BETHESDA METHODIST CHURCH CHARITY NO: 1188011

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

Bethesda Methodist Church is part of the Gloucestershire Circuit and the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The church building dates back to 1945.

The church membership is around 105 members plus adherents. As is the tradition within Methodism Sunday services are conducted by a variety of people including the minister and visiting local preachers.

The church has a lively junior church, who meet during Sunday services, as well as a strong youth group which meets on Sunday evenings.

Bible study groups meet regularly at the church or in individual's homes.

A toddler group meets twice per week. There is a weekly lunch club serving a two course meal for up to 40 of the older members of the community.

Despite the shortfall for the year the church is in a good financial position.

Brian Gibb
Trustee
18/10/26

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Bethesda Methodist	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2026

Gloucestershire	Circuit	Circuit no.	07/07

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1188011
If not a registered charity His 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'd Rachel Leather

Church Stewards:

Bridget Nye	Keith Norman
Teresa Griffiths	Joanne Reed

Treasurer:

Brian Gibb

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

Bethesda Methodist Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		95,111		95,111		70,459
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,765		6,765		9,300
a4	Lettings		21,979		21,979		14,631
a5	Other receipts		13,557	35,679	49,237		63,969
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		137,412	35,679	173,092	(a7)	158,359
	SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		79,404		79,404		73,244
b3	Donations		201	3,000	3,201		1,088
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		15,444		15,444		72,179
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		14,987		14,987		15,549
b6							
b7	Other payments		31,834	37,969	69,803		61,432
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		141,869	40,969	182,839	(b9)	223,492
	SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(4,457)	(5,290)	(9,747)		(65,133)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		181,489	22,020	203,509	(c6)	268,642
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	177,032	16,730	193,762		203,509
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(3,802)	3,802		(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	173,230	20,532	193,762	(c8)	203,509 (c6)

	SECTION D		
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (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	2,282	1,747
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,282	1,747
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

Bethesda 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 2026 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	Flower Fund		591	(591)		591	
e2	Bethesplans		380	(380)		380	
e3	Bethesda Singers					682	682
e4	Lunch Club	1,328	1,030	298		1,693	1,989
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,328	2,001	(675)		3,346 (e11)	2,671 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	173,092 (e7)	182,839 (b9)	(9,747)	(c7)	203,509 (c8)	193,762 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	174,418	184,840	(10,422)		206,855 (x)	196,433 (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 2026	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	1,165	2,144
f2	Bank Current Account	13,153	13,579
f3	Bank Deposit Account	25,380	7,017
f4	Central Finance Board	41,999	43,899
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	125,158	129,795
f6	Other funds	(3,346)	(2,671)
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	203,509 (c8)	193,762 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,346 (e11)	2,671 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	206,855 (x)	196,433 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2025	At 31 August 2026
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value)	7,886,548	8,359,741
g3	Other Assets		
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: Bethesda Methodist Church No: 1188011

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2026 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 18/10/26

Name and address of treasurer ..... Brian Gibb

21 Whitethorn Drive, Cheltenham GL52 5LL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2026 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 12 October 2026.

Signature of the Chair of Trustees .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev'd R Leather

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bethesda Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1188011

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bethesda Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2026 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.

Name of Church . Bethesda Methodist Church Number: 1188011

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 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 .....C S Sparrow.....

Name of independent examiner ..... Caroline Sparrow

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .... N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...N/A

Address 128 Cheltenham Road

Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham GL52 8LZ

Date .....19/10/2026.....