

WESLEY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE

Trustees Annual Report - year to 31st August 2021

Required information

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

Objectives in the year

Our objectives are summarised in our mission statement:

Our mission is to be a...

Worshipping

Welcoming

Witnessing

Christian Community

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

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

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

Activities and achievements

The year to August 2021 was severely disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. There were no formal reports submitted to the Annual Church Meeting on 27 April 2021. The following summary is therefore based on the minutes of that meeting, and reports presented to the Church Council on 10 November 2021.

Wesley Church

Almost all activities of the church were halted for much of the year because of the pandemic lockdown and subsequent restrictions.

- Worship. no regular in-person worship was held at all in this period.
- Video services: since the end of April 2020, weekly services have been recorded in the Chapel. The only people present are the minister and the video camera operator, who normally leaves the space for the duration of the recording. The services are combined with

readings recorded at home by members, and with recordings of hymns sung by the full congregation in previous years. The complete service is uploaded to YouTube for public viewing. They have proved popular with members of the church and with an unexpectedly large number of people further afield in the UK and other countries.

- The King Street Preschool restarted when permitted, and has continued, but with smaller numbers.
- The only external organisation to continue using the premises were the NHS Blood Donation Service.
- Sunday worship, in person in the church, recommenced in late spring 2021 with increasing frequency, becoming weekly from the end of August 2021.

The lay employee custodian of the premises remained in employment throughout the year, and the premises were fully maintained in the second half. The centre manager worked from home for much of the year, and was part time furloughed, but returned to work full time and in the office during the last quarter.

Chesterton Church

There was a similar pattern of a cessation of most in-church activities for the first three quarters of the year, and a gradual approach to return to normality at the end of August 2021.

The part time lay employee administrator remained in post.

The construction of the toilet extension was completed in November 2020.

The premises remain in good condition and well maintained.

Financial review for year ended 31st August 2021

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

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

Wesley Church

Wesley Church made a substantial deficit of £32,446 across all funds, although this was an improvement on the previous year's £67,122. The General Fund deficit of £26,012 is mainly attributable to the loss of lettings income since March, but has been greatly improved by a Circuit rebate on the assessment of £13,000. A transfer of £41,000 from the Legacies & Donations fund was made during the year to support cash flow in the General Fund.

Giving by members has declined somewhat, and we are obviously missing the Sunday collection from non-members. Regular giving is higher than recent years, though slightly down.

Our overall financial position, in terms of 'cash in the bank', remains strong (see the table of Balances – By Account), because of past legacies.

We make donations under our Planned Giving programme amounting to 10% of the previous year's regular giving (collections and standing orders). Donations arising from giving in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, amounting to £14, 335.70 have now been distributed. From the year 2019-2020 we would now

be ready to make donations amounting to £6,679.80; actual payment will await the consideration of our reserves policy.

Chesterton Methodist Church

Chesterton Methodist Church is engaged in a development project that has income and costs out of proportion to its normal finances. Therefore the financial tables (Receipts & Payments) separate the Development Project from other 'normal' activities. Chesterton also has responsibility for the Little Music Makers group, which has received funding from legacies and the Circuit Youth fund; this group is also shown separately.

Chesterton made a loss of £3,338 in 2020-21 (first column) compared to a budgeted exact balance. Income from giving remains lower than pre-covid, and less than anticipated in the year. We benefited from a rebate on the assessment from the Circuit of £1,319. Although income from lettings has picked up, one substantial payment from Headway just fell into the current year, which has affected the figures. Staff costs are slightly higher in reality, but are shown much higher in the table arising from a mistimed transfers of funds from Chesterton to Wesley (which pays salaries on Chesterton's behalf). Thus overall the deficit is not disappointing.

The final payments for Phase 2a of the development project (toilet extension) were incurred in the past year. We received a grant of £15,000 from the City Council (Section 106 funding) for the completed toilet extension.

The current Phase 2b of the development project (community café) has seen little expenditure. AllChurches Trust (managed by Methodist Insurance) has made a grant of £31,000 for the proposed café project.

Chesterton's balance sheet (Balance - By Account and Balance – By Fund) remains stable, even after excluding the Development Project. We did not draw from the Trust Fund last year.

Combined charity accounts

Then financial statements of the registered charity are dominated by the finances of Wesley Church. The charity made a net deficit of £29,754 in 2020-21, on income of £205,465 and expenditure of £235,219. The deficit was funded from reserves. We retain reserves of £270,001. We also hold endowment funds whose value on 31 August 2021 was £151,384.

Paul Ashley, Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wesley Methodist Church (including Chesterton Methodist Church)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Cambridge	Circuit	Circuit no	14/26
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129303

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Revd Colin Smith

Church Stewards:

Lynda Meharry

Rachel Hallam

Barbara Sinclair

Graham Burghall

Adrian Mackintosh

Angus Campbell

Phil Howie

Treasurer:

Paul Ashley

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Wesley Methodist Church
(including Chesterton Methodist Church)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		94,769	94,769	134,985
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		600	600	246
a4	Lettings		53,033	53,033	63,475
a5	Other receipts		57,017	57,064	39,217
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		205,419	205,465 (a7)	237,923

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		83,409	83,409	97,728
b3	Donations		6,653	6,653	17,297
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		55,635	55,635	71,543
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		22,789	22,789	21,452
b6	Staff		53,788	53,788	49,849
b7	Other payments		12,946	12,946	25,700
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		235,219	235,219 (b9)	283,569

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(29,800)	46	(29,754)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		265,864	33,728	299,593 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	236,064	33,775	269,839
c4	Transfers and adjustments		168		168 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	236,232	33,775	270,007 (c8)
					299,593 (c6)

SECTION D				
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		33	2,602
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		7,552	7,991
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		5,963	10,560
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		1,622	33

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 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	205,465 (a7)	235,219 (b9)	(29,754)	(c7)	299,593 (c6)	270,007 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	205,465	235,219	(29,754)		299,593 (x)	270,007 (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 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	292	292
f2 Bank Current Account	52,802	79,889
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	96,429	60,938
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	159,317	124,485
f6 Other funds	(9,254)	4,396
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	299,587 (c6)	270,001 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	299,587 (x)	270,001 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	133,982	151,384
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	14,117,846	14,175,795
g3 Other Assets	342,936	342,936
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

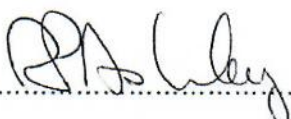
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

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

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

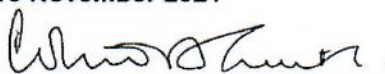
Signature of treasurer  Date 22/5/22

Name and address of treasurer **Dr Paul Ashley**

59 Gilbert Road, Cambridge CB4 3NZ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on **10 November 2021**

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Revd Colin Smith** Date 22/5/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Wesley Methodist Church (including Chesterton Methodist Church)

Charity Number 1129303

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of **Wesley Methodist Church** for the year ended 31 August 2021 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.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner *I W Shipley*

Name of independent examiner *IAN W SHIPLEY FCCA*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *PRENTIS & CO LLP*

Address *115C MILTON ROAD,*

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Date *24th May 2022*

* delete or circle as appropriate

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