

St. John's Methodist Church

Bloxwich WS3 3HS

www.stjohnsbloxwich.org.uk

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St John's Methodist Church - Trustees Annual Report – Y/E 31 August 2019

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019

Registered charity name St John's Methodist Church Bloxwich

Charity registration number 1128201

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the year and since the year end are as follows

Circuit Superintendent Rev. Jem Hawkins

Circuit Ministers Rev. Jem Hawkins Rev. Elizabeth Dunning

Children and Family Worker Vickie Heydon-Matterface

Circuit Steward Diane Sargeant

Church Stewards Yvonne Gough David Brown Paul Wilde Linda Bond Carol Brown

Church Treasurer(s) Steve Butler Joyce Smith

Pastoral Committee Secretary Chris Fletcher

Church Council Secretary Moira Simpson

Convenor of Worship Commission Peter Box

Junior Church Sandra Wilde

Spokesperson Youth Organisations Yvonne Gough

Finance & Property Secretary Peggy Griffiths

Property & Finance Oversight Group Chair Carl Bolton

Ecumenical Link Person Peggy Griffiths

Safeguarding Officer Jackie Whitehouse

Community Link Person David Brown

Media Resource Team Angela Newey

Fire Regulation Officer Gary Wilson

A further 10 Members, Representatives of the congregation as elected at the Annual Church Meeting.

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes act as Custodian Trustees for the Charity's property.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

St John's Methodist Church is part of the Brownhills and Willenhall Methodist Circuit that is governed by the Deed of Union 1932 and by the Methodist Church Standing Orders.

The church is cared for by a presbyter (ordained Minister).

The decision making body for the Charity (who are its trustees listed above) is the Church Council that meets 3 times per year.

The Annual Church meeting which is open to all members of the Church, elects Church Stewards and raises issues for consideration by the Church Council.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Methodist Church are set out in clause 4 of the Methodist Church Act 1976.

It can be summarised as to the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church and any charitable purpose of the Methodist church.

We confirm that we have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and specifically the guidance relating to charities for the advancement of religion.

OUR VISION

We believe in a Church where we are growing together in faith and seeking to serve our local community whilst maintaining a loving caring fellowship.

We wish to thank all those, who by freely giving of their time and talents, enable these objectives to be met.

Our vision statement continues to be under regular view.

PUBLIC WORSHIP

Sunday morning worship and preaching services commencing 10.30 am

Sunday evening worship commencing 6.30 pm

Tuesday morning worship commencing 10.00 am

ACTIVITIES

Junior Church is available to all Children who are present at Sunday morning worship.

Tea and Coffee are served after morning worship on Sundays.

Tea, Coffee and light lunches are served after Tuesday morning worship.

One Saturday morning of each month at 10.30 am our Messy Church, for young children and parents, continues to grow and flourish.

The weekly Toddler's group caters for preschool children and their parents, carers and grandparents every Wednesday morning 09.30 – 12.00 pm.

Twice weekly community shop Betty's Bargains sells quality second time around items, with a specific brief to be an open door to the local community.

The shop provides a valuable source of cheap items, available to those less well off in the local community.

The shop is open on Wednesday & Thursday 9.30 – 11.30 am .

Betty's Bargains is an increasingly important outreach within the local community.

We continue to give clothing and toys to deserving local families. we are grateful to all those who give their free time and donate items.

The Church has committed to support the running and administration of the food bank to cover Bloxwich and Blakenhall and at present is working to fulfil those needs.

A large number of local School visits are arranged each year to view displays at Easter, Harvest time and Christmas.

St John's started a partnership with the church at Shara Ntumba in Rwanda in 2008 and in that time we have helped rebuild their church in a remote and extremely poor area of the country.

As well as the rebuilding programme we have provided families with livestock (hens, pigs and goats) health insurance, mattresses and helped rebuild some houses for those living in abject poverty.

3 years ago we also started a women's cooperative, weaving baskets that they are able to sell. That has now grown to 3 groups.

We have raised funds for the young men to build a boat to use as a water taxi. This cuts the journey to market and to hospital from 4hrs to just 20mins.

Bible Study groups and also a Ladies fellowship group meet on a regular basis, drawn from both the Church and community.

Bible Readers rota of 8 people regularly take turns to read the Bible for each of our services.

The Choir continues to take an active roll in the Sunday morning worship.

The Church has a committed number of volunteers that continue to support “Lets Make Lunch” providing cooked meals and food parcels to those less fortunate during school holidays.

Ecumenical relationship – St John’s are active members of the Churches Together in Bloxwich & Blakenhall. This group is responsible for local ecumenical matters including the annual Walking Day or procession of witness and Women’s World Day of Prayer.

A printed notice sheet is available once per month

Successful Church Open Day where both Church and Church hall users demonstrated their activities to the local community.

Working together with Partnership Churches preparing local arrangement services three times a year.

During the year we regularly update the St John’s website under www.stjohnsbloxwich.org.uk and encourage everyone to explore the site to discover more about our church and its involvement in the local community.

We run on a weekly basis an Art Group and also a Model Railway Club, and both also staged successful exhibitions during the year.

The Church has a number of uniformed groups that meet on a weekly basis.

A number of rooms are let out on a regular basis to a variety of different class groups for community activities as well as to local families for private children’s parties.

Regular users are: Weight Watchers, Dance Classes, Bible Study Group, Table Top Sales, Ladies Fellowship, Expert Patients.

St John’s is a regular entrant in Bloxwich in Bloom, achieving a level 4 again this year.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We will continue to seek ways and means of fulfilling our existing mission statement with a specific focus on mission within the community we serve including:

Jointly with our minister to develop a stronger personal discipleship and faith commitment. within the church fellowships groups continue to flourish.

Continued development of present mission activities with children and Messy Church.

Develop further the link with the local community and its activities.

Continued involvement with other Partnership churches to develop mission and worship activities we are unable to do ourselves.

Strategic Planning Day for Church Stewards and Members planned for early 2019

Jointly, with the other Circuit churches, we support the Circuit mission to make, and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ and explore the kingdom of God.

We shall continue to support our partner church in Rwanda, our aim is to give the people the ability to work their way out of poverty.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Andrew Birkbeck was independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Rev Jem Hawkins.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St Johns Methodist Church Bloxwich	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2019

Brownhills & Willenhall	Circuit	Circuit no	28/02
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128201

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 Jem Hawkins

Church Stewards:

Yvonne Gough

Carol Brown

Rose Statham

Linda Bond

David Brown

Paul Wilde

Treasurer:

Steven Butler

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
1	RECEIPTS	Note			
2	Offerings and Tax recovered	42576		42576	39503
3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	403		403	241
4	Lettings	14455		14455	13322
5	Other receipts	61818		61818	32743
6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	119252		119252 (a7)	85809

SECTION B					
1	PAYMENTS				
2	Circuit Assessment or Share	56783		56783	56939
3	Donations	700		700	700
4	Repairs and Maintenance	20395		20395	16547
5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11818		11818	17925
6					
7	Other payments	3703		3703	3388
8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	93399		93399 (b9)	95499

SECTION C					
1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	25853	25853	-9690
2	Total funds brought forward from last year		65283	65283 (c6)	74973
3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	91136	91136	65283
4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	91136	91136 (c8)	65283 (c6)

SECTION D				
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
1	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
1	Balance brought forward from last year			11
2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1998	2151
3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1987	2162
4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	11	

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
See attached for details	40574	21172	19402	-12804	6840	13439
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	40574	21172	19402	-12804	6840 (e11)	13439 (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	119252 (a7)	93399 (b9)	25853	(c7)	65283 (c6)	91136 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	159826	114571	45255	-12804	72123 (x)	104575 (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
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	8221	17135
Bank Deposit Account	13	13
Central Finance Board	16993	5931
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	40057	68057
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	65283 (c6)	91136 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	6840 (e11)	13439 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2018	At 31 August 2019
Investments (include Endowments)		
Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4146619	4441642
Other Assets	193284	207036
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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 ST JOHN'S METHODIST No. 28/02

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 S.B. Butler Date 15-05-20

Name and address of treasurer Steven Butler

12 Teasel Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 3UB

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 15th October 2019

Signature of the Chair of the meeting J. Hawkins

Name of the Chair of the meeting J. HAWKINS Date 26.6.20

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St John's Methodist Church

Charity Number 1128201

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ST JOHN'S METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2019 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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 St John's Methodist Church Bloxwich - No. 28/02

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

I ~~have~~/have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner ABR

Name of independent examiner Andrew Birkbeck

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 23 Paradise Grove, Pelsall, WS3 4NN

Date 11/06/2020

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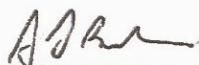
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