

## **St Thomas Methodist Church**

### **Annual Report 2022**

#### Administration Information

The Church is situated in Cowick Street Exeter and is a registered Charity

The Managing Trustees during the year were as follows.

Rev Julian Albrow  
Peter Bennett  
Mary Bews  
David Bradford  
Sue Collins  
David House  
Janet Lee  
David Kirk  
Ann Matthews  
Heather Payne  
Rachel Scott  
Peter Kempster  
Rosemary Kempster

Charity and Minister of the Church at the following address:

Rev Julian Albrow  
21 Dunsford Road  
Exeter  
EX4 1 LG

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#### **Aim**

The vision of our Church is to :

- Offer worship to all which is relevant and engaging
- To create a community of belonging, offering pastoral care to all members particularly those in need.
- To serve God through our community both the community local to the Church and the world-wide community

Services are held on a Sunday Morning at 10,30 a.m. catering for all ages and other services may be held on Sunday evenings dependant on the Christian of calendar. The Church is an active member of Churches, Together in Central Exeter

St Thomas Methodist Church is building links with St Thomas Parish Church and the Riverside Church by sharing mission opportunities within the community.

The Church premises are extensively used by the Church in course of its arranged activities and also by a large number of community groups. Further details of the activities of the church can be found on the website [www.stthomasmethodist.co.uk](http://www.stthomasmethodist.co.uk)

#### **TRUSTEE TRAINING**

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church and the role of the Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meeting and training sessions

#### **RELATED PARTIES**

The Church is part of the Exeter Coast and Country Circuit, which is part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Internal Organisations linked to the Church are

5<sup>th</sup> Exeter Boys' Brigade  
Young Families  
St Thomas Methodist Pre-School  
St Thomas Community Larder

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#### **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF LAST YEAR**

The Church has been able to engage in its normal activities during the last year following the lifting of Government restrictions due to the pandemic

- 1) Messy Church
- 2) Boys' Brigade, Guides, Rainbows and Brownies are all sponsored groups and the Church runs its own Pre-School as well as Carers and Toddlers. The Church maintains contact weekly with these groups by various means
- 3) Church Council acts as the Leadership team and continues to meet
- 4) The Church is able to offer a social programme for members to develop their common life together now Government restrictions have been lifted.
- 5) The Church has responded to the needs of the community by offering practical help and by responding to appeals to humanitarian needs across the world. It is a member of St Thomas Community Association and has actively supported it.
- 6) The Church initiated and set up St Thomas Community Larder which is based in the Church and has worked with other groups and local Churches to provide food and essential items to around 40 families per week.
- 7) Church Council has continued with its programme to enhance the premises. The gardens continue to bloom and attract a lot of visitors.
- 8) Cameras have been installed in the Church, so that events can be recorded for people to view.

#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The General Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 showed a deficit of £409. Given the state of the economy, the Church considers this to be a good result.

The Church bankers are HSBC Bank and monies are held on deposit with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

### **CHURCH RESERVE POLICY**

The Church has a policy of holding six months expenditure in reserve on the General Fund and organises fund raising project and events to provide adequate income

### **BENEVOLENT FUND**

The Church maintains a benevolent fund which is a restricted fund to enable loans and gifts to be made at the discretion of the Minister. The Balance in the Benevolent fund at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 was £350

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

**St Thomas Methodist Church**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2022.**

<b>Exeter Coast and Country Circuit</b>	<b>Church no 2403</b>
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<b>Registered Charity - Registration number 1135010</b>
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Minister:

	Rev J Albrow	
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Church Stewards:

A Matthews	J Lee
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Treasurer:

D Bradford
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# St Thomas Methodist Church

## Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £
<b>Income</b>		
1 Offerings		29,557
2 Donations		0
3 Gift Aid		6,836
4 Interest and investment income		30
5 Letting income		25,664
6 Internal organisations		-
7 Other charitable income		3,420
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>65,507</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
9 Circuit assessment or share		48,000
10 Grants and donations		-
11 Property maintenance		3,225
12 Insurance, utilities etc		11,128
13 Depreciation		-
14 Office expenses		1,828
15 Other expenditure		1,735
16 Internal organisations		-
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>65,916</b>
18 Gains/losses on monetary investments		
19 Gains/losses on investment property		
<b>20 Surplus income</b>		<b>-409</b>
21 Transfers between funds		
22 Other gains/(losses)		
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-409</b>
<b>24 Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>43,418</b>
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>43,009</b>

**Restricted  
Funds**  
£

**Total  
2021-22**  
£

	<b>29,557</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<b>6,836</b>
5	<b>35</b>
	<b>25,664</b>
	<b>-</b>
105,307	<b>108,727</b>
<b>105,312</b>	<b>170,819</b>

	<b>48,000</b>
	<b>-</b>
	<b>3,225</b>
	<b>11,128</b>
	<b>-</b>
	<b>1,828</b>
	<b>1,735</b>
109,898	<b>109,898</b>
<b>109,898</b>	<b>175,814</b>

**-4,586**

**-4,995**

<b>-4,586</b>	<b>-4,995</b>
<b>34,661</b>	<b>78,079</b>
<b>30,075</b>	<b>73,084</b>

# St Thomas Methodist Church

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

<b>General Fund (Unrestricted)</b>
£

### Fixed Assets

Church building and other property	
Investments	
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	-

### Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	6,500
Loans by the Churches	
Investments with TMCP	
Central Finance Board Deposits	505
Cash at Bank and in hand	49,254
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>56,259</b>

### Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	13,250
Grants payable within 2018-19	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>13,250</b>

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Restricted Funds	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
£	£	£

	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
-	-	-

	6,500	7,004
	505	476
30,075	79,329	83,330
30,075	86,334	90,810

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30,075	73,084	78,080
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# St Thomas Methodist Church

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022

### 1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities prepared accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

### 2 Funds

The funds held constitute general funds held for any purpose of the Church, unrestricted and restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose, and endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

### 3 Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost and on a basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and a

### Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain to receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with reasonable reliability.

### Resources Expended

These are recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised when an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under a constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

### 4 Fixed assets

		At	
		31 August 2022	13
		£	
Land and Buildings (insurance value)		5,130,497	
Contents (insurance value)		227,075	
Organ (insurance value)		411,574	

### 5 Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors included in the accounts are in respect of the Gift Aid refund due Church from HM Revenue and Customs in respect of the refund claimed in August 2022.

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## **St Thomas Methodist Church**

### **Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022**

#### **6 Creditors**

Creditors were amounts due from the Church at 31 August 2022.

#### **7 Fees for independent examination of the accounts**

There were no fees paid for the independent examination of the accounts for the two years ended 31 August 2021.

#### **8 Paid employees**

Five staff were employed during the year ended 31 August 2022

#### **9 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities**

At the 31 August 2022 there were no capital commitments.

In the event of the St Thomas Methodist Pre-School being unable to settle its liability arising in respect of redundancy being payable to its employees, the maximum contingent liabilities of £10,261 due on 31 August 2021

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# ST THOMAS METHODIST CHURCH

## DECLARATIONS AND SCRUTINY

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

Signature of Treasurer

Date

Name

D Bradford

Address

11 Baker Street, Exeter, EX2 5EA

### Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev J Albrow

Date

Nov 8, 22



# **St Thomas Methodist Church**

## **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of St Thomas Methodist Church Charity No. 1135010**

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Thomas Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on the attached pages. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2006.

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 40 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**

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 matter:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the preparation of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008; or
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts or the requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a requirement considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination. No special attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the Church's affairs to be reached. I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Church for its Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of St Thomas Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the year end date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner Peter Giles Kempster

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Date 8th November 2022

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