve interaction with users
 - Improving and extending the use of technology for worship, administration and promotion.

Activities and achievements

The following summary is based on reports presented to the Annual General Church Meeting on 19 May 2019, updated where needed to allow for events between that date and 31st August 2019.

Ministers' reports

Wesley Church

It is a great privilege to be the minister in pastoral charge of Wesley Church. I am enjoying my time in Cambridge and the circuit and am very glad to be here. A year ago, at the General Church meeting, we thought about the future and how the church would be staffed in the future. We heard a presentation about employing a parish nurse, an innovative form of ministry. The Church Council, however, decided against this suggestion and I agreed with that decision.

Rev'd Barbara Garwood left us at the end of August, and we have survived without her, but it has meant that I have been under greater pressure. The Church Council agreed earlier this year to

appoint a 'pastoral missionary' for 25 – 30 hours a week to do pastoral visiting and create links with the community. As I write, we are just publishing the advert for the job.

We have recently welcomed a volunteer worker in the Chinese (Mandarin) community. She is from Sarawak in Malaysia and is staying at Wesley House.

I want to pay tribute to our regular staff – NC and MP. We are very fortunate to have them. The circuit administrator, is also based at Wesley but is always very helpful to the church. It's a pleasure to work with these three people.

Our church also has a close connection with Wesley House. I am a trustee along with Paul Ashley. We are delighted to welcome students from there as well as K, our ministerial intern from Washington Seminary. We are a very international congregation. The director of research at Wesley House, and his family have also joined our congregation. Recently I had the privilege of being a guest at the Methodist Independent Schools' Conference at the Leys School. I learnt a lot from the speakers but also had tours of the Leys and St Faith's. We are glad to have CM, the chaplain, in our midst when he can be. The new head chaplain at Addenbrooke's Hospital is also a Methodist minister.

Wesley is very well known for its public lectures. The Science meets Faith programme is completing its 12th year and we have occasional Faith in the Arts lectures. The speaker at our Centenary lecture was Matthew Rycroft, the Permanent Secretary at the Department for International Development. He was formerly British Ambassador to the United Nations and before that Bosnia. Malcolm Guite, the Cambridge poet, also gave a lecture on the poet Coleridge. Our Lent course is also a series of seven talks given this year on 'The fruit of the Spirit'. The quality after the first one was excellent.

We thank CR and MR, as well as AC, for doing door to door visiting in the area around the church for the last three years. Our publicity material has been of an increasingly high standard and will continue to be.

We are grateful for all those who have special roles in our worship: preachers, the director of music and organist, the choir, the readers, the intercessors, book stewards, coffee makers, flower arrangers, Young Church and Crèche leaders, sound operatives, money counters, communion stewards and others. It's a great team. I am personally very grateful for the support given to me by the church stewards. This year we lose TG as a steward and we thank her for all she has done.

Change is not always welcome in worship. We like things as they are or as they used to be. The seating has been slightly adjusted in the church and this has been widely welcomed. We are looking at ways of including children more in worship and there has been some experimentation. We will continue to do so as the children are not the church of the future but part of today's church.

Chesterton Methodist Church comes under the Wesley Church Council and legally is counted as part of Wesley Church. I am deeply grateful to Deacon Ian Murray for his collegiality and for his ministry at Chesterton and Wesley. He is particularly involved in Young Church and young people's worship at Wesley.

I could go on mentioning all the things that happen at Wesley but that would spoil all the reports which follow. Do read them all with care and offer prayer for those involved. We thank everyone who gives so much time.

It's very exciting to be minister of Wesley. There is so much going on. Please continue to be a welcoming community. Please still talk to strangers. Please stop comparing the congregations of the past with congregations today. Our congregation has many new people and visitors. Our numbers are holding up. Most Methodist Churches long for the resources we have. We don't know how fortunate we are. Before we grumble out loud about something, think twice.

Rev'd Colin Smith

The time that I am able to offer at Wesley is focussed largely around children, families and safeguarding. We have seen some re-organising of Young Church and Crèche with a few new volunteers and a core of ongoing folks. We said thank-you to Jennie Jenks last summer as she stood down from co-ordinating the Young Church.

There are some new initiatives beginning to emerge as we seek to strengthen the participation and invitation to children and families at Sunday worship. It has been good to explore these within the church stewards meeting and we may raise these in discussion at the meeting. I aim to make a contribution to worship at Wesley usually once a month. After a long break I am looking forward to getting back to First Friends on a regular basis now that the Chesterton administrator has been appointed.

My experience is that children at Wesley are full of energy and eager to join in, sharing their faith and learning together. (If you're reading this, kids – I think you're great!)

Safeguarding continues to be an important area of our shared life. Large numbers of you will have been to training sessions led by myself and Richard Elcock, the circuit safeguarding officer. Thank you for your commitment. It's good to have HGS supporting the community at Wesley in this area.

Deacon Ian Murray

Chesterton

We continue to give thanks for the life and witness of the Methodist community in Chesterton. Chesterton Methodist is a class of Wesley Church which means that it is held within the supportive embrace of the Wesley Church Council, given specific support by a handful of individual Wesley members and at times given support and advice by Wesley's support staff.

Chesterton members may not attend the Annual Meeting as we arrange other opportunities for similar conversations about the community's life and mission. Some Chesterton members are managing trustees and attend the Church Council.

Worship

Numbers attending worship have been fairly constant over the past year with 3 or 4 new regular attenders. We are looking forward to the baptism of two adults in the near-future. On Easter Day 2019, with the help of Revd SJ, we gave thanks for the gift of two new stacking communion trays and new stainless steel cups – the numbers attending meant that we needed both trays.

Stewards

RW and AM are willing to continue as church stewards for a further year (first appointed in May 2016). In recent months we have begun to enable others to share in assisting with stewarding duties including a new communion steward. There is still a need to grow and discover new volunteers for this and other roles.

Administration

In March 2019 we were delighted to appoint KM to the new post of part-time administrator. K works 8 hours per week in term time and is already making a big contribution to the effective and safe working of our busy church premises.

Headway

In last year's report there was mention of conversations with a local charity, Headway Cambridgeshire, who support folks with brain injuries. We have been very pleased with the way they have settled in at CMC since October 2018, using all the rooms on Thursdays and Fridays each week.

Premises

The Chesterton redevelopment Group continues to meet. The Church Council and circuit meeting are being kept informed of progress as we explore i) an additional accessible toilet facility with associated landscaping and improvements; ii) the hope for a community coffee shop.

Other highlights include:

- Another ecumenical Good Friday event with the two local parish churches – increased numbers and mutual encouragement.
- GB continues to serve a small but faithful group of girls each week.
- The weekly coffee morning has been very busy of late.
- Over the past 2 years the numbers of people receiving assistance at the foodbank distribution centre has more than doubled.
- For the past 5 years the church has hosted a music group for under 5's on a Tuesday morning. Until very recently this activity was run in partnership with a charitable group called the Chesterton Parent Group. Little Music Makers now runs fully under the oversight of the Church – between 35 and 50 families attend each week in term time.
- There have been a number of new, occasional lettings on Saturdays including a new bi-monthly stamp fair (raising funds for CamSight); training courses run by CHS Group (Cambridge Housing Society); Driver Development training courses.

Members of the Church Council see more detailed reports of the life of Chesterton but please do contact Deacon Ian if you would like to read more. Or perhaps take a quick look at www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk

Deacon Ian Murray

Stewards' report

Our Methodist year started with saying “goodbye and thank you” to Rev. Barbara Garwood and her husband. The stewards organised a collection for a farewell gift and an Afternoon Tea allowed a grateful congregation to express their thanks for Barbara's very real contribution to the life of Wesley.

We have actively promoted the more imaginative use of notice boards around the church and have finally managed to put up a collective photo board of ministers, stewards and staff at Wesley. The use of the blue portable notice board at the Chapel end of the church is helping to reduce congestion in the vestibule when events, collection points or display material is made available. We would like groups to be more proactive in promoting their own activities and using the board to publicise their events. One of the benefits of this would be for new members or visitors to be aware of just how much does go on at Wesley throughout the week.

We have continued to offer opportunities for fellowship through our very popular catered lunches though we do apologise for having set off the fire alarms at Harvest! It did prompt us however to carry out a congregation “Fire Drill” and we were pleased that everyone took part with good grace.

We coordinate “seasonal” campaigns promoting Harvest, Christmas and Easter. MP, our Centre Manager, does a wonderful job in pulling together all the publicity material and CR and his willing helpers distribute cards “door to door” in all weathers on our behalf.

At the General Church Meeting 2018 it was proposed that Liz Ramsden and Graham Burghall be appointed stewards, with Tricia Graves to become Senior Steward. This was ratified at the meeting of the Church Council in June.

Over the past year we have become increasingly conscious of the numerous responsibilities shared by the stewards and the way in which many duties are covered by the team. We are also aware that this could be said of other areas of church life as increasing age and illness has had an effect in many

areas of our church family over the past year. Consequently, we requested the Church Council to agree to raising the number of church stewards from 6 to 8.

This year TG steps down as a steward having completed 6 years. Her replacement plus an additional two stewards to take the team to 8 means that 3 new stewards are required. At the time of writing this report MR and JB have agreed to their names being put forward as new stewards..

Timothy Cliff, Senior Steward

Pastoral report

The past twelve months have been a time of change in the organisation of pastoral care for the Wesley family. The retirement in August of Revd Barbara Garwood left a large gap at the heart of our pastoral team. Last year's General Church Meeting heard a presentation about the Parish Nurses scheme as a possible way of securing help but, after careful reflection, the Church Council decided not to proceed with that idea. A Working Group was set up with a brief to explore ways of enabling our minister to devote some more time to pastoral visits and to consider other ways of strengthening our pastoral ministry.

Our minister has continued to respond to all pastoral emergencies, including hospital visits and bereavements, and he talks with many people each week on church premises and keeps in touch with others by telephone, but pressure of other duties prevents him from allocating enough time for regular home visits. On a suggestion from the church stewards a mobile phone was procured to provide a dedicated line which, in a situation of urgent pastoral need, would reach a church officer if the minister could not be contacted. After six months, no use had been made of this line, and the experiment was discontinued.

The Working Group recognised the key role played by Area Visitors in our pastoral organisation and the Church Council agreed that their importance should be emphasised. It is acknowledged that a great deal of loving pastoral care is exercised informally by many members of the congregation and that members of church groups and teams of helpers care well for one another. The challenge to the church is to arrange pastoral oversight of all members of the church family in such a way that needs are met but respects the wishes of those who prefer to remain relatively anonymous on the fringes of the church. To that end, all associated with Wesley are to be included in a 'patch' with an Area Visitor, even those in the most remote parts of our wide catchment area. A person's address automatically determines which patch and thus there is no issue over someone reluctantly being placed in a particular 'group'.

The Working Group came to the conclusion that the system of Pastoral Visitors introduced ten years ago to provide support for Area Visitors had not been working well in many cases. In future, neighbouring Area Visitors will be grouped together and encouraged to support one another. Each group of patches is termed a 'circle' and co-ordination of care within a circle will be in the hands of a Circle Leader – often, perhaps, one of the Area Visitors in the circle. The Church Council agreed that this system should be introduced gradually so that lessons could be learned and applied to later developments. It is expected that the new system will be fully introduced before the end of this year. The intention is not to increase formality – and certainly not bureaucracy – but rather to facilitate informal contacts among groups of Area Visitors so that problems and solutions can be shared in a context of mutual support and friendship, while having proper regard for issues of confidentiality.

It is expected that circles will develop in different ways, depending on the inclinations of the members. In some cases, resident members may occasionally get together for a meeting of a social or devotional nature; in other cases, no such meeting may be desirable or feasible. It will be up to the Area Visitors and Circle Leader to decide how best to proceed.

The value of the pastoral ministry of Area Visitors and other individuals cannot be over-estimated. Yet the fact remains that it is highly desirable that there should be a larger input of visits from a minister or

other official representative of the church. The Pastoral Committee therefore welcomed the suggestion that consideration should be given to the appointment of a Pastoral Missioner and it is hoped that such a post can soon be filled.

Sincere thanks are extended to all our Area Visitors for their work during the past year. Three Area Visitors retired during the year and their loyal and effective service over a long period is greatly appreciated. JC and MR have recently joined the team. The requirements in regard to safeguarding and Methodist rules are kept under review, in the interests of both visitors and visited.

A year ago the formal Wesley membership stood at 181. In the past twelve months, 5 members have died, 2 have been transferred out and we have been very pleased to welcome 4 new members by transfer. Our membership thus currently stands at 178. In future, the memberships of Wesley and Chesterton churches will be combined for the purposes of Connexional statistics but separate local records will be maintained.

The process of revising our database and producing a new Directory is well underway and the timely completion of a majority of the necessary data protection forms is much appreciated. Inevitably, there are some loose ends still to be tidied up. Some members who have moved away leaving us with no contact details may have to be excluded.

The provision, arrangement and distribution of flowers each week forms an important part of our pastoral ministry and all involved are sincerely thanked for their services which bring so much pleasure. Pot plants were distributed at Christmas to our senior members, as usual.

Lastly, apologies that this, my last annual report before retirement in the autumn, is my longest, but all members are entitled to know of changes that are afoot, even though in most cases people will not become aware of any difference. It just remains for me to thank 5 Ministers and Associate Ministers for their support and encouragement, nearly 40 Area Visitors and Pastoral Visitors for their loyal service and forbearance, 3 successive Centre Managers for a variety of practical assistance, my predecessor Ken Drake for advice and help, and everyone for the privilege of serving for the past six years.

Derek Nicholls, Pastoral Secretary

Financial review for year ended 31st August 2018

The registered charity consists of Wesley Church proper, and Chesterton Methodist Church, which is formally a 'class' of Wesley Church. The accounts 'books' are kept separate for each church.

Our formal financial statements however, are combined with Chesterton Methodist Church for reporting to the Methodist Church and The Charity Commission. Even combined, our income is still below the threshold (£250,000) above which we would be legally required to employ professional experts to examine our accounts. Nevertheless we do so because the size and complexity of our accounts makes it difficult to find a suitable 'lay' independent examiner. Prentis & C has acted as our independent examiner.

Wesley Church

Wesley Church showed another deficit in aggregate across all funds last year, although the deficit was less than the previous year. Our overall financial position, in terms of 'cash in the bank', remains strong.

I had anticipated a smaller deficit, but there has been a significant decline in one-off payments from members; I am unsure why this has happened, although the recent loss of some generous members is a factor. Overall, our income increased, however. Lettings income also increased by nearly £10,000 from the previous year; credit for this is due to Molly and Nick for providing a welcoming service on our behalf.

Our expenditure was static when our mission activities are allowed for. We bought a new photocopier during the year, and carried out some necessary building work to the rear ramp and a number of other cost items increased: electricity/gas, office and cleaning consumables etc.

We made donations under our Planned Giving programme amounting to 10% of the previous year's regular giving (collections and standing orders). We are now due to make donations arising from giving in 2017-2018, amounting to £7,103.93. If we give to ten organisations, as in previous years, each will receive £710.39. A small subgroup of the Church Council is considering potential recipients.

We received a legacy of £10,000 from the estate of Thelma Clear. It was sent directly to TMCP in Manchester, which has placed it in one of the 'untouchable' trust funds. It is not clear if the bequest was made for our free use, or for receiving interest only (i.e. has TMCP made a mistake?). We will make inquiries.

It has already been agreed that deficits in the First Friends and Pastoral Worker funds should be made up from the Legacies & Donations Fund, and that the annual transfer of £5,000 to the Property Reserve should also be made from the same source. These transfers were actually made at the end of August. At this stage I do not propose that the Chinese Fellowship deficit should be rebalanced in the same way, as we are awaiting a Connexional grant.

Chesterton Methodist Church

Chesterton Methodist Church showed strong progress in 2018-19, almost achieving break even after many years of deficits. The main reason has been the big increase in income from lettings, largely attributable to Headway. This in turn is a consequence of the recent refurbishment of the premises to create a welcoming space.

Giving by members is down on the previous year, which is disappointing, and may reflect the fragile financial circumstance of members.

Expenses increased last year, partly because of a substantially increased assessment (which will not increase next year), partly to reflect the increased maintenance costs associated with greater use of the premises, and partly because of the employment of an office administrator.

Combined charity accounts

Then financial statements of the registered charity are dominated by the finances of Wesley Church. The charity made a net deficit of £12,642 in 2018-19, on income of £234,971 and expenditure of £247,613. The deficit was funded from reserves. We retain reserves of £345,238 (£273,822 in unrestricted funds and £71,416 in restricted funds). We also hold endowment funds whose value on 31 August 2019 was £139,238.

Paul Ashley, Treasurer

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wesley Methodist Church (including Chesterton Methodist Church)

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2019

Cambridge

Circuit

Circuit no

14/26

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129303

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:

Revd Colin Smith

Church Stewards:

Bob Hopps-Coultas

Rachel Hallam

Barbara Sinclair

Graham Burghall

Lynda Meharry

Liz Ramsden

Janet Bennet

Adrian Mackintosh

Mary Rycroft

Derek Nicholls

Treasurer:

Paul Ashley

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Wesley Methodist Church
(including Chesterton
Methodist Church) Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	113,927		113,927	115,033
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	958		958	1,142
a4	Lettings	102,717		102,717	80,492
a5	Other receipts	16,914	456	17,370	19,981
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	234,515	456	234,971 (a7)	216,648

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	94,256		94,256	98,370
	Worship	5,623			5,798
b3	Donations	11,407		11,407	7,498
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	39,399		39,399	48,339
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	27,842		27,842	21,675
b6	Staff	52,553		52,553	44,694
b7	Other payments	16,534		16,534	12,584
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	247,613		247,613 (b9)	238,958

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(13,098)	456	(12,642)	(22,310)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	291,921	65,960	357,880 (c6)	380,190
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	278,822	66,416	345,238	357,880
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(5,000)	5,000		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	273,822	71,416	345,238 (c8)	357,880 (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	2,750	789
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,609	3,976
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,758	2,015
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	2,602	2,750

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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	234,971 (a7)	247,613 (b9)	(12,642)	(c7)	357,880 (c6)	345,238 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	234,971	247,613	(12,642)		357,880 (x)	345,238 (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	52	272
f2 Bank Current Accounts	60,170	48,159
f3 Bank Deposit Accounts		
f4 Central Finance Board	95,302	100,612
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	211,070	197,672
Other funds (agency, net debtors/creditors)	(8,713)	(1,477)
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	357,880 (c6)	345,238 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	357,880 (x)	345,238 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2018	At 31 August 2019
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	120,024	139,238
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	12,674,943	14,117,846
g3 Other Assets	309,791	342,936
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)

Name of Church **Wesley Methodist Church (including Chesterton Methodist Church)**

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: 23/2/20

Name and address of treasurer

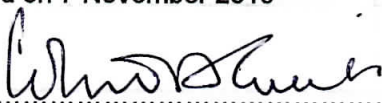
Dr Paul Ashley

59 Gilbert Road, Cambridge CB4 3NZ

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 7 November 2019

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Colin Smith

Date:

23/2/20

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Wesley Methodist Church (including Chesterton Methodist Church as a class)

Charity Number .. 1129303

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Wesley Methodist Church** for the year ended 31 August 2019 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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

Name of Church **Wesley Methodist Church (including Chesterton Methodist Church)**

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

I have/~~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 I. C. Shirley

Name of independent examiner IAN SHIPLEY (on behalf of Prentis & Co LLP)

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

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Date 5th MAY 2020

* delete or circle as appropriate