MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN THE COUNTY OF WEST YORKSHIRE AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUSTB) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID LOCATION AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT

Activities: Christian church

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COUNTY OF WEST YORKSHIRE AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£54,870	£67,514	-	-
2024-12-31	£35,108	£56,638	-	-
2023-12-31	£38,506	£31,938	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,814	£31,826	-	-
2021-12-31	£26,482	£12,325	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW DALTON		
Dr RAY BAKER		
Rowan Taylor		2021-08-20

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Accounts

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025

Please note – throughout this report figures in brackets usually denote the previous years' (2024) (2023) (2022) (2021) figures. Statistics indicated by an asterix* represent historical figures for January – March 2020 only (pandemic year).

2025 has been a busy year with a wide range of activities including worship services, bible studies and prayer sessions, , gardening & environmental, outreach, support and welfare projects. The church is seeking to proclaim good news in the town and beyond. Sharing the good news of the gospel, helping people to understand the Bible and live by its teachings, providing help and pastoral care to those struggling in their lives are the characteristics of the life and ministry of the Morley Community Church. Members have worked hard to achieve these objectives. This annual report gives a comprehensive overview of all that has happened in 2025 as the congregation has sought to fulfill its calling.

Sunday Services

Most Sunday services have been held in Zion Chapel, Merlyn-Rees Avenue.

There have been 55 (55) (57) (57) (55) worship, devotional and evangelistic services. Two (4) (6) (5) (2) services had a missionary focus, six (5) (5) (5) were evangelistic.

Service venues –Zion Chapel– 53 (54) (54), Jubilee Court – 2 (1) (2), (2),

Please see Appendix 1 for Sunday Service statistics

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues & Capernwray bible student team, a total of 206 (100 male & 106 female) (196) (248) (222) (122) different adults and 17 (22) (30) (12) (3) teenagers attended these 55 (55) (57) (57) (55) services/events in 2025.

The table Appendix 2 makes some interesting comparisons between age cohorts, actual attendances and % of total attendances for 2025 and the preceding four years.

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues (16 in 2025), Capernwray student team (8 in 2025) - we have welcomed 159 (119) (190) (163) (94) different occasional adult visitors *[defined as attending less than 10% (ie 5 in 2025) of services in the year]* who have made a total of 250 (209) (250) (358) (199) visits/attendances. The majority of these have been close family or friends who have visited us for an occasional service or people who have responded to an invitation to a special service. Three of these visitors have made Morley Community Church their spiritual home and were regular in their attendance at worship services and other activities by the close of the year. There are approximately 30 people who may be classified as regular worshippers. Current church membership roll is 15 people. One person (plus Carer) have been unable to attend due to poor health and severe mobility problems. One member has ceased to meet moving on to another church.

Looking at the details of the adult visitors - it is interesting to note the following:

- 28 (57) (84) (48) (23) had some connection with another church
- 51 (47) (80) (52) (26) of them were personally known to church regulars eg friend. 22 were councillors & 21 were members of local organisations invited to a special service (eg British Legion, Morley Town Crier, Morley Mayor & Mayoress, Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Member of Parliament)
- 21 (18) (36) (21) (10) were relatives of church regulars
- 5 (12) (10) (7) were previous attenders at the church who were calling back to pay a visit
- 9 (4) (12) (4) (5) local people came to services responding to publicity of the banners and publicity boards
- 9 (6) (7) (8) (4) people came as a direct result of awareness via the internet or press.
- Most people came through the recommendation of a friend or an official invitation.
- 102 (80) (69) (60) (63) people attended a special church outreach service/event eg Christmas, Remembrance, Civic Service) etc
- 75 (75) (66) (5) (3) people came as a result of receiving literature through the postbox/written or official invitation.

Historically Morley is a white working class town. We continue to be blessed in 2025 by the presence of people from overseas (particularly Nigerian) now living in Morley and work in this part of West Yorkshire. Some have identified with Morley Community Church and this is reflected in the composition of attendances at the Sunday worship service. This cohort of believers are generally employed in the health/care sector working unsocial hours. Their residence in Morley is often temporary and they tend to move with their work commitments and/or available accommodation. Nevertheless they contribute significantly to the work and witness of the church as they are able. In 2025 about half a

dozen moved away from Morley. Currently another half dozen Nigerians and their children are active at Morley Community Church.

	White Caucasian	***African/ Afro-Caribbean***	***Chinese***	***Asian***	***Other***	***Total***
Male	602	168	12	0	0	782
Female	699	178	40	0	0	917
Totals	**1301**	**346**	**52**	**0**	**0**	**1699**
% of total Attendance	76.5%	20.4%	3.1%	0%	0%	100.00%

In 2025 average attendance was 31 adults per service compared to 31.5 average in 2024. 60% of the services attracted congregations numbering between 26-35 worshippers. An additional 22% of services attracted congregations of over 36 worshippers – the largest being 72 adults on 6 July (Mayor's Civic Service)

The worship service continued to focus very much on adults. There have been times of open and corporate prayer. The morning worship services have been taken by speakers from other churches as well as members of the congregation. We have also downloaded pre-recorded sermons for four services. There have been four 'open' services with people contributing testimony, prayer, scripture etc. These downloads & open services represent 16% of all services during the year. The morning worship services continued to have a varied musical style with accompaniment by Rowan Taylor on the piano and by others playing violins, guitars. vocalists.

There has been a wide variety of passages, topics, missionary and evangelistic services throughout the year. The congregation has enjoyed messages on various themes and topics.

We have had 2 (4) (6) (5) (2) services with personnel speaking about home & overseas missionary work – Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission) 10 August, Rowan Taylor (for Barnabas Fund) 16 November.

We also had 6 (5) (5) (5) (3) evangelistic/guest services/event – Spring Event Jubilee Court (2 March), June Bargh Memorial (11 May), Mayor's Civic Service (6 July), Remembrance Service (2 November), Mayor' Carol Service (14 December) & Christmas Carols & Tea Service at Jubilee Court (21 December).

We have been well served by visiting preachers. 10 (20) (22) (17) (10) preachers plus 1 (3) (3) (3) (5) downloaded preachers have taken a total of 18 (28) (29) (30) (22) services between them. These preachers have come from 6 (7) (15) (12) (7) different church groupings/societies & 7 (13) (13) (13) (8) different churches. Our criteria for inviting them has been that they wholeheartedly believe the Bible and are experienced in preaching it! We have enjoyed their ministry enormously and our grateful thanks go to them. There have also been 4 (3) (3) (3) (2) 'open' services (19 January, 27 April, 20 July, 21 September) with an opportunity for people to share a testimony, read scripture, prayer, give a message etc. These have worked well.

The visiting preachers were: Capernwray Bible Students x 3, Nathan Bowers (Mirfield Evangelical Church), Steve Bowers (Cornerstone Church, Brighouse), Paul Crossley (Tinshill Free Church), Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission), Mike Morfin (Latimer Congregational, Beverley), Chuck Pietrowski (Berean Baptist, Harrogate), Derek Ventress (Birstall Community Church), Paul Walker (Latimer Congregational Beverley EFCC), Ian Wilson (St George's Leeds) x 2, Mark Yeadon (Bridge Community Church), Doug Wright (USA) x 17 (plus 4 download sermons by video), Steve Wright (Beacon Church, Hebden Bridge),

In addition we have used our own personnel – 3 (7) (9) (6) (5) people have taken 14 (18) (25) (22) (26) services between them as follows – Carl Elliott 10 (4) (2) (3) (4), Andy Dalton 3 (3) (6) (5) (17), Rowan Taylor 1 (1)(1)(1)(1). The church deacons took 25% of services and interim pastor Doug Wright took a further 31% of the services (38% if you include his four download sermons sent throughout the year). In addition there have been 4 (3) (3) (3) (2) open services where people have been able to share, pray, and contribute. Also 4 download services.

We have kept detailed records of attendances and also a record of all songs sung at all services in the year. We have sung a total of 153 (155) (150) (172) (138) different hymns and songs in 2025 of which 13 (13) (16) (16) (18) were new this year. The most popular songs in this period were

And Can It Be (Mission Praise 33)
In Christ Alone

<u>Bible Studies & Prayer</u>

Bible studies have continued throughout the year. They were held weekly on a Wednesday evening. The studies were located in members' homes. A variety of bible passages and topics were covered including studies taken from the on-line Bible Project. Midway through the year this became a hybrid style meeting with people attending in a home and connecting with others over the internet via Zoom who were unable to attend in person. Around 8-9 people attend these A short additional 'african style' prayer session has taken place – initially using church premises but later transferring to Zoom, now meeting for one hour on Tuesday evenings.

Church Personnel

Six deacons have served the congregation as its church officers. However one of the deacons took a sabbatical year having served continuously for the last 25 years since the foundation of the church. The church officers met 8 times during the year. Deacons have provided spiritual direction for the congregation and also practical help for people struggling with life. Surplus supermarket food has been provided. Deacons have sought to promote a sense of family, unity and commitment in the life of the church.

The congregation welcomed Rev Doug Wright and his wife Connie from Pennsylvania USA as a temporary volunteer pastor under the auspices of the American Interim Pastors Ministries (AIPM). Mr & Mrs Wright arrived at the beginning of February and returned home in early July. The church benefitted enormously from their input – sermons, bible studies, visits and advice. Their presence and contribution was a great encouragement to the church and the time spent in Morley passed too quickly. Everyone benefitted from their input and pastoral care. This AIPM placement proved to be very successful.

In September Reka Hermann and Flora Tompa from Hungary arrived as Gap Year Volunteers participating in the *Time For God* European Exchange Scheme. International Volunteers are valuable assets in the life of the congregation contributing their abilities and talents to the life of the church. Especially for Gap Year Volunteers - they acquire a portfolio of experience for their future work and lives. The church has now welcomed a total of 27 Gap Year Volunteers since 2006. The recruitment of Gap Year Volunteers has played an important part in the life of the church and its ability to organise and deliver youth and children's projects as well as making a positive contribution to wider church life and community contact. Both were placed one day each week in a local primary school and also attend two coffee mornings to develop relationships with older people. They were also placed one day each week either with Dewsbury Community Outreach or Leeds City Mission helping in mercy ministries with those at the edge of society. They gained valuable experience for the future. We are grateful for the support of *Time For God* scheme which enabled the church to run this programme.

A small team coordinated the musical, technical and logistical arrangements for worship services. A group of participants have made up the music group (piano, guitars, violin, sound box, vocalists) and they have assisted in providing musical accompaniment for church services

Food Distribution

The church collects surplus food from Tesco Churwell, Morley Aldi and Tesco Extra Batley. This is distributed to people in need within the church, the surrounding neighbourhood and other partner churches, the remainder being forwarded for use by Leeds City Mission.

Pastoral Support

The church welcomed the pastoral input of Rev Doug Wright assisted by his wife Connie during the first half of 2025. They were able to undertake visitation bringing encouragement to the congregation. Rev Wright conducted a funeral and also a memorial service besides normal pastoral and preaching duties. Their experience and wise counsel provided significant help.

Church Library – Church has continued to operate a small library of Christian books encouraging attenders to read for their spiritual profit. People are encouraged to borrow a variety of books covering devotional, bible study, biography, missionary and historical topics. A handful of new books have been donated this year. The library has approximately 200 volumes in stock.

Church Membership

Current church members roll is 15 full members. One member moved to another church in the course of the year.

Premises

The church has a town centre location. It has a good public profile through good signage and graveyard/community garden activities, excellent relationships with community leaders, recommendation by reputation and/or word-of-mouth,

a good website, outreach activities in schools and pensioners organisations, visiting by Gap Year Volunteers, attractive and innovative programmes and warmth of welcome.

2025 saw some progress on the renovation of the church premises. In the summer a new roof was installed (with some grant aid funding from EFCC) and in the Autumn a complete re-wire was accomplished. Further work is planned for 2026.

It was concluded in 2025 that creating the legal status of a Company Limited by Guarantee was too problematical. Hence there was a withdrawal from this process with Wrigley Solicitors of Leeds. However establishing a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to act as the corporate trustee for the Zion chapel premises was considered to be a viable alternative. After seeking advice from EFCC - Pothecary, Witham & Weld Solicitors of London were instructed to proceed with this matter which is currently on-going.

Community Garden Project

A volunteer team managed by Rowan Taylor continues to renovate the graveyard and create Zion Community Garden (ZCG).
Key work undertaken:

- Maintained lawn and grass areas around graves
- Grew edible and ornamental plants in grave raised beds
- Generated compost, leaf mould, wood chip and plant food for use in the garden
- Ran fortnightly Saturday morning volunteer drop-in sessions (March - October)

Total number of volunteer hours: 887
Number of volunteers: 43 (19 attendees/associates of MCC; 10 Open Country Wakefield volunteers; 14 Seven Hills Primary School visitors)
Total graves in cultivation – 30
Grants/donations:

- 500 daffodil bulbs from Morley in Bloom worth £80
- £1000 Asda Foundation Outdoor Community Spaces Grant
- Vegetable & bedding plants grown by Seven Hills Primary School Gardening Club
- £20 worth of bedding plants through Morrisons Community Champion

Planting:

- Selection of herbaceous perennials
- Selection of annual edibles
- 1500 wildflower plug plants (supplied be Open County Project)

Art in the Garden:

- Five Saturday morning workshops (March, May, August, October, December)
- Run by ZCG volunteers
- Total number of attendees = 48 of whom 23 were visitors not connected to the church

Surrounding Neighbourhood

Neighbours - Good relationships have been fostered with surrounding neighbours – many of whom are pensioners living in flats designed for the elderly (Haydn Court, Haydn Close, Seigen Close). This is due to initiatives by the church – the weekly free food table on a Sunday morning, flower distribution, delivery of church magazines/leaflets to Haydn Court & Close. Increasing numbers are using the access pathway into the graveyard as a short cut to the town centre shopping area. Some visit the Community Garden to enjoy the flowers and peace, also conversing with church folk undertaking garden maintenance.

Chairs – Church was requested on two occasions in the summer by Morley Lions Club to borrow a significant number of stacking chairs to enable visiting brass bands/attenders to sit and enjoy the organised event in the adjoining pedestrian precinct – 22 June (Marching Bands) and 2 August (Yorkshire Day). These have been supplied and a cordial relationship established

Outreach & Evangelism

1-9 March: Outreach Week
The annual outreach week with a team of eight students from Capernwray Bible School took place during the first week of March. They had an intense nine days of outreach. *The Amazing Acts* Bible Exhibition was delivered in 7 primary schools with 12 presentations, 533 pupils plus 25 accompanying staff attending. 400 copies of the Day One book *'Romans, Gladiators & Games'* were given out to pupils as a workbook. 39 pensioners attended the Luncheon in the Labour Rooms. Two literature drop sessions circulating around the target area of the church were organised. A Coffee

morning in Zion Chapel (15 attendees) was a useful piece of work. A planned street outreach session in the town shopping area on the first Saturday proved to be productive. All the activities helped the church raise its profile and reach out with the gospel message in Morley

Sunday 2 March: Pensioners Spring Event – Jubilee Court
19 residents and friends/family from Jubilee Court attended this seasonal event. It was organized by the team of Capernwray Bible Students supported by the church. This included a quiz, song, gospel presentation concluding with a delicious tea together.

Saturday 3 May: Open Air Outreach – Town Shopping Area
Working with a team of four from the Open Air Mission, three open air meetings were held in Queen Street Shopping Precinct during Saturday morning of 3 May. 70 tracts were given out and there were a variety of useful conversations with shoppers

Sunday 11 May: June Bargh Memorial Service & Spreading of Ashes
This service as held to commemorate the life of June Bargh. June attended Morley Community Church for a number of years until 2022 and her removal to Scotland to be nearer one of her daughters. The family requested a Memorial to enable family and friends who lived locally to pay their respects. Service was taken by Pastor Doug Wright and he spoke on the theme of 'Preparing for Heaven'. It concluded with the spreading of ashes in the graveyard. A total of 18 visitors attended this special service in addition to our normal Sunday congregation

Sunday 6 July: Civic Service
Incoming Town Mayor for 2025-6 Cllr Carol Edwards requested that her Civic Service be held at Morley Community Church. The service included a speech from the Mayor, an historical powerpoint presentation on buildings and past dignitaries of the town, a time for other invited Mayors to bring their public greetings. Guest speaker Ian Wilson brought a gospel message appropriate to the occasion. 72 adults attended this service of which 41 were visitors

Sunday 2 November: Remembrance Service
A Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony focussed on the war graves in the churchyard from both World Wars was held the Sunday *before* Remembrance Day.

The church invited SASRA Area Representative Major Andrew McMahon to lead the service and Ian Wilson to bring the gospel message to a chapel full of people.

The service targeted a detachment of Air Cadets (168 Squadron South Leeds) which attracts a number of Morley young people amongst their ranks. The Cadet Detachment paraded to the church via Seigen Close, Wesley Street & Westfield Road in which there was a 'March Past & Salute' of the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (DL Yvonne Stocks) and Mayor (Cllr Carol Edwards). There were 3 civic dignitaries, 8 councillors, MP Mark Sewards, 11 cadets, 6 family members of cadets, 2 military personnel, 6 veteran personnel, 13 'others' plus church regulars in attendance. Local MP Mark Sewards also. A brief illustrated powerpoint of the men who were killed was delivered by Andy Dalton. Another short talk illustrating and explaining the deaths of his two great uncles (Ewart & Austin Waring) in the Far East during World War 2 was given by Chris Shilton who had travelled all the way from Preston for the occasion. This was most illuminating and engaging. A relative of one of the casualties (Herbert Holdsworth - killed at Arnhem in 1944) also attended.

At the conclusion of the service the dignitaries, guests and congregation gathered outside the chapel in the graveyard. The Last Post was sounded, the standard bearers lowered their flags and Mayor, Councillors, Cadets, Legion members, MP, serving member of the Armed Forces, relatives and others laid their wreaths on the graves. Three Military Testaments were presented to Veterans (supplied by Good News For Everyone).

This endeavour was well worth organising. It took a lot of advance planning. It was deliberately held on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday itself as it is normally a very busy day for such groups as the British Legion, Air Cadets & civic dignitaries. Guests significantly outnumbered regular worshippers. In terms of numbers attending, this event has become one of the prime services in the year for attracting external guests.

Sunday 14 December: Mayor's Carol Service
A congregation of 45 adults attended this seasonal service. A leaflet drop (1000 leaflets) was undertaken in the preceding week. With dimmed lights and lighted candles, a service of readings, carols, nativity play was followed by a clear, engaging multi media presentation of the gospel by Rev Steve Bowers from Brighouse. It was a most enjoyable and useful seasonal outreach evening.

Sunday 21 December: Carol Service & Tea at Jubilee Court Sheltered Housing Scheme

The church received an invitation to undertake a Christmas Carols and Tea event at Jubilee Court Sheltered Housing Scheme in Marshall Street. Twenty residents and friends attended this seasonal event which elicited a good hearing for the gospel message and warm appreciation from the elderly residents.

Literature Outreach

Day One Living Word Gospel Calendars
A total of 1550 (800) (1883) (1260) (1430) calendars (2026 edition) were distributed in December. These were via a targeted letterbox drop in areas surrounding the church and also three Sheltered Housing Complexes (Schofield, Jubilee and Chartist Courts), MEA Office reception and the Town Hall coffee morning, personal friends, contacts etc.

Day One Gospel Diaries 2026
33 (24) (24) (362) (100) diaries were distributed this year via church members, Morley Elderly Action and other networks at Christmas.

Its Your Move
This year it was decided to restrict the distribution of *Its Your Move* booklets to just one school in Morley - Seven Hills Primary School received 60 booklets. This booklet is a Scripture Union publication and helps children understand the next big move in their life weaving in christian comment into the text.

Seasonal Literature
298 greetings cards, 60 Real Easter Eggs and 12 Real Advent Calendars were sourced from the Leeds City Mission *Christian Book & Card Booth* for purchase/use/distribution by people attending the church, Morley Elderly Action Reception area and Jubilee Court. These all contained scripture texts or a bible story booklet.

Prize Books
8 christian books were presented as birthday presents to children attending Sunday School/Church Creche. Three books were also provided to a spiritual enquirer.

Scriptures
3 Military Testaments were presented to Veterans at the Remembrance Service. The church also made a donation towards the cost of 206 schools New Testaments to Year 7 pupils at Morley Academy presented by the local branch of GNFE.

Chronological Summary of Outreach in 2025

January	
February	Letterbox Drop – 28 church magazines to Haydn Court & Close
March	Capernwray Outreach Week 1 assembly at Seven Hills Primary School (Capernwray team) 1000 church publicity leaflets distributed via letterboxes 150 tracts given out 12 *Life & Times of Christ Bible* Exhibitions delivered in 7 schools. 533 pupils attending plus 25 teaching staff 400 *Romans, Gladiators & Games* books distributed to pupils 1000 Good News Newspapers posted through letterboxes 1 pensioners luncheon – 39 old people attending 1 coffee morning – total of 15 visitors attending
April	Letterbox Drop – 28 church magazines to Haydn Court & Close Good Friday Witness 14 tracts, 17 Good News Newspapers & 7 christian comics distributed 60 Real Easter Eggs sold/ distributed
May	3 Open Air Meetings on Saturday morning (3 May) & 70 tracts distributed
June	Letterbox Drop – 28 church magazines to Haydn Court & Close
July	15 booklets to visitors at Civic Service Presentation of 60 copies of SU booklet "*Its Your Move*" to Year 6 leavers at Seven Hills Primary School.
August	

September	Letterbox Drop – 28 church magazines to Haydn Court & Close
October	
November	2 Nov Remembrance Service – 36 adult & 11 teenage visitors. Literature distributed –3 Military New Testaments & Psalms 15 Nov TEAR Fund Fundraiser evening (£405 raised)
December	Letterbox Drop – 28 church magazines to Haydn Court & Close Letterbox Drop - 1000 christmas carol service leaflets delivered 1550 Day One (2026) Living Word Calendars distributed. 33 Day One Diaries distributed. Carols by Candlelight Service - 22 visitors 12 Real Advent Calendars sold/distributed 298 Scripture Text Christmas cards sold/distributed

Schools

In 2025 the previous momentum of activity in local primary schools was not able to be resumed. This was because the church was unable to recruit Gap Year Volunteers for 2024-2025. Also family medical issues with the relevant church volunteer circumscribed availability. Nevertheless warm contacts have been maintained with schools including Seven Hills, Asquith, Queenswood, St Francis RC, Gildersome, Primary Schools. Accessing Churwell and Newlands Primaries has proved more challenging this year.

The following schools welcomed the '*Amazing Acts'* Bible Exhibition – Seven Hills (2 sessions), Queenswood (1 session), St Francis RC (1 session), Asquith (1 session), Gildersome (3 sessions). Sessions were also provided for other churches/schools viz: Birstall Community Church/Birstall Primary Academy (2 sessions), Bethel Free Church/Castleton Primary, Leeds (2 sessions).

This year it was decided to present the Year 6 leavers booklet *Its Your Move* to just one school – Seven Hills (60 copies). The school also requested and received four Christmas presents for needy children attending the school. Also at Christmas the church supplied 10 presents for identified needy families with children at St Francis Primary school.

It was noted during the year that relationships with Victoria, Churwell and Newlands Primaries did not progress. Overload in the school timetable is a significant factor in the schools being able to continue and welcome input from MCC

Please see Appendix 3 for School Assembly statistics

Older People

In the first half of 2025 Interim Pastor Doug Wright and wife Connie attended weekly coffee mornings both in the Town Hall (temporarily relocated to Labour Rooms) and at Jubilee Court OAP Sheltered Housing Scheme plus Schofield Court OAP Sheltered Housing Scheme engaging pensioners in conversation and friendship. The arrival of new Gap Year Volunteers from Hungary in September saw them continue these visits with the exception of Schofield Court. The outcome of this has been reflected in the numbers who have subsequently attended events eg Spring Event, Pensioners Luncheon, Pensioners Tea. The majority of these elderly folks are long standing Morley families, thus we are establishing a presence and witness with family networks which have been around for generations. This is a fruitful area of work and needs to be continually nurtured.

Morley Elderly Action officers have appreciated the input of the church recognising its positive contribution to the well being of older people in the town. MEA have been most accommodating about the distribution of *Living Word* calendars, selling diaries and *Real Advent Calendars*. Relevant statistics have been supplied to them which assist MEA to meet targets set for them by their grant funders.

Literature Summary
The narrative has already reported the distribution in the town (through various projects and individual members) the wide use of Christian literature. This paragraph is a summary:
1550 (1044) (2543) (1260) (1430) Day One Living Word Calendars
33 (24) (24) (362) (100) (25) (80) Day One Diaries
400 (460) *Romans, Gladiators & Games* books
1000 (800) Good News Newspapers
100 (200) (200) (100) (100) tracts and booklets
14 (34) (30) (34) (19) New Testaments, bibles and christian books
60 (288) (361) (420) (297) *Its Your Move* (Year 6 leaving gift)

1000 (1000) (1600) (1000) (500) Christmas Leaflet/Card
1000 (900) church publicity leaflets
60 Real Easter Eggs/booklets
12 Real Advent Calendars/booklets
298 Christmas Cards with scripture texts
Total = *5527 (4750)* (5250) *(4405) (3139) pieces of evangelistic literature & publicity were posted/presented to homes/individuals across the age ranges in Morley plus* -
500 (500) (500) church magazines

Missionary

We believe it is important to support the work of the gospel locally, elsewhere in the UK and in the wider world and have done this in a number of ways

We have had 2 (4) (6) (5) (2) services with personnel speaking about home & overseas missionary work – Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission) 10 August, Rowan Taylor (for Barnabas Fund) 16 November.

A TEAR Fund Quiz Evening was held on Saturday 15 November. A church gathering saw 46 attendees (25 adult visitors plus 21 church regulars) who enjoyed the BIG QUIZ evening. £ 405 was raised for this evangelical relief agency.

A gift of £300 was sent to *Good News For Everyone* (formerly The Gideons) to assist with the supply of New Testaments to Year 7 pupils at Morley Academy

A gift of £300 was forwarded to the International Miners Mission

We have prayed for a number of missionaries in our prayer sessions and financially supported two new missionary couples – Zack & Anna Woolwine with their focus on the Near East and Rachel & Sjoerd Van Veen working in Niger.

Financial Support for missionary endeavours and social welfare
In addition to gifts from church funds, specified donations to local charities & good causes were received and allocated to Martin House Hospice, Wheatfields Hospice, Morley Mayor's Charity, Leeds City Mission and local welfare support needs.

Home Missions
Leeds City Mission – practical help has been given to Leeds City Mission to support their work – 18 (19) (14) (28) (49) sacks of clothes and rags, and various other items were donated for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. 257 (156) (147) (156) (96) trays of food were donated to their *Pantry Project*. 157 (267) (285) (250) plastic milk cartons were also collected and donated for use in the *Pantry Project*. Quantities of used postage stamps were also donated to LCM in their fundraising efforts. In addition 895 (557) (930) greetings cards were collected and donated to LCM use for conversion into gift tags. A congregation member created a total of 7200 gift tags from these and other cards which were donated to Leeds City Mission. All of the Gap Year Volunteers have each assisted (on average one day each week) in the LCM Charity Shop located in the LCM Hub in Armley, Leeds.

Dewsbury Community Outreach
Three members of the church are trustees of Dewsbury Community Outreach (DCO) and other volunteers from the church help on a regular basis at this charity. Other members of the church support it financially. The Gap Year Workers also spent one day a week assisting at DCO. This charity operates out of 74 Daisy Hill Dewsbury and caters for the physical and spiritual well being of disadvantaged people by providing a drop-in where free meals are available and food, clothing, toiletries and household goods are given away for free. The charity also provide wellbeing support and assistance with housing and other issues.

Youth & Children

Yzup
Early in 2025 it was sensed that Yzup youth club was coming to the end of its natural life. New pressures on staff availability to run the club was another factor in the decision to conclude its activities. An average of six young people in their early teens attended the ten sessions organised in the Spring Term. The club did not resume after the easter holidays.

Lunchtime Bible Clubs
Due to logistical challenges it was not possible to resume the Chattabox Club for year 4 pupils at Seven Hills Primary School. Similar reasons meant that the partnership working with Beth Burbidge (Youth & Community Worker at St Peter's Church) prevented the restart of lunchtime clubs at both Asquith & Victoria Primary Schools. However Seven Hills Primary plans to welcome the restart of Chattabox Club in January 2026.

Sunday School & Creche
A small Sunday School averaging five attendances per week was organised throughout the year running parallel with the morning worship service. Three boys and two girls were the core attenders and are the children of regular adult worshippers in the church. Children in the 6-11 years age range made a total of 213 attendances (209 by regular core of five children plus 3 visitors making 4 visits) and 40 sessions were provided. One experienced teacher led the majority of the sessions of this Sunday School class.

A small creche was run concurrent with the morning service. A variety of toys and play activities were provided for children in the 1-5 years age range. A total of 131 attendances were made by 19 different children. There was a core of four regular children (108 attendances) with another 15 children making occasional visits as their parents were visiting the church service (23 attendances). A supervision rota was fulfilled by three church volunteers.

Bridgebuilding

Since its inception Morley Community Church has recognized the need to develop and maintain meaningful relationships with individuals and families. In previous years press articles in the local newspaper has helped the church to foster such relationships. The absence of a local newspaper has denied the church avenues for positive publicity which assisted this process in former years. The church has sought to compensate by an attractive & engaging website plus some updates on Facebook. It is noted that Facebook use in 2025 has generally been poor.

Our relationships with Morley Elderly Action, Seven Hills, Asquith, St Francis Primary Schools, & Jubilee Court Sheltered Housing Scheme have been positive in 2025.

We have continued to keep key community personnel informed to enable them to be familiar with the existence and activities of the church.

Links With Other Churches/Christian Organisations

EFCC
We continue as an affiliated congregation of the EFCC (Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches) We are grateful for the link that it provides with other congregational churches around the UK. We are thankful for its prayerful interest, practical support, legal information, doctrinal clarity and advice provided on a range of issues. The EFCC magazine publishes articles about our church from time to time. We have welcomed preachers from other EFCC churches (eg Paul Walker, Mike Morfin – East Yorkshire). We are also linked with Latimer Congregational at Beverley in a formal prayer exchange scheme with each church exchanging information for prayer on a fairly regular basis. We have also received some information and advice about trusteeship from EFCC Ltd. Our church is featured in the EFCC Prayer Focus quarterly bulletin. Through EFCC we have a link with the WECF (World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship) who occasionally publish articles about our church in their worldwide journal.

Birstall Community Church
This is our nearest EFCC church neighbour. We forward a batch of church magazines to them when published (bi-monthly) to keep them informed of MCC activities. The MCC service sheet is also forwarded to the church leaders each week. We have been able to encourage the congregation in small ways by supplying gifts in kind eg 37 trays of food and 45 bunches of flowers. Also enquiring about their progress and welfare. The Capernwray Bible Student Outreach team were seconded from MCC in March to present two sessions of the Bible Exhibition *The Amazing Acts* in the church for pupils from Birstall Primary Academy. We seek to support this associated EFCC congregation.

Evangelical Alliance
We are an affiliated church. We continue to receive information from them on a range of doctrinal, ethical, moral and legal issues. We are grateful for the connection that it provides with other evangelical churches across the denominational divide around the British Isles. Also for its role in representing our constituency of churches to those in government and power.

Gildersome Baptist Church
Personal contact has been maintained with key members during the course of the year. The Capernwray Bible Student Outreach team presented three sessions of the Bible Exhibition *The Amazing Acts* for pupils from Gildersome Primary School and highlighted the presence and activities of GBC. We have been able to encourage the congregation in small ways by supplying gifts in kind eg 28 trays of food and 29 bunches of flowers.

Morley Salvation Army
We have a positive relationship with the Salvation Army. Salvation Army members always display interest in our activities and well–being. There have been occasional visits of salvationists to services at MCC and this has been

reciprocated eg Good Friday service. They also supplied a trumpeter to sound the Last Post at our Remembrance Service in November.

St Peters Church
A positive relationship with the youth & community worker from this church has continued this year with some exchange of information and mutual support.

Bramley Pentecostal Church
We have been able to donate 16 trays of food to the congregation and 7 bunches of flowers to two of their elderly members who reside in the Morley area in the course of 2025. Also 28 presents to their children's Christmas outreach project. They always have a lively interest in the well being of our church.

Leeds City Mission
One church deacon is working on a part-time basis for the LCM seeking to assist it in its life and development. Another deacon chairs the LCM Holding Trustees committee.
We have benefitted from support from the LCM. We are featured occasionally in their Prayer Digest which is circulated to supporting churches and individuals. Morley Community Church have supported the LCM in many ways – attendances at some of their occasional Praise Rallies; donating to their *Re-Store* Charity Shop 12 (18) (11) (21) (40) sacks of clothes and 4 (1) (2) (7) (9) sacks of rags, plus other items. 257 (156) (147) (156) (96) trays of food were donated to their *Pantry Project* and 16 (15) (19) (26) (23) presents for their *Christmas Kids* project. Our Gap Year Volunteers assist in their Restore Charity Shop one day each week. MCC volunteers have played a major role in catering provision at the three LCM Praise events during the course of the year. Hopefully our practical support will help LCM in the continuation of their work which we believe is important for the metropolitan area of Leeds.

Christian Institute
Regular newsletters are received from the Christian Institute highlighting and informing about the challenges to religious freedom and individual liberty.

Community Links

Since the inception of the church in 2000 we have developed relationships with a large number of secular and church organisations based in, or associated with, Morley & surrounding West Yorkshire area. A composite list is shown in Appendix 5 and details are in previous annual reports.

We continue to note the relationships developing with various organisations and businesses through the Zion Community Garden Project. We also note the new relationships with key civic leaders viz:

- Morley Mayor Carol Edwards
- Morley Lions Club

The warm relationship with Morley Elderly Action continues. The Town Hall Coffee Morning (temporarily transferred to Labour Rooms while Town Hall is being renovated) has given Interim Pastor/Gap Year Volunteers opportunities to attend and develop new friendships and relationships and (on occasions) provide practical help. Both organisations have been mutually supportive. MEA have distributed Living Word Gospel Calendars, sold Day One Diaries, Real Advent Calendars and Christmas cards on behalf of MCC. MCC has furnished MEA with relevant statistics which enhances their reports to grant funders. Bunches of flowers and food have been passed on for use with their members throughout the year. Also quantities of gift tags were donated to them at Christmas

Links have been maintained with Jubilee Court (Anchor Housing) Sheltered Housing Scheme through regular visitation by our Gap Year Volunteers to their weekly coffee mornings. We organised two seasonal events – a Spring Event & Tea (2 March) & Christmas Carols & Tea (21 December) which were much appreciated.

With many of these organisations we have received their support for projects and events initiated by ourselves. Their general position is that they are pleased to have links with a community organisation, particularly a Christian church which will bring moral and practical input into community life. This presents churches like ourselves with interesting opportunities.

Social Action

Recycling
152 milk cartons were donated to Leeds City Mission for their *Pantry Project* (foodbank)
157 bottletops were donated to a children's play scheme (Play Hartlepool)
Quantities of used postage stamps were donated to Leeds City Mission
805 used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission

Foil
Aluminium cans and foil continued to be collected, recycled and cashed in at the scrap yard. The small sum raised is reserved for missions projects.

Food
Surplus quantities of bread, confectionery, fruit, vegetables and flowers have been acquired from supermarkets – 616 (449) (286) (274) (260) trays in total. This food has been distributed to people attending church, people in need & the adjoining Haydn Court/Close residents during the course of the year – 278 (204) (113) (100) trays; Leeds City Mission – 257 (156) (147) (156) (96) (44) trays; Gildersome Baptist 28 (27) (17) trays, Birstall Community Church – 37 (25) (7) trays, Bramley Pentecostal Church – 16 (8) (2) trays. 1000 (400) (410) (920) apples were picked direct from trees and given to LCM. While it is difficult to put an exact value on food received and distributed it will most probably be no less than £15,000.

Fibres
12 (9) (11) (21) (40) bags of second hand clothes and 4 (1) (2) (7) (9) bags of rags. 2 (11) sacks of bric a brac plus other items have collected and donated to the Leeds City Mission Charity Shop (Re-Store) throughout the year

Fairs
Two street stalls were held in the pedestrianised area of the town centre – Saturday 1 March & Saturday 10 October selling a variety of clothes, bric a brac and books with profit being donated to LCM. This was not primarily a fund raising event but for 'awareness raising' of the presence of the church plus literature distribution.

Christmas
A total of 58 (39) (35) (60) (39) presents were obtained from Mission Christmas (Radio Aire) & individuals. 14 were used with local Morley families in need and 16 (15) (19) (23) (52) presents were passed to Leeds City Mission for use with needy children/young people at Christmas in connection with their Toy Project, 28 were given to Bramley Pentecostal for their Christmas project. 805 (557) used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission for recycling into seasonal gift tags. LCM donated back 600 greetings tags and these were then distributed to a handful of local organisations – Town Hall Coffee Morning – 200, MEA Office – 200, Central Methodist Church - 200

Emergency Support
Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or via other agencies outlined above in the 'Food' paragraph.

Flowers
30 (24) (20) (13) appropriate graves have been used as raised beds for growing edible and ornamental plants. 416 (260) (270) (121) (41) surplus flower bunches supplied by supermarkets have been delivered to 44 (25) (59) (60) (25) different individuals (eg housebound pensioners) and these have been gratefully received. Also different churches – Gildersome Baptist – 29 bunches, Bramley Pentecostal – 7 bunches, Salvation Army – 8 bunches, Birstall Community Church – 45 bunches, LCM Hub – 26 bunches.

Environmental
Under the management of Rowan Taylor the transformation of the church graveyard into a Community Garden continued throughout the year. The team has maintained lawn and grass areas, a wildlife pond, bulb area, wildflower border, shrub and perennial borders, grown edible and ornamental plants in 30 grave raised beds, generated a range of composts, bog bed. A selection of perennials & annual edibles have been planted. 1500 Wildflower Plug Plants have been installed . 500 daffodil bulbs and many other plants have been planted/curated by 43 volunteers – largely at the fortnightly Saturday morning volunteer drop-in sessions in the Spring and Summer. £1100 in cash or kind have been obtained through grants. Five 'Art in the Garden' mornings have been successfully organised.

Publicity

The publicity boards are put out each Sunday and signs are displayed outside the front gates of the church on Merlyn Rees Avenue. Also by the boundary wall with Haydn Court. A banner continues to drape the old Zion Chapel noticeboard at the front of the car park.

We continued to advertise on the world wide web and can be found in the "*Find A Church*" Directory (findachurch.co.uk) - **www.morleycommunitychurch.org.uk.** This website has elicited a number of visitors to the church. We also have a publicity page on Facebook.

We are listed on the Leeds Network Directory of Churches website. Also the EFCC website, EA Directory and Affinity Directory.

The demise of the local newspaper in 2020 has meant there has been no local news coverage in print for the church. However it has been possible to publish some news on Facebook. The Community Garden Project has its own Facebook page

There have been five editions of the church magazine in the year. Circulation is usually 100 copies but we estimate approximately 250 people read it. The magazine is primarily designed for people who are not regular in church activities. Its significance is that it has provided a public face externally raising our profile locally in the church and bringing a sense of identity and common purpose within the congregation. Articles are syndicated to two other churches for use in their magazines. We sent the church magazine to most church ministers in Morley and the leaders of every evangelical church in a five mile radius.

In stark contrast to previous years there have been hardly any articles published about the church in denominational & interdenominational publications due to time pressures on behalf of the church freelance journalist who undertakes to write interesting articles. The exception to this was an article on our Real Easter Eggs project "Church gets egg-cited at easter" in the Spring edition of the EFCC 'In Fellowship' magazine

There have been 8 postings on Facebook about the church in 2025

17 July 2025	*Mayor's Civic Service*
24 July 2025	*Zion Community Garden*
3 August 2025	*Art in the Garden*
21 September 2025	*Arrival of Reka Hermann & Flora Tompa Gap Year Volunteers*
15 November 2025	*Big Quiz Night*
18 November 2025	*Art in the Garden*
5 December 2025	*Mayor's Carol Service*
15 December 2025	*Christmas Service*

Finance

A full set of accounts accompanies this annual report – also see Appendix 6. We note that £54870.25 was received and total payments were £67541.61. The deficit of £12644.36 was entirely expected as reserves were used to finance repairs to the roof and rewiring of the building.

Appendix 1 Sunday Service Statistics in 2025

There have been 55 services *at which we have recorded statistics*.

	2025	*2024*	*2023*	*2022*	*2021*	*2020*	*2019*	*2018*	*2017*
Actual Attendances									
OAP Male	*222*	*263*	337	314	218	31*	107	74	80
OAP Female	*339*	*292*	*312*	*290*	*297*	*61**	*293*	*241*	*191*
OAP Total	**561**	**555**	**649**	**604**	**515**	**92***	**400**	**315**	**271**
18-65 Male Adults	*560*	*501*	524	404	247	55*	251	200	267
18-65 Female Adults	*578*	*669*	*825*	*633*	*418*	*138**	*517*	*508*	*496*
18-65 Total Adults	1138	1170	1349	1037	665	193*	768	708	763
Total Adults (18-65 & OAP)	**1699**	**1725**	**1998**	**1641**	**1180**	**285***	**1168**	**1023**	**1034**
Total male adults & OAP	*782*	*764*	861	718	465	86*	358	274	347
Total female adults & OAP	*917*	*961*	*1137*	*923*	*715*	*199**	*810*	*749*	*687*
Teenagers (12-17)									
Male teenagers	*56*	*73*	70	43	3	9*	34	3	33
Female teenagers	*4*	*6*	*25*	*34*	*28*	*7**	*64*	*50*	*23*
Total teenagers	**60**	**79**	**95**	**77**	**31**	**16***	**98**	**53**	**56**
Male children 6-11 years	*162*	*186*	146	25	0	1*	2	9	24
Female children 6-11 years	*85*	*76*	*98*	*21*	*3*	*2**	*15*	*68*	*32*
Total Children	**247**	**262**	**244**	**46**	**3**	**3***	**17**	**77**	**56**
Male children 1-5 years	*85*	*87*	112	8	2	1*	4	0	03
Female children 1-5 years	*50*	*25*	*23*	*30*	*10*	*0**	*2*	*1*	*24*

Total children 1-5 years	135	112	135	38	12	1*	6	1	27
Total Children (under 12)	**382**	**374**	**379**	**84**	**15**	**4***	**23**	**78**	**83**
Male children 1-11 years	*247*	*273*	258	33	2	2*	6	9	27
Female children 1-11 years	*135*	*101*	*121*	*51*	*13*	*2**	*17*	*69*	*56*
Total	**2141**	**2188**	**2472**	**1802**	**1226**	**305***	**1289**	**1154**	**1173**
Male	1085	1100	1189	794	450	97*	398	286	407
Female	1056	1068	*1283*	*1008*	*756*	*208**	*891*	*868*	*766*
Average Attendances									
OAP	10.2	10.1	11.4	10.6	9.36	7.67*	7.14	5.54	4.75
Adults 18-65	20.7	21.3	23.7	18.2	12.1	16.08*	13.71	12.42	13.39
Total Adults 18-65 & OAP	**30.9**	**31.4**	**35.1**	**29.9**	**21.46**	**23.75***	**20.85**	**17.96**	**18.14**
Teenagers (12-17)	**1.1**	**1.43**	**1.7**	**1.4**	**0.56**	**1.33***	**1.77**	**0.93**	**1.46**
6-11 years	*4.5*	*4.8*	*4.3*	*0.81*	*0.05*	*0.25**	0.30	1.35	0.98
1-5 years	2.5	2.03	2.37	0.60	0.22	0.08*	0.11	0.02	0.47
Children (under 12)	**7.00**	**6.83**	**6.67**	**1.4**	**0.27**	**0.33***	**0.41**	**1.36**	**1.47**
Total	**39.00**	**39.66**	**43.47**	**31.6**	**22.29**	**25.08***	**23.04**	**20.25**	**21.07**

Adults 18-65 & OAP % attendances									
Male attendances	46.0	44.3	43.1	43.75	39.41	30.18*	30.74	26.8	33.56
Female attendances	*54.0*	*55.7*	*56.9*	*56.25*	*60.59*	69.82*	*69.26*	*73.2*	*66.44*

Percentage attendances of total attendances by age groups and gender

	Male		***Female***		**Total**	
	2025	*2024*	*2025*	*2024*	*2025*	*2024*
18-25	55 (3.24%)	53 (3.07%)	47 (2.77%)	105 (6.09%)	102 (6.31%)	158 (9.16%)
26-35	167 (9.83%)	113 (6.55%)	150 (8.83%)	174 (10.08%)	317 *(18.66%)*	287 *(16.64%)*
36-45	152 (8.95%)	133 (7.71%)	209 (12.3%)	203 (11.77%)	361 *(21.25%)*	336 *(19.48%)*
46-55	66 (3.88%)	106 (6.14%)	53 (3.12%)	111 (6.43%)	119 (7.00%)	217 (12.57%)
56-65	120 (7.06%)	96 (5.56%)	119 (7.00%)	76 (4.40%)	239 (14.06%)	172 (9.96%)
66-75	115 (6.77%)	147 (8.52%)	151 (8.89%)	136 (7.88%)	266 (15.66%)	283 (16.4%)
76+	107 (6.30%)	116 (6.72%)	188 (11.07)	156 (9.04)	295 (17.37%)	272 (16.76%)
Total	**782 (46%)**	**764 (45%)**	**917 (54%)**	**961 (55%)**	**1699 (100%)**	**1725 (100%)**

Appendix 2

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues & Capernwray bible student team, a total of 206 (100 male & 106 female) (196) (248) (222) (122) different adults and 17 (22) (30) (12) (3) teenagers attended these 55 (55) (57) (57) (55) services/events in 2025.

The following table (from Appendix 1) makes some interesting comparisons between age cohorts, actual attendances and percentages of all adult & OAP attendances for 2023 and the preceding four years.

Age Band	**2025**	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**	**2019**	**2018**
18-35	385	445	618	502	225	83*	320	260
	22.7%	25.8%						
36-45	361	336						
	21.25%	19.48%						
46-55	119	217	198	184	105	80*	323	340
	7.00%	12.58%	10%	*11%*	*9%*	*28%*	*28%*	*33%*
56-65	239	172	217	190	183	47*	175	208

	14.07%	9.97%	11%	15%	15%			
OAP (ie 66 yrs+)	561	555	649	604	515	92*	400	315
	33.02	32.17%	*32%*	*36%*	*44%*	*32%*	*34%*	*31%*
Teenagers	60	73	95	77	31	16*	99	53
Children	382	374	379	84	15	4*	23	78

Appendix 3 - Assemblies taken in local schools in 2025

	2025	***2024***	***2023***	***2022***	***2021***	***2020***	***2019***	***2018***	***2017***
Asquith Primary School	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2
Churwell Primary School	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Fountain Primary School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9
Gildersome Primary School	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		
Newlands Primary Academy	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	4
Queenswood Private School	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Seven Hills Primary School	2	2	3	3	0	1	7	4	3
Victoria Primary School	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	3
Totals	**3**	**3**	**4**	**8**	**0**	**3**	**12**	**20**	**24**

Appendix 4 – Details of Community Links

- *Fountain Primary School – Asda - Morley Locality Coordinator - Morley Community Partnership - Morley Town Council - Morley Rotary Club - Schofield Court Sheltered Housing Scheme - Morley Elderly Action - Business In the Community - Addleshaw, Booth & Co - Jubilee Court Sheltered Housing Scheme - Chartist Court Sheltered Housing Scheme - Groundwork Trust - SLHFA (South Leeds Health For All) - Morley Salvation Army - WBS Accountants, Leeds - Victoria Primary School - Elmfield Infants School - Newlands Methodist Church - St Paul's Cof E - Yorkshire Band of Hope Union - ABS Legal -Leeds City Council Youth Service - Boots the Chemist, Dewsbury - Metcalfe Farms, Ripon - Westerton Primary School - Morley High School - Morley Youth Network (Youth Work) - Batley Up Lane Sunday School Trust Fund - Bramley Pentecostal Church (minibus) - Morley Central Methodist Chapel - Morley For Thirukovil - BUPA Leeds - Joseph Priestley College - Wesley Playhouse/Howdenclough Methodist Church - Asquith Primary School - Puppets for Jesus - Queenswood School – Fareshare - Seven Hills Primary School - Morley Branch of the Royal British Legion - Churwell Primary School - ONE WORD - Dewsbury Gospel Church - Gildersome Baptist Church - Ed Balls MP - North of England Mining Museum - Radio Aire Cash for Kids @Christmas Charity - Batley Pentecostal Church - Rooms Lane Allotments - Tingley Nazarene - Buttershaw Congregational - Andrea Jenkyns MP - Claudine Uwizeye – Child Evangelism Fellowship - CART (Christian African Relief Trust) - TESCO Express Supermarket, Churwell - St Francis Primary School – Leeds City Mission - Morley & District Press Newspaper - Drighlington Foodbank - Dewsbury Community Outreach – SASRA - Places4People Housing Association – Morley Glass and Glazing (via ZCG, Morrisons (via Community Champion) (ZCG), Asda (via Community Champion) (via ZCG), Open Country Wakefield (via ZCG), Mark Sewards MP, Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire Yvonne Stocks, Climate Action, Leeds, Leeds Green Activity Network, Conservation Volunteers Community Network, Morley Mayor Carol Edwards, Morley Lions Club*

Appendix 5 - Financial Information

	31 Dec 2025	***31 Dec 2024***	****31 Dec 2023***	***31 Dec 2022***	***31 Dec 2021***	***31 Dec 2020***
Total receipts	**54870.25**	*35108.19	*38505.54	35814.47	26482.35	17293.28
Total payments	**67514.61**	*56638.19	*31937.63	31826.10	12325.14	13654.66
Deficit/Gain	**12644.36**	(21530)	6567.91	3988.37	14157.21	3638.62
Cash & bank balances	**5286.85**	17931.21	39461.21	32893.30	28904.93	14747.72

Allocated Donations	**1678.17**	3610.59	876.25	2481.39	2965.18	2360
Allocated Grants & other income*	**12679.05**	2500.00	6150.29	4854.84	Nil	4770
Total Allocated/Ring fenced Receipts	**14357.22**	4403.15	7025.54	7336.23	2965.18	7130
% of total receipts	**26.17%**	12.54%	18.2%	20.5%	11.1%	41.2%

Includes Zion Community Garden Funds

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES			
Lloyds Bank accounts & Petty Cash		17,931.21	32,893.30
RECEIPTS			
Donations	27367.03		17976.54
Gift Aid Tax Refund	4347.96		4130.43
EFCC Grant for roof	11000.00		
Zion House Rent	7800.00		7722.00
Zion Chapel Rent	435.00		540.00
Other income	419.63		
Bank Interest	143.41		291.37
YZup - Trip income			44.70
		51,513.03	30,705.04
Reserved Funds			
Zion Community Garden (See R1)		1679.05	3025.04
Specified Donations			
for Leeds City Mission	462.00		909.11
for Tear Fund	282.81		305.00
for Wheatfields Hospice	275.00		
for Martin House Hospice	275.00		
for Local Support	256.96		
for Mayors Charity	86.40		
for Compassion UK	40.00		
for Salvation Army			84.00
for Good News For Everyone			80.00
		1,678.17	1,378.11
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**54,870.25**	**35,108.19**
PAYMENTS			
Reserved Funds			
Zion Community Garden (See R1)		2376.38	2721.42
Charitable Donations			
Open Air Mission	1200.00		1200.00
Leeds City Mission	557.25		1125.59
Local Support	312.50		
Compassion UK	192.00		
Zach & Anna Woolwine	150.18		
Rachel & Sjoerd	200.00		
International Miners Mission	300.00		300.00
Tear Fund	300.00		305.00
Good News for Everyone	300.00		380.00
Wheatfields Hospice	275.00		
Martin House Hospice	275.00		
Mayors Charity	130.50		
Open Doors			300.00
		4,192.43	3,610.59

Outreach			
Special Services (food, BS books etc.)	643.60		164.20
Booklets/Bibles/Videos for School Work	576.00		1286.98
Capernwray Students	501.51		493.59
Calendars, Diaries, Christmas	368.50		1100.64
Good News Newspaper	218.00		
Pensioners Events	165.14		89.00
Sunday School	81.49		
YZup			218.95
Chattabox & Gardening Club			30.46
		2,554.24	3,383.82
Pastoral Support			
Ministers Costs	6788.58		825.76
Youth Worker's Living Costs	4730.93		8829.55
Youth Workers Expenses	1782.04		2314.15
Pastoral Worker			6232.23
		13,301.55	17,375.93
Zion Building			
Chapel Roof	30420.00		
Chapel Electrical Rewire	6469.20		
Utilities	1168.30		1116.50
Zion Chapel Repairs	108.99		326.47
Zion House Maintenance	110.00		91.49
Zion House Roof			11880.00
Zion House Boiler			1800.00
Architect			2850.00
Consumables			50.63
		38,276.49	18,115.09
Other			
Solicitor	2511.90		6000.00
Insurance	1824.60		1729.58
Membership Subscriptions	1180.00		1172.00
Speakers' Expenses	520.00		1045.00
Publicity	348.39		283.25
DBS Checks	186.00		150.00
Administration	78.13		25.98
		6,649.02	10,405.81
Capital			
Printer (103 Zoar St)	45.00		
IT Equipment	119.50		199.97
		164.50	199.97
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**67,514.61**	**55,812.63**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**-12,644.36**	**-20,704.44**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Current & Deposit Bank accounts	4651.11		16,513.04
Petty cash	635.74		1418.17
		5,286.85	**17,931.21**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
RBaker	RAY BAKER	1/3/26
A.Dalton	ANDY DALTON	1/3/26

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RESERVED FUNDS
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2025

R1 ZION COMMUNITY GARDEN

		£	£	Last Year £
	Opening Balance		1688.96	1385.34
RECEIPTS				
	Gifts	429.05		525.04
	Asda Foundation	1000.00		
	Groundwork	250.00		
	Morley Glass			1000.00
	Leeds Community			1500.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		**1679.05**	3025.04
PAYMENTS				
	Plants and Equipment	1436.29		1691.31
	Wooden Planters & Trellis	837.19		
	Water & Fuel	102.90		96.94
	Strimmer (stolen)			389.00
	Shredder			101.19
	Leaf Blower			162.99
	Strimmer			279.99
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**2376.38**	2721.42
	ACCOUNT BALANCE		**991.63**	1688.96

Notes:

During 2025 the reserve fund for Morley Camping Venture was closed and the assets of £438.41 released to the general funds of the church

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2025

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Current account		1495.73	1901.07
Lloyds Deposit account		3155.38	14611.97
Petty cash		635.74	1418.17
		5286.85	17931.21
OTHER ASSETS			
25 IT Equipment	119.43		
24 IT Equipment*	50.00		199.97
Microphones**	Nil		135.00
Music Books	62.00		82.50
Laptop Computer	30.00		40.00
490 XRP Tokens @ £1.37	687.29		812.46
LIABILITIES			
none	Nil		Nil

Note:
* Some of the 24 IT Equipment has been superceded by 2025 improvements and is now scrap.
** The microphones are faulty and have been scrapped

The Assests of Zion Chapel, Zion House and the associated grounds are managed by Morley Community Church but the property is owned by 'The Trustees of Zion Chapel, Morley' and therefore is not part of the assets of the Morley Community Church Trust.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Morley Community Church
Charity No. 1083023

I report on the accounts of Morley Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

to keep accurate accounting records has not been met.

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

Audited by ADAM CLAYTON

Signed A Clayton

Date 17/2/26.

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1083023

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Charity Registration Number 1083023

Correspondence to:
Dr Raymond Baker
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Trustees:
Raymond Baker
Andrew Dalton
Rowan Taylor

We confirm that this report and accounts are an accurate statement of activities and accounts for this year

…….. (Trustee)

…….. (Trustee)

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024 for CHARITY COMMISSION

Summary of Objectives
Morley Community Church Trust exists to
(A) To advance the christian faith in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfill such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust

(B) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world. All the activities by Morley Community Church described in this report fulfill these two objectives and have provided direct benefit to the public.

Public Benefit

The public have benefited through a range of activities and projects that have invited them to develop their spiritual awareness and grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. This has been through Sunday services, bible studies & prayer sessions, pastoral care by leaders and members. Age-related activities have been provided for children, young and older people. All of these activities have been open to the general public, whom we have regularly invited by means of distribution of leaflets, parish magazines, press articles, the church website, social media and display of banners and publicity boards near the church premises. The Christian faith has been shared in both word and deed through a multitude of activities and projects. The church has organized activities and projects often linked with other organizations (other churches, Christian agencies and secular organizations) to achieve this objective. The church is concerned about issues of poverty, deprivation and social justice. It is working to promote community cohesion through innovative social projects and initiatives. The church has been active in providing youth activities for local young people as well as offering support to the elderly in the town. People suffering from hardship, poverty, sickness and distress have been helped in practical ways both in Morley and surrounding area plus other parts of the world. Examples would be gifts of food, parcels, calendars and other items to local poor and elderly people. The church has been able to donate 21 sacks of clothes and bric a brac etc to Leeds City Mission for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or to other agencies. A total of 449 supermarket trays of food plus 400 items of fruit have been obtained and distributed in this way. 260 surplus flower bunches have been delivered to scores of different individuals (eg housebound pensioners). Recycled aluminium foil and cans have been recycled and the money raised has been sent to support the work of good causes. 557 used greetings cards were collected and recycled into gift tags. 39 christmas presents were distributed to families in need. The benefit to the public has been recognized by local civic leaders. Full details are found in the various sections in this report.

Please note – throughout this report figures in brackets usually denote the previous years' (2023) (2022) (2021) (2020), (2019), figures. Statistics indicated by an asterix ***** represent historical figures for January – March 2020 only (pandemic year).

Morley Community Church is now approaching its silver jubilee. The church was founded in 2000 and over the last quarter of a century has sought to bring the gospel message and practical Christian compassion to the town. This annual report gives a comprehensive overview of all that has happened in 2024 as Morley Community Church has sought to fulfill its calling.

<u>Sunday Services</u>

Most Sunday services have been held in Zion Chapel, Merlyn-Rees Avenue.

There have been 55 (57) (57) (55) worship, devotional and guest services. Four (6) (5) (2) services had a missionary focus, five (5) (5) were special guest services.

Service venues –Zion Chapel– 54 (54), Jubilee Court – 1 (2), (2),

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues & Capernwray bible student team, a total of 196 (248) (222) (122) (54*) (95) different adults and 22 (30) (12) (3) (2*) (12) teenagers attended these 55 (57) (57) (55) (12) services/events in 2024. The majority of these have been close family or friends who have visited us for an occasional service or people who have responded to an invitation to a special service. Two of these visitors have made Morley Community Church their spiritual home and were regular in their attendance at worship services and other activities by the close of the year. There are approximately 27 people who may be classified as regular worshippers. Current church membership roll is 16 people.

Historically Morley is a white working class town. We have been blessed in 2024 by the presence of people from overseas coming to live in Morley and work in this part of West Yorkshire. Some have identified with Morley Community Church and this is reflected in the composition of attendances at the Sunday worship service. In 2024 76.5% of attendances were white caucasian, 17% were African/Afro-Caribbean, 4.2% were Chinese, 1.2% were Asian and 1.1% other. In 2024 average attendance was 31.5 adults per service. 55% of the services attracted congregations numbering between 26-35 worshippers.

The worship service continued to focus very much on adults. There have been times of open and corporate prayer. The morning worship services have been taken by speakers from other churches as well as members of the congregation. We have also downloaded pre-recorded sermons for five services. There have been three 'open' services with people contributing testimony, prayer, scripture etc. These downloads & open services represent 15% of all services during the year. The morning worship services continued to have a varied musical style with accompaniment by a pianist and by others playing violins, guitars, plus vocalists.

There has been a wide variety of passages, topics, missionary and guest services throughout the year. The congregation has enjoyed messages on various themes and topics.

We have had 4 (6) (5) (2) (4) services with mission personnel speaking about their work – Michael Romagnoli (Caring For Life) – 18 February, Paul Linnell (Open Air Mission) 28 April, Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission) 8 September, Rowan Taylor (Barnabas Fund) 27 October.

We also had 5 (5) (5) (3) (1) (5) guest services/events – Spring Event Jubilee Court (3 March) Easter Day Service (31 March), Mayor's Civic Service (7 July) Remembrance Service (3 November), Carols by Candlelight Service (15 December).

We have been well served by visiting preachers. 20 (22) (17) (10) (17) (22) preachers plus 3 (3) (3) (5) (4) downloaded preachers have taken a total of 28 (29) (30) (22) (22) (34) services between them. These preachers have come from 7 (15) (12) (7) (12) (15) different church groupings/societies & 13 (13) (13) (8) (11) (11) different churches. Our criteria for inviting them has been that they wholeheartedly believe the Bible and are experienced in preaching it! We have enjoyed their ministry enormously and our grateful thanks go to them. There have also been 3 (3) (3) (2) (5) (2) 'open' services (7 January, 21 April, 18 August) with an opportunity for people to share a testimony, read scripture, prayer, give a message etc. These have worked well.

The visiting preachers were: George Clayson (Open Air Mission), Capernwray Bible Students x 4, Paul Linnell (Open Air Mission), Mike Morfin (Latimer Congregational, Beverley), Chuck Pietrowski (Berean Baptist, Harrogate) x 2, David Puttick (Mirfield Evangelical Church), Michael Romagnoli (Caring For Life), Paul Crossley (Tinshill Free Church), Thomas Truman (Dewsbury Gospel), Derek Ventress (Birstall Community Church), Peter Prescott (Birstall Community Church), Andy Norris (Emmanuel Baptist Church, Horsforth), Rev Albert Jackson (Dewsbury Church of the Nazarene), Paul Walker (Latimer Congregational Beverley EFCC)x 2, Rev Robert de Berry (St John's Church, Pewsey), Ian Wilson (St George's Leeds) x 3, Mark Yeadon (Bridge Community Church), Steve Wright (Beacon Church, Hebden Bridge) x 2, Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission), Ian Goodson (Grace Church, Wakefield).

In addition we have used our own personnel – 7 (9) (6) (5) (6) (7) people have taken 18 (25) (22) (26) (20) (22) services between them as follows –Andy Dalton 3 (6) (5) (17) (5) (4), Ray Baker 2 (2) (4) (3) (4) (3), Rowan Taylor 1 (1)(1)(1)(1)(1), Carl Elliott 4 (2) (3) (4) (2) (6), Joshua Gillen 4 (6) (6), Jonathan Chua – 3 (2), Abraham Amioleman – 1 (1). The church deacons took 18% of services while other lay members of the congregation took a further 15% of the services. In addition there have been 3 (3) (3) (2) (5) (2) open services where people have been able to share, pray, and contribute. Also 5 download services.

We have kept detailed records of attendances and also a record of all songs sung at all services in the year. We have sung a total of 155 (150) (172) (138) (138) different hymns and songs in 2024 of which 13 (16) (16) (18) (23) (13) were new this year. The most popular song in this period was:

Lord You Have My Heart (Mission Praise 887) Six occasions
Seek Ye First (Mission Praise 590) Six occasions

Bible Studies & Prayer

Bible studies have continued throughout the year. They were held weekly on a Wednesday evening. A number of Sunday tea time studies were held on a monthly basis up to the summer. The studies were located in members' homes. A variety of bible passages and topics were covered including studies taken from the on-line Bible Project. In the Autumn a short additional 'african style' prayer session was commenced on Friday evenings.

Church Personnel

Six deacons have served the congregation as its church officers supported by the Gap Year/Youth Workers. The church officers met six times during the year. In the absence of a pastor they have sought to meet the pastoral and practical needs of the church in various ways offering help, advice, spiritual counsel and encouragement. Practical help was provided for people struggling with life. Surplus supermarket food has been provided. Deacons have sought to promote a sense of family, unity and commitment in the life of the church.

Tina Weinreich and Mia Strebakowski from Germany continued as Gap Year/Youth Workers until July participating in the *Time For God* European Exchange Scheme. *Time For God* were unable to source any Gap Year Workers on our behalf for 2024-25. Thus in the last quarter of 2024 the church had to manage without the input of Gap Year Workers. This prompted the church leadership team to explore alternatives such as the appointment of a temporary pastor from the AIPM (American Interim Pastors Ministries) scheme. Pastor Doug Wright and his wife Connie were interviewed and invited to serve with MCC as Interim Pastor for 6-12 months. However due to visa problems their arrival has been delayed until February 2025. International Volunteers are valuable assets in the life of the congregation contributing their abilities and talents to the life of the church. Especially for Gap Year Volunteers - they acquire a portfolio of experience for their future work and lives.

A small team coordinated the musical, technical and logistical arrangements for worship services. A group of participants have made up the music group (piano, guitars, violin, sound box, vocalists) and they have assisted in providing musical accompaniment for church services

Pastoral Support

The church appointed one of the members as pastoral coordinator for an interim period and her efforts were well respected. She continued until the late summer.

Church deacons have taken 10 (10) (12) (26) (16) (9) of the 55 (57) (57) (55) (56) church services - 18% (18%) (21%), (48%) (29%) (16%) between them. Deacons met six times during 2024. Advice, encouragement and practical help have been provided to a wide range of people. Regular contact has been maintained with the congregation. Where possible practical help has been offered. The church is looking forward to the arrival of Interim Pastor Doug Wright from the USA in 2025.

Church Library – Church has continued to operate a small library of Christian books encouraging attenders to read for their spiritual profit. People are encouraged to borrow a variety of books covering devotional, bible study, biography, missionary and historical topics. A handful of new books have been donated this year. The library has approximately 200 volumes in stock.

Church Membership

In November 2023 a three part course on the privileges and responsibilities of church membership was organised led by Rev Stephen Bowers from Cornerstone Church, Brighouse. The course was well attended. The first batch of applicants were received into membership on 18 February with subsequent additions thereafter. Current church members roll is 16 full members

Premises

The church has a town centre location. It has a good public profile through good signage and graveyard/community garden activities, excellent relationships with community leaders, recommendation by reputation and/or word-of-mouth, a good website, outreach activities in schools and pensioners organisations, visiting by Gap Year Volunteer Workers, attractive and innovative programmes and warmth of welcome.

A building committee has met throughout the year considering proposals to reconfigure/renovate the premises. Structural and drainage surveys were undertaken and Martin Walsh Associates (Architects) of Dewsbury were commissioned to draw up plans to extend the premises upwards with a new first floor over the current building footprint. A master plan was devised. Enquiries about grant funding were made to EFCC Corporation. By the close of the year it was decided that the original plan was too ambitious. Thus further work will continue in 2025 to devise a modified renovation scheme that can be completed in phases.

A law practice (Wrigley Solicitors, Leeds) was commissioned by the trustees to explore updating the legal status of the church premises and investigate the feasibility of creating a new legal entity incorporating registration with the Charity Commission and a CLG (Company Limited by Guarantee). This work is on-going

Community Garden Project

A volunteer team managed by Rowan Taylor continues to renovate the graveyard and create Zion Community Garden (ZCG).

Key work undertaken:

- Maintained lawn and grass areas around graves
- Grew edible and ornamental plants in grave raised beds
- Generated compost, leaf mould, wood chip and plant food for use in the garden
- Created bog bed
- Created new shrub and perennial border
- Installed water butt and wormery
- Ran fortnightly Saturday morning volunteer drop-in sessions (March - October)

Total number of volunteer hours: 1090

Number of volunteers: 38 (24 regular attendees of MCC; 5 friends and family; 9 Open Country Wakefield volunteers)

Total graves in cultivation – 24

Grants/donations:

- £1500 Climate Action Leeds Small Grant
- £1000 Morley Glass Green Vision Grant
- £525 Individual donations
- £25 Worth of plants from Morrisons

Planting:

- Selection of perennials and shrubs
- Selection of annual edibles
- 20 Bog plants

Art in the Garden:

- Six Saturday morning workshops (January, March, May, July, September, December)
- Run by ZCG volunteers
- Average attendance: 20
- Total number of visitors: 30

Garden Party:

Multiple stalls and games run by ZCG volunteers

Raised £166

One of the disappointing issues in 2024 is that some the garden power tools were stolen and we are grateful to Morley Glass for providing a grant to replace these items

Footpath

In 2022 a new pathway was constructed (with assistance from Housing Association Places4People) connecting the side entrance of the church with the car park of Haydn Court to facilitate access for local people. In a sample survey an average of 16 perambulations per day (112 each week) were made through the graveyard from/to Haydn Court. This has continued to be a significant success with increasing numbers of people using Zion Community Garden as a place of relaxation and reflection and assisting elderly people make shorter/simpler journeys to the town shopping area.

Outreach

Outreach Week:

The annual outreach week with a team of eight students from Capernwray Bible School took place from 1 - 10 March. They had an intense eight days of outreach. *The Life & Times of Christ* Bible Exhibition was delivered in 8 primary schools with 14 presentations, 541 pupils plus 27 accompanying staff attending. 460 copies of the Day One book *'Romans, Gladiators & Games'* were given out to pupils as a workbook. 31 pensioners attended the Luncheon in the Labour Rooms. Two literature drop sessions circulating around the target area of the church were organised. A Coffee morning in Zion Chapel (11 attendees) was a useful piece of work. All the activities helped the church raise its profile and mission in Morley

Remembrance Service – Sunday 3 November

A Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony focussed on the war graves in the churchyard from both World Wars was held the Sunday *before* Remembrance Day.

The church invited former Army Padre Rev Albert Jackson to lead and speak at this service. He was able to manage the service and share the gospel message to a chapel full of people.

The service targeted two detachments of Air Cadets (96 Squadron Dewsbury & 168 Squadron South Leeds) which attract a number of Morley young people amongst their ranks. The Cadet Detachment paraded to the church via Seigen Close, Wesley Street & Westfield Road in which there was a 'March Past & Salute' of the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (DL Yvonne Stocks), Mayor and Deputy Mayor. There were 5 civic dignitaries, 4 councillors, MP Mark Sewards, 13 cadets, 5 family members of cadets, 3 military personnel, 4 Royal British Legion personnel, 11 'others' plus church regulars in attendance. A talk with powerpoint pictures of the men who were killed was delivered by the church secretary. Relatives of casualties also attended – one of whom shared family memories of her uncle (Herbert Holdsworth) killed at Arnhem in 1944.

At the conclusion of the service the dignitaries, guests and congregation gathered outside the chapel in the graveyard. The Last Post was sounded, the standard bearers lowered their flags and Mayor, Councillors, Cadets, Legion members, MP, serving member of the Armed Forces, relatives and others laid their wreaths on the graves. 13 Air Cadet Military Testaments were presented to the Cadets by the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (supplied by Good News For Everyone). A Civic Presentation Bible was also presented to the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire

This endeavour was well worth organising. It took a lot of advance planning. It was deliberately held on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday itself as it is normally a very busy day for such groups as the British Legion, Air Cadets & civic dignitaries. Guests significantly outnumbered regular worshippers.

Pensioners Spring Event – Jubilee Court 3 March.
25 residents and friends/family from Jubilee Court attended this seasonal event. It was organized by the team of Capernwray Bible Students supported by the church. This included a quiz, song, gospel presentation concluding with a delicious tea together.

Carols by Candlelight Service Sunday 15 December
A congregation of 38 adults attended this seasonal service. A leaflet drop (1000 leaflets) was undertaken in the preceding week and some people attended as a direct result of this. With dimmed lights and lighted candles, a service of readings, carols, nativity play was followed by a clear, engaging multi media presentation by Ian Wilson from Leeds. It was a most enjoyable and useful seasonal outreach evening.

Literature Distribution

Day One Living Word Calendars
A total of 800 (1883) (1260) (1430) (1430) (500) calendars (2025 edition) were distributed in December. These were via a targeted letterbox drop in areas surrounding the church and also three Sheltered Housing Complexes (Schofield, Jubilee and Chartist Courts) in the town, MEA Office reception and the Town Hall coffee morning, personal friends, contacts etc. A further 244 surplus calendars (2024 edition) were distributed in the Outreach Week in March.
Day One Diaries 2025
24 (24) (362) (100) (25) (80) diaries were distributed this year via church members, Morley Elderly Action and other networks at Christmas.
Its Your Move – 288 *Its Your Move* booklets were distributed to Year 6 leavers in 6 primary schools – Churwell (60), Newlands (60), Seven Hills (45), Asquith (60), Victoria (60), Queenswood (3). This booklet is a Scripture Union publication and helps children understand the next big move in their life.
Seasonal Literature – a small number of greetings cards , Real Easter Eggs and Real Advent Calendars were sourced from the Leeds City Mission *Christian Book & Card Booth* for purchase/use/distribution by people attending the church. These all contained scripture texts or a bible story booklet.
Prize Books – 18 books/DVDs were presented to Year 4 pupils who attended the Chattabox Club at Seven Hills Primary School. A further 14 Bible Story colouring books were presented to who attended the Faith Club at Asquith Primary School.
Scriptures – 13 Air Cadet Military Testaments were presented to the Cadets at the Remembrance Service. A Civic Presentation Bible was also given to the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire at the same service. The church also made a donation towards the cost of 190 schools New Testaments to Year 7 pupils at a Morley High School by the local branch of GNFE.

Schools

The church has continued relationships with seven primary schools in the town. These have included lunchtime clubs in three schools at different times of the year, presentation of school leaver *Its Your Move* booklets, visit of the annual bible exhibition workshops. Two schools welcomed the two church Gap Year Volunteers on a secondment day each week so that they could support teachers, gain insight into the British educational system and contribute to the international and cultural understanding of pupils.

Older People

All Gap Year Workers have attended weekly coffee mornings both in the Town Hall and at Jubilee Court OAP Sheltered Housing Scheme engaging pensioners in conversation and friendship. The outcome of this has been reflected in the numbers who have subsequently attended events eg Spring Event, Pensioners Luncheon, Pensioners Tea. The vast majority of these elderly folks are long standing Morley families, thus we are establishing a presence and relationships with family networks which have been around for generations. Morley Elderly Action officers have appreciated the input of the church recognising its positive contribution to the well being of older people in the town.

Missionary

We believe it is important to support the work of the gospel both in the UK and to the wider world and have done this in a number of ways

We have had 4 (6) (5) (2) (4) (8) services with mission personnel/representatives speaking about their work – Michael Romagnoli (Caring For Life) – 18 February, Paul Linnell (Open Air Mission) 28 April, Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission) 8 September, Rowan Taylor (Barnabas Fund) 27 October.

A TEAR Fund Quiz Evening was held on Saturday 16 November. A church gathering saw 21 attendees (7 visitors) who enjoyed the BIG QUIZ evening. £305 was raised for this relief agency.

A gift of £300 was sent to *Good News For Everyone* (formerly The Gideons) to assist with the supply of New Testaments to Year 7 pupils at a local High School

A gift of £300 was forwarded to the International Miners Mission

We have prayed for a number of missionaries in our prayer sessions.

Home Missions
Leeds City Mission – practical help has been given to Leeds City Mission to support their work – 21 (14) (28) (49) (48) (55) sacks of clothes and rags, and various other items were donated for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. 156 (147) (156) (96) (44) (42) trays of food were donated to their *Pantry Project*. 267 (285) (250) plastic milk cartons were also collected and donated for use in the *Pantry Project*. Quantities of used postage stamps were also donated to LCM in their fundraising efforts. In addition 557 (930) greetings cards were collected and donated to LCM use for conversion into gift tags. A congregation member created a total of 7987 gift tags from these and other cards which were donated to Leeds City Mission. All of the Gap Year Workers have each assisted (on average one day each week) in the LCM Charity Shop now located in the LCM Hub in Armley, Leeds.

Dewsbury Community Outreach
Three members of the church are trustees of Dewsbury Community Outreach (DCO) and one further person from the church help on a regular basis at this charity. Other members of the church support it financially. The Gap Year Workers also spent one day a week assisting at DCO. This charity operates out of 74 Daisy Hill Dewsbury and caters for the physical and spiritual well being of disadvantaged people by providing a drop-in where free meals are available and food, clothing, toiletries and household goods are given away for free. The charity also provide wellbeing support and assistance with housing and other issues.

Youth & Children

Yzup
Yzup youth club focussed on 11-15 year olds has continued on Tuesday evenings meeting in the church hall. The programme is a mixture of activities, trips, craft, food, discussions. 36 sessions have been organised with a staff team of four church members and two gap year workers assisted in running the club in 2024.

Youth Workers
Gap Year Volunteers Tina Weinreich and Mia Strebakowski (Germany) continued in their work until late July. The church has now welcomed a total of 25 Gap Year Volunteers since 2006.

The recruitment of Gap Year Workers has played an important part in the life of the church and its ability to organise and deliver youth and children's projects such as Yzup Club, school lunchtime clubs as well as making a positive contribution to wider church life and community contact. Both were placed one day each week in a local primary school and also attend two coffee mornings to develop relationships with older people. They were also placed one day each week either with Dewsbury Community Outreach or Leeds City Mission helping in mercy ministries with those at the edge of society. They gained valuable experience for the future. We are grateful for the support of *Time For God* scheme which enabled the church to run this programme until July 2024. It was a disappointment to everyone not to be able to recruit new Gap Year Workers for 2024/25

Sunday School & Creche

A small Sunday School was organised throughout the year running parallel with the morning worship service. Four boys and two girls were the core attenders and are the children of regular adult worshippers in the church. Children in the 6-11 years age range made a total of 232 attendances (225 by regular core of six children plus 7 visitors making 7 visits) and 48 sessions were provided. A teachers' rota was fulfilled by five volunteers from the church congregation. Teaching topics included Ruth, Esther, Kind David, Solomon, New Testament parables and other biblical subjects.

A small creche was run concurrent with the morning service. A variety of toys and play activities were provided for children in the 1-5 years age range. A total of 112 attendances were made by 22 different children. There was a core of three regular children (73 attendances) with another 19 children making occasional visits as their parents were visiting the church service (34 attendances). A supervision rota was fulfilled by three church volunteers.

Lunchtime Clubs
Seven Hills Primary School welcomed the operation of Chattabox Club on Friday lunchtimes. Two groups of Year 4 pupils attended (one group in Spring term and one group in Summer term). Attendances were made by a total of 19 Year 4 pupils averaging 9 pupils each week (167 total attendances) and a total of 20 sessions were held in the year. 'Faith Club' was run at Asquith Primary School in conjunction with Beth Burbidge (youth & community worker at St Peter's Church) for a number of weeks in the Spring/Summer terms. This was repeated at Victoria Primary School in the same time period.

Bridgebuilding

Since its inception Morley Community Church has recognized the need to develop and maintain meaningful relationships with individuals and families. In previous years press articles in the local newspaper has helped the church to foster such relationships. The absence of a local newspaper has denied the church avenues for positive publicity which assisted this process in former years. The church has sought to compensate by developing a new website plus regular updates on Facebook.

Our relationships with Morley Elderly Action, Seven Hills, Victoria, St Francis Primary Schools, & Jubilee Court Sheltered Housing Scheme have been positive in 2024. An enhanced relationship with Asquith Primary School was strengthened by the visit of the Bible Exhibition by Capernwray Bible Students in March. Also running a lunchtime 'Faith Club' at lunchtime during the summer term in partnership with Beth Burbidge the youth & community worker at St Peter's Church. This was also repeated at Victoria Primary School.

We have continued to keep key community personnel informed to enable them to be familiar with the existence and activities of the church.

Social Action

Recycling
267 milk cartons were donated to Leeds City Mission for their *Pantry Project* (foodbank)
157 bottletops were donated to a children's play scheme (Play Hartlepool)
36 small plastic bottles were donated to Leeds City Mission for refill use for their outreach work with street people
Quantities of used postage stamps were donated to Leeds City Mission
557 used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission

Foil
Aluminium cans and foil continued to be collected, recycled and cashed in at the scrap yard. The small sum raised is reserved for missions projects.

Food
Surplus quantities of bread, confectionery, fruit, vegetables and flowers have been acquired from supermarkets – 449 (286) (274) (260) (266) (266) trays in total. This food has been distributed to people attending church, people in need & Haydn Court residents during the course of the year – 204 (113) (100) trays, Leeds City Mission – 156 (147) (156) (96) (44) trays; Gildersome Baptist 27 (17) trays, Birstall Community Church – 25 (7) trays, Bramley Pentecostal Church – 8 (2) trays, Morley Salvation Army – 26, Garforth Evangelical Church (three). 400 (410) (920) apples were picked direct from trees and given to LCM.

Fibres
9 (11) (21) (40) (43) (55) bags of second hand clothes and 1 (2) (7) (9) (5) (7) (8) bags of rags. 11 sacks of bric a brac plus other items have collected and donated to the Leeds City Mission Charity Shop (Re-Store) throughout the year

Fairs

A street stall was held in the pedestrianised area of the town centre – Saturday 2 March selling a variety of clothes, bric a brac and books with profit being donated to LCM. This was not primarily a fund raising event but for 'awareness raising' of the presence of the church plus literature distribution.

Christmas
A total of 39 (35) (60) (39) (64) (28) presents were obtained from a charity & individuals. 24 were used with local Morley families in need and 15 (19) (23) (52) (20) (39) presents were passed to Leeds City Mission for use with needy children/young people at Christmas in connection with their Toy Project. 557 used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission for recycling into seasonal gift tags. LCM donated back 420 greetings tags and these were then distributed to a couple of local organisations – Town Hall Coffee Morning – 120, MEA Office – 200.

Emergency Support
Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or via other agencies outlined above in the 'Food' paragraph.

Flowers
24 (20) (13) appropriate graves have been used as raised beds for growing edible and ornamental plants. 260 (270) (121) (41) surplus flower bunches supplied by supermarkets have been delivered to 25 (59) (60) (25) different individuals (eg housebound pensioners) and these have been gratefully received. Also different churches – Gildersome Baptist – 19 bunches, Bramley Pentecostal – 12 bunches, Salvation Army – 8 bunches, Birstall Community Church – 38 bunches, Garforth EC – 11 bunches, Drighlington Methodist – 8 bunches, LCM Hub – 22 bunches, Dewsbury Nazarene – 6 bunches

Environmental
Under the management of Rowan Taylor the transformation of the church graveyard into a Community Garden continued throughout the year. The team has maintained lawn and grass areas, created a wildlife pond, a new bulb area and a wildflower border, grown edible and ornamental plants in 24 grave raised beds, generated a range of composts, installed a water butt and wormery, created a bog bed plus new shrub and perennial border. A selection of perennials & annual edibles have been planted. 20 bog plants plus many bulbs have been planted by 38 volunteers – largely at the fortnightly Saturday morning volunteer drop-in sessions in the Spring and Summer. £3050 plus items in kind have been obtained through grants. Six 'Art in the Garden' mornings have been successfully organised.

Publicity

The publicity boards are put out each Sunday and signs are displayed outside the front gates of the church on Merlyn Rees Avenue. Also by the boundary wall with Haydn Court. A banner continues to drape the old Zion Chapel noticeboard at the front of the car park.

We continued to advertise on the world wide web and can be found in the "*Find A Church*" Directory (findachurch.co.uk) - www.morleycommunitychurch.org.uk. This website has elicited a number of visitors to the church. We also have a publicity page on Facebook.

We are listed on the Leeds Network Directory of Churches website. Also the EFCC website, EA Directory and Affinity Directory.

The demise of the local newspaper in 2020 has meant there has been no local news coverage in print for the church. However it has been possible to publish some news on Facebook – there have been 15 postings in 2024. The Community Garden Project has its own Facebook page

There have been five editions of the church magazine in the year. Circulation is usually 100 copies but we estimate approximately 250 people read it. The magazine is primarily designed for people who are not regular in church activities. Its significance is that it has provided a public face externally raising our profile locally in the church and bringing a sense of identity and common purpose within the congregation. Articles are syndicated to two other churches for use in their magazines. We sent the church magazine to most church ministers in Morley and the leaders of every evangelical church in a five mile radius.

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

	£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES			
Lloyds Bank accounts & Petty Cash		39,461.21	32,893.30
RECEIPTS			
Donations	17976.54		20,162.26
Gift Aid Tax Refund	4130.43		4101.74
Zion House Rent	7722.00		6318.00
Zion Chapel Rent	540.00		
Bank Interest	291.37		292.58
YZup - Trip income	44.70		
Other Churches			526.00
Heart For Truth/ Shout Aloud			450.00
Fountain Tots			78.42
		30,705.04	31,929.00
Reserved Funds			
Zion Community Garden (See R1)		3025.04	2346.33
Morley Camping Venture (See R2)		0.00	3353.96
Specified Donations			
for Tear Fund	305.00		475.00
for Leeds City Mission	909.11		270.00
for Salvation Army	84.00		
for Good News For Everyone	80.00		
for Dream School Ukraine			70.00
for Mayors Charity			41.25
for IMM			20.00
		1,378.11	876.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**35,108.19**	**38,505.54**
PAYMENTS			
Reserved Funds			
Zion Community Garden (See R1)		2721.42	972.72
Morley Camping Venture (See R2)		0.00	3438.60
Charitable Donations			
Dream School Ukraine			1070.00
Leeds City Mission	1125.59		837.50
International Miners Mission	300.00		600.00
Tear Fund	305.00		485.00
Open Air Mission	1200.00		300.00
Good News for Everyone	380.00		300.00
Open Doors	300.00		
SASRA			300.00
Mayors Charity			200.00
		3,610.59	4,092.50

Outreach			
Booklets/Bibles/Videos for School Work	1286.98		1904.80
Calendars, Diaries, Christmas	1100.64		
Capernwray Students	493.59		487.58
YZup	218.95		234.21
Special Services (food, BS books etc.)	164.20		576.85
Pensioners Events	89.00		166.25
Chattabox & Gardening Club	30.46		20.54
Sunday School			128.95
		3,383.82	3,519.18
Pastoral Support			
Youth Worker's Living Costs	8829.55		6390.62
Youth Workers Expenses	2314.15		2619.05
Pastoral Workers Costs	5946.43		
Pastoral Workers Expenses	285.80		
Minister's Costs	825.76		
		18,201.69	9,009.67
Zion Building			
Architect	2850.00		1980.00
Utilities	1116.50		1215.24
Zion Chapel Repairs	326.47		1027.71
Zion House Roof	11880.00		
Zion House Boiler	1800.00		
Zion House Maintenance	91.49		495.00
Consumables	50.63		24.40
		18,115.09	4,742.35
Other			
Solicitor	6000.00		
Insurance	1729.58		1608.72
Membership Subscriptions	1172.00		1111.00
Speakers' Expenses	1045.00		1315.00
Publicity	283.25		528.07
DBS Checks	150.00		194.00
Administration	25.98		76.46
Heart of Truth/Shout Aloud			950.00
		10,405.81	5,783.25
Capital			
IT Equipment	199.77		
Microphones			236.11
Music Books			143.25
		199.77	379.36
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**56,638.19**	**31,937.63**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**-21,530.00**	**6,567.91**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Current & Deposit Bank accounts	16513.04		38,807.65
Petty cash	1418.17		653.56
		17,931.21	**39,461.21**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
Baker	RAY BAKER	24/3/25
	ROWAN TAYLOR	24/3/25

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RESERVED FUNDS
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2024

R1 ZION COMMUNITY GARDEN

		£	£	Last Year £
	Opening Balance		1385.34	11.73
RECEIPTS				
	Community Foundation Grant			1500.00
	Gifts	525.04		846.33
	Morley Glass	1000		
	Leeds Community	1500		
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		**3025.04**	2346.33
PAYMENTS				
	Plants and Equipment	1691.31		891.45
	Strimmer (stolen)	389.00		
	Shredder	101.19		
	Leaf Blower	162.99		
	Strimmer	279.99		
	Water & Fuel	96.94		81.27
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**2721.42**	972.72
	ACCOUNT BALANCE		**1688.96**	1385.34

R2 MORLEY CAMPING VENTURE

		£	£	Last Year £
	Opening Balance		438.41	523.05
RECEIPTS				
	Campers Fees			970.00
	Morley Town Council Grant			750.00
	Newlands & Denshaw Res. Assn.			672.96
	Gifts			600.00
	Childhaven Trust			300.00
	Bookstall & Tuck Shop			61.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		**0.00**	3353.96
PAYMENTS				
	Mini-bus			900.00
	Rides, Attractions and Activities			532.40
	Premises			540.00
	Travel Expenses			497.22
	Food & Tuck Shop			444.71
	Speakers Expenses			300.00
	Prizes & Gifts			224.27
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**0.00**	3438.60
	ACCOUNT BALANCE		**438.41**	438.41

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2024

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Current account	1901.07		1237.05
Lloyds Deposit account	14611.97		37570.60
Petty cash	1418.17		653.56
		17931.21	39461.21
OTHER ASSETS			
IT Equipment	199.97		
Microphones	135.00		180.00
Music Books	82.50		110.00
Laptop Computer	40.00		52.50
490 XRP Tokens @ £1.65	812.46		242.85
LIABILITIES			
none	Nil		Nil

Note:
The Assests of Zion Chapel, Zion House and the associated grounds are managed by Morley Community Church but the property is owned by 'The Trustees of Zion Chapel, Morley' and therefore is not part of the assets of the Morley Community Church Trust.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Morley Community Church
Charity No. 1083023

I report on the accounts of Morley Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

to keep accurate accounting records has not been met.

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

Audited by ADAM CLAYTON.

Signed A Clayton.

Date 20/3/25.

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1083023

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Charity Registration Number 1083023

Correspondence to:
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Raymond Baker
Andrew Dalton
Rowan Taylor

We confirm that this report and accounts are an accurate statement of activities and accounts for this year

…….. (Trustee)

…….. (Trustee)

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023 for CHARITY COMMISSION

Summary of Objectives

Morley Community Church Trust exists to
(A) To advance the Christian faith in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfill such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust

(B) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world. All the activities by Morley Community Church described in this report fulfill these two objectives and have provided direct benefit to the public.

Public Benefit

The public have benefited through a range of activities and projects that have invited them to develop their spiritual awareness and grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. This has been through Sunday services, bible studies & prayer sessions, pastoral care by leaders and members. Age-related activities have been provided for children, young and older people. All of these activities have been open to the general public, whom we have regularly invited by means of distribution of leaflets, parish magazines, press articles, the church website, social media and display of banners and 'A' boards near the regular place of meeting. The Christian faith has been shared in both word and deed through a multitude of activities and projects. The church has organized activities and projects often linked with other organizations (other churches, Christian agencies and secular organizations) to achieve this objective. The church is concerned about issues of poverty, deprivation and social justice. It is working to promote community cohesion through innovative social projects and initiatives. The church has been active in providing youth activities for local young people as well as offering support to the elderly in the town. People suffering from hardship, poverty, sickness and distress have been helped in practical ways both in Morley and surrounding area plus other parts of the world. Examples would be gifts of food, parcels, calendars and other items to local poor and elderly people. The church has been able to donate 13 sacks of clothes and bric a brac to Leeds City Mission for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or to other agencies. A total of 286 trays of food plus 410 items of fruit have been obtained and distributed in this way. 270 surplus flower bunches have been delivered to scores of different individuals (eg housebound pensioners). Recycled aluminium foil and cans have been recycled and the money raised has been sent to support the work of good causes. 930 used greetings cards were collected and recycled into gift tags. 35 christmas presents were distributed to families in need. The benefit to the public has been recognized by local civic leaders. Full details are found in the various sections in this report.

Please note – throughout this report figures in brackets usually denote the previous years' (2022) (2021) (2020), (2019), (2018) figures. Statistics indicated by an asterix***** represent historical figures for January – March 2020 only (pandemic year).

A Year of Encouragement

Morley Community Church gives thanks to God for his blessings of encouragement during 2023. The number of people attending Sunday worship services continued to increase in the year. Five new people have made the church their spiritual home this year. Four of these are people who have moved to live/work in the area and one longer term resident. There have been encouraging numbers attending the midweek bible study. There have been a number of opportunities to share the gospel. Special events/guest services have been well patronized. The age profile of the church continues its downward trend. Levels of activity and velocity in church life have continued at a significant level.

Sunday Services

Most Sunday services have been held in Zion Chapel, Merlyn-Rees Avenue.

There have been 57 (57) (55) worship, devotional and evangelistic services. Six (5) (2) services had a missionary focus five (5) were guest services, one (2) (1) were joint services.

Service venues –Zion Chapel– 54 (54), Jubilee Court –2 (2), Morley Salvation Army – 1.

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues, a total of 248 (222) (122) (54*) (95) (108) different adults and 30 (12) (3) (2*) (12) (5) teenagers attended these 57 (57) (55) (12) services/events in 2023.

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues (25 in 2023), Capernwray student team (7 in 2023) - we have welcomed 190 (163) (94) (29*) (93) (108) different occasional adult visitors [defined as attending less than 10% (ie 6 in 2023) of services in the year] who have made a total of 250 (358) (199) (37*) (159) (116) visits/attendances. The majority of these have been close family or friends who have visited us for an occasional service or people who have responded to an invitation to a special service. Five of these visitors have made Morley Community Church their spiritual home and were regular in their attendance at worship services and other activities by the close of the year. At the same time three people have moved from the area to live and work elsewhere in the UK

Looking at the details of the adult visitors - it is interesting to note the following:

- 84 (48) (23) (11*) (37) (40) had some connection with another church
- 80 (52) (26) (8*) (62) (52) of them were personally known to church regulars eg friend. 11 (6) were local councillors & 22 were members of local organisations invited to a special service (eg British Legion, Morley Town Crier, Morley Mayor & Mayoress, Deputy Mayor, Member of Parliament)
- 36 (21) (10) (4*) (13) (36) were relatives of church regulars
- 10 (7) were previous attenders at the church who were calling back to pay a visit
- 12 (4) (5) (1*) (2) (1) local people came in to services responding to publicity of the banners and publicity boards
- 7 (8) (4) (3*) (5) (5) people came as a direct result of awareness via the internet or press.
- Most people came through the recommendation of a friend.
- 69 (60) (63) (17*) (61) (80) people attended a special church outreach service/event eg Christmas, Remembrance, Harvest) etc
- 66 (5) (3) (0) (0) (0) people came as a result of receiving literature through the postbox/written invitation.

As the year progressed there was an incremental increase of people attending Sunday morning worship services.

The worship service continued to focus very much on adults. There have been times of open and corporate prayer. The morning worship services have been taken by speakers from other churches as well as members of the congregation. We have also downloaded pre-recorded sermons for three services. There have been three 'open' services with people contributing testimony, prayer, scripture etc. These downloads & open services represent 10% of all services during the year. The morning worship services continued to have a varied musical style with accompaniment by Rowan Taylor on the piano and by others playing violins, guitars. flute, vocalists.

There has been a wide variety of passages, topics, missionary and evangelistic services throughout the year. The congregation has enjoyed messages on various themes and topics.

We have had 6 (5) (2) (4) (8) services with mission personnel speaking about their work – Michael Romagnoli (Caring For Life) – 23 April, Andy Little (Open Air Mission) 31 April, Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission) 14 May, Terry Garde (International Miners Mission) 22 Oct, FEBA - 21 June, Rowan Taylor (Barnabas Fund) 26 November.

We also had 5 (5) (3) (1) (5) guest services/event – Spring Event Jubilee Court (26 February) Easter Day Service (9 April), Queen's Platinum Lunch (5 June), Pensioners Harvest Supper at Jubilee Court (24 September), Remembrance Service (5 November), Mayor's Carols by Candlelight Service (10 December).

We have been well served by visiting preachers. 22 (17) (10) (17) (22) (21) preachers plus 3 (3) (5) (4) downloaded preachers have taken a total of 29 (30) (22) (22) (34) services between them. These preachers have come from 15 (12) (7) (12) (15) different church groupings/societies & 13 (13) (8) (11) (11) different churches. Our criteria for inviting them has been that they wholeheartedly believe the Bible and are experienced in preaching it! We have enjoyed their ministry enormously and our grateful thanks go to them. There have also been 3 (3) (2) (5) (2) (4) 'open' services (1 January, 16 April, 6 August) with an opportunity for people to share a testimony, read scripture, prayer, give a message etc. These have worked well.

Brad Balmer (Redeemer Church, Leeds) x 2, Nathan Bowers (Mirfield Evangelical Church), Steve Bowers (Cornerstone Church, Brighouse) x 2, Capernwray Bible Students x 2, Terry Garde (IMM), Andy Little (OAM), Mike Morfin (Latimer Congregational, Beverley), Chuck Pietrowski (Berean Baptist, Harrogate) x 2, David Puttick (Mirfield Evangelical Church), Michael Romagnoli (Caring For Life), Paul Crossley (Tinshill Free Church), Thomas Truman (Dewsbury Gospel), Steve Lancaster (Word for the World), Paul Walker (Latimer Congregational Beverley EFCC), Mike Plant (Middlesbrough), Ian Wilson (St George's Leeds) x 2,
Mark Yeadon (Bridge Community Church), Steve Wright (Vale Baptist, Cornholme) x 2, Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission), Ian Goodson (Grace Church, Wakefield), Army Scripture Reader Steve Dougherty (SASRA). FEBA Representatives

In addition we have used our own personnel – 9 (6) (5) (6) (7) people have taken 25 (22) (26) (20) (22) services between them as follows –Andy Dalton 6 (5) (17) (5) (4) (12), Tony Lee 2 (3) (6) (7) (3) (3), Ray Baker 2 (4) (3) (4) (3) (3), Rowan Taylor 1 (1)1 (1) (1) (1), Carl Elliott 2 (3) (4) (2) (6) (1), Joshua Gillen 6 (6), Gap Year Volunteers – 1, Jonathan Chua – 2, Abraham Amioleman – 1. The church deacons took 18% of services while other lay members of the congregation took a further 23% of the services. In addition there have been 3 (3) (2) (5) (2) (4) open services where people have been able to share, pray, and contribute. Also 3 download services.

We have kept detailed records of attendances and also a record of all songs sung at all services in the year We have sung a total of 150 (172) (138) (138) different hymns and songs in 2023 of which 16 (16) (18) (23) (13) were new this year. The most popular song in this period was:

Great is they Faithfulness 6 occasions

Bible Studies & Prayer

Bible studies have continued throughout the year. They were held weekly on a Wednesday evening plus six Sunday tea time studies located in members' homes. A variety of bible passages and topics were covered including studies taken from the on-line bible Project.

Church Personnel

Four deacons have served the congregation as its church officers supported by the Gap Year/Youth Workers. The church officers met nine times during the year. In the absence of a pastor they have sought to meet the pastoral and practical needs of the church in various ways offering help, advice, spiritual counsel and encouragement. Practical help was provided for people struggling with life. Surplus supermarket food has been provided. Deacons have sought to promote a sense of family, unity and commitment in the life of the church.

Annadora Cziczo and Rebeka Kovacs from Hungary continued as Gap Year/Youth Workers until July. In September two new Gap Year Volunteers (from Germany) arrived to replace them – Mia Strebakowski and Tina Weinreich. They were introduced to the church by *Time For God* from their European Exchange Scheme. They have spent their first few months gaining confidence and experience in youth work (Yzup and Chattabox Clubs), working with families, pensioners, schoolchildren and youth, adapting to English culture and British church life. Gap Year Volunteers are valuable assets in the life of the congregation. All Gap Year Volunteers contribute their abilities and talents to the life of the church and acquire a portfolio of experience for their future work and lives.

A small team coordinated the musical, technical and logistical arrangements for worship services. A group of participants have made up the music group (piano, guitars, flute, violin, sound box, vocalists) and they have assisted in providing musical accompaniment for church services

Pastoral Support

Church deacons have taken 10 (12) (26) (16) (9) (18) of the 57 (57) (55) (56) church services 18% (21%), (48%) (29%) (16%) between them. Deacons met seven times during 2023. Advice, encouragement and practical help have been provided to a wide range of people. Regular contact has been maintained with the congregation. Where possible practical help has been offered.

Church Library – Church has continued to operate a small library of Christian books encouraging attenders to read for their spiritual profit. People are encouraged to borrow a variety of books covering devotional, bible study, biography, missionary and historical topics. A handful of new books have been donated this year. The library has approximately 200 volumes in stock.

Church Membership/Church Constitution

In 2023 the church leadership conducted a catch-up exercise after the unsettlement of two changes of venue and the Covid-19 pandemic. A comprehensive constitution was written and approved by a church meeting on 16 April. In November a three part course on the privileges and responsibilities of church membership was facilitate (on invitation) by Rev Steve Bowers from Brighouse. The course was well attended. It is hoped to welcome the first batch of members in early Spring 2024

Premises

The increase in numbers attending church services/activities in 2022 has continued this year. A town centre location, public visibility through good signage and graveyard/community garden activities, excellent relationships with community leaders, recommendation by reputation and/or word-of-mouth, a revamped website, outreach activities in schools and pensioners organisations, visiting by Gap Year Volunteer Workers, attractive and innovative programmes, warmth of welcome have all been used in God's purposes bringing numerical growth to the congregation.

A building committee has been appointed and has steered planning for the proposed reconfiguration/renovation of the premises. Some draft proposals/plans were considered and the decision was made to extend the premises upwards with a new first floor over the current building footprint. After structural and drainage surveys martin Walsh Associates of Dewsbury have been commissioned to draw up detailed plans for consideration.

The plans for renovation/extension will go forward in 2024.

Community Garden Project

A volunteer team managed by Rowan Taylor continues to renovate the graveyard and create Zion Community Garden (ZCG).

Key work undertaken:

- Maintained lawn and grass areas around graves
- Grew edible and ornamental plants in grave raised beds
- Created wildlife pond
- Generated compost, leaf mould, wood chip and plant food for use in the garden
- Created wildflower border
- Created new bulb areas
- Installed bird boxes, bat boxes, insect hotels and hedgehog house
- Ran fortnightly Saturday morning volunteer drop-in sessions (March - October)

Total number of volunteer hours: 1130

Number of volunteers: 40 (25 regular attendees of MCC; 5 friends and family; 10 Open Country Wakefield volunteers)
Total graves in cultivation – 20

Grants/donations:

- £1500 Climate Action Leeds Microgrant
- £880 Individual donations
- £50 Worth of plants from Morrisons
- Four bird boxes, two bat boxes and two insect hotels from Groundwork

Planting:

- Selection of perennials
- Selection of annual edibles
- 3350 Bulbs
- 17 Pond plants

Art in the Garden:

- Three Saturday morning workshops (July, September, November)
- Two workshops run by external artist, one workshop run by ZCG volunteers
- Average attendance: 37 (18 visitors)

Footpath

In 2022 a new pathway was constructed (with assistance from Housing Association Places4People) connecting the side entrance of the church with the car park of Haydn Court to facilitate access for local people. In a sample survey an average of 16 perambulations (112 each week) were made through the graveyard from/to Haydn Court. This has significantly increased the number of people using the graveyard and assisted elderly people in making shorter/simpler journey to the town shopping area.

Outreach

Outreach Week:
The annual outreach week with a team of eight students from Capernwray Bible School took place in late February. They had an intense eight days of outreach. The *Journey Through the Old Testament* Bible Exhibition was delivered in 6 primary schools with 11 presentations, 476 pupils plus 28 accompanying staff attending. 454 copies of the Day One book *'Pharaohs, Kings & Bandits'* were given out to pupils as a workbook plus 4 copies of *Through the British Museum With the Bible* to accompanying teachers. 48 pensioners attended the Luncheon in the Labour Rooms. Two literature drop sessions circulating around the target area of the church. Coffee mornings at Chartist Court (12 attendees) and in Zion Chapel (9 attendees) were small in numbers but useful in their own right. All the activities helped the church restart its activities and its interface with the local public after the Covid pandemic.

Remembrance Service – Sunday 5 November
A Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony focussed on the war graves in the churchyard from both World Wars was held the Sunday *before* Remembrance Day.

The church invited Army Scripture Reader Steve Dougherty from SASRA to lead and speak at this service. He was able to manage the service and share a message of hope to a chapel full of people.

The service targeted the local Batley Detachment E (The Rifles) Company Yorkshire (N&W) Army Cadet Force based in Birstall but attracting a substantial number of Morley young people amongst its ranks. The Cadet Detachment paraded to the church via Peel Street in which there was a 'March Past & Salute' of the Mayor, Mayoress & Deputy Mayor. There were 5 civic dignitaries, 10 councillors, 16 cadets, 14 family members of cadets, 4 military personnel, 4 Royal British Legion personnel, 7 'others' plus church regulars in attendance. Local MP Andrea Jenkyns attended and rendered a solo song. A talk with powerpoint pictures of the men who were killed was delivered by the church secretary. Relatives of casualties also attended.

At the conclusion of the service the dignitaries, guests and congregation gathered outside the chapel in the graveyard. The Last Post was sounded, the standard bearers lowered their flags and Mayor, Councillors, Cadets, Legion members, MP, serving member of the Armed Forces, relatives and others laid their wreaths on the graves. Steve Dougherty also laid a wreath of behalf of SASRA. Refreshments were served at the conclusion. 16 Military Testaments were presented to the Cadets by the Mayor (supplied by Good News For Everyone). Additional copies were taken by the Detachment Commander for use with others at Barracks.

This endeavour was well worth organising. It took a lot of advance planning. It was deliberately held on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday itself as it is normally a very busy day for such groups as the British Legion, Army Cadets & civic dignitaries. Guests significantly outnumbered regular worshippers.

Pensioners Spring Event – Jubilee Court 26 February.
23 residents and friends from Jubilee Court attended this seasonal event. It was organized by the team of Capernwray Bible Students supported by the church. This included a quiz, song, gospel presentation concluding with a delicious tea together.

Pensioners Harvest Supper – Jubilee Court 24 September
18 residents and friends from Jubilee Court attended this seasonal event. It was organized by the church and featured input from the new Gap Year Volunteers. This included a quiz, song, gospel presentation concluding with a delicious tea together.

Mayor's Carols by Candlelight Service Sunday 10 December
A large congregation of 51 people attended this seasonal service – 42% of whom were visitors. A leaflet drop (1600 leaflets and 1883 calendars) was undertaken in the preceding week and some people attended as a direct result of this. With dimmed lights and lighted calendars a service of readings, carols, nativity play was followed by a clear, engaging multi media presentation of the gospel by dentist Ian Wilson from Leeds It was a most enjoyable and successful evening.

Day One Living Word Gospel Calendars:
A total of 1883 (1260) (1430) (1430) (500) (495) of these beautiful colour calendars with photographs (2024 edition) were distributed in December. These were via a targeted letterbox drop in areas surrounding the church and also three Sheltered Housing Complexes (Schofield, Jubilee and Chartist Courts) in the town, MEA Office reception and the Town Hall coffee morning, personal friends, contacts etc. A further 6600 surplus calendars (2023 edition) were distributed in the Outreach Week

Day One Gospel Diaries 2024
24 (362) (100) (25) (80) (80) diaries were distributed this year (cf 52 last year) via church members, Morley Elderly action and other networks at Christmas.

Greetings Cards
Seasonal greetings cards with scripture texts were sourced from the LCM Book & Card Booth for purchase/use by people attending the church. This is a means of providing relevant and sensitive cards for use with friends & relatives. A total of 216 cards (46 easter & 170 christmas) were sold.

Real Easter Egg
This unique egg has the easter message on the box and a bible booklet about Easter inside the box. 18 eggs were sold or distributed

Real Advent Calendar
This includes an accompanying nativity story Bible Booklet. 8 Real Advent Calendars were sold/distributed.

Both easter eggs and calendars provided opportunities to pass on vital seasonal Christian literature to children/families

Schools

The church has continued its relationship with Seven Hills Primary School. The Headteacher continued to welcome the church running a weekly Chattabox Club (Year 4). Weekly sessions of an After School Club for Year 6 pupils were held on Wednesday afternoons in the Summer term. All these provide good opportunities to teach bible stories and Christian values and help pupils in their spiritual development. It was also possible to place Gap Year Worker Rebeka Kovacs in school to help in Year 5 classes on Fridays up to the end of the summer term, followed by Tina Weinreich in the Autumn. Three assemblies were taken in the course of the year – February, March & October.

We have continued to nurture relationships with eight schools (Gildersome, Seven Hills, Newlands, Victoria, Asquith, Queenswood (Private), St Francis Primary & Churwell Primary Schools). We were able to make a presentation of SU *Its Your Move* booklets in Gildersome (62), St Francis (31) Seven Hills (60), Newlands (85) Asquith (60), Victoria (62), Queesnwood (1) Primary Schools.

St Francis School welcomed a visit of the Bible Exhibition in February. The new headteacher is continuing the positive welcome to the work of MCC and demonstrated this by the placement of Gap Year Worker Mia Strebakowski from November onwards.

Victoria Primary School welcomed a visit of the Bible Exhibition (plus assembly) by Capernwray Bible Students in February and also invited them to take an assembly. Also a placement of Annadora Cziczo in school (Year 4) one day each week in the Spring and Summer terms has helped to nurture the relationship.

Older People

All Gap Year Workers have attended weekly coffee mornings both in the Town Hall and at Jubilee Court OAP Sheltered Housing Scheme engaging pensioners in conversation and friendship. The outcome of this has been reflected in the numbers who have subsequently attended events eg Spring Event, Pensioners Luncheon, Harvest Supper, Carol Services. The vast majority of these elderly folks are long standing Morley families, thus we are establishing a presence and witness with family networks which have been around for generations. This is a fruitful area of work and needs to be continually nurtured.

Morley Elderly Action officers have appreciated the input of the church recognising its positive contribution to the well being of older people in the town. Relevant statistics have ben supplied to them which assist MEA to meet targets set for them by their grant funders.

Missionary

We believe it is important to support missionary work both in the UK and to the wider world and have done this in a number of ways

We have had 6 (5) (2) (4) (8) services with mission personnel speaking about their work – Michael Romagnoli (Caring For Life) – 23 April, Andy Little (Open Air Mission) 30 April, Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission) 14 May, FEBA Representatives – 25 June, Terry Garde (International Miners Mission) 22 October, Rowan Taylor (Barnabas Fund) 26 November.

A TEAR Fund Quiz Evening was held on Saturday 14 October. A church gathering saw 36 attendees (10 visitors) who enjoyed the BIG QUIZ evening. £485 was raised for this evangelical relief agency.

The continuing war in Ukraine has seen the church continuing to support former gap year worker Stacey Chalchynska. She is in Odessa and her family provide a Christian school (the Dream School) to keep education available for children. In addition to prayer support, a further £1070 was forwarded by the church this year.

A gift of £200 was sent to *Good News For Everyone* (formerly The Gideons) to assist with the supply of New Testaments to Year 7 pupils at Morley Academy

We have prayed for a number of missionaries in our prayer sessions.

Home Missions

Leeds City Mission – practical help has been given to Leeds City Mission to support their work – 14 (28) (49) (48) (55) (38) (24) sacks of clothes and rags, and various other items were donated for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. 147 (156) (96) (44) (42) (44) trays of food were donated to their *Pantry Project*. 285 (250) plastic milk cartons were also collected and donated for use in the *Pantry Project*. Quantities of used postage stamps were also donated to LCM in their fundraising efforts. In addition 930 greetings cards were collected and donated to LCM use for conversion into gift tags. A church attender created a total of 1400 gift tags from these and other cards which were donated to Leeds City Mission. All of the Gap Year Workers have each assisted (on average one day each week) in the LCM Charity Shop now located in the LCM Hub in Armley, Leeds.

Dewsbury Community Outreach
Three members of the church are trustees of Dewsbury Community Outreach (DCO) and a further five persons from the church help on a regular basis at this charity. Other members of the church support it financially. The Gap Year Workers also spend one day a week assisting at DCO. This charity operates out of 74 Daisy Hill Dewsbury and caters for the physical and spiritual well being of disadvantaged people by providing a drop-in where free meals are available and food, clothing, toiletries and household goods are given away for free. The charity also provide wellbeing support and assistance with housing and other issues.

Youth & Children

Yzup
Yzup youth club focussed on 13-15 year olds has continued on Tuesday evenings meeting in the church hall. The programme is a mixture of activities, trips, craft, food, discussions. 29 sessions have been organised. An average of 6 young people have turned up for these youth sessions. A team consisting of Andy Dalton, Carl Elliott, Lynda Taylor, Tim Lee and the two gap year workers have assisted in running the club in 2023.

Youth Workers
Gap Year Volunteers Rebeka Kovacs and Annadora Cziczo (Hungary) continued in their work until early August. They were replaced by two Germans from Bavaria Mia Strebakowski and Tina Weinreich in September and they have settled into their responsibilities and are working hard for the church. The church has now welcomed a total of 25 Gap Year Volunteers since 2006.

The recruitment of Gap Year Workers plays an important part in the life of the church and its ability to organise and deliver youth and children's projects. They are already playing an important role in delivering Yzup, school lunchtime bible and after school clubs as well as making a positive contribution to wider church life and community contact. Both are placed one day each week in a local primary school and also attend two coffee mornings to develop relationships with older people. They are also placed one day each week either with Dewsbury Community Outreach or Leeds City Mission helping in mercy ministries with those at the edge of society. They are gaining valuable experience for the future. We are grateful for the support of *Time For God* scheme which enables the church to run this programme.

Youth Camp
19 young people aged 11-16 years were recruited for this camp in the summer holidays. A staff team of 15 volunteers (9 from MCC and 6 from other churches) accompanied them. Five full days at the Northwood Centre at High Legh near Lymm were spent enjoying the rolling Cheshire countryside. They participated in sport, games, trips, social activities and sleeping under canvas. Campers spent time visiting a bowling alley, a swimming pool and a visit to the Crocky Trail. A further day was spent on the beach at Rhyll on the North Wales coast. Youngsters enjoyed the day swimming in the sea and playing on the sand. It was an action-packed week. Good weather was experienced for the week.

There was also an extensive social programme in the evenings. This included a *Morley's Got Talent* session where youngsters had the opportunity to demonstrate a skill or talent to the rest of the campers.

Chattabox Club
Seven Hills Primary School welcomed the operation of Chattabox Club on Friday lunchtimes. Attendances by Year 4 pupils averaged 10 pupils each week (approximately 280 total attendances) and a total of 28 sessions were held in the year.

Bridgebuilding

Since its inception Morley Community Church has recognized the need to develop and maintain meaningful relationships with individuals and families. In previous years press articles in the local newspaper has helped the church to foster such relationships. The absence of a local newspaper has denied the church avenues for positive publicity which assisted this process in former years. The church has sought to compensate by developing a new website plus regular updates on Facebook.

Our relationships with Morley Elderly Action, Seven Hills, Victoria, St Francis Primary Schools, & Jubilee Court Sheltered Housing Scheme have been positive in 2023. A revived relationship with Asquith Primary School has commenced through a visit of the Bible Exhibition by Capernwray Bible Students in February. Relationships with the new headteachers at St Francis Primary and Asquith Primary Schools have commenced and hopefully will bear fruit with new activities in 2024

We have continued to keep key community personnel informed to enable them to be familiar with the existence and activities of the church.

Women

Five women attended the **EFCC** weekend conference for women at Oldborough Congregational Church, West Midlands in March. The opportunity to engage with women from other churches in the denomination and further afield was both refreshing and very much appreciated. The same five women attended the West Yorkshire Womens' Conference at Dewsbury Evangelical Church in October

Social Action

Recycling
3 sacks of foam pellets & bubblewrap were donated to Day One
285 milk cartons were donated to Leeds City Mission for their *Pantry Project* (foodbank)
195 bottletops & 39 egg boxes were donated to a children's play scheme (Play Hartlepool)
36 small plastic bottles were donated to Leeds City Mission for refill use for their outreach work with street people
70 second hand carrier bags were donated to Leeds City Mission Charity Shop
Quantities of used postage stamps were donated to Leeds City Mission
930 used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission

Foil
Aluminium cans and foil continued to be collected, recycled and cashed in at the scrap yard. Alongside the surplus generated by the donations for food, the small sum raised is reserved for International Miners Mission work.

Food
Surplus quantities of bread, confectionery, fruit, vegetables and flowers have been acquired from supermarkets – 286 (274) (260) (266) (266) (266) trays in total. This food has been distributed to people attending church, people in need & Haydn Court residents during the course of the year – 113 (100) trays (25) (34), Leeds City Mission – 147 (156) (96) (44) trays; Christian agencies, other churches and other projects – 26 trays.

Fibres
11 (21) (40) (43) (55) (38) bags of second hand clothes and 2 (7) (9) (5) (7) (8) bags of rags plus other items have collected and donated to the Leeds City Mission Charity Shop (Re-Store) throughout the year

Fairs
Two street stalls were held in the pedestrianised area of the town centre – Saturday 25 February selling a variety of clothes, bric a brac and books with profit being donated to LCM. This was not primarily a fund raising event but for 'awareness raising' of the presence of the church plus literature distribution. A Christmas outreach on 23 December took a similar format (£55 raised)

Christmas
A total of 35 (60) (39) (64) (28) (49) presents were obtained from a charity & individuals. 16 were used with local Morley families in need and 19 (23) (52) (20) (39) presents were passed to Leeds City Mission for use with needy children/young people at Christmas in connection with their Toy Project. 930 used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission for recycling into seasonal gift tags. LCM donated back 600 greetings tags and these were then distributed to a couple of local organisations – Town Hall Coffee Morning – 300, MEA Office – 300,

Emergency Support
Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or via other agencies outlined above in the 'Food' paragraph.

Flowers
20 (13) appropriate graves have been used as raised beds for growing edible and ornamental plants. 270 (121) (41) surplus flower bunches supplied by supermarkets have been delivered to 59 (60) (25) different individuals (eg housebound pensioners) and these have been gratefully received.

Environmental
Under the management of Rowan Taylor the transformation of the church graveyard into a Community Garden continued throughout the year. The team has maintained lawn and grass areas, created a wildlife pond, a new bulb area and a wildflower border, grown edible and ornamental plants in 20 grave raised beds, generated a range of composts, installed bird boxes, bat boxes, insect hotels and aa hedgehog house. A selection of perennials & annual edibles have been planted. 17 pond plants, 3350 Bulbs have been planted by volunteers – largely at the fortnightly Saturday morning volunteer drop-in sessions in the Spring and Summer. Three 'Art in the Garden' mornings have been successfully organised

Publicity

The publicity boards are put out each Sunday and signs are displayed outside the front gates of the church on Merlyn Rees Avenue. Also by the boundary wall with Haydn Court. A new banner continues to drape the old Zion Chapel noticeboard at the front of the car park.

We continued to advertise on the world wide web and can be found in the "*Find A Church*" Directory (findachurch.co.uk). A completely new website was produced by Antony Hepworth and uploaded onto the World Wide Web and can be found at **www.morleycommunitychurch.org.uk.** This new website has elicited a number of visitors to the church. We also have a publicity page on Facebook.

We are listed on the Leeds Network Directory of Churches website. Also the **EFCC** website, EA Directory and Affinity Directory.

We sent the church magazine to most church ministers in Morley and the leaders of every evangelical church in a five mile radius.

The demise of the local newspaper in 2020 has meant there has been no local news coverage in print for the church. However it has been possible to publish some news on Facebook. The Community Garden Project has its own Facebook page

There have been five editions of the church magazine in the year. Circulation is usually 100 copies but we estimate approximately 250 people read it. The magazine is primarily designed for people who are not regular in church activities. Its significance is that it has provided a public face externally raising our profile locally in the church and bringing a sense of identity and common purpose within the congregation. The issues have been produced by the collaboration of Tony Gray (Birstall CC) and Andy Dalton (Morley CC) who share material that appears in the respective magazines of each church. Articles are syndicated to two other churches for use in their magazines.

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

	£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES			
Lloyds Bank accounts & Petty Cash		32,893.30	28,904.93
RECEIPTS			
Donations	20,162.26		17,767.89
Gift Aid Tax Refund	4101.74		3594.38
Zion House Rent	6318.00		6300.00
Other Churches	526.00		
Heart For Truth/ Shout Aloud	450.00		501.11
Bank Interest	292.58		14.69
Fountain Tots	78.42		
Sale of Furniture			435.52
Council Tax Refund			150.00
YSix - Trip fees & Tuck shop income			161.00
Zion Chapel Rent			30.00
Insurance Refund			24.76
		31,929.00	28,979.35
Reserved Funds			
Zion Community Garden (See R1)		2346.33	732.85
Morley Camping Venture (See R2)		3353.96	3620.88
Specified Donations			
for Tear Fund	475.00		415.00
for Leeds City Mission	270.00		1063.39
for Dream School Ukraine	70.00		920.00
for Mayors Charity	41.25		83.00
for IMM	20.00		
		876.25	2,481.39
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**38,505.54**	**35,814.47**
PAYMENTS			
Reserved Funds			
Zion Community Garden (See R1)		972.72	1031.95
Morley Camping Venture (See R2)		3438.60	3097.83
Charitable Donations			
Dream School Ukraine	1070.00		2420.00
Leeds City Mission	837.50		1725.08
International Miners Mission	600.00		1000.00
Tear Fund	485.00		415.00
Open Air Mission	300.00		1000.00
Good News for Everyone	300.00		
SASRA	300.00		
Mayors Charity	200.00		104.50
Royal British Legion			40.00
Local needs			33.54
		4,092.50	6,738.12

Outreach			
Booklets/Bibles/Videos for School Work	1904.80		1045.20
Special Services (food, BS books etc.)	576.85		196.78
Capernwray Students	487.58		452.85
YZUP!	234.21		609.86
Pensioners Events	166.25		441.11
Sunday School	128.95		
Chattabox & Gardening Club	20.54		46.15
Holiday Club			1983.25
Calendars, Diaries, Christmas			127.10
		3,519.18	4,902.30
Pastoral Support			
Youth Worker's Living Costs	6390.62		7904.34
Youth Workers Expenses	2619.05		2388.30
		9,009.67	10,292.64
Zion Building			
Architect	1980.00		
Utilities	1215.24		1151.46
Zion Chapel Repairs	1027.71		193.98
Zion House Maintenance	495.00		458.00
Consumables	24.40		153.27
		4,742.35	1,956.71
Other			
Insurance	1608.72		1469.33
Membership Subscriptions	1111.00		1047.50
Speakers' Expenses	1315.00		770.00
Heart of Truth/Shout Aloud	950.00		
Publicity	528.07		211.91
DBS Checks	194.00		268.75
Administration	76.46		3.09
		5,783.25	3,770.58
Capital			
Microphones	236.11		
Music Books	143.25		
Small Capital Items			35.97
		379.36	35.97
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**31,937.63**	**31,826.10**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**6,567.91**	**3,988.37**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Current & Deposit Bank accounts		38,807.65	32,619.47
Petty cash		653.56	273.83
		39,461.21	**32,893.30**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
N Baker	RAY BAKER	31/4/24
A. Orton	A. ORTON	31/4/24

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RESERVED FUNDS
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2023

R1 ZION COMMUNITY GARDEN

		£	£	Last Year £
	Opening Balance		11.73	310.83
RECEIPTS				
	Community Foundation Grant	1500.00		
	Gifts	846.33		391.97
	TCV Chestnut Fund Grant			275.88
	Refund			65.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		**2346.33**	732.85
PAYMENTS				
	Plants and Equipment	891.45		944.22
	Water & Fuel	81.27		87.73
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**972.72**	1031.95
	ACCOUNT BALANCE		**1385.34**	11.73

R2 MORLEY CAMPING VENTURE

		£	£	Last Year £
	Opening Balance		523.05	148.05
RECEIPTS				
	Campers Fees	970.00		1610.00
	Morley Town Council Grant	750.00		
	Newlands & Denshaw Res. Assn.	672.96		
	Gifts	600.00		500.00
	Childhaven Trust	300.00		
	Bookstall & Tuck Shop	61.00		152.83
	Leeds City Council Grant			1210.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		**3353.96**	3472.83
PAYMENTS				
	Mini-bus	900.00		
	Rides, Attractions and Activities	532.40		1036.65
	Premises	540.00		550.00
	Travel Expenses	497.22		420.78
	Food & Tuck Shop	444.71		529.42
	Speakers Expenses	300.00		500.00
	Prizes & Gifts	224.27		60.98
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**3438.60**	3097.83
	ACCOUNT BALANCE		**438.41**	523.05

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2023

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Current account		1237.05	991.45
Lloyds Deposit account		37570.60	31628.02
Petty cash		653.56	273.83
		39461.21	32893.30
OTHER ASSETS			
Microphones	180.00		
Music Books	110.00		
Laptop Computer	52.50		70.00
Barbecue	Nil		21.00
490 XRP Tokens @ £0.49	242.85		
LIABILITIES			
Heart For Truth Funds	Nil		501.11

Note:
The Assests of Zion Chapel, Zion House and the associated grounds are managed by Morley Community Church but the property is owned by 'The Trustees of Zion Chapel, Morley' and therefore is not part of the assets of the Morley Community Church Trust.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Morley Community Church
Charity No. 1083023

I report on the accounts of Morley Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

to keep accurate accounting records has not been met.

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

Audited by ADAM CLAYTON

Signed A Clayton

Date 3/3/24

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1083023

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Charity Registration Number 1083023

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We confirm that this report and accounts are an accurate statement of activities and accounts for this year

…….. (Trustee)

…….. (Trustee)

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022 for CHARITY COMMISSION

Summary of Objectives

Morley Community Church Trust exists to
(A) To advance the christian faith in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfill such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust

(B) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world. All the activities by Morley Community Church described in this report fulfill these two objectives and have provided direct benefit to the public.

Public Benefit

The public have benefited through a range of activities and projects that have invited them to develop their spiritual awareness and grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. This has been through Sunday services, bible studies & prayer sessions, pastoral care by leaders and members. Age-related activities have been provided for children, young and older people. All of these activities have been open to the general public, whom we have regularly invited by means of distribution of leaflets, parish magazines, press articles, the church website, social media and display of banners and 'A' boards near the regular place of meeting. The Christian faith has been shared in both word and deed through a multitude of activities and projects. The church has organized activities and projects often linked with other organizations (other churches, Christian agencies and secular organizations) to achieve this objective. The church is concerned about issues of poverty, deprivation and social justice. It is working to promote community cohesion through innovative social projects and initiatives. The church has been active in providing youth activities for local young people as well as offering support to the elderly in the town. People suffering from hardship, poverty, sickness and distress have been helped in practical ways both in Morley and surrounding area plus other parts of the world. Examples would be gifts of food, parcels, calendars and other items to local poor and elderly people. The church has been able to donate 28 sacks of clothes and bric a brac to Leeds City Mission for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or to other agencies. A total of 274 trays of food plus 2120 items of fruit have been obtained and distributed in this way. Recycled aluminium foil and cans have been recycled and the money raised has been sent to support the work of good causes. The benefit to the public has been recognized by local civic leaders. Full details are found in the various sections in this report.

Please note – throughout this report figures in brackets usually denote the previous years' (2021) (2020), (2019), (2018) figures. Statistics indicated by an asterix***** represent historical figures for January – March 2020 only (pandemic year).

A Year of Encouragement

Morley Community Church gives thanks to God for his blessings of encouragement during 2022. An increasing number of people have been attending Sunday worship services – an approximate 30% increase in the year. Nine new people have made the church their spiritual home this year. A small Sunday School class has recommenced. There have been good numbers attending the midweek bible study. There have been a number of opportunities to share gospel hope. Special events/guest services have been well patronized. The age profile of the church is becoming younger – the 26-35 age cohort in particular demonstrating significant growth. Levels of activity and velocity in church life have begun to accelerate.

Sunday Services

Most Sunday services have been held in Zion Chapel, Merlyn-Rees Avenue.

There have been 57 (55) worship, devotional and evangelistic services. Five (2) services had a missionary focus, five were guest services, two (1) were joint services.

Service venues –Zion Chapel– 54, Jubilee Court –2 (1), Birstall Community Church – 1.

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues, a total of 222 (122) (54*) (95) (108) different adults and 12 (3) (2*) (12) (5) teenagers attended these 57 (55) (12) services/events in 2022.

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues, Capernwray student team - we have welcomed 163 (94) (29*) (93) (108) different adult visitors who have made a total of 358 (199) (37*) (159) (116) visits/attendances. The majority of these have been close family or friends who have visited us for an occasional service or people who have responded to an invitation to a special service. Nine of these visitors have made Morley Community Church their spiritual home and were regular in their attendance at worship services and other activities by the close of the year

2022 was the first full year since 2020 operating without any pandemic lockdown restrictions and we stopped offering the service via a zoom link in January. As the year progressed there was a slow but steady increase of people attending Sunday morning worship services.

The worship service continued to focus very much on adults. There have been times of open and corporate prayer. The morning worship services have been taken by speakers from other churches as well as members of the congregation. We have also downloaded pre-recorded sermons for three services. Also one speaker was live streamed from their church direct to the chapel service. These represents 7% of all services during the year. There have been three 'open' services with people contributing testimony, prayer, scripture etc. The morning worship services continued to have a varied musical style with accompaniment on the piano, violins, guitars. flute, vocalists.

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There has been a wide variety of passages, topics, missionary and guest services throughout the year. The congregation has enjoyed messages on various themes and topics. These included a series on 'Belonging To the Church'.

We have had 5 (2) (4) (8) services with mission personnel speaking about their work – Paul Linnell (Open Air Mission) 1 May, Michael Romagnoli (Caring For Life) – 29 May, Terry Garde (International Miners Mission) 17 July, Phil Benstead (People International Cyprus) 18 September, Rowan Taylor (Barnabas Fund) 16 October.

We also had 5 (3) (1) (5) guest services/event – Queen's Platinum Lunch (5 June), Pensioners Harvest Supper at Jubilee Court (2 October), Remembrance Service (6 November), Pensioners Christmas Carols at Jubilee Court (4 December), Carols by Candlelight (11 December).

We have been well served by visiting preachers. 17 (10) (17) (22) (21) preachers plus 3 (5) (4) downloaded preachers, plus 1 livestreamed preacher from his church have taken a total of 30 (22) (22) (34) services between them. These preachers have come from 12 (7) (12) (15) different church groupings/societies & 13 (8) (11) (11) different churches. Our criteria for inviting them has been that they wholeheartedly believe the Bible and are experienced in preaching it! We have enjoyed their ministry enormously and our grateful thanks go to them. There have also been 3 (2) (5) (2) (4) 'open' services (13 February, 15 May, 21 August) with an opportunity for people to share a testimony, read scripture, prayer, give a message etc. These have worked well. Holy Communion was celebrated on eight Sundays (2 & 30 January, 10 April, 15 May, 3 July, 25 September, 13 November and 11 December.

Bible Studies & Prayer

Bible studies have continued throughout the year. They were held weekly on a Wednesday evening plus around six Sunday tea time studies located in members' homes. A variety of bible passages and topics were covered including studies taken from the on-line bible Project. In September & October a seven-part series of joint bible studies were held with Gildersome Baptist Church in our new church building.

Church Personnel

Four deacons have served the congregation as its church officers supported by the Gap Year/Youth Workers. The church officers met 8 times during the year. In the absence of a pastor they have sought to meet the pastoral and practical needs of the church in various ways offering help, advice, spiritual counsel and encouragement. Practical help was provided for people struggling with life. Surplus supermarket food has been provided. Deacons have sought to promote a sense of family, unity and commitment in the life of the church.

Marta Vaczo and Zsoka Antal from Hungary continued as Gap Year/Youth Workers until July. In September two new Gap Year Volunteers (also from Hungary) arrived to replace them – Annadora Cziczo and Rebeka Kovacs. All have become extensively involved in church activities. Both were introduced to the church by *Time For God* on their (EU) European Exchange Scheme. They all spent their first few months gaining confidence and experience in youth work (Yzup, Gardening and Chattabox Clubs), working with families, pensioners, schoolchildren and youth. They are valuable assets in the life of the congregation adapting to English culture and British church life. They are acquiring a portfolio of experience for their future work and contribute their abilities and talents to the life of the church

A small team coordinated the musical, technical and logistical arrangements for worship services. A growing group of participants have made up the music group (piano, guitars, flute, violin, vocalists) and they have assisted in providing musical accompaniment for church services

Pastoral Support

Church deacons have taken 12 (26) (16) (9) (18) of the 57 (55) (56) church services 21% (48%) (29%) (16%) between them. Deacons met eight times during 2022. Advice, encouragement and practical help have been provided to a wide range of people. Regular contact has been maintained with the congregation. Where possible practical help has been offered.

Church Library –Church has continued to operate a small library of Christian books encouraging attenders to read for their spiritual profit. People are encouraged to borrow a variety of books covering devotional, bible study, biography, missionary and historical topics. The library has approximately 200 volumes in stock. There has been a welcome usage of the library as people have had more time and opportunity for reading.

Location

The congregation have settled into the new premises at Zion Chapel acquired in 2021. The new location in the centre of the town has heightened the profile of the church and has been an important factor in the significant increase in numbers attending church services/activities.

New storage racks have been erected in the Annexe Room. 20 additional stacking chairs and 4 collapsible tables have been acquired. A new connecting pathway and gate to the adjoining Hayden Court has been installed in cooperation (and financial support) with Places4People Housing Association. This has vastly increased accessibility of local people as well as regular worshippers and deliveries. Discussions about the future configuration and facilities of the building have been initiated. Artic Associates Architectural Practice has been commissioned to assess and present development options for the church premises. A very detailed 'Needs & Options' Questionnaire has been completed. The plans for renovation/extension will go forward in 2023.

Community Garden Project

A volunteer team continues to implement the strategy to renovate the graveyard and create a Community Garden (Zion Community Garden).

Key work undertaken:

- Regularly maintained grassed areas
- Planted and regularly maintained seasonal containers

- Brought a further five graves into cultivation, giving a total of 13 raised beds for growing edibles and ornamentals
- Introduced a 'wild harvest' hedgerow and climbers around the garden boundaries
- Created ornamental borders alongside the newly constructed path
- Generated compost and harvested rainwater for use in the garden

Total number of volunteer hours: 1076
Total number of volunteers: 25 (17 regular attendees of MCC; 8 visitors)

Grants/donations: Monetary grants and donations in kind have been received to enable edible plants, bulbs and flowers to be acquired for planting

Harvest:

Potatoes, Onions, Leeks, Garlic, Kale, Chard, Beetroot, Strawberries, Squashes, Tomatoes, Rhubarb, Selection of culinary herbs

Produce was regularly made available to members of the congregation as it was harvested and local residents passing through the garden were also invited to harvest produce at their leisure.

Planting:

- Selection of herbaceous perennials
- Selection of annual edibles
- Hedgerow containing five different fruiting species
- Approximately 2000 bulbs
- Large selection of climbers
- 25 Roses

Saturday morning drop-in sessions (10 am - 12 noon) were launched in March and ran fortnightly until October. The sessions mainly attracted members of the congregation and occasional visitors. The average number of volunteers per session was seven. In addition, a growing number of positive relationships have been formed with locals passing through the garden, some of whom have attended outreach events and special services.

Outreach

Outreach Week:
It was possible to resurrect and organize the annual outreach week with a team of eight students from Capernwray Bible School. They had an intense eight days of outreach. The *Pilgrims Progress* Bible Exhibition was delivered in 7 primary schools with 12 presentations, 630 pupils plus accompanying staff attending. 460 copies of the Day One book *'John Bunyan'* were given out to pupils as a workbook. 50 pensioners attended the Luncheon in the Labour Rooms. Two literature drop sessions circulating around the target area of the church. Coffee mornings at Chartist Court and in Zion Chapel were limited in numbers but useful in their own right. All the activities helped the church restart its activities and its interface with the local public after the Covid pandemic.

Queens Platinum Lunch - Sunday 5 June
A special lunch to commemorate the 70th year of the Queen's reign was organized after church on Sunday 5 June. This was held inside the chapel due to inclement outside weather. Every home in the target area around the church received information leaflets via a letterbox drop – 9 local residents, 2 spouses of church attenders plus Mayor & Mayoress plus church congregation attended. The Mayor gave a speech. 10 Jubilee New Testaments & Psalms were taken home by those attending.

Remembrance Service – Sunday 6 November
An innovative Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony focussed on the war graves in the churchyard from both World Wars was held the Sunday *before* Remembrance Day.

Lay Reader Ian Wilson from St George's Church in Leeds officiated at this service. Invitations were sent to key local people and organisations. The local branch of the Royal British Legion turned up in force complete with a Standards (ie flags) Party which accompanied the Mayor, Mayoress and Deputy Mayor in a formal march through the graveyard and into the chapel for the special service. Half a dozen local councillors also attended. Local MP Andrea Jenkyns attended and rendered a solo song. A talk with powerpoint pictures of the men who were killed was delivered by the church secretary. The awful detail of their deaths gripped the congregation. Relatives of the casualties also attended.

At the conclusion of the service the dignitaries, guests and congregation gathered outside the chapel in the graveyard. The Last Post was sounded, the standard bearers of the British Legion lowered their flags and Mayor, Councillors, Legion members, MP, serving member of the Armed Forces, relatives and others laid their wreaths on the graves. Refreshments were served at the conclusion.

This unique endeavour was well worth organising. It took a lot of advance planning. It was deliberately held on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday itself as it is normally a very busy day for such groups as the British Legion & civic dignitaries. Guests outnumbering regular worshippers. New relationships were formed. And the profile of the church was raised.

Pensioners Harvest Supper – Jubilee Court 2 October.
22 residents and friends from Jubilee Court attended this seasonal event. The Gap Year Workers were introduced, a harvest quiz was held and a bible message presented concluding with supper together.

Pensioners Carol Service – Jubilee Court 4 December.
A Carol Service and Christmas Tea was held at Jubilee Court which was well received by 15 residents and friends who attended.

Carols by Candlelight Service Sunday 11 December
A large congregation of 52 people attended this seasonal service – 44% of whom were visitors. A leaflet drop (1000 leaflets and 900 calendars) was undertaken in the preceding week and some people attended as a direct result of this. This was a most enjoyable and successful evening.

Day One Living Word Gospel Calendars:
A total of 1260 (1430) (1430) (500) (495) calendars (2023 were distributed in December. These were via a targeted letterbox drop in the area surrounding the church and also three Sheltered Housing Complexes (Schofield, Jubilee and Chartist Courts) in the town, MEA Office reception and the Town Hall coffee morning, personal friends, contacts etc.

Day One Gospel Diaries
362 (100) (25) (80) (80) diaries were distributed this year – 250 (2022 diaries) in the Capernwray Outreach Week, 60 from literature table on Good Friday (2022 diaries) and 52 (2023 diaries) via church members, Morley Elderly Action and other networks at Christmas.

Schools

The church has continued its relationship with Seven Hills Primary School. The Headteacher continued to welcome the church running a weekly Chattabox Club (Year 4). Eight weekly sessions of a gardening club for Year 5 pupils were held on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons in the first half of Spring term. For the second half of the Spring term and Summer term this was followed on by the Gap Year Workers doing additional reading work in their classes using bible stories. All these provide good opportunities to teach bible stories and Christian values and help pupils in their spiritual development. It was also possible to place Gap Year Worker Marta Vaczo in school to help in Year 5 classes on Thursdays, followed by Rebeka Kovacs in the Autumn (Fridays).

We have continued to nurture relationships with eight schools (Gildersome, Seven Hills, Newlands, Victoria, Asquith, Queenswood (Private), St Francis Primary & Churwell Primary Schools). We were able to make a presentation of SU *Its Your Move* booklets in Gildersome (60), St Francis (29) Seven Hills (60), Churwell (60), Newlands (88) Asquith (60), Victoria (60), Queenswood (3) Primary Schools.

St Francis School hosted the placement of Gap Year Worker Zsoka Antal on Mondays until the end of the summer term. They also welcomed (at short notice) the running of a Holiday Club on their premises during the Easter holidays. The positive disposition of the headteacher to the work of MCC has been most encouraging.

Victoria Primary School welcomed a visit of the Bible Exhibition (plus assembly) by Capernwray Bible Students in March. Also a placement of Annadora Cziczo in school (Year 4) one day each week in the Autumn Term has helped to nurture the relationship.

Older People

All Gap Year Workers have attended weekly coffee mornings both in the Town Hall and at Jubilee Court OAP Sheltered Housing Scheme engaging pensioners in conversation and friendship. The outcome of this has been reflected in the numbers who have subsequently attended events eg Harvest Supper, Carol Services. The vast majority of these elderly folks are long standing Morley families, thus we are establishing a presence and witness with family networks which have been around for generations. This is a fruitful area of work and needs to be continually nurtured.

Morley Elderly Action officers have appreciated the input of the church recognising its positive contribution to the well being of older people in the town. Relevant statistics have been compiled for MEA and these illustrate the positive partnership and relationship enjoyed between both organisations.

Missionary

We believe it is important to support the work of the gospel both in the UK and to the wider world and have done this in a number of ways

We have had 5 (2) (4) (8) services with mission personnel speaking about their work – Paul Linnell (Open Air Mission) 1 May, Michael Romagnoli (Caring For Life) – 29 May (Terry Garde (International Miners Mission) 17 July, Phil Benstead (People International Cyprus) 18 September, Rowan Taylor (Barnabas Fund) 16 October.

A TEAR Fund Quiz Evening was held on Saturday 19 November. A church gathering saw 28 attendees (5 visitors) who enjoyed the BIG QUIZ evening. £415 was raised for this relief agency.

The war in Ukraine brought a plea for help from former gap year worker Stacey Chalchynska. Her family had decided to remain in Odessa and provide a Christian school to keep education available. In addition to regular prayer support, a total of £920 was given specifically for the work in Ukraine and - topped up by funds from the church – we were able to send a total of £2420 to support the Dream School in Odessa

We have prayed for a number of missionaries in our prayer sessions.

Home Missions
Leeds City Mission – practical help has been given to Leeds City Mission to support their work – 28 (49) (48) (55) (38) (24) sacks of clothes and rags, and various other items were donated for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. 156 (96) (44) (42) (44) trays of food were donated to their *Pantry Project* plus 20 (57) (132) (175) lunches provided for volunteers & addicts-in-recovery. 250 plastic milk cartons were also collected and donated for use in the *Pantry Project*. Quantities of used postage stamps were also donated to LCM in their fundraising efforts. In addition hundreds of greetings cards were collected and donated to LCM use for conversion into gift tags. All of the Gap Year Workers have each assisted (on average one day each week) in the LCM Charity Shop now located in the new LCM Hub in Armley, Leeds.

Dewsbury Community Outreach
Three members of the church are trustees of Dewsbury Community Outreach (DCO) and a further five persons from the church help on a regular basis at this charity. The Gap Year Workers also spend one day a week assisting at DCO. This charity operates out of 74 Daisy Hill Dewsbury and caters for the physical and spiritual well being of disadvantaged people by providing a drop-in where free meals are available and food,

clothing, toiletries and household goods are given away for free. The charity also provide wellbeing support and assistance with housing and other issues.

Youth & Children

Yzup
Yzup youth club focussed on 13-15 year olds has continued on Tuesday evenings meeting in the church hall. The programme is a mixture of activities, trips, craft, food, discussions. 34 sessions have been organised Around 10-12 young people have turned up for these youth sessions - although since the Autumn the figures have reduced to about 5-6 teenagers attending. A team consisting of six volunteers are assisting in running the club.

Youth Workers
Gap Year Volunteers Marta Vaczo and Zsoka Antal (Hungary) continued in their work until early August. They were replaced by two new Hungarians Rebeka Kovacs and Annadora Cziczo in September and they have settled into their responsibilities and are working hard for the church.

The recruitment of Gap Year Workers plays an important part in the life of the church and its ability to organise and deliver youth and children's projects. They are already playing an important role in delivering Yzup, school lunchtime bible and afternoon gardening clubs as well as making a positive contribution to wider church life and community contact. Both are placed one day each week in a local primary school and also attend two coffee mornings to develop relationships with older people. They are also placed one day each week either with Dewsbury Community Outreach or Leeds City Mission helping in mercy ministries with those at the edge of society. They are gaining valuable experience for the future. We are grateful for the support of *Time For God* and the EVS scheme which enabled the church to run this programme.

Youth Camp
Sixteen young people aged 11-16 years were recruited for this camp in the summer holidays. A staff team of 13 volunteers (9 from MCC and 4 from other churches) accompanied them. Five full days at the Northwood Centre at High Legh near Lymm were spent enjoying the rolling Cheshire countryside. They participated in sport, games, trips, social activities and sleeping under canvas. Campers spent time visiting a bowling alley, a swimming pool. Full day activities included a visit to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and a further day was spent on the beach at Rhyll on the North Wales coast. Youngsters enjoyed the day swimming in the sea and playing on the sand. It was an action-packed week. Good weather was experienced for the week.

There was also an extensive social programme in the evenings. This included a *Morley's Got Talent* session where youngsters had the opportunity to demonstrate a skill or talent to the rest of the campers.

In 2022 the separate bank account for the camp was closed and all funds were administered via the church bank account.

Children's Easter Holiday Clubs (5-8 April)
Two Children's Holiday Clubs were held in the week before Easter (5-8 April) – first week of school holidays. Four sessions were held at Seven Hills Primary school in the mornings and four sessions were held at St Francis RC Primary school in the afternoons. These were run by a small team of volunteers including the church Gap Year Workers. Lauren Rastrick (children and community worker at Morley Salvation Army) was invited to lead these clubs. The programme was a mixture of games, stories, singing, quiz, craft etc. An engaging programme with good content, suitable style and pitch was presented to a combined total of 49 children in both locations. Boys significantly outnumbered girls in both locations (usually the other way round) – exactly 57% boys and 43% girls in both schools. 32% of attendees at Seven Hills were ethnic minorities and at St Francis the figure was 19%. Morley ethnic minority figure is generally about 6-7%. There was also a significant percentage of children from poorer backgrounds.

Both these clubs provided a welcome opportunity to re-engage with two local schools and local families. Headteachers were very supportive. The practical support of the Salvation Army for this project was very helpful indeed

Chattabox Club
Seven Hills Primary School welcomed the operation of Chattabox Club on Thursday/Friday lunchtimes. Attendances by Year 4 pupils averaged 10-12 pupils each week (approximately 300 total) and a total of 28 sessions were held in the year.

Bridgebuilding

Since its inception Morley Community Church has recognized the need to develop and maintain meaningful relationships with individuals and families. In previous years press articles in the local newspaper has helped the church to foster such relationships. The absence of a local newspaper has denied the church avenues for positive publicity which assisted this process in former years.

Our relationships with Morley Elderly Action, Seven Hills Primary School, & Jubilee Court Sheltered Housing Scheme have been rebuilt in 2022. A revived relationship with Victoria Primary School has commenced through placement of Annadora Cziczo in school (Year 4) one day each week in the Autumn Term

We have continued to keep key community personnel informed to enable them to be familiar with the existence and activities of the church.

Women

Three women attended the **EFCC** weekend conference for women at Oldborough Congregational Church, West Midlands in March. The opportunity to engage with women from other churches in the denomination was both refreshing and very much appreciated.

Social Action

Recycling
6 sacks of foam pellets & bubblewrap were donated to Day One
250 milk cartons were donated to Leeds City Mission for their *Pantry Project* (foodbank)
356 bottletops were donated to a children's play scheme (Play Hartlepool)
36 x 2 litre bottles were donated to Groundwork for an environmental project
Quantities of used postage stamps were donated to Leeds City Mission
Quantities of used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission

Foil
Aluminium cans and foil continued to be collected, recycled and cashed in at the scrap yard. Alongside the surplus generated by the donations for food, the sums raised are allocated for International Miners Mission work.

Food
Surplus quantities of bread, confectionery, fruit, vegetables and flowers have been acquired from supermarkets – 274 (260) (266) (266) (266) trays in total. This food has been distributed to people attending church, people in need & Haydn Court residents during the course of the year - 100 trays (25) (34), Leeds City Mission – 156 (96) (44) trays; Drighlington Methodist Foodbank 30 (43) (43) trays, Christian agencies, other churches and other projects – 6 (3) (5) trays. 20 (57) (132) (175) lunches were also made up from this supply of food to feed volunteers & addicts-in-recovery working in LCM projects this year. A large quantity of apples (920) were picked direct from the tree – 600 to LCM, 120 to MCC and 200 to others. A total of 1200 clementines were also obtained and distributed via the same agencies. 41 packets of crackers were bought and donated to the 'Christmas Dinner on Jesus' project organised by St Paul's Church

Fibres
21 (40) (43) (55) (38) bags of second hand clothes and 7 (9) (5) (7) (8) bags of rags plus other items have collected and donated to the Leeds City Mission Charity Shop (Re-Store) throughout the year

Fairs

A street stall was held in the church car park in Merlyn Rees Avenue – Saturday 23 April selling tulip plants (£149 sales). This was not primarily a fund raising event but for 'awareness raising' of the presence of the church.

Christmas
A total of 60 (39) (64) (28) (49) presents were obtained from a charity & individuals. Sixteen were used with local Morley families in need and 23 (52) (20) (39) presents were passed to Leeds City Mission for use with needy children/young people at Christmas in connection with their Toy Project. Substantial numbers of used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission for recycling into seasonal gift tags. LCM donated back 1150 greetings tags and these were then distributed to a number of local organisations – Town Hall Coffee Morning – 300, MEA Office – 300, Ukraine Appeal – 300, Morley Central Methodist – 200, Mayor's Event - 50

Emergency Support
Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or via other agencies outlined above in the 'Food' paragraph.

Environmental
The transformation of the church graveyard into a Community Garden continued throughout the year. Derelict graves were reclaimed to grow both plants and vegetables. 2000 bulbs & 25 roses have been planted along with perennials, annual edibles, fruit trees and shrubs. Plant pots were acquired and supplied to the Gardening Bulbs project at Seven Hills Primary School. These were distributed to local pensioners in the Spring

Flowers
13 appropriate graves have been used as raised beds for growing edible and ornamental plants. 121 (41) surplus flower bunches supplied by supermarkets have been delivered to 60 (25) different individuals (eg housebound pensioners) and these have been gratefully received.

Instruments
MCC received a generous donation of 5 trumpets, 1 clarinet, 9 violins, 3 keyboards and 1 guitar from Seven Hills Primary school – all surplus to their requirements. These were passed on to Morley Salvation Army for their use.

Publicity

The publicity boards are put out each Sunday and signs are displayed outside the front gates of the church on Merlyn Rees Avenue. Also by the boundary wall with Haydn Court. A new banner continues to drape the old Zion Chapel noticeboard at the front of the car park.

We continued to advertise on the world wide web and can be found in the "*Find A Church*" Directory (findachurch.co.uk). A completely new website was produced by Antony Hepworth and uploaded onto the World Wide Web and can be found at www.morleycommunitychurch.org.uk. This new website has elicited a number of visitors to the church. We also have a publicity page on Facebook.

We are listed on the Leeds Network Directory of Churches website. Also the **EFCC** website, EA Directory and Affinity Directory.

We sent the church magazine to most church ministers in Morley and the leaders of key churches in a five mile radius.

The demise of the local newspaper in 2020 has meant there has been no local news coverage in print for the church. However it has been possible to publish some news on Facebook. The Community Garden Project has its own Facebook page

There have been five editions of the church magazine in the year. Circulation is usually 100 copies but we estimate approximately 250 people read it. The magazine is primarily designed for people who are not

regular in church activities. Its significance is that it has provided a public face externally raising our profile locally in the church and bringing a sense of identity and common purpose within the congregation. The issues have been produced by the collaboration of Tony Gray (Birstall CC) and Andy Dalton (Morley CC) who share material that appears in the respective magazines of each church. Articles are syndicated to two other churches for use in their magazines.

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES			
Lloyds Bank accounts & Petty Cash		28,904.93	14,747.72
RECEIPTS			
Donations	17767.89		10190.20
Gift Aid Tax Refund	3594.38		1727.29
Zion House Rent	6300.00		1932.24
Heart For Truth Funds	501.11		
Sale of Furniture	435.52		
Council Tax Refund	150.00		
YSix - Trip fees & Tuck shop income	161.00		
Zion Chapel Rent	30.00		
Insurance Refund	24.76		
Bank Interest	14.69		1.71
Zion Trustees			7894.15
Refund of conference fee			340.00
Contributions from other churches			146.00
Plant Sale			130.00
Transforming Lives (Food distribution)			100.00
		28979.35	
Reserved Funds			
Zion Community Garden (See R1)		732.85	1055.58
Morley Camping Venture (See R2)		3620.88	1532.00
Specified Donations			
for Leeds City Mission	1063.39		779.67
for Dream School Ukraine	920.00		
for Tear Fund	415		49.51
for Salvation Army	83		84.00
for IMM			300.00
for Educate Africa			160.00
for Gideons			60.00
		2,481.39	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**35,814.47**	**26,482.35**
PAYMENTS			
Reserved Funds			
Zion Community Garden (See R1)		1031.95	704.75
Morley Camping Venture (See R2)		3097.83	1910.00
Charitable Donations			
Dream School Ukraine	2420.00		
Leeds City Mission	1725.08		578.75
International Miners Mission	1000.00		300.00
Open Air Mission	1000.00		50.00
Tear Fund	415.00		75.00
Salvation Army	104.50		104.00
Royal British Legion	40.00		
Local needs	33.54		1629.67
Educate Africa			200.00
Gideons			60.00
		6,738.12	2997.42

Outreach			
Holiday Club	1983.25		
Booklets/Bibles/Videos for School Work	1045.20		560.00
YZUP!	609.86		182.14
Capernwray Students	452.85		
Pensioners Events	441.11		47.35
Special Services (food, BS books etc.)	196.78		191.44
Calendars, Diaries, Christmas	127.10		559.54
Chattabox & Gardening Club	46.15		98.26
Community Kids			30.98
		4,902.30	1,669.71
Pastoral Support			
Youth Worker's Living Costs	7904.34		1521.22
Youth Workers Expenses	2388.3		422.89
		10,292.64	1,944.11
Zion Building			
Utilities	1151.46		306.04
Zion House Maintenance	458.00		
Zion Chapel Repairs	193.98		285.80
Consumables	153.27		
		1956.71	591.84
Other			
Insurance	1469.33		131.84
Membership Subscriptions	1047.50		838.88
Speakers' Expenses	770.00		555.00
Publicity	211.91		160.73
DBS Checks	268.75		153.50
Small Capital Items	35.97		18.98
Administration	3.09		41.88
Address Stamps			21.50
Rent			405.00
Training Courses			180.00
		3,806.55	2,507.31
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**31,826.10**	**12,325.14**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**3,988.37**	**14,157.21**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Current & Deposit Bank accounts		32619.47	28,564.81
Petty cash		273.83	340.12
		32,893.30	**28,904.93**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
N Baker	RAY BAKER	8 May 23
A. Dalton	ANDREW DALTON	8 May 23

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RESERVED FUNDS
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2022

R1 ZION COMMUNITY GARDEN

		£	£	Last Year £
	Opening Balance		310.83	0.00
RECEIPTS				
	Gifts	391.97		115.58
	TCV Chestnut Fund Grant	275.88		
	Refund	65.00		
	Morley Glass Grant			500.00
	Neighbourly Grant			400.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		732.85	1015.58
PAYMENTS				
	Plants and Equipment	944.22		704.75
	Water & Fuel	87.73		
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1031.95	704.75
	ACCOUNT BALANCE		**11.73**	310.83

R2 MORLEY CAMPING VENTURE

Prior to 2022 MCV had its own bank account and the MCC account was only used to collect some of the income before forwarding to MCV. The MCV account was closed in 2022 and all transactions associated with the camp were carried out from the MCC Accounts

		£	£	Last Year £
	Balance from MCV Account		148.05	
RECEIPTS				
	Leeds City Council Grant	1210.00		
	Campers Fees	1610.00		
	Gifts	500.00		
	Bookstall & Tuck Shop	152.83		
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		3472.83	
PAYMENTS				
	Rides, Attractions and Activities	1036.65		
	Food & Tuck Shop	529.42		
	Premises	550.00		
	Speakers Expenses	500.00		
	Travel Expenses	420.78		
	Prizes & Gifts	60.98		
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		3097.83	
	ACCOUNT BALANCE		**523.05**	

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2022

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Current account	991.45		2051.48
Lloyds Deposit account	31628.02		26513.33
Petty cash	273.83		340.12
		32893.30	28,904.93
OTHER ASSETS			
Laptop Computer	70.00		94.50
Barbecue	21.00		28.00
LIABILITIES			
Heart For Truth Funds	501.11		Nil

Note:
The Assests of Zion Chapel, Zion House and the associated grounds are managed by Morley Community Church but the property is owned by 'The Trustees of Zion Chapel, Morley' and therefore is not part of the assets of the Morley Community Church Trust.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Morley Community Church
Charity No. 1083023

I report on the accounts of Morley Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

to keep accurate accounting records has not been met.

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

Audited by R. A. CLAYTON

Signed A Clay

Date 17/4/23.

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1083023

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Charity Registration Number 1083023

Correspondence to:
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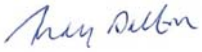
Trustees:
Raymond Baker
Andrew Dalton
Rowan Taylor

We confirm that this report and accounts are an accurate statement of activities and accounts for this year

Raymond Baker

…….. (Trustee)

Andrew Dalton 

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MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Summary of Objectives

Morley Community Church Trust exists to

(A) To advance the christian faith in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfill such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust

(B) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world. All the activities by Morley Community Church described in this report fulfill these two objectives and have provided direct benefit to the public.

Public Benefit

The public have benefited through a range of activities and projects that have invited them to develop their spiritual awareness and grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. This has been through Sunday services, bible studies & prayer sessions, pastoral care by leaders and members. Age-related activities have been provided for children, young and older people. All of these activities have been open to the general public, whom we have regularly invited by means of distribution of leaflets, parish magazines, press articles, the church website and display of banners and 'A' boards near the regular place of meeting. The Christian faith has been shared in both word and deed through a multitude of activities and projects. The church has organized activities and projects often linked with other organizations (other churches, Christian agencies and secular organizations) to achieve this objective. The church is concerned about issues of poverty, deprivation and social justice. It is working to promote community cohesion through innovative social projects and initiatives. The church has been active in providing youth activities for local young people as well as offering support to the elderly in the town. People suffering from hardship, poverty, sickness and distress have been helped in practical ways both in Morley and surrounding area plus other parts of the world. Examples would be gifts of food, parcels, calendars and other items to local poor and elderly people. The church has been able to donate 49 sacks of clothes and bric a brac to Leeds City Mission for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or to other agencies. A total of 332 trays of food have been obtained and distributed in this way. Recycled aluminium foil and cans have been recycled and the money raised has been sent to support the work of good causes. The benefit to the public has been recognized by local civic leaders. Full details are found in the various sections in this report.

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Please note – throughout this report figures in brackets usually denote the previous years' (2020), (2019), (2018),(2017) figures

A Watershed Year

2021 has been a watershed year for Morley Community Church with the congregation finding its life and ministry in a new set of circumstances. As the Covid-19 pandemic receded the church cautiously resumed physical services and other activities. In an amazing way a building has been provided – thus enabling the church to have a permanent and secure base for the first time since its foundation in 2000. Contrary to expectations, it has been possible to welcome new Gap year Workers. Three outreach events later in the year saw excellent attendances. The following report gives a detailed account of how the life of the church has progressed under the providential and gracious hand of God during the year.

Statistics indicated by an asterix***** represent historical figures for January – March 2020 only.

Sunday Services

The first Sunday service of the new year was held at Newlands Chapel, Albert Drive, Morley with the remainder of the year's services held in Zion Chapel, Merlyn-Rees Avenue.

There have been a total of 55 services.

Service venues –Zion Chapel only – 26, Zion Chapel plus Zoom – 27, Jubilee Court – 1, Newlands Chapel – 1,

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues, a total of 122 (54*) (95) (108) (68) different adults and 3 (2*) (12) (5) (4) teenagers attended these 55 (12) (56) services/events in 2021.

Excluding visiting preachers & their spouses/colleagues, we have welcomed 94 (29*) (93) (108) (68) different adult visitors who have made a total of 199 (37*) (159) (116) (97) visits/attendances. The majority of these have been close family or friends who have visited us for an occasional service or people who have responded to an invitation to a special service.

The year began with full pandemic lockdown restrictions and these continued until late March. The church was able to meet physically for worship services, albeit with severe restrictions ie masks, distancing, no singing etc. Services were streamed on the internet to people at home until late June to cater for those who were shielding or anxious about mixing with others. Thus half the services were 'mixed mode' ie those physically present in Zion Chapel and those listening/viewing at home.

The worship service continued to focus very much on adults. As pandemic restrictions eased after the Spring we have had times of open and corporate prayer. The morning worship services have been taken by speakers from other churches as well as members of the congregation. We have also downloaded pre-recorded sermons for seven services. Also two speakers were live streamed from their homes/churches direct to the chapel service. This represents 18% of all services during the year. There have been two 'open' services with people contributing testimony, prayer, scripture etc. The morning worship services continued to have a varied musical style with accompaniment by Rowan Taylor on the piano and by others playing violins and guitars.
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There has been a wide variety of passages, topics, missionary and evangelistic services throughout the year. The congregation has enjoyed messages on various themes and topics. These included an eleven part series on the Apostles Creed. In the autumn a series was begun (continuing in 2022) on the theme of 'Belonging to the Church'

We have had 2 (4) (8) (9) services with mission personnel speaking about their work. We also had 3 (1) (5) (4) outreach/guest services/event – Remembrance Service (7 November), Pensioners Christmas Carols at Jubilee Court (12 December), Carols by Candlelight (19 December).

We have been well served by visiting preachers in person and on Zoom. 10 (17) (22) (21) preachers plus 5 (4) downloaded preachers, plus 3 livestreamed preachers from their homes have taken a total of 22 (22) (34) (30) services between them. These preachers have come from 7 (12) (15) (14) different church groupings/societies & 8 (11) (11) different churches. There have also been 2 (5) (2) (4) 'open' services (8 August, 26 December). These have included Holy Communion and an opportunity for people to share a testimony, read scripture, prayer, give a message etc. These have worked well.

Bible Studies & Prayer

Bible studies have continued throughout the year. They were held on a Thursday evening during lockdown and its aftermath. After the summer break physical bible studies were reconvened in members homes.
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The short half hour prayer session on Tuesday evenings on Zoom continued until the summer when it concluded having run its course. During 2021 a Monday morning coffee morning was regularly held over Zoom to keep up contact and fellowship. This has continued on an occasional basis in the Autumn.

Church Personnel

Four deacons have served the congregation as its church officers supported by the two Gap Year/Youth Workers after September. The church officers met 5 times during the year. In the absence of a pastor they

have sought to meet the pastoral and practical needs of the church in various ways offering help, advice, spiritual counsel and encouragement. Practical help was provided for a struggling family. Surplus supermarket food has been provided. Deacons have sought to promote a sense of family, unity and commitment in the life of the church.

Marta Vaczo and Zsoka Antal arrived as Gap Year/Youth Workers from Hungary in September. They have become extensively involved in church activities. Both were introduced to the church by *Time For God* on their (EU) European Voluntary Service scheme. Given the impact of Brexit arrangements and the pandemic this was a most unexpected development. They spent their first few months gaining confidence and experience in youth work (Yzup, Gardening and Chattabox Clubs), and working with schoolchildren and youth. They are welcome additions to the life of the congregation adapting to English culture and British church life. They are acquiring a portfolio of experience for their future work and contribute their abilities and talents to the life of the church

Rowan Taylor has undertaken the role of church pianist throughout the year. Lynda Taylor coordinated both the musical and logistical arrangements for worship services. Rowan Taylor and a small technical team have played an invaluable role in providing the technical expertise and management of services and meetings over Zoom etc.

Pastoral Support

Church deacons have taken 26 (16) (9) (18) of the 55 (56) church services 48% (29%) (16%) between them either in person or over Zoom in this year. Advice, encouragement and practical help have been provided to a wide range of people. The winter lockdown period and pandemic restrictions inhibited normal church life. Thankfully these have passed as the year has progressed. Contact and pastoral support has been facilitated by extensive use of Skype, WhatsApp, Zoom and telephone. Regular contact has been maintained with the congregation by these means. Where possible practical help has been offered. A regular Zoom coffee morning has provided further interaction especially in the first half of the year.

Church Library –Church has continued to operate a small library of Christian books encouraging attenders to read for their spiritual profit. People are encouraged to borrow a variety of books covering devotional, bible study, biography, missionary and historical topics. The library has approximately 200 volumes in stock. There has been a welcome usage of the library as people have had more time and opportunity for reading.

Location

At the commencement of 2021 the church's location at Newlands Methodist Chapel saw unexpected developments. On Sunday 3 January the Methodist Circuit responsible for the premises notified us that no services or activities would be allowed due to the arrival of Lockdown 3. A rapid enquiry to the trustees of Zion Independent Chapel in the centre of the town resulted in their invitation to use their premises. The very small Zion congregation had not met since 2019 as it had reduced to one elderly member.

Thus the church was able to continue services, albeit in a town centre location, without interruption, while observing all pandemic protocols. Several weeks later the Zion trustees offered the whole of the Zion Independent Chapel estate (chapel, two graveyards, manse and remaining financial assets) to the church by trustee transfer. Current trustees would resign and MCC would appoint new trustees.

After careful consideration by deacons and church meeting, this offer was accepted.

Thus by an extraordinary set of providential circumstances MCC acquired its own set of premises and its first permanent base in 21 years since its foundation.

It took the remainder of the year to expedite all the practical legal and administrative arrangements to set up the new trustees which were completed by December. Unfortunately within six months of the offer two of the four Zion Trustees (same family) passed away. We are grateful for their foresight and generosity in ensuring these premises continued to be used for Christian worship.

The church will be deliberating and formulating a renovation plan for the premises during 2022 to bring it up to modern standards and increase its accessibility.

Community Garden Project

After receiving the offer of the Zion premises Rowan Taylor devised a strategy to renovate the graveyard and create a Community Garden (Zion Community Garden). With volunteer help she has

- Tidied and maintained the grassed areas around the graves
- Cleared weeds and other vegetation to create planting areas
- Pruned overhanging branches from adjacent trees and installed birdboxes
- Conducted a pilot project using 8 appropriate graves as raised beds for growing edible and ornamental plants

Total number of volunteer hours: 513
Number of volunteers: 17 (12 regular attendees of MCC; 5 visitors)
Grants/donations: Monetary grants and donations in kind have been received to enable edible plants, bulbs and flowers to be acquired for planting
Harvest:

- 10 Lettuces
- 30 lbs Potatoes (some donated to Dewsbury Community Outreach for hot meals)
- Small quantities of strawberries, rocket, radish and herbs

Planting:

- Selection of herbaceous perennials
- Selection of annual edibles
- 9000 Bulbs
- 10 Fruit trees
- 17 Miscellaneous trees/shrubs

<u>Outreach</u>

Outreach Week:
It was not possible due to the Covid-19 pandemic to organize the annual ten day outreach with a team of students from Capernwray Bible School. Subject to circumstances at the time – it is hoped to revive this in 2022.

Remembrance Service – Sunday 7 November
While removing brambles, cutting grass, moving accumulated rubbish in the graveyard, graves commemorating six casualties from both World Wars were discovered. This was the spark for organising an innovative a Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony focussed on the war graves. This was held the Sunday *before* Remembrance Day.

The church contacted SASRA (Soldiers & Airmens' Scripture Readers Association) Area Manager Major Andrew McMahon to ask for assistance. He arranged for Army Scripture Reader Gavin Dickson to take the Memorial Service. Gavin was a most suitable choice. A Scots Guardsman and a Veteran of both the Iraq and Afghan conflicts, he has a powerful testimony. The outcome was that Gavin was able to skilfully and sensitively lead this service to a full congregation.

Invitations were sent to key local people and organisations. The local branch of the Royal British Legion turned up in force complete with a Standards (ie flags) Party which accompanied the Mayor, Mayoress and Deputy Mayor in a formal march through the graveyard and into the chapel for the special service. Half a dozen local councillors also attended. The Local History Society were invited to investigate the details of the casualties. One of their researchers presented a talk with powerpoint pictures of the men who were killed. The awful detail of their deaths gripped the congregation. Relatives of the casualties also attended.

At the conclusion of the service the dignitaries, guests and congregation gathered outside the chapel in the graveyard. The Last Post was sounded, the standard bearers of the British Legion lowered their flags and

Mayor, Councillors, Legion members, relatives and others laid their wreaths on the graves. Gavin also laid a wreath of behalf of SASRA. Refreshments were served at the conclusion.

This unique endeavour was well worth organising. It took a lot of advance planning. It was deliberately held on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday itself as it is normally a very busy day for such groups as the British Legion & civic dignitaries. MCC is grateful to SASRA in partnering with us to deliver this outreach opportunity. Guests outnumbering regular worshippers. New relationships were formed. And the profile of the church was raised.

Pensioners Carol Service – Jubilee Court 12 December.
A Carol Service and Christmas Tea was held at Jubilee Court. This was the first outreach event MCC had been able to organize at this Housing Scheme for 21 months due to the pandemic. It was packed to capacity with 37 residents and friends attending – the largest number of any event ever organized by MCC at Jubilee Court.

Carols by Candlelight Service Sunday 19 December
Having use of Zion Chapel building and easing of pandemic restrictions meant a full programme could be organized. People responded well to publicity. A leaflet drop was undertaken in the preceding week and several people attended as a direct result of this. Dentist Ian Wilson brought a clear presentation of the Christmas message to conclude what was a most enjoyable and successful evening.

Day One Living Word Gospel Calendars:
A total of 1430 (1430) (500) (495) calendars (2022) and 100 (25) (80) (80) diaries were distributed in December. These were via a targeted letterbox drop in the area surrounding the church and also three Sheltered Housing Complexes (Schofield, Jubilee and Chartist Courts) in the town, MEA coffee morning, personal friends, contacts etc.

A new Yzup Youth Club commenced in November and ran for 9 sessions until the Christmas break.

It has not been possible to restart the Community Kids Mums & Tots Group

Schools

All schools were closed to normal outreach opportunities during the year due to the pandemic. However as schools began to emerge after the summer from restrictions it was possible to rekindle the relationship with Seven Hills Primary School. The Headteacher invited the church to restart Chattabox Club (Year 4) in November and also two weekly sessions of a gardening club for Year 5 pupils on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. All these provide good opportunities to teach bible stories and Christian values and help pupils in their spiritual development. It was also possible to place Gap Year Worker Marta Vaczo in school to help in Year 5 classes on Thursdays.

We have re-established relationships with eight schools (Gildersome, Seven Hills, Newlands, Victoria, Asquith, Queenswood (Private),St Francis Primary & Churwell Primary Schools). We were able to make a presentation of SU *Its Your Move* booklets in Gildersome (57) & St Francis (31) Primary Schools and supply for teacher distribution to pupils in Seven Hills (60), Churwell (59), Newlands (90) schools.

St Francis School welcomed the placement of Gap Year Worker Zsoka Antal on Mondays from November. The positive disposition of the headteacher to the work of MCC is most encouraging.

Since September Gap Year Workers have attended coffee mornings at Jubilee Court OAP Sheltered Housing Scheme engaging pensioners in conversation and friendship. The outcome of this has been reflected in the good numbers who have subsequently attended the Carol Service & Tea in December. The vast majority of these elderly folks are long standing Morley families, thus we are establishing a presence and witness with family networks which have been around for generations. This is a fruitful area of work and needs to be continually nurtured.

Missionary

We believe it is important to support the work of the gospel both in the UK and to the wider world and have done this in a number of ways

We have had 2 (4) (8) (9) services with mission personnel speaking about their work - Claire Newton (Leeds City Mission), 27 June & Rowan Taylor (Barnabas Fund) 21 November.

We have opened a relationship with the SASRA (Soldiers & Airmens' Scripture Readers Association) We welcomed their assistance and input on Sunday 7 November for our first ever Remembrance Service

We have prayed for a number of missionaries in our prayer sessions.

Leeds City Mission – practical help has been given to Leeds City Mission to support their work – 49 (48) (55) (38) (24) sacks of clothes and rags, and various other items were donated for their *Re-Store* Charity Shop. 96 (44) (42) (44) trays of food were donated to their *Pantry Project* plus 57 (132) (175) lunches provided for volunteers & addicts-in-recovery. In addition hundreds of greetings cards were collected and donated to LCM use for conversion into gift tags. The Gap Year Workers have assisted in the removal of the shop from Morley to Armley, Leeds and have also given time to setting up the shop in its new location.

Youth & Children

Yzup
Yzup youth club was relaunched in mid-October and recruitment focussed on 13-15 year olds who had previously attended summer camp/Yzup/Ysix plus their friends. Meeting initially on Wednesday evenings it quickly transferred to Tuesday evenings. The programme is a mixture of activities, trips, craft, food, discussions. A small handful of teenagers have been attending as we seek to re-establish this youth work. A team consisting of Carl Elliott, Lynda Taylor, Tim Lee and the two gap year workers are managing this club

Youth Workers
Much to everyone's surprise the church was approached by TFG with the offer of two Gap Year Workers for 2021-22. Despite Brexit and Covid it was still possible to access the EVS scheme. In September Marta Vaczo and Zsoka Antal arrived from Hungary. They have quickly settled in to their responsibilities and are working hard for the church.

The recruitment of Gap Year Workers plays an important part in the life of the church and its ability to organise and deliver youth and children's projects. They are already playing an important role in delivering Yzup, school lunchtime bible and afternoon gardening clubs as well as making a positive contribution to wider church life and community contact. They are placed one day each week in two local primary schools and also attend two coffee mornings to develop relationships with older people. They are gaining valuable experience for the future. We are grateful for the support of TFG and the EVS scheme which enables the church to run this programme.

Youth Camp
Seventeen young people aged 11-16 years were recruited for this camp in the summer holidays. Several parents made contact to request the camp to run as they saw it as beneficial for their children after the impact of the pandemic. Five full days at the Northwood Centre at High Legh near Lymm were spent enjoying the rolling Cheshire countryside. They participated in sport, games, trips, social activities and sleeping under canvas. Campers spent time visiting two swimming pools, a trampoline park and a 'Go Ape' style high wire visitor attraction. A day trip was spent on the beach at Rhyll on the North Wales coast. Youngsters enjoyed the day swimming in the sea and playing on the sand. They also ventured to South Cheshire for a visit to the Crocky Trail Pleasure Park. It was an action-packed week. Fortunately the weather was warm all week meaning no interruptions to planned activities

There was also an extensive social programme in the evenings. This included a *Morley's Got Talent* session where youngsters had the opportunity to demonstrate a skill or talent to the rest of the campers.

Community Kids

It was not possible to organise a parent and toddler group this year due to the pandemic and change of location and condition of the premises for under-5s activities.

Easter Holiday Children's Club
It was not possible to hold Holiday Clubs due to the Covid-19 and availability of schools. These clubs will be fielded in 2022 once there is a return to normality.

Chattabox Club & Gardening Club
Seven Hills Primary School was closed to external visitors for most of 2021. In November it was possible to restart Chattabox Club on Thursday lunchtimes. Between November and Christmas a total of 6 sessions were organised and led by the Gap Year Workers. There were 62 attendances by 11 Year 4 pupils on Thursday lunchtimes. This enabled the church to re-establish a presence with the school.
At the request of the Headteacher two sessions of a Gardening Club (Wednesday & Thursday afternoons) were run for two groups of Year 5 pupils (16 in total) who needed enrichment and extra support. The Gap Year Workers have run a varied programme – weeding, planting bulbs and exploring horticultural themes. A bible story, quiz and craft are part of the programme. A total of 11 sessions were run in November & December.

Bridgebuilding

Since its inception Morley Community Church has recognized the need to develop and maintain meaningful relationships with individuals and families. In previous years press articles in the local newspaper has helped the church to foster such relationships. The absence of a local newspaper has denied the church avenues for positive publicity which assisted this process in former years.

Our relationship with Morley Elderly Action is in abeyance due to the pandemic but it is hoped to resume this in 2022.

We have continued to keep key community personnel informed to enable them to be familiar with the existence and activities of the church.

Zoom Coffee Morning

This continued to attract a small but regular group of people and has been of benefit to them. The on-line Monday Coffee Morning with drinks, chat, quiz and exchange of information continued on a regular basis for the first half of the year. Since the summer on-line meetings have been more occasional.

Women

There have been no women's meetings this year. There was a day on-line conference for women organised by EFCC.

Social Action

Foil
Aluminium cans and foil continued to be collected, recycled and cashed in at the scrap yard. Alongside the surplus generated by the donations for food, the sums raised are being allocated for International Miners Mission work.

Food
Surplus quantities of bread, confectionery, fruit, vegetables and flowers have been acquired from supermarkets – 260 (266) (266) (266) (102) trays in total. This food has been distributed to people attending church during the course of the year, people in need 25 (34) trays Leeds City Mission 96 (44) trays, Drighlington Methodist Foodbank 43 (43) trays, Newlands Foodbank 10 trays, Christian agencies and other projects 3 (5) trays. 57 (132) (175) lunches were also made up from this supply of food to feed volunteers & addicts-in-recovery working in LCM projects this year.

We received a financial grant for providing food relief from the LCC Housing Action Panel who initiated the process by approaching the church offering the financial assistance. A total of 72 trays of food were purchased and delivered direct to homes of needy families in conjunction with St Paul's Church.

Fibres
40 (43) (55) (38) (24) bags of second hand clothes and 9 (5) (7) (8) (6) bags of rags plus other items have collected and donated to the Leeds City Mission Charity Shop (Re-Store) throughout the year

Fairs
Two pilot street stalls were held in the church car park in Merlyn Rees Avenue – Saturday 10 May (£130 sales) and 26 June (£275 sales). A variety of plants, jams, bric a brac and other items were sold to passers-by who averaged 300 people per hour. However these were not primarily fund raising events but were for 'awareness raising' - that Zion Chapel Is now the base for MCC

Christmas
A total of 39 (64) (28) (49) presents were obtained from a charity & individuals. Sixteen were used with local Morley families in need and 23 (52) (20) (39) presents were passed to Leeds City Mission for use with needy children/young people at Christmas in connection with their Toy Project. Substantial numbers of used greetings cards were donated to Leeds City Mission for recycling into seasonal gift tags.

Emergency Support
Significant quantities of food have been made available to people in need/unemployed people who are struggling to make ends meet either directly through church referrals or via other agencies outlined above in the 'Food' paragraph.

Environmental
Under the management of a church member with gardening experience a transformation of the church graveyard into a Community Garden is underway. Derelict graves are being reclaimed to grow both plants and vegetables. 9000 bulbs have been planted along with perennials, annual edibles, fruit trees and shrubs. Several hundred bulbs and scores of plant pots were acquired and supplied to the Gardening project at Seven Hills Primary School. These have been planted in pots ready for distribution to local pensioners next year

Flowers
Eight appropriate graves have been used as raised beds for growing edible and ornamental plants. 41 surplus flower bunches supplied by supermarkets have also been delivered to 25 different individuals (eg housebound pensioners) and these have been gratefully received.

Publicity

The publicity boards are put out each Sunday and signs are displayed outside the front gates of the church on Merlyn Rees Avenue. Also by the boundary wall with Haydn Court. A new banner replaced the old Zion Chapel noticeboard at the front of the car park.

We continued to advertise on the world wide web and can be found in the "*Find A Church*" Directory (findachurch.co.uk). We continue with the church website at www.morleycommunitychurch.org.uk and we have two publicity pages on Facebook and Twitter.

We are listed on the Leeds Network Directory of Churches website. Also the EFCC website, EA Directory and Affinity Directory.

We sent the church magazine to most church ministers in Morley and the leaders of other churches in a five mile radius.

The demise of the local newspaper in 2020 has meant there has been no local news coverage in print for the church. However it has been possible to publish some news on Facebook

There have been five editions of the church magazine in the year. Circulation is usually 100 copies but we estimate approximately 250 people read it. The magazine is primarily designed for people who are not regular

in church activities. Its significance is that it has provided a public face externally raising our profile locally in the church and bringing a sense of identity and common purpose within the congregation. The issues have been produced by the collaboration of Tony Gray (Birstall CC) and Andy Dalton (Morley CC) who share material that appears in the respective magazines of each church. Articles are syndicated to a total of two churches for use in their magazines.

Our church website continues to be well used with a substantial number of hits from the UK and overseas.

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

	£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES			
Lloyds Bank accounts & Petty Cash		14,747.72	11,109.10
RECEIPTS			
Donations	10190.20		6939.19
Gift Aid Tax Refund	1727.29		3249.80
Zion Trustees	7894.15		
Zion House Rent	1932.24		
Zion Community Garden	1055.58		
Refund of conference fee	340.00		
Contributions from other churches	146.00		346.20
Plant Sale	130.00		
Transforming Lives (Food distribution)	100.00		200.00
Bank Interest	1.71		3.60
LCC Grant for Holiday Club			1990.00
Cash for Kids (Food distribution)			1330.00
LCC for Food Distribution			1250.00
Refund of holiday club rent			300.00
Barn Dance			275.00
YSix - Trip fees & Tuck shop income			60.00
Specified Donations			
for Morley Camping Venture	1532.00		
for Leeds City Mission	779.67		480.00
for IMM	300.00		169.00
for Educate Africa	160.00		
for Salvation Army	84.00		
for Gideons	60.00		50.00
for Tear Fund	49.51		650.49
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**26,482.35**	**17,293.28**
PAYMENTS			
Charitable Donations			
Local needs	1629.67		1594.65
Leeds City Mission	578.75		525
International Miners Mission	300		250
Educate Africa	200		
Salvation Army	104		
Gideons	60		60
Tear Fund	75		625
Open Air Mission	50		900
		2,997.42	3,954.65

Outreach			
Morley Camping Venture	1910.00		
Zion Community Garden	704.75		
Booklets/Bibles/Videos for School Work	560.00		1162.00
Calendars, Diaries, Christmas	559.54		1401.83
Special Services (food, BS books etc.)	191.44		141.06
YZUP!	182.14		269.17
Chattabox & Gardening Club	98.26		
Pensioners Events	47.35		118.67
Community Kids	30.98		
Capernwray Students			547.52
Barn Dance			445.00
Ysix			447.86
Holiday Club			300.00
		4,284.46	4,833.11
Pastoral Support			
Youth Worker's Living Costs	1521.22		1571.99
Youth Workers Expenses	422.89		607.67
		1,944.11	2,179.66
Zion Building			
Repairs	285.80		
Utilities	306.04		
		591.84	0.00
Other			
Membership Subscriptions	838.88		851.21
Speakers' Expenses	555.00		615.00
Rent	405.00		782.00
Training Courses	180.00		
Publicity	160.73		
DBS Checks	153.50		129.00
Insurance	131.84		296.43
Administration	41.88		13.60
Address Stamps	21.50		
Small Capital Items	18.98		
		2,507.31	2,687.24
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**12,325.14**	**13,654.66**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**14,157.21**	**3,638.62**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Current & Deposit Bank accounts		28,564.81	14,693.99
Petty cash		340.12	53.73
		28,904.93	**14,747.72**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
R Baker	RAY BAKER	11/5/22
A Dalton	ANDREW DALTON	11/5/22

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (Charity No. 1083023)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2021

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Current account	2051.48		965.97
Lloyds Deposit account	26513.33		9758.02
Petty cash	340.12		385.11
		28,904.93	11,109.10
OTHER ASSETS			
Laptop Computer	94.50		126.00
Barbecue	28.00		37.00
LIABILITIES			
	Nil		Nil

Note:
The Assests of Zion Chapel, Zion House and the associated grounds are managed by Morley Community Church but the property is owned by 'The Trustees of Zion Chapel, Morley' and therefore is not part of the assets of the Morley Community Church Trust.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Morley Community Church
Charity No. 1083023

I report on the accounts of Morley Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

to keep accurate accounting records has not been met.

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

Audited by ADAM CLAYTON

Signed

Date 10/5/22.