

Wealdstone Methodist Church

Trustees' Report and Accounts 2019

WEALDSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

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Registered Charity No: 1127748

Wealdstone Methodist Church comes under the auspices of the Methodist Church in Britain whose governing body is the Methodist Conference. The authority by which the Conference acts is laid out in the Methodist Church Act 1976. Wealdstone Methodist Church is part of the group of Methodist Churches in the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. It is also a separately Registered Charity reporting to the Charity Commission.

All activities are undertaken by volunteers, other than the work of a stipendiary minister, appointed by the Circuit to provide guidance and oversight for the work of this and other local Methodist Churches, and the Church Development Worker who has been employed by the church.

Mission Statement

Wealdstone Methodist Church exists to provide regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. It provides a sacred space, a building, for prayer and contemplation. It explains and commends Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups and runs a "Young Church" for children. It carries out pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved. It provides a weekly "Friendship Café", a fellowship meeting (The Wesley Guild) and a Toddlers' Group, with a Christian ethos. It offers its halls for hire, subject to availability, to community groups.

Minister

The Revd John Swarbrick, 54 Kingsfield Avenue, Harrow, HA2 6AT

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Services for Marriage, Funerals, Baptisms and Confirmation are arranged directly with the Minister.

Church Council Secretary

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Treasurer

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The General Church Meeting

All church members are entitled to attend the General Church Meeting which has a responsibility to consider the whole ministry of the church. It appoints the Church Stewards and elects representatives of the congregation to serve on the Church Council.

The Church Council (Managing Trustees)

The Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources are its responsibility. It appoints committees which have authority, in their own areas of responsibility, to initiate action, co-ordinate the work done in the church, advise the Church Council and report to it. Membership of the Church Council is either "Ex-officio" or by election at the General Church Meeting or by co-option by the Church Council itself.

The Church Council members are the managing trustees of Wealdstone Methodist Church. The Custodian Trustees for property matters are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, located in Manchester. On appointment, Trustees receive training in their responsibilities through guidance produced by the Methodist Conference and the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee'.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church for ensuring that financial

statements comply with current legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and their proper application under charity law and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Risks are regularly reviewed by the Church Council and recommendations followed up. Where necessary, advice from relevant professionals is sought.

The Trustees have adopted a Safeguarding Policy in relation to children and vulnerable people, and all trustees are subject to DBS clearance. This is reviewed annually.

There is no bar to anyone engaging in the activities of the church on the grounds of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation, saving that the trustees must by law be church members.

THE AREAS OF CHURCH WORK

The Church Council has identified three “areas” of church work plus one additional area for “administration”. The names of these areas are:

- Worship, Learning and Care
- Ministry
- Local and World Mission
- Administration

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND CARE:

This working area includes all the worship and learning activities that happen on a Sunday as well as discussion groups, Guild and the Wednesday communion services. Pastoral Care is monitored by the Pastoral Committee.

Services of Worship

Sunday: 10.30am. **Young Church** at 10.30 am

Holy Communion is included on the fourth Sunday in the month at 10.30 am.

Wednesday: Holy Communion at 11.30 (30 minutes).

The Church Stewards

The General Church Meeting annually appoints as church stewards two or more persons who are members of the Church. The church stewards are corporately responsible with the minister for giving leadership and help over the whole range of the church’s life and activity. This includes being responsible for ensuring that all services appointed on the circuit plan are duly held.

Communion Stewards

The Church Council annually appoints persons to serve as communion stewards who will make provision for the proper celebration of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Pastoral Committee

The Church Council annually appoints pastoral visitors and a Pastoral Committee secretary to share in the pastoral care of members and adherents.

Fellowship and Discussion Groups

Wesley Guild meets on Thursdays at 8.00 pm from October to Easter.

The Afternoon House Group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 2.30pm at a member’s home.

The Evening House Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at a member’s home

MINISTRY

“Ministry” is about the mission of the church to all those who meet on or use the halls for any reason other than worship. Usually these people meet Monday to Saturday. Social activities run by the church are included here as well.

The Church Development Worker

The Church Council has employed a Church Development Worker. The aim is to develop the church’s work with young people and older people and to develop new opportunities for the church to interact with people from the community and other local churches. A core task is to lead and coordinate the work of the Toddlers’ Group.

Social Activities Group

The Church Council annually appoints a Social Activities Group to arrange occasional social activities and outings for Church Members, adherents and friends.

Church Community Groups:

The Friendship Café offers a social activity and café on Wednesdays.

Toddlers’ Group offers mid-week activities for young children and their parents or carers on Monday and Thursday at 10.00 am.

Shamwari is a social group for members and adherents who normally live alone.

LOCAL AND WORLD MISSION

Local and World Mission is about the mission of the church to people and organisations who are outside the immediate vicinity of the church premises. This includes work in the local community, working with other Methodist churches in the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit and working with churches of other denominations. It also includes fund raising and other work in support of local and national charities. The charities supported by the church are listed in the accounts.

The Local and World Mission Committee

The Church Council annually appoints a convenor and secretary for the Local and World Mission Committee which discusses and plans the mission of the church and also helps to decide which charities will receive annual donations from the church. Attendance at this meeting is open to all.

ADMINISTRATION

The Finance and Property Committees are key committees for the administration of the church.

The Finance Committee and the Church Treasurer

The Church Council annually appoints a church treasurer who keeps a record of all church income and expenditure and produces the Annual Accounts.

The Church Council annually appoints a Finance Committee, including a chair, to work with the treasurer on the financial planning of the church.

The Finance Committee meets three times a year. The main sources of funds are weekly and monthly offerings, tax recoveries under Gift Aid, donations and some legacies.

The church policy is to maintain in its General Reserve an amount equal to six months normal expenses.

The Property Committee and Property Stewards

The Church Council annually appoints a Property Committee, including a chair, secretary and two Property Stewards to maintain the buildings and property on behalf of the Church Council.

The Property Steward (Lettings) is responsible for managing the letting of the premises to organisations who rent the premises for their own purposes.

Achievements During The Year

During the financial year, 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019, the Church Council met four times. The Church Council has appointed a Safeguarding Officer and the annual review of the church's Safeguarding policy took place in October 2018.

The Church Council is responsible for producing this Trustees' Report for the General Church Meeting and the Charities Commission. This Report for 2018 – 19 was approved by the General Church Meeting on 24 November 2019.

The following gives an indication of the work overseen or initiated by the Church Council during 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019.

Mission Plan: In common with other churches in the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit, the church has produced a Mission Plan to manage its activities. This plan is reviewed regularly.

Church Services: Throughout the year public services of worship have been held on Sundays and Wednesdays as in the schedule listed under "Worship, Learning and Care" above. Evening services are now held only on special occasions (eg Carol services).

There were 17 Communion Services compared to 29 in the previous year. The decrease follows the decision to discontinue evening services from 1 September 2018 due to low attendance. The average attendance at Sunday morning Communion was 73, slightly down on 82 for last year. Easter morning communion had 107 communicants. Attendance at the Christmas Eve Communion was 54, an increase over the previous year which had been disappointing at 39.

The midweek, Wednesday Communion was attended by an average of 10 people compared to 14 last year. Attendance dropped during the period from May to July when we held communion only once a month due to the absence of the minister on Sabbatical.

There were no baptisms this year. Young Church continues to meet most Sundays but there is still only one regular attender.

Twice per year a *Worship Forum* is held after the morning service. This is an informal meeting held during the after church tea and coffee where church attenders can give feedback on the worship services and suggest new ideas. Suggestions are followed up by the Church Council.

During Holy Week 2019 a *Prayer Path* was laid out in the church. The church was open from 11.00am to 5.00pm each day and all visitors were made welcome. There were interactive prayer stations marking the events of Holy Week, forming a trail through the church that led to the cross at the end. At each prayer station people could pause, reflect and pray. Many people came, including church members, people from other churches and a few passers-by.

Pastoral Committee Work: Pastoral visitors care for our members and adherents and distribute our church magazine. During the year 2018 to 2019 two members have "ceased to meet". The current membership is 135.

Fellowship and discussion groups have met regularly to provide a means of sharing, discussion, bible study and prayer in people's homes. However, two of these groups merged in June ("Jessie's Class" and the "Evening House Group"). "Open Door", a group which met at the church for prayer, discussion and Bible study on Wednesdays, continued until June but has now been discontinued. There now remain two House Groups, the Afternoon Group and the Evening Group.

The Wesley Guild completed its programme for the year with many interesting discussions or speakers giving talks on a wide variety of different topics. The Guild continues to support the national Guild charity, *The Nigeria Health Care Project*, which works to improve the health of people in rural Nigeria.

The Social Activities Group arranged social events including two outings for members and friends and a Harvest Supper in September 2018.

The Annual Church Holiday, open to members and non-members, was held in Folkestone in March. However, this was the last church holiday and there will not be one next year.

The Church Magazine, Dawn, continues to be produced six times per year and is distributed to members and friends. It contains many articles, some of general interest, some reporting on church activities and events and provides a platform for people to air their views or contribute an item that interests them.

Church Development Worker (CDW): The CDW runs *The Toddlers' Group* which continues to thrive with a capacity attendance on Mondays and Thursdays. This group is open to people of all faiths and none. Those attending reflect the diverse ethnic mix of Wealdstone and most are speakers of languages other than English. The English Conversation Club continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons and is much appreciated by those who attend.

The CDW runs the *Friendship Café* from 12.00 – 4.00pm on Wednesdays. As the Luncheon Club has now been discontinued, the Friendship Café will be open every Wednesday.

The *Friendship Café* successfully applied to join *Places of Welcome*, which is a government funded network of safe places where people can connect, belong and contribute. The Café can now use their logo on its literature and is listed on their website. A *Place of Welcome* banner is displayed outside the church when the café is taking place

The CDW ran a programme of awareness-raising sessions on various topics during the summer break for volunteers. Topics include food hygiene, safeguarding, domestic abuse, mental health issues and social media.

The CDW maintains the church website as well as church links to Twitter and Facebook.

The Luncheon Club provided a hot meal for anyone living in the area who would like to come. During the past year It met on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. However, the staff have now retired and it closed on 10 July.

Shamwari is a church group for folks who are on their own. It meets once a month on a Tuesday and there have been some good outings and social get-togethers.

The Local and World Mission Group held three meetings during the year. It has been very involved in the formulation of the church Mission Plan and also considers what charities will be supported in the church budget

At Christmas 2018 the church raised a total of £1,060 for *Action for Children* by holding an annual gift service and by carol singing at a local pub and in the streets of Wealdstone. In June 2019 the International Evening raised £110 for each of two charities, *Save the Children* and *Ignite*.

During *Christian Aid Week* the church held a coffee morning and a collection and raised £375.60 for the charity. The church also donated about £5700 to our regular list of local and world charities, which enables us to help people on the margins of society in Harrow and in the wider world

Two members of our church promote *Fair Trade* by selling *Traidcraft* products after some church services and alongside some other events. However, they are about to move away from the area and alternative arrangements are being sought.

The Property Committee met two times during the year ending in August 2019. The meetings continue to deal with a variety of business regarding the maintenance, general improvement and smooth operation of the property and have undertaken mainly items of maintenance and repair to the premises

The Finance Committee met three times during the year. It has maintained proper accounting records which record the financial position of Wealdstone Methodist Church. (See attached accounts). Major financial decisions have to be approved by the Church Council.

Use of Premises by other Groups

The church sponsors a Scout Group who meet on Friday evenings. There are also groups for Brownies and Guides. The premises are also let to various community groups including the Montrose Pre-School, a Parkinson's UK Group, the Harrow African Caribbean Association, a keep fit class and a Kumon educational group.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

For the year ended 31 August 2019

WEALDSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

in the

HARROW AND HILLINGDON CIRCUIT

OF THE LONDON DISTRICT no 35/36

Minister

The Rev. John Swarbrick

Senior Steward

Helen Riley

Church Stewards

Leslie Stanton

Hugh Drummond

Gilbert Sam

Paul Phillips

Church Secretary

David Milne

Treasurer

Malcolm Aldridge

Independent Examiner

John Foster

Registered Charity No 1127748

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2019

Introduction

The financial position overall remains stable with appropriate reserves in place. Income has been slightly less than forecast. There have been no unexpected expenses during the year. The church accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments method.

Income

The people at Wealdstone are unfailingly generous in their financial support of the church and the various charitable projects for which support is sought either through special appeals or the regular coffee mornings. The one cloud on the horizon is the continuing fall in the freewill offering. Income from Gift Aid has reduced slightly compared with 2018. Income from lettings has increased during the year.

Expenditure

Overall costs have remained within budget. Utility costs have increased slightly due to premises usage rather than an increase in supply costs which will remain static until Autumn 2020 when the present contract with Utility Aid expires.

Legacies

The church received £5,000 from the estate of David Higgins. Legacy funds have been expended during the year with a donation to Montrose Pre School to improve their IT capability (£1,000), completion of the toilet upgrade project (£33,443), fire alarm installation (£9,636), replacement of the Pre School Room flooring (£15,156) and a donation from the David Higgins legacy to Wealdstone Division Guides (£2,000). Katharine Harrison, our Church Development Worker, has been employed since October 2016 and her salary costs continue to be funded from the Legacy Fund. The Church is extremely grateful for the generosity of members and the Church Council will continue to deliberate carefully to ensure that future decisions on expenditure from the fund are wisely made.

Moving forward

The budget for 2019/20 does not contain much room for error – whilst our income is likely to remain static (or may even show a decline), expenditure is likely to increase with rising costs. The Fund for Ministry (Circuit Assessment) remains unchanged. However, this is likely to increase in future years. We have also reviewed and increased the charges for the use of premises.

The church continues to make a significant number of donations to various good causes, local and wider, totalling £11,175 from the general income. It must as always be acknowledged that such giving is only made possible through the many tasks undertaken by members and friends in the church without which significant higher costs would be incurred. Such service - some known, some unknown - is a major contribution to the ongoing Christian witness in our community.

Malcolm Aldridge

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 August 2019

1. Charitable Status

The Church is registered with the Charity Commission.

2. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost. The accounts show the receipts and payments for the year.

3. Funds

General Funds

The funds held constitute: Unrestricted Funds comprising General Funds held for any purpose of the charity and Designated Funds held for specific purposes of the charity laid down by the Church Council. Restricted Funds are held by the church for narrower purposes, and comprise the Benevolence Fund to meet cases of need and the funds of Organisations Reporting to Church Council. Funds collected for and paid over to External Organisations are also Restricted but these are not included in the SOFA or Balance Sheet. The church has had no Endowment Funds since August 2007.

4. Accounting policies

Incoming Resources

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

Other than the historic cost of the building, no Tangible Fixed Assets have been capitalised. The church premises and contents are held by the Church Council as Managing Trustees on behalf of the Custodian trustees, the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. The buildings, contents and organ are insured for £3,315,557, £146,446 and £382,240 respectively representing the reinstatement cost, not historic cost less depreciation. The figures for 2018 were £3,203,451, £141,494 and £369,316.

Investment properties.

The church holds no investment properties.

Investments

The church holds no investments.

Loans

The church holds no loans from members or other sources.

5. Trustees

Three Trustees also fulfil organists duties and received payment against invoices in accordance with the rates given in Note 7 below totalling £1,596 (2018 £2,016). No other Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2019 (2018 £Nil). Trustees are allowed to reclaim certain expenses incurred as a result of fulfilling their duties. The amount claimed during the year was £Nil. (2018 £Nil).

6. Fees for examination of the accounts

The Independent Examiner received no fees or expenses for reporting on the accounts. (2018 £Nil).

7. Paid employees

The church has one paid employee - the Church Development Worker - at a cost of £18,479, including pension payments, (2018 £18,879) in accordance with the contract and terms and conditions as agreed by Church Council. The only other persons to receive remuneration for their activities on behalf of the church were organists paid at the rate of £28 per service, at a total cost of £1,652 (2018, £28 & £2100).

8. Capital Commitments

At the 31st August 2019 no capital commitments existed, (2018, £Nil).

9. Treasurer's Declaration

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

Malcolm Aldridge, Treasurer

Signed: *M. T. B. Aldridge*

Dated: *14/10/19*

10. Declaration by the Chair of the Church Council

I confirm that the accounts will be presented to the Church Council which I intend to chair on 16 October 2019.

The Rev. John Swarbrick, Chair of the Church Council

Signed: *M. J. Swarbrick*

Dated: *16 October 2019*

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Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/08/2019	As at 31/08/2018
Fixed assets			
	3001: Long Term Investments	—	—
	3040: Church premises at historic cost	5,000.00	5,000.00
	3041: Hall premises at historic cost	2,775.00	2,775.00
	Total Fixed assets	7,775.00	7,775.00
Current assets			
	5001: Barclays Current Account	6,851.44	17,592.85
	5002: Lloyds Current Account	2,278.20	2,153.51
	5004: Central Finance Board	40,089.97	58,100.85
	5005: Scottish Widows Bank	—	—
	5006: Cash in Hand - Luncheon Club	(0.01)	28.60
	5007: Cash in Hand - Traidcraft	92.05	98.55
	5008: Cash in Hand - Friendship Cafe	48.30	18.86
	5009: Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes	139,923.37	189,158.21
	5010: General debtors	—	—
	5011: Fund for Ministry in advance	—	—
	5995: Debtors and creditors transfer account	—	—
	5999: Agency transfer account	—	—
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	189,283.32	267,151.43
Liabilities			
	6002: General Creditors	—	—
	6699: Agency collections	—	—
	Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	197,058.32	274,926.43
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(77,868.11)	141,752.28
	Z01: Starting balances	274,926.43	132,639.99
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	—	534.16
	Total Reserves	197,058.32	274,926.43

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	55,981.82	52,888.28
Designated	101,928.68	210,500.44
Restricted	39,147.82	11,537.71
Endowment	—	—
Total	197,058.32	274,926.43

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 September 2018 to 31 August 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
Offerings and tax recoverable	56,357.56	639.68	—	56,997.24	59,767.42
Interest and investment income	1,728.62	—	—	1,728.62	1,502.88
Cash legacies	—	5,000.00	—	5,000.00	47,749.34
Lettings	34,652.20	—	—	34,652.20	30,731.50
Other income	9,713.70	5,376.91	—	15,090.61	16,912.77
Internal organisations (income)	—	15,498.03	—	15,498.03	16,374.25
Total income	102,452.08	26,514.62	—	128,966.70	173,038.16
<i>Resources used</i>					
Circuit assessment or share	44,292.00	—	—	44,292.00	43,014.00
Grants and donations	11,075.00	1,040.04	—	12,115.04	11,705.00
Repairs and maintenance	25,853.89	—	—	25,853.89	14,045.36
Utilities, insurances etc	10,008.02	—	—	10,008.02	9,774.15
Provisions	—	—	—	—	—
Other expenditure	87,201.39	10,068.15	—	97,269.54	65,685.70
Internal organisations (expenditure)	—	17,296.32	—	17,296.32	15,981.51
Total expenditure	178,430.30	28,404.51	—	206,834.81	160,205.72
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(75,978.22)	(1,889.89)	—	(77,868.11)	12,832.44
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	11,000.00	29,650.00	—	40,650.00	465,820.56
Gross transfers between funds - out	(40,500.00)	(150.00)	—	(40,650.00)	(465,820.56)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	534.16
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(105,478.22)	27,610.11	—	(77,868.11)	13,366.60
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	263,388.72	11,537.71	—	274,926.43	261,559.83
Total funds carried forward	157,910.50	39,147.82	—	197,058.32	274,926.43

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Fund movement summary Selected period: 01 September 2018 to 31 August 2019

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
DHiggins - David Higgins Fund	—	—	2,000.00	5,000.00	—	3,000.00
Benevolenc - Benevolence Fund	1,185.56	639.68	1,040.04	—	—	785.20
XmasLunch - Christmas Lunch Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Buildings - Church Buildings Fund	7,775.00	—	—	—	—	7,775.00
ChurchHols - Church Holiday Fund	473.35	11,967.50	11,823.40	—	—	617.45
ChRefurb - Church Refurbishment Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
DFleming - Dedrick Fleming Fund	393.96	—	—	—	—	393.96
FrCafe - Friendship Cafe	113.11	142.45	126.74	100.00	—	228.82
General - General fund	52,888.28	101,183.27	82,089.73	(16,000.00)	—	55,981.82
IntEve - International Evening	—	220.00	220.00	—	—	—
LegProj - Legacy Projects Fund	202,876.56	—	77,714.08	—	—	125,162.48
Luncheon - Luncheon Club	28.61	647.72	676.33	—	—	—
Organ - Organ Fund	2,000.00	—	—	—	—	2,000.00
Printing - Printing Fund	1,383.70	1,048.81	1,262.39	—	—	1,170.12
Property - Property Fund	4,121.60	—	17,144.10	11,000.00	—	(2,022.50)
RFF - Resourcing the Future	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social - Social Activity Fund	399.88	872.00	845.00	(150.00)	—	276.88
Toilet - Toilet Upgrade	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toddlers - Toddlers	481.75	1,272.36	1,178.25	—	—	575.86
Traidcraft - Traidcraft	685.89	10,376.91	10,068.15	—	—	994.65
Guild - Wesley Guild	0.60	596.00	646.60	50.00	—	—
YoungCh - Young Church	118.58	—	—	—	—	118.58
YCWkend - Young Church Weekend Away	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	274,926.43	128,966.70	206,834.81	—	—	197,058.32

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Wealdstone Methodist Church

This report is on the Church Funds for the year ended 31 August 2019 which are set out on the accompanying pages 2-7 and is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and the Examiner

As trustees, you are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records and the preparation of the appropriate accounts under section 130 of the Act. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with section 145 of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions made under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. The procedures undertaken do not provide evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

- (3) I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signed:



Dated:

14 OCT 19

EARMARKED DONATIONS

The amounts raised for other charities and organisations, which do not form part of the Church's Income or Expenditure, were as follows:

Organisation	2018/19	2017/18
23rd Harrow Scouts	194.00	-
Action for Children	750.85	612.85
Age UK	68.40	-
Akim Swedru Methodist Church, Ghana	150.00	173.00
All We Can	743.50	131.75
Amaudo UK	943.70	407.90
Amasango Career School (Grahamstown)	277.00	-
Barnabas Fund	-	81.00
British Heart Foundation	157.20	150.50
Christian Aid	545.60	746.50
Crisis at Christmas	253.00	324.00
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	265.00	-
DEC Cyclone Idai Appeal	439.40	-
Dementia UK	283.00	-
Fair Trade Foundation	250.80	-
Firm Foundation	-	293.00
Friends of Amasango	-	235.00
Harrow Foodbank	256.00	457.00
Harrow Mencap	201.00	296.09
Headstone Manor	55.00	-
Ignite Trust	110.00	-
Independence at Home	111.00	-
Karibuni Trust	-	180.00
Leprosy Mission	-	80.20
MacMillan Cancer Relief	-	-
MapAction	180.00	130.00
Methodist Church Ghana	-	175.00
Methodist Homes (MHA)	348.20	553.31
Methodist Wesley Guild	29.00	29.00
Middx & Herts Wildlife Trust	-	70.00
Methodist Church World Mission Fund (MWiB		
Easter Offering)	462.75	368.10
New Hope (Watford)	200.00	100.00
Nigeria Health Care Project	411.60	393.25
North Harrow Stroke Group	86.00	-
Penniwell's RDA Centre (Riding for the Disabled		
Association)	316.00	-
Prostate Cancer UK	-	278.40
RNLI	93.00	391.30
Salvation Army	93.50	-
Save the Children	110.00	80.00
SANDS	107.50	108.50
Self Help Africa	40.00	-
Sierra Leone Appeal (Christian Aid)	-	20.00
St Lukes Hospice	-	170.00
Street Child UK	-	131.00
Tools for Self Reliance	-	92.00
Traidcraft Exchange	2,600.00	314.50
Water Aid	83.45	-
Whitechapel Mission	-	453.40
Work Aid	110.00	15.00
Zimbabwe Victims Support Fund	97.10	85.00
	£11,422.55	£8,126.55