

SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH

2018-19 Annual Report to the Charity Commission

Aims and Purposes

Southgate (The Bourne) Methodist Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. Its responsibilities include the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the church and to become part of the church community. The diversity of our congregation is an indicator of the diversity of the wider community the church serves.

The Church Council has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular the church aims to enable people to live out their faith as part of our church through

- worship and prayer that is thoughtful, relevant to the situations both of those who attend and of the wider world, and rooted in the goodness of God;
- nurture and learning that develops understanding of the gospel and knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- service that provides hospitality to community groups, runs groups that are of community benefit, and takes an active interest in the affairs of the community;
- mission and evangelism that promotes the good news of God in Christ Jesus and encourages others to consider the call to discipleship.

To facilitate these aims it is important that the church maintains the fabric of its building and the funds to enable it to do so.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

The church offers a range of services over the course of a year that enables people to worship God and follow Jesus. Our Sunday morning worship is the principal gathering with a monthly pattern that includes the celebration of Holy Communion and allows for the introduction of children into the worshipping community through our Sunday Club. It has been good to welcome new people during the year and to maintain a strong worshipping community.

The church membership as at 1 November 2018 was recorded as 117 with an average attendance at worship of 72 adults and 4 children. There is a community roll of around 210 people who are connected with the church in a variety of ways.

As well as the regular services, the church enables the community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their lives. There was 1 baptism and 9 funerals either in the church or conducted elsewhere by the minister.

Nurture and learning

The Sunday Club remains active, though small, and the children are involved along with members of the Girls' Brigade in sharing worship leadership during All-age Worship. For adult study and learning there is a weekly Faith Studies group. The whole membership of the church is cared for by a system of pastoral visitation.

Service

The church premises are extensively used by the local community with over 1400 people a week attending classes or groups. These include a Monday-Friday Day Nursery; Sing and Sign for small children; Ballet and other dance classes; Zumba and other exercise classes; Singology; Age UK groups; and an Alzheimer's Sing for the Brain Group.

The church supports children and young people's uniformed organisations and runs a diverse multi-cultural, multi-faith and some no faith Parents and Toddlers Group of around 30 families, as well as a variety of social and fellowship groups. It also hosts weekly Thursday and Saturday coffee mornings.

Mission and evangelism

The church welcomes people of all ages and a number of new people joined its activities during the year. We give strong support to Methodist charities including Action for Children (AfC), Methodist Homes (MHA), and the Whitechapel Mission as well as a number of local, UK-wide and world-wide charities including the local food bank, Age UK, the Alzheimer's Society, and Christian Aid.

Wider relationships

The church is part of the Enfield Methodist Circuit and five members of the church are elected by the Church Council to be part of the Circuit Meeting, the circuit's managing body.

The church is an active member of Churches Together in Southgate, Oakwood and Cockfosters and has good relationships with other faith communities.

Property and finance

The church exercises its responsibilities as managing trustees through regular meetings of the Church Council and the Property and Finance Committee.

Reserves policy

The church has reserves sufficient to cover six months of total expenditure, including additional funds for anticipated maintenance and repair costs. It takes seriously its liabilities for safeguarding and insurance, disability regulations, security and work-related conditions and undertakes a regular risk assessment of the premises.

Volunteers

The church relies heavily on the contribution made by those who give freely of their time and skills to make the church a vibrant and lively community.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governance of each Methodist Church is set out in the Connexional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. The membership of the Church Council consists of those who are ex-officio such as the Church Stewards, the Church Treasurer, and the Church Council Secretary, those elected as representatives by the General Church Meeting, and others appointed by the Church Council to represent the church's various activities.

The Church Council is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and on how church funds are spent. Other committees of the church such as Pastoral, Mission, and Property and Finance regularly report to the Church Council.

Administrative information

Southgate Methodist Church is situated on The Bourne, Southgate, London N14 6RS.
The Church Council is a registered charity, number 1134051

Church Council members who served for the full period of this report to 31st August 2019 are:-

The Revd Julia Wiktorska

The Revd Dr Kathleen Richardson

The Revd Alan Combes

The Revd Tim Swindell

The Revd Valentin Dedji

The Revd Dan Haylett

The Revd Papa Owusu

Mr Felix Amankwa

Mr Colin Barratt

Mrs Ann Collard

Ms Verona Cosco

Ms Anne Dennison

Ms Anne Fairchild

Ms Katharine Farnham-Dear

Mrs Marjorie Ferguson

Mr Martin Gansler

Mrs Vida Gharney

Ms Merline Grizzle

Ms Paula Hall

Ms Lucy Hallworth

Ms Amanda Martin

Mrs Marian Nash

Ms Sarah Ross

Mrs Stella Sarkodieh

Mrs Beryl Smith

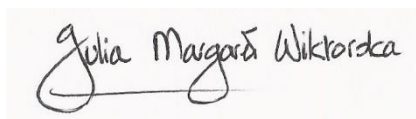
Mrs Ginny Taylor

Mr Geoff Webb

Mr Colin Williams

Mrs Diana Williams

Approved by the Church Council on 17th July 2019 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Julia Margaret Wiktorska'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

The Revd Julia Wiktorska

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Southgate Methodist Church

For the Year ended
31 August 2019

Enfield Circuit	Circuit no	35/34
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134051

HMRC Inheritance Tax and Gift Aid number

XT33944

Minister:

Rev. Julia Wiktorska

Church Stewards

Felix Amankwa
Verona Cosco
Anne Dennison
Marjorie Ferguson
Merline Grizzle
Paula Hall
Stella Sarkodieh
Beryl Smith

Treasurer:

Anne Fairchild

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
a2	Offerings	43,624		43,624	41,346
a2a	Gift Day	1,600		1,600	6,984
a2b	Tax reclaimed				
a2c	Church Groups / Donations	20,357		20,357	13,384
a3	TMCP and CFB interest	747		747	483
a4	Lettings	74,012		74,012	88,515
a5	Other receipts	623		623	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	140,962		140,962	150,712

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
b2	Circuit Assessment	74,357		74,357	75,000
b3	Donations	2,510		2,510	2,570
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	10,394	179	10,573	16,652
b5	Caretaking, Utilities, Insurance	54,031		54,031	48,777
b6	Refurbishment/Major Items	4,850	10,865	15,715	16,643
b7	Other payments	5,983	1,188	7,171	8,718
b7a	Donation to Circuit Grant Fund				25,000
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	152,125	12,232	164,357	193,361

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b8)	(12,232)	(23,394)	(42,649)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	149,667	14,828	164,495	208,417
c3	Sub total	138,505	2,596	141,101	165,768
c4	Transfers and adjustments	380		380	(1,273)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	138,885	2,596	141,481	164,495

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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			906	170
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			5,866	7,702
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			5,117	6,966
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		749	906

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Donations to Church	Other Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
Parent and Toddler Group	1,390	1,241	157	(8)		500	492
Thursday Coffees	555	555				-	-
Sunday Coffees	320	320				-	-
Action for Children Support Group	3,952		3,952			-	-
JMA	1,233		1,233			-	-
Tea Dance	3,024	2,852	172			-	-
Girls Brigade	1,156		1,613	(457)	1,526	-	1,069
Uniform Groups (Guides/Brownies/Rainbows)	300	300			(398)	398	-
Monday Table Tennis	1,105	1,077	124	(96)	(61)	160	3
Wednesday Table Tennis						114	114
Group 78	460	150	255	55	151	76	282
Wednesday Club	728	240	476	12	145	129	287
Saturday Coffee	338	338				-	-
						-	-
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,561	7,073	7,981	(493)	1,363	1,378 (e14)	2,248
Church accounts	140,962 (a7)		164,357 (b9)	(23,394)	380 (c7)	164,495 (c6)	141,481
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	155,524	7,073	172,337	(23,887)	1,743	165,873 (x)	143,729
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DONATIONS	TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS				

e7a Girls Brigade included separately for the first time. Adjustment represent their balance carried forward from 2018

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	28,182		41,026
Restricted Funds	14,827		2,596
Central Finance Board	88,770		65,143
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	32,716		32,716
Other funds			
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	164,495 (c6)		141,481
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,378 (e15)		2,248
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 31 August 2018	At 31 August 2019
Investments (include Endowments)		
Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,037,000	3,037,000
Other Assets		
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)

g5

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer



Date

15/1/20

Name

Anne Fairchild

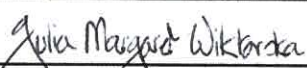
Address

190 Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey EN9 2ES

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on 19 February 2020 and were approved subject to Independent examination.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Julia Wiktorska

Date

19.02.2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Southgate (The Bourne) Methodist Church

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.

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.

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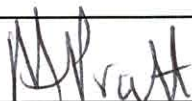
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the obligations
 - 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
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

Margaret Pratt

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

B. Compt. (Accounting)

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151 Kingsway, London EN3 4HU

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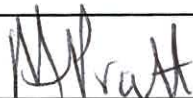
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