St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2020

Administrative information:

This report relates to St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton. With 166 members (as at September 2020) the church is the largest in the Southampton Circuit, which itself forms part of the Southampton District of the Methodist Church. On 1 September 2013, the former Swaythling Methodist Church at the Nona Bell Centre, 286 Burgess Road, became a class of St James Road Church.

The church became a Registered Charity in January 2010. Its registered title is St James Road Methodist Church and its charity number is 1127830. The church address is St James Road, Shirley, Southampton SO15 5HE. Correspondence should be addressed to the church unless a specific address is given by a person acting on behalf of the church.

The following served as Managing Trustees in the year ended 31 August 2020: Rev C Coram, Deacon B Purchase, Mrs P Wood (Secretary), Mr N Hitch (Treasurer), Mr D Bone, Mr C Bradwell, Mrs K Deabill, Mrs P Dutton, Mr C Fullbrook, Ms K Green, Mr N Hack, Mr R Hack, Mr O Hack, Ms S Hambley, Mr B Hart, Mrs P Harris, Ms J Herniman, Mrs R Horsfall, Mr B Hooper, Mrs C Hooper, Ms R Lester, Miss C Pritchard, Mrs G Robinson, Miss J Ryder, Mr D Skinner, Mr P Syed, Mrs J Van Wyk, Mrs J Webb, Miss E White, Mrs E Woodman, Mr D Woodman.

Aims and organisation

The church exists primarily for the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; in particular, it aims to welcome and support anyone seeking to know more of the Christian faith, to serve the community in which it is placed, and to support its members and adherents in their commitments to serve God and the community. The church offers a wide range of public worship, open to all, a Sunday School, and numerous mid-week activities particularly, but not exclusively, serving the communities in Shirley and Swaythling.

There are a number of outreach activities for parents of very young children at St James Road, with "Tadpoles" for pre-school children, a twins club, "Who Let The Dads Out" for young children and their fathers as well as an 'after school' club that currently caters for around 30 children and a weekly Spanish class for children. We also offer a Soup & Sweet Lunch, Supper Club and "Thursday Teapot" for the more mature. Additionally the premises are used by a wide variety of groups providing services and facilities for the local community. These Include dance, keep fit classes, mental health services, ex-offenders groups, badminton, bowls, carers support group and the U3A.

The Church Council is the managing body, operating in accordance with Methodist policies and practice as set out in the document 'Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', and is chaired by the Minister and administered by its Secretary. The Church Stewards have a special responsibility for the spiritual life of the church and the conduct of worship. The Property Stewards have responsibility for maintaining the premises. The Church Treasurer is responsible for financial administration, assisted by a number of people with specific tasks. Other responsibilities in the church are delegated by the Church Council to specific individuals, subject to annual appointment or reappointment.

Review of progress and achievements

Our two Sunday morning services continue to draw in new followers. Our monthly "New Song Café" Sunday evening event started in April 2016, in which Christians from different denominations gather to celebrate God and our faith together.

Our outreach activities also continue to grow, particularly "Who Let The Dads Out" for young children and their fathers.

We have worked together with other churches in Shirley to provide a holiday club for school-age children (on our premises) and Christmas activities involving local shops and businesses.

The church started a review in 2015, under the name "Dare to Dream", exploring how we might continue and possibly extend our use of our premises to serve God's people and make new disciples. From that, we have drawn up development plans to install a lift and make greater use of the first floor, extend The Link foyer and upgrade the facilities for the pre-school. These works under the project title, 'Connect: A Space to Share' were formally started late in 2019 and are now nearing completion. As part of this work the extremely exciting outreach café, 'Make & Brew' will operate from the new Link space creating a significant focus for the church's future engagement with the local community. It is hoped that this will open in the autumn of 2020.

Covid-19 has inevitably created significant problems since the pandemic lockdown was announced In March. The groups that normally used the building have been unable to do so; worship has not been able to operate as it used to and the building has been closed to the public since this time. This has though given an opportunity to do things differently and rise to the challenges presented. The 'Connect: A Space to Share project' has been completed quicker than would otherwise be the case because public access to the building has not been possible. It will mean that as restrictions on public gathering continue to be gradually lifted that the church will have fully refurbished premises to be able to meet the local community needs. Worship has still proceeded with services being 'streamed' weekly for people to access online which has resulted in a greater number of people being reached by the church than would otherwise be

the case. The network of pastoral carers has been extremely active in ensuring that regular contact is maintained with church members and to exercise the care required for all Its people.

It is hoped that the building can be properly re-opened during the autumn of 2020 as the building works are completed and that this will also enable some form of public worship to re-commence. The Pre-school Nursery and after-school club have both begun operating again in September and it is planned to expand the number of community groups using the revised facilities progressively as this becomes feasible.

Financial Information

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 are being independently examined and are included as part of this report. Expenditure has exceeded income by around £116,000 over the year which is primarily the result of the redevelopment project, entitled: Connect: A Space to Share.

The church benefits from a substantial amount of expertise and time given freely by its members, especially in property maintenance and administrative functions, including pastoral care and the provision of music for worship. No attempt has been made to quantify that, either in hours or in monetary value.

Signed

Rev Christine Coram





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STANDARD REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

St James Road Methodist	Church
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Registered Charity - Registration number 1127830 Southampton **Circuit No** 26/1 **Minister** Rev C Coram **Church Stewards** Mr D Skinner Mr P Syed Mrs E White Ms R Lester Mr C Fullbrook Mrs P Harris Mrs C Hooper Mr D Bone Mr C Bradwell Ms C Pritchard

Church Treasurer Mr N Hitch

Circuit No

	Notes to the	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	accounts	(Unrestricted)	(unrestricted)	Funds	Funds	2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	85,921	-	-	-	85,921
2 Donations	5	6,429	-	56,683	=	63,112
2a Grants		-	-	450,000	-	450,000
2b Gift Day		5,166	-	19,705	=	24,871
3 Gift aid	4	25,099	-	9,452	-	34,551
4 Interest and investment income	6	3,806	-	47	-	3,853
5 Property Income	7	27,060	-	-	-	27,060
6 Internal organisations		-	8,434	5,277	-	13,711
7 Other charitable income	8	1,703	1,524	19,511	=	22,738
8 Total income		155,184	9,958	560,675	=	725,817
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		97,074	-	_	-	97,074
10 Grants and donations		3,506	-	_	-	3,506
11 Property maintenance		21,618	-	-	-	21,618
12 Insurance, utilities etc		21,576	-	-	-	21,576
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
14 Office expenses		-	-	-	-	-
15 Other expenditure		20,355	7,555	5,112	-	33,022
16 Internal organisations		-	-	5,533	-	5,533
17 Total charitable expenditure		164,129	7,555	10,645	-	182,329
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investmen	13	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	s	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(8,945)	2,403	550,030	-	543,488
21 Transfers between funds		(15,000)	706,694	(691,694)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		(23,945)	709,097	(141,664)	-	543,488
24 Total funds brought forward		71,538	2,255,271	320,140	5,000	2,651,949
25 Total funds carried forward		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	-	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018-19
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	86,750	-	-	-	86,750
2 Donations	5	1,828	1,207	140,500	-	143,535
2a Grants		-	-	4,000	-	4,000
2b Gift Day		8,378	_	8,047	_	16,425
3 Gift aid	4	23,893	-	3,711	-	27,604
4 Interest and investment income	6	1,747	_	47	-	1,794
5 Property Income	7	33,877	-	-	_	33,877
6 Internal organisations		_	1,616	5,070	-	6,686
7 Other charitable income	8	25,969	3,325	20,057	-	49,351
8 Total income		182,442	6,148	181,432	-	370,022
Expenditure						_
9 Circuit assessment or share		95,004	-	-	_	95,004
10 Grants and donations		3,760	-	-	_	3,760
11 Property maintenance		24,049	-	-	_	24,049
12 Insurance, utilities etc		20,274	-	-	_	20,274
13 Depreciation		-	579	-	-	579
14 Office expenses		-	-	=	-	-
15 Other expenditure		29,609	2,637	22,081	_	54,327
16 Internal organisations		-	1,552	3,331	-	4,883
17 Total charitable expenditure		172,696	4,768	25,412	-	202,876
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investmen	13	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment propertie	s	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		9,746	1,380	156,020	=	167,146
21 Transfers between funds		1,419	(19)	(1,400)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		11,165	1,361	154,620	=	167,146
24 Total funds brought forward		60,373	2,253,910	165,520	5,000	2,484,803
25 Total funds carried forward		71,538	2,255,271	320,140	5,000	2,651,949

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

St James Road Methodist Church

		General Fund	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Totals 2020	Totals	2019
	Notes to the	(Unrestricted)	Funds	Funds	Funds			
	Accounts	£	(Unrestricted) £	£	£	£	£	2
Fixed Assets								
Church building and other property	12	-	2,958,212	ı	-	2,958,212	2,25	50,000
Investments	13	-	-	-	5,000	5,000		5,000
Total fixed assets		-	2,958,212	-	5,000	2,963,212	2,2	55,000
Current Assets								
Debtors and prepayments	14	12,044	-	-	-	12,044		14,242
Investments with TMCP	14	-	-	523	-	523		519
Central Finance Board Deposits	14	5,745	-	213,238	-	218,983	36	64,061
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	31,904	6,156	9,715	=	47,775		19,207
Total current assets		49,693	6,156	223,476	-	279,325	39	98,029
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	2,100	-	_	_	2,100		1,080
Total current liabilities		2,100	-	-	-	2,100		1,080
Net current assets/liabilities		47,593	6,156	223,476	-	277,225	39	96,949
Total assets less current liabilities		47,593	2,964,368	223,476	5.000	3,240,437	2.65	51,949
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Long term liabilities								
(due after more than one year) Loans to the Church	40			45.000		45.000		
	16	-	0.004.000	45,000	-	45,000		-
Net assets		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437	2,65	1,949
Funds of the Church								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	19	47,593				47,593	7	71,538
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	19		2,964,368			2,964,368	2,25	55,271
Total Unrestricted Funds					,	3,011,961	2,32	26,809
Restricted Funds	19			178,476		178,476	32	20,140
Endowment Funds					5,000	5,000		5,000
Total Funds		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437	2,65	1,949

Signed

Church Treasurer

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2020

		2020	2019
Statement of cash flows	Note	£	£
Cash from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities		542,849	167,686
Net cash used in operating activities		342,843	107,080
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		3,853	1,794
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(708,212)	-
Net cash provided by investing activities		(704,359)	1,794
Cash flows from financing activities			
New borrowing		45,000	-
Net cash used in financing activities		45,000	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(116,510)	169,480
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		383,268	213,209
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		266,758	383,268
		2020	2019
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities		£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of financial activities)		543,488	167,146
Adjustments for:			
Gains on investments		(4)	(3)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		(3,853)	(1,794)
(increase)/decrease in debtors		2,198	1,797
increase/(decrease) in creditors		1,020	540
Net cash used in operating activities		542,849	167,686
		2020	2019
Analysis of cash and cash equivalent		£	£
Cash in hand and in bank		266,758	383,268
Total cash and cash equivalents		266,758	383,268

1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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 including those for internal organisations. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 19. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting Policies

Basis

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.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to it, the trustees judge it probable that they will receive it, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at deemed historical cost. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods as set out in note 12.

Notes to the Accounts

St James Road Methodist Church

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purpose of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown on the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding loan balances from church members which are repayable on demand and interest free.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

			2020	2019
4 Offerings Including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Standing Orders	50,345	-	50,345	44,308
Collections and regular giving	35 <i>,</i> 576	-	35,576	42,442
Tax Credits	25,099	9,452	34,551	27,604
Total	111,020	9,452	120,472	114,354
			2020	2019
5 Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	2,909	54,983	57,892	68,035
Legacies	3,520	1,700	5,220	75,500
Total	6,429	56,683	63,112	143,535
			2020	2019
6 Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	3,806	-	3,806	1,747
TMCP		47	47	47
	3,806	47	3,853	1,794
			2020	2019
7 Property Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	27,060	-	27,060	33,877
	27,060	-	27,060	33,877
			2020	2019
8 Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	3,149	3,149	8,462
Other	3,227	16,362	19,589	40,889
	3,227	19,511	22,738	49,351

9	Payment to Trustees		2020	2019
	Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the church by agreement with the Church	1	-	-
	Council Meeting			
	Number of trustees who were paid expenses		10	14
	Nature of the expenses: postage, supplies, fundraising stationery, electrical equipment, worship materials as	_	• •	
	Total amount paid	£	7,925	5,183
10	Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts			
	Independent Examiner's or Auditor's fees	£	600	540
	for reporting on the accounts			
	Other fees (e.g. advice, accountancy services paid to the Independent Examiner or Auditor	£	-	-
11	Paid Employees			
	Staff Costs paid during the year were:			
	Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	-	-
	Employers National Insurance Costs	£	-	-
	Pension Costs	£	-	-
	Total Staff Costs	£	-	-
	Average number of staff employed during the year		-	-

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts. However it is acknowledged that the Church benefits greatly from all the work done by its many volunteers, enriching and expanding so many areas of our worship, service and mission. This includes the members of Church Council (trustees) who kindly provide time free of charge to oversee the church's operations and ensure compliance with our many obligations.

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation

	Church (non investment)	Other Land & Buildings	Organ	Other Fixed Assets	Total
	Land & Buildings				
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	2,250,000	-	313,512	2,269	2,565,781
Additions	708,212	-	-	-	708,212
Balance Carried Forward	2,958,212	-	313,512	2,269	3,273,993
Accumulated Depreciation					
Balance Brought Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-
Balance Carried Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
Net Book Value					
Brought Forward	2,250,000	-	-	-	2,250,000
Carried Forward	2,958,212	-	-	-	2,958,212

Depreciation rate/period nil 3 years 10 years 3 years

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of Investment Movements

	2020	2019
Change in Investment Values		
	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	5,000	5,000
Add: additions to Investments at Cost	-	-
Less: Disposals at Carrying Value	=	-
Net gain/loss on revaluation	-	-
Carrying (market) value at end of Year	5,000	5,000

14 Analysis of Current Assets

		2020	2019
		£	£
	Debtors and Prepayments		
P	Pre-paid Assessment	6,544	8,230
P	Prepayments and Accrued Income	5,500	6,012
T	Total Debtors and Prepayments	12,044	14,242
Æ	Analysis of Cash at Bank		
В	Bank Balance held at HSBC	38,037	9,214
В	Bank Balance held at Central Finance Board	218,983	364,061
В	Bank Balance held in TMCP Model Trust Bequests	523	519
P	Petty Cash	22	22
В	Balances held by Internal Organisations	9,716	9,971
T	otal Cash and Bank Balances	267,281	383,787
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	Total Cash and Bank Balances Analysis of Current Liabilities	267,281	383,787
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15 A	•	2020	2019
15 A	Analysis of Current Liabilities	2020 £	2019 £
15 A	Analysis of Current Liabilities Accruals and Other Creditors Total Current Liabilities	2020 £ 2,100	2019 £ 1,080
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15 A	Analysis of Current Liabilities Accruals and Other Creditors Total Current Liabilities	2020 £ 2,100 2,100	2019 £ 1,080 1,080
15 A	Analysis of Current Liabilities Accruals and Other Creditors Total Current Liabilities	2020 £ 2,100 2,100	2019 £ 1,080 1,080
15 A	Analysis of Current Liabilities Accruals and Other Creditors Total Current Liabilities Analysis of Long Term Liabilities	2020 £ 2,100 2,100 2020 £	2019 £ 1,080 1,080

17 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at the 31st August 2020 the church has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2020.

18 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions

19 Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing
	Balance				Balance
General Fund	71,538	155,184	164,129	(15,000)	47,593
Benevolent Fund	817	75	-	-	892
Fixed assets	2,250,000	-	-	708,212	2,958,212
Tadpoles	8	748	744	-	12
Who Let The Dads Out	176	227	-	(200)	203
Bumps & Babes	297	-	-	(297)	-
Thursday Teapot	695	474	-	(500)	669
Youth Work	748	-	-	-	748
Others	2,530	8,434	6,811	(521)	3,632
Totals	2,326,809	165,142	171,684	691,694	3,011,961

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing
	Balance				Balance
Internal Organisations:					
SJR Boys/Girls Brigade	5,379	2,999	2,092	-	6,286
286 Boys Brigade	1,317	505	1,076	-	746
Choir	506	150	299	-	357
Bowls Club	1,033	857	826	-	1,064
Soup & Sweet Lunch	135	-	-	-	135
Womens Wednesday Grp	733	766	1,240	-	259
Youth Club	673	-	-	-	673
Chatty Crafters	195	-	-	-	195
Internal Orgs Total	9,971	5,277	5,533	-	9,715
Flower Fund	194	427	379	-	242
Development Fund (Connect)	296,613	543,770	-	(691,594)	148,789
Organ Fund	741	3,520	2,591	-	1,670
Property Reserve	11,009	5,170	-	-	16,179
Badminton Club	362	-	-	(100)	262
All We Can	-	462	423	-	39
Basics Bank	-	2,049	1,719	-	330
Legacy - 286	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Totals	320,140	560,675	10,645	(691,694)	178,476

Fund Purposes

Benevolent Fund: for giving at the discretion of the Ministers to needy individuals in the locality **Tadpoles, Who Let The Dads Out and Bumps & Babes:** for providing services to the community in connection with young families

Thursday Teapot: for distribution at the discretion of the Church Council from funds donated at month meetings

Internal Organisations: funds held by groups reporting to the Church Council

Flower Fund: funds donated for the provision of weekly church flowers

Connect: funds held towards the proposed development of The Link and 1st floor rooms. Income includes grants received from the Foyle Foundation (£4,000)

Organ Fund: funds held towards the repair and maintenance of the church organ

Property Reserve: funds held towards larger than normal property expenses funded from underspend of previous years property maintenance budgets

Badminton Club: funds held on behalf of the club that meets on the Church premises All We Can/Basics Bank: funds held from member donations for these specified causes

Legacy 286: legacy received for restricted use for Boys Brigade at '286'.

Transfers Between Funds

The sum of £15,000 was transferred from General Funds into the Connect Restricted Fund The sum of £708,212 was transferred from the Development Fund to the Fixed Assets fund upon the realisation of expenditure in relation to the development of the building.

Various transfers were made from internal funds to Connect for new furniture in the Link café

Circuit No

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Name of Treasurer

Neil Hitch

Address

22 Marybridge Close, Totton, Southampton, SO40 9AQ

Presentation to the Church Council for Approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on: and were approved.

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Signature of the Chair of the Meeting

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Name of the Chair of the Meeting

Rev Christine Coram

Date

21/01/2021

Circuit No 1127830

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St James Road Methodist Church

This report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020

Responsibilities and basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St James Road Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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; or
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Name	C J Goodhead FCA
Signature	Rosthows
Relevant Professio	nal qualification or body
	ICAEW
Name of firm (wher	e appropriate) Knight Goodhead Limited
Address	7 Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 3DA
Date	19 January 2024





THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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Registered Charity - Registration number 1127830 Southampton **Circuit No** 26/1 **Minister** Rev C Coram **Church Stewards** Mr D Skinner Mr P Syed Mrs E White Ms R Lester Mr C Fullbrook Mrs P Harris Mrs C Hooper Mr D Bone Mr C Bradwell Ms C Pritchard

Church Treasurer Mr N Hitch

Circuit No

	Notes to the	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	accounts	(Unrestricted)	(unrestricted)	Funds	Funds	2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	85,921	-	-	-	85,921
2 Donations	5	6,429	-	56,683	=	63,112
2a Grants		-	-	450,000	-	450,000
2b Gift Day		5,166	-	19,705	=	24,871
3 Gift aid	4	25,099	-	9,452	-	34,551
4 Interest and investment income	6	3,806	-	47	-	3,853
5 Property Income	7	27,060	-	-	-	27,060
6 Internal organisations		-	8,434	5,277	-	13,711
7 Other charitable income	8	1,703	1,524	19,511	=	22,738
8 Total income		155,184	9,958	560,675	=	725,817
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		97,074	-	_	-	97,074
10 Grants and donations		3,506	-	_	-	3,506
11 Property maintenance		21,618	-	-	-	21,618
12 Insurance, utilities etc		21,576	-	-	-	21,576
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
14 Office expenses		-	-	-	-	-
15 Other expenditure		20,355	7,555	5,112	-	33,022
16 Internal organisations		-	-	5,533	-	5,533
17 Total charitable expenditure		164,129	7,555	10,645	-	182,329
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investmen	13	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	s	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(8,945)	2,403	550,030	-	543,488
21 Transfers between funds		(15,000)	706,694	(691,694)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		(23,945)	709,097	(141,664)	-	543,488
24 Total funds brought forward		71,538	2,255,271	320,140	5,000	2,651,949
25 Total funds carried forward		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	-	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018-19
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	86,750	-	-	-	86,750
2 Donations	5	1,828	1,207	140,500	-	143,535
2a Grants		-	-	4,000	-	4,000
2b Gift Day		8,378	_	8,047	_	16,425
3 Gift aid	4	23,893	-	3,711	-	27,604
4 Interest and investment income	6	1,747	_	47	-	1,794
5 Property Income	7	33,877	-	-	_	33,877
6 Internal organisations		_	1,616	5,070	-	6,686
7 Other charitable income	8	25,969	3,325	20,057	-	49,351
8 Total income		182,442	6,148	181,432	-	370,022
Expenditure						_
9 Circuit assessment or share		95,004	-	-	_	95,004
10 Grants and donations		3,760	-	-	_	3,760
11 Property maintenance		24,049	-	-	_	24,049
12 Insurance, utilities etc		20,274	-	-	_	20,274
13 Depreciation		-	579	-	-	579
14 Office expenses		-	-	=	-	-
15 Other expenditure		29,609	2,637	22,081	_	54,327
16 Internal organisations		-	1,552	3,331	-	4,883
17 Total charitable expenditure		172,696	4,768	25,412	-	202,876
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investmen	13	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment propertie	s	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		9,746	1,380	156,020	=	167,146
21 Transfers between funds		1,419	(19)	(1,400)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		11,165	1,361	154,620	=	167,146
24 Total funds brought forward		60,373	2,253,910	165,520	5,000	2,484,803
25 Total funds carried forward		71,538	2,255,271	320,140	5,000	2,651,949

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

St James Road Methodist Church

		General Fund	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Totals 2020	Totals	2019
	Notes to the	(Unrestricted)	Funds	Funds	Funds			
	Accounts	£	(Unrestricted) £	£	£	£	£	2
Fixed Assets								
Church building and other property	12	-	2,958,212	ı	-	2,958,212	2,25	50,000
Investments	13	-	-	-	5,000	5,000		5,000
Total fixed assets		-	2,958,212	-	5,000	2,963,212	2,2	55,000
Current Assets								
Debtors and prepayments	14	12,044	-	-	-	12,044		14,242
Investments with TMCP	14	-	-	523	-	523		519
Central Finance Board Deposits	14	5,745	-	213,238	-	218,983	36	64,061
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	31,904	6,156	9,715	=	47,775		19,207
Total current assets		49,693	6,156	223,476	-	279,325	39	98,029
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	2,100	-	_	_	2,100		1,080
Total current liabilities		2,100	-	-	-	2,100		1,080
Net current assets/liabilities		47,593	6,156	223,476	-	277,225	39	96,949
Total assets less current liabilities		47,593	2,964,368	223,476	5.000	3,240,437	2.65	51,949
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Long term liabilities								
(due after more than one year) Loans to the Church	40			45.000		45.000		
	16	-	0.004.000	45,000	-	45,000		-
Net assets		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437	2,65	1,949
Funds of the Church								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	19	47,593				47,593	7	71,538
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	19		2,964,368			2,964,368	2,25	55,271
Total Unrestricted Funds					,	3,011,961	2,32	26,809
Restricted Funds	19			178,476		178,476	32	20,140
Endowment Funds					5,000	5,000		5,000
Total Funds		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437	2,65	1,949

Signed

Church Treasurer

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2020

		2020	2019
Statement of cash flows	Note	£	£
Cash from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities		542,849	167,686
Net cash used in operating activities		342,843	107,080
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		3,853	1,794
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(708,212)	-
Net cash provided by investing activities		(704,359)	1,794
Cash flows from financing activities			
New borrowing		45,000	-
Net cash used in financing activities		45,000	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(116,510)	169,480
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		383,268	213,209
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		266,758	383,268
		2020	2019
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities		£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of financial activities)		543,488	167,146
Adjustments for:			
Gains on investments		(4)	(3)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		(3,853)	(1,794)
(increase)/decrease in debtors		2,198	1,797
increase/(decrease) in creditors		1,020	540
Net cash used in operating activities		542,849	167,686
		2020	2019
Analysis of cash and cash equivalent		£	£
Cash in hand and in bank		266,758	383,268
Total cash and cash equivalents		266,758	383,268

1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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 including those for internal organisations. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 19. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting Policies

Basis

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.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to it, the trustees judge it probable that they will receive it, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at deemed historical cost. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods as set out in note 12.

Notes to the Accounts

St James Road Methodist Church

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purpose of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown on the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding loan balances from church members which are repayable on demand and interest free.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

			2020	2019
4 Offerings Including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Standing Orders	50,345	-	50,345	44,308
Collections and regular giving	35 <i>,</i> 576	-	35,576	42,442
Tax Credits	25,099	9,452	34,551	27,604
Total	111,020	9,452	120,472	114,354
			2020	2019
5 Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	2,909	54,983	57,892	68,035
Legacies	3,520	1,700	5,220	75,500
Total	6,429	56,683	63,112	143,535
			2020	2019
6 Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	3,806	-	3,806	1,747
TMCP		47	47	47
	3,806	47	3,853	1,794
			2020	2019
7 Property Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	27,060	-	27,060	33,877
	27,060	-	27,060	33,877
			2020	2019
8 Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	3,149	3,149	8,462
Other	3,227	16,362	19,589	40,889
	3,227	19,511	22,738	49,351

9	Payment to Trustees		2020	2019
	Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the church by agreement with the Church	1	-	-
	Council Meeting			
	Number of trustees who were paid expenses		10	14
	Nature of the expenses: postage, supplies, fundraising stationery, electrical equipment, worship materials as	_	• •	
	Total amount paid	£	7,925	5,183
10	Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts			
	Independent Examiner's or Auditor's fees	£	600	540
	for reporting on the accounts			
	Other fees (e.g. advice, accountancy services paid to the Independent Examiner or Auditor	£	-	-
11	Paid Employees			
	Staff Costs paid during the year were:			
	Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	-	-
	Employers National Insurance Costs	£	-	-
	Pension Costs	£	-	-
	Total Staff Costs	£	-	-
	Average number of staff employed during the year		-	-

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts. However it is acknowledged that the Church benefits greatly from all the work done by its many volunteers, enriching and expanding so many areas of our worship, service and mission. This includes the members of Church Council (trustees) who kindly provide time free of charge to oversee the church's opprations and ensure compliance with our many obligations.

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation

	Church (non investment)	Other Land & Buildings	Organ	Other Fixed Assets	Total
	Land & Buildings				
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	2,250,000	-	313,512	2,269	2,565,781
Additions	708,212	-	-	-	708,212
Balance Carried Forward	2,958,212	-	313,512	2,269	3,273,993
Accumulated Depreciation					
Balance Brought Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-
Balance Carried Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
Net Book Value					
Brought Forward	2,250,000	-	-	-	2,250,000
Carried Forward	2,958,212	-	-	-	2,958,212

Depreciation rate/period nil 3 years 10 years 3 years

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of Investment Movements

	2020	2019
Change in Investment Values		
	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	5,000	5,000
Add: additions to Investments at Cost	-	-
Less: Disposals at Carrying Value	=	-
Net gain/loss on revaluation	-	-
Carrying (market) value at end of Year	5,000	5,000

14 Analysis of Current Assets

		2020	2019
		£	£
	Debtors and Prepayments		
P	Pre-paid Assessment	6,544	8,230
P	Prepayments and Accrued Income	5,500	6,012
T	Total Debtors and Prepayments	12,044	14,242
Æ	Analysis of Cash at Bank		
В	Bank Balance held at HSBC	38,037	9,214
В	Bank Balance held at Central Finance Board	218,983	364,061
В	Bank Balance held in TMCP Model Trust Bequests	523	519
P	Petty Cash	22	22
В	Balances held by Internal Organisations	9,716	9,971
T	otal Cash and Bank Balances	267,281	383,787
	•	267,281	383,787
	Total Cash and Bank Balances Analysis of Current Liabilities	267,281	383,787
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15 A	•	2020	2019
15 A	Analysis of Current Liabilities	2020 £	2019 £
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15 A	Analysis of Current Liabilities Accruals and Other Creditors Total Current Liabilities Analysis of Long Term Liabilities	2020 £ 2,100 2,100 2020 £	2019 £ 1,080 1,080

17 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at the 31st August 2020 the church has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2020.

18 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions

19 Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing
	Balance				Balance
General Fund	71,538	155,184	164,129	(15,000)	47,593
Benevolent Fund	817	75	-	-	892
Fixed assets	2,250,000	-	-	708,212	2,958,212
Tadpoles	8	748	744	-	12
Who Let The Dads Out	176	227	-	(200)	203
Bumps & Babes	297	-	-	(297)	-
Thursday Teapot	695	474	-	(500)	669
Youth Work	748	-	-	-	748
Others	2,530	8,434	6,811	(521)	3,632
Totals	2,326,809	165,142	171,684	691,694	3,011,961

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing
	Balance				Balance
Internal Organisations:					
SJR Boys/Girls Brigade	5,379	2,999	2,092	-	6,286
286 Boys Brigade	1,317	505	1,076	-	746
Choir	506	150	299	-	357
Bowls Club	1,033	857	826	-	1,064
Soup & Sweet Lunch	135	-	-	-	135
Womens Wednesday Grp	733	766	1,240	-	259
Youth Club	673	-	-	-	673
Chatty Crafters	195	-	-	-	195
Internal Orgs Total	9,971	5,277	5,533	-	9,715
Flower Fund	194	427	379	-	242
Development Fund (Connect)	296,613	543,770	-	(691,594)	148,789
Organ Fund	741	3,520	2,591	-	1,670
Property Reserve	11,009	5,170	-	-	16,179
Badminton Club	362	-	-	(100)	262
All We Can	-	462	423	-	39
Basics Bank	-	2,049	1,719	-	330
Legacy - 286	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Totals	320,140	560,675	10,645	(691,694)	178,476

Fund Purposes

Benevolent Fund: for giving at the discretion of the Ministers to needy individuals in the locality **Tadpoles, Who Let The Dads Out and Bumps & Babes:** for providing services to the community in connection with young families

Thursday Teapot: for distribution at the discretion of the Church Council from funds donated at month meetings

Internal Organisations: funds held by groups reporting to the Church Council

Flower Fund: funds donated for the provision of weekly church flowers

Connect: funds held towards the proposed development of The Link and 1st floor rooms. Income includes grants received from the Foyle Foundation (£4,000)

Organ Fund: funds held towards the repair and maintenance of the church organ

Property Reserve: funds held towards larger than normal property expenses funded from underspend of previous years property maintenance budgets

Badminton Club: funds held on behalf of the club that meets on the Church premises All We Can/Basics Bank: funds held from member donations for these specified causes

Legacy 286: legacy received for restricted use for Boys Brigade at '286'.

Transfers Between Funds

The sum of £15,000 was transferred from General Funds into the Connect Restricted Fund The sum of £708,212 was transferred from the Development Fund to the Fixed Assets fund upon the realisation of expenditure in relation to the development of the building.

Various transfers were made from internal funds to Connect for new furniture in the Link café

Circuit No

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Name of Treasurer

Neil Hitch

Address

22 Marybridge Close, Totton, Southampton, SO40 9AQ

Presentation to the Church Council for Approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on: and were approved.

19/1/2021

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting

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Name of the Chair of the Meeting

Rev Christine Coram

Date

21/01/2021

Circuit No 1127830

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St James Road Methodist Church

This report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020

Responsibilities and basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St James Road Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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