

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St Thomas Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2018

Exeter Coast and Country Circuit	Circuit no 24	Church 2403
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1135010

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid
(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status)

Minister:

Rev J Albrow

Church Stewards:

A Matthews	A Bond

Treasurer:

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2018

	Notes to the account s	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2017-18
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings		45,392				45,392
2 Donations						0
3 Gift aid		14,017				14,017
4 Interest and investment income		31				31
5 Lettings		21,453				21,453
6 Internal organisations						0
7 Other charitable income		23,301		131,847		155,148
8 Total income		104,194	-	131,847	-	236,041
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		57,250				57,250
10 Grants and donations						0
11 Property maintenance		13,862				13,862
12 Insurance, utilities etc		11,627				11,627
13 Depreciation						0
14 Office expenses						0
15 Other expenditure		11,441		129,195		140,636
16 Internal organisations						0
17 Total charitable expenditure		94,180	0	129,195	0	223,375
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		10,014	0	2,652	0	12,666
21 Transfers between funds						0
22 Other gains/(losses)						0
23 Net movement in funds		10,014	0	2,652	0	12,666
24 Total funds brought forward		23,321	-	20,892		44,213
25 Total funds carried forward		33,335	-	23,544	-	56,879

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2017

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2016-17
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings		43,981				43,981
2 Donations		1,925				1,925
3 Gift aid		10,842				10,842
4 Interest and investment income		54				54
5 Income from lettings		20,931				20,931
6 Internal organisations				106,330		106,330
7 Other charitable income		8,911				8,911
8 Total income		86,644	-	106,330	-	192,974
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		58,000				58,000
10 Grants and donations						0
11 Property maintenance		5,152				5,152
12 Insurance,utilities etc		12,713				12,713
13 Depreciation						0
14 Office expenses		4,793				4,793
15 Other expenditure		11,712				11,712
16 Internal organisations				118,956		118,956
17 Total charitable expenditure		92,370	-	118,956	0	211,326
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(5,726)	-	(12,626)	(0)	(18,352)
21 Transfers between funds						(0)
22 Other gains/(losses)						(0)
23 Net movement in funds		(5,726)	-	(12,626)	(0)	(18,352)
24 Total funds brought forward		29,047		33,518		62,565
25 Total funds carried forward		23,321	-	20,892	-	44,213

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2018

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2018	Totals 2017
Notes to the Accounts	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Church building and other property					0	
Investment properties					0	
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	14,228				14,228	11,100
Investments with TMCP					0	
Central Finance Board Deposits					0	1,478
Cash at Bank and in hand	33,351		23,544		56,895	33,943
Total current assets	47,579	0	23,544	0	71,123	46,521
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	14,244				14,244	2,308
Grants payable within 2018-19	Rev J Albrow				0	
Total current liabilities	14,244	0	0	0	14,244	2,308
Net current assets/liabilities	33,335	0	23,544	0	56,879	44,213
Total assets less current liabilities	33,335	0	23,544	0	56,879	44,213
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2018-19					0	
Loans to the Church					0	
Net assets	33,335	0	23,544	0	56,879	44,213
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Funds of the Church						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	33,335				33,335	23,321
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		0			0	
The vision of our church is to					33,335	23,321
Restricted Funds			23,544		23,544	20,892
Total Funds	33,335	0	23,544	0	56,879	44,213

Signed

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Church Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

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. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. 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.

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 they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

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

4 Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors included in the accounts are in respect of the Gift Aid refund due to the Church from HM Revenue and Customs in respect of the refund claimed up to 31 August 2018.

5 Creditors

Creditors are amounts due from the Church at 31 August 2018.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018

6 Fees for independent examination of the accounts

	2017/18	2016/17
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	NIL	NIL

7 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2017/18	2016/17
Gross wages, National Insurance and pension contributions	5,441	11,712
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:	1	1

At the 31 st August 2018 there are no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2018.

9 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2017/18	2016/17
	£	£
Balance brought fwd from last year	1,831	580
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	2,828	6,101
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	3,268	4,850
Balance carried fwd	1,391	1,831

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018

10 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2017-18

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	£	
Benevolent Fund	341				341	Support people in need
Bequests	1,119				1,119	As per bequest
Internal organisations						
Network	167	549	467		249	
Young families	3,199	5,770	3,175		5,794	
Boys Brigade	1,004	1,450	1,554		900	
St Thomas Pre School	15,062	124,078	123,999		15,141	
	20,892	131,847	129,195		23,544	

""Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2016-2017

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	£	
Benevolent Fund	621		280		341	Support people in need
Bequests	1,521		402		1,119	As per bequest
Building fund	2,498		2,498		0	
Internal organisations						
Network	294	897	1,024		167	
Young families	1,607	2,111	519		3,199	
Boys Brigade	2,627	365	1,988		1,004	
St Thomas Pre School	24,350	102,957	112,245		15,062	
Totals	33,518	106,330	118,956		20,892	

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ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

The church is situated in Cowick Street, Exeter and is a registered charity number 1135010.
The Managing Trustees for the year are as follows:

Revd. Julian Albrow (Minister)

Peter Bennett

Mary Bailey

Mary Bews

Ann Bond

David Bradford

Keith Butler

Sue Collins

Ruth Goodwin

Pat Lemon

Neil Stopard

Janet Lee

David Kirk

Jon Curtis

Beth Curtis

Ann Matthews

Rachel Scott

Roy McGuinness

Tom White

The number of members at the church on 1 November 2017 when the annual statistics were compiled was 144. The number of people that the church is in contact with directly in the course of its work or indirectly through the use of its buildings is estimated to be at least 1,000 people.

All correspondence related to the Charity should be addressed to the Chairman of the Charity and Minister of the Church at the following address:

Revd Julian Albrow

21 Dunsford Road

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e-mail: julian.albrow@btinternet.com

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- * Offer worship to all which is relevant and engaging.
- * To create a community of belonging offering pastoral care to all members and 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 10.30am catering for all ages, an evening service at 6.30pm every other week, and other services dependant on the Christian calendar. The Church is an active member of Churches Together in Central Exeter.

St Thomas Methodist Church is building on its closer links with St Thomas Parish Church as part of the Anglican Methodist Covenant and Riverside Church by sharing mission opportunities within the community.

The church premises are extensively used both by the church in the course of its arranged activities and also by a large number of community groups. Further details concerning the activities of the Church can be found on the Church website.

www.stthomasmethodist.co.uk.

EVENTS OF THE LAST YEAR.

The following progress has been made in the year:

- (1) Messy Church continues as a regular feature in church life.
- (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 and a Friday Café.
- (3) Various Church groups meet during the week and other groups supporting various local community ventures meet on the premises.
- (4) Church Council acts as the Leadership Team and has developed a Sunday Stewards Team involving over 60 people.
- (5) The Church continues a social programme for members to develop their common life together. Holiday @ Home continues to grow and attract new members. It has enhanced the social and pastoral life of the Church, especially for the elderly.

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(6) The Church has responded to the needs of the local community by offering practical help and by responding to appeals to humanitarian needs across the world. It is a member of the St Thomas Community Association and has actively supported it.

(7) The Church has responded to the needs of the community by continuing an Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALAN) Club. This runs weekly and currently has over 60 students with 27 helpers. It has been a great joy seeing people develop their skills and confidence.

(8) Church Council continues with its programme of decoration and enhancement of Church premises. The garden continues to bloom and attracts lots of visitors.

(9) The Church has had the vestry redecorated

(10) The Church has continued the work of replacing the old lighting with new LED lights

(11) All doors in the Church have been repainted.

(12) New outdoor lighting has been installed to add to the security of the building.

(13) Apart from our normal acts of worship, various services have been held throughout the year, celebrating, remembering and reflecting, all involving large numbers from the community. Schools are holding their Festival celebrations here in the Church, while the Minister is actively involved in assemblies etc... within the schools. We have an active group of folk who with the Minister go into several nursing homes, conducting communions and various acts of worship.

(14) The Church is involved with others in providing a Christmas Day lunch and social event for over 40 folk who would otherwise be alone. A Carol Service was once again conducted on this occasion to the folk and it was really appreciated.

(15) A very successful celebration was held in the church to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World war

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The General Account for the year ended 31 August 2018 showed a surplus of £10,014 after providing an accrual of £11,318 in connection with building refurbishment in progress.

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The Church bankers are HSBC Bank plc and monies are also held in deposit with the Central Finance Deposit Fund of the Methodist Church.

CHURCH RESERVE POLICY

We have a policy of holding six months expenditure in reserve on the General Account and organise various fundraising projects and events to provide adequate income.

BENEVOLENT FUND

We maintain a benevolence fund which is a restricted fund to enable loans and gifts to be made at the discretion of the minister. At 31 August 2018 the balance in the Benevolent Fund was £341.

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer

Date

19-Nov-18

Name

Neil Stopard

Address

36 Pinnoc Mews, Bakers Way, Exeter, EX4

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Julian Albrow

Date

19-Nov-18

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St Thomas Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2018

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The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of
- (3) I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist

Name	Peter Kempster
Signature	
Relevant Professional qualification or body	MAAT
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Date	19-Nov-18