

St. John's Methodist Church

Bloxwich WS3 3HS

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St John's Methodist Church - Trustees Annual Report – Y/E 31 August 2020

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

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, Diana Bolton, Carol Brown, Roger Woodward

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

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic our services moved to Zoom each Sunday at 10.30am

Sunday morning worship and preaching services commencing 10.30am

Sunday evening worship commencing 6.30 pm

Tuesday morning worship commencing 10.00 am

ACTIVITIES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic all our regular activities had to be suspended

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.

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.


PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIOD

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic most of our activities had to be suspended.
The Church is currently raising funds to modernise and refurbish the kitchen and associated areas.
We are hoping to open a new community cafe in the near future
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 2020
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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St John's Methodist Church Bloxwich

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

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

Rose Statham

Carol Brown

David Brown

Paul Wilde

Treasurer:

Steven Butler

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	48,203		48,203	42,576
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	445		445	403
a4	Lettings	11,941		11,941	14,455
a5	Other receipts	29,587		29,587	61,818
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	90,176		90,176 (a7)	119,252

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	58,639		58,639	56,783
b3	Donations	725		725	700
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	30,343		30,343	20,395
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	14,888		14,888	11,818
b6					
b7	Other payments	18,499		18,499	3,703
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	123,094		123,094 (b9)	93,399

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(32,918)	(32,918)	25,853
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		91,136	91,136 (c6)	65,283
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	58,218	58,218	91,136
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	58,218	58,218 (c8)	91,136 (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)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		11		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,868		1,998
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,868		1,987
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	11		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 2020 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 See attached for details	103,084	45,663	57,421	(13,113)	13,439	57,747
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	103,084	45,663	57,421	(13,113)	13,439 (e11)	57,747 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	90,176 (a7)	123,094 (b9)	(32,918)	(c7)	91,136 (c6)	58,218 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	193,260	168,757	24,503	(13,113)	104,575 (x)	115,965 (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 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	17,135	14,497
f3 Bank Deposit Account	13	13
f4 Central Finance Board	5,931	3,861
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	68,057	39,847
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	91,136 (c6)	58,218 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	13,439 (e11)	57,747 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	104,575 (x)	115,965 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,441,642	4,441,642
g3 Other Assets	207,036	207,036
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 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 2020 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 14-04-21

12 TEASEL ROAD,
WEDNESFIELD, WOLVERHAMPTON. Post Code WV11 3UB.

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 20.10.2020

Signature of the Chair of the meeting J. Hawkins

Name of the Chair of the meeting J. HAWKINS Date 25/6/2021

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 2020 set out on pages 1 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 ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH BLAXWICH 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 AD Beck

Name of independent examiner ANDREW BECK

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

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Date 23/06/2021

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Internal Organisations Accounts for Year Ended 31 August 2020

Organisation	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
Canteen	742.03	1341.37	0.00	1980.05	103.35
Kitchen Project	0.00	78267.06	31817.16	0.00	46449.90
Church Outings	855.96	210.00	30.00	0.00	1035.96
Rendezvous	1864.35	3328.18	865.36	4300.00	27.17
Ladies Fellowship	8.67	670.80	45.00	630.00	4.47
Model Railway Club	1482.10	1432.00	1304.14	600.00	1009.96
Make Lunch	2676.03	1082.00	720.00	500.00	2538.03
Community Messy Church	127.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.83
Art Group	12.00	1653.89	28.29	1637.60	0.00
Playgroup	0.00	260.76	0.00	260.76	0.00
Bookstall / Memorabilia	122.44	190.24	114.90	0.00	197.78
Snooker Club	1810.92	2055.60	1216.00	1764.81	885.71
Messy Church	76.23	148.92	139.22	0.00	85.93
Various Charities	11.32	1868.00	1868.00	0.00	11.32
Rwanda	0.00	2095.00	1595.00	0.00	500.00
Weddings	1520.00	1320.00	800.00	440.00	1600.00
Funerals	0.00	2885.00	1885.00	1000.00	0.00
Flower Fund	62.86	50.00	0.00	0.00	112.86
Benevolent Fund	567.61	80.00	0.00	0.00	647.61
Food Bank	1498.24	4145.05	3234.59	0.00	2408.70
	<u>13438.59</u>	<u>103083.87</u>	<u>45662.66</u>	<u>13113.22</u>	<u>57746.58</u>

Name of Church ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH BLOXWICH No 28/02

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Signature of independent examiner Andrew Blackbeck

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT

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