

Barton on Sea Methodist Church

Annual Report for the year ending 31st August 2021

1. Administrative Information

1.1. Barton on Sea Methodist Church is a registered charity (1135451).

1.2. The Managing Trustees of the charity are:

Revd M Keenan(Chair)	Miss S A Hewitt	Miss J Stevens
Mr R Betts	Mr C Levett	Mr J Stopher
Mrs C Doogan	Mrs V McCallum	Mr M Stopher
Mr D Hancock	Mrs R Moir	Miss E Ward
Mrs W Hancock	Mrs K Phillips	Mrs A White
Mrs M Havers	Mr C Slade	

1.3. The Custodian Trustees are The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ.

1.4. The Church's bankers are Lloyds Bank, 40 Station Road, New Milton and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonehill Street, London EC2A4PE.

1.5. The Church engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

2. Structure and Governance

2.1. Barton on Sea Methodist Church was founded in 1934 with the present church building being erected in 1970. The ancillary premises have been added at varying times since the 1950's. The Church is part of the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit. It is governed by the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church as set out in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD).

2.2. The Church Council has 16 members and meets three times a year.

2.3. The Charities Acts require the managing trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Church at the end of the financial year.

2.4. The Church Treasurer is responsible on behalf of the managing trustees for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. The Church Council appoints members to the Pastoral Committee and Finance & Property Committee.

- 2.5. The following Forums are open to anyone interested in an area of the Church's Work: Worship and Prayer Forum, Mission and Outreach Forum.
- 2.6. The Church Council is responsible for ensuring that proper procedures are adopted for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults associated with the church activities. A Safeguarding Co-ordinator is appointed to administer checking procedures, training and to act as point of contact.
- 2.7. The managing trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Property is overseen by members of the Property and Finance Committee whose members are appointed by the Church Council.
- 2.8. The following groups are associated to the church but operate separate bank accounts that are subject to independent examination: Barton Pre-school, Barton Short Mat Bowls Club, Social Club, Meeting Point.
- 2.9. A General Church Meeting is normally held in April/May each year. The Meeting was delayed this year due to the second year of the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting receives reports on the activities and achievements of the Church and affiliated activities and appoints church stewards and representatives to the Church Council.
- 2.10. The Church has 5 employees, responsible for running the Pre-school.

3. Objectives and activities

3.1. Church Mission Statement

To know Christ and to make Him known

We exist to encourage and celebrate a loving relationship with God

To that end we will endeavour to:

- *make followers of Jesus Christ by sharing our faith,*
- *be a good neighbour and share God's love,*
- *offer a warm welcome in a safe place,*
- *grow closer to God through Prayer, Bible Study and Worship,*
- *use our talents for God's purposes and*
- *challenge injustice*

3.2 The Church's aims are:

- the provision of regular public acts of worship, events and services open to all,
- to provide for all ages a sacred space for prayer, contemplation and meeting for the furtherance of God's work in Barton on Sea,
- local and international Christian outreach, teaching and support, pastoral work and contact with local community groups and care homes.

4. Achievements and Performance

The activities outlined below were severely disrupted by the Covid-19 lockdowns.

- 4.1 The Church normally holds regular public acts of worship on Sundays at 10.30am. However, following the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown, the premises had been closed. In September 2020 worship recommenced, although the church closed again in December 2020, following a further government lockdown. When restrictions were once again relaxed, the church re-opened in May 2021, and worship recommenced, ensuring government and Methodist Church covid restrictions were met.
- 4.2 The church distributed a weekly service by email to over 100 people. Pastoral visitors kept in contact with many members of the congregation.
- 4.3 Regular weekly activities would normally include weekly Bible Study and special services for groups within the church. However, these could not take place due to Covid restrictions.
- 4.4 The following church groups normally meet weekly: Barton Pre School, Meeting Point, Short Mat Bowls Club, and Social Club. However, out of these activities, only the Barton Pre School has remained active, operating within government guidelines.
- 4.5 The Church is host to an Ecumenical Lunch Club held weekly catering for up to 60/70 elderly people. The Lunch Club was not active during the Covid restrictions.
- 4.6 The premises are normally used regularly by locally community groups, Rainbows, Barton Townswomen's Guild, Pilates, Milton Music Society, New Milton and Barton Flower Club and Western Line Dancing. During the Covid restrictions, these groups have been unable to meet.
- 4.7 The Church's Outreach includes the support of: The New Forest Basics Bank, Lymington Hospital League of Friends, Christian Housing Association, New Milton Carers Group and Traidcraft.
- 4.8 The Church supports the following financially: Methodist World Mission Fund, Mission in Britain Fund, Methodist Homes, Action for Children and Christian Aid.
- 4.9 The Church buildings are well maintained, but there are two items of work required:
 - 4.9.1 Repairs to the roofing felt covering the lounge, kitchen, vestry and meeting room have been completed this year, as required. However, further work is deemed necessary, and the Church Council has decided that sufficient funds will be made available from the Marjorie Spence Bequest Fund to completely replace the felt and, if necessary, the roof tiles as well.
 - 4.9.2 The 2020 Quinquennial Report recommended that the fire detection and fire strategy issues raised in the report needed further development. One of these issues (the crash bar door adjacent to the organ) has been addressed.

5. Financial review

5.1 As at 31st August 2021, the cash and investments of the church totalled £147,545 (2020 £130,306), an increase from the previous year of £17,239. This increase was largely due to an increase in the value of shares and investments.

5.2 The above does not include the church buildings which have an insurance value of £2.3M.

5.3 Unrestricted Funds as at 31st August 2021 comprise: General and Property Fund £21,005 (2020 £32,768). This loss can be attributed to the fact that throughout the year, income from the use of the ancillary rooms was almost non existent because of Covid.

5.4 Restricted Funds are:

Flower Fund	£487	
Youth Work Fund	£476	
Property Development Fund	£2,307	
Benevolence Fund	£500	
Lounge Roof repairs Fund	£18,786	
Audio Visual Fund	£1,000	
Total	£23,556	(2020 £9,366)

5.5 Designated Fund

Marjorie Spence Bequest	Cash	£49,113	
	Shares	£53,871	
Total		£102,984	(2020 £88,171)

6. Reserves Policy

6.1. The Church aims to hold reserves of at least £37,000 being 6 months expenditure, currently the General and Property Fund stands at £21,005.

6.2. Designated Fund - Marjorie Spence Bequest.
Used to support church mission and major projects.

6.3. Restricted Funds - Benevolence Fund
Property Development Fund
Flower Fund
Youth Fund
Lounge Roof Fund
Audio Visual Fund

All used for the purpose for which the money was given

.....Chair – Revd Martin Keenan

15/02/2022.....Date

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

BARTON ON SEA METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Christchurch and Wimborne	Circuit	Circuit no	26/10
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135451

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 Martin L Keenan

Church Stewards:

Mrs M Havers
Mr C Levett
Mr G Westbrook
Miss E Ward
Miss S Hewitt

Treasurer:

Mr M Stopher

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	47,863	4,942	52,805	42,571
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,807		1,807	3,122
a4	Lettings	886		886	7,152
a5	Other receipts	4,018		4,018	9,061
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	54,574	4,942	59,516 (a7)	61,906
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	44,364		44,364	48,126
b3	Donations				1,200
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,401		4,401	6,238
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,331		7,331	7,763
b6					
b7	Other payments	3,174	21	3,195	9,863
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,270	21	59,291 (b9)	73,190
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(4,696)	4,921	225
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		81,882	9,366	91,248 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	77,186	14,287	91,473
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(7,068)	9,268	2,200 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	70,118	23,555	93,673 (c8)
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				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			208	1,312
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			208	1,312
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

BARTON ON SEA METHODIST Church

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 Barton Bowling Club					1,231	1,231
e2 Barton PreSchool	26,947	32,557	(5,610)		14,194	8,584
e3 Meeting Point					269	269
e4 Parents, Toddlers and Babies					529	529
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	26,947	32,557	(5,610)		16,223 (e11)	10,613 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	59,516 (a7)	59,291 (b9)	225	2,200 (c7)	91,248 (c6)	93,673 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	86,463	91,848	(5,385)	2,200	107,471 (x)	104,286 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	20	32
f2 Bank Current Account	20,620	30,006
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	21,495	14,522
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	49,113	49,113
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	91,248 (c6)	93,673 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	16,223 (e11)	10,613 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	107,471 (x)	104,286 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	39,058	53,871
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,281,544	2,281,544
g3 Other Assets	107,115	107,115
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

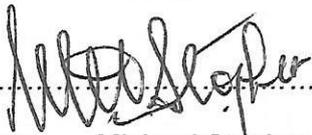
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church . Barton on Sea Methodist

No 26/10

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 14/09/21

Name and address of treasurer Michael Stopher, 8, Mitchell Close, Barton on Sea, New Milton,
Hampshire Post Code BH25 7BX

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19/10/21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting MARTIN L KEENAN Date 08/11/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Barton on Sea Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1135451

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barton on Sea 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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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 

Name of independent examiner Alan Boyce

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address Sedges, Shorefield Crescent, Milford on Sea, Lymington, Hampshire

..... Post Code SO41 0PD

Date 13.10.21

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner Alan Boyce

Signature of independent examiner 

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.

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