

Registered Charity Number: 1126978

Annual Report to the Charity Commission year ending 31st August 2024

Trustees:

Minister and Chair of Church Council:

Rev. Gareth Sherwood

Church Stewards:

Dr Alan Wright Mrs Elizabeth Box, Mrs Maria Curran, Mrs Elizabeth Brittlebank

Church Treasurer:

Mr John Dunn

Circuit Steward:

Church Elected Representatives:

Mrs Helen Atkin, Mrs Kay Vincent, Mrs Beccy Burton, Mr Neil Paterson, Mrs Ruth Ralston

Other Officers:

Mr John Vincent (Resources), Ms Helen Atkin (Prayer), Mrs Sue Paterson (Churches Together), Mrs Fliss Wright and Mrs Sandra Innes (Pastoral Committee)

Independent Accounts Examiner:

Mr Phil Rainford

Staff:

Minister, as above, Children's Worker (PT), Youth Worker (PT), Caretaker (PT) and Church Administrator (PT)

Constitution/ Organisational Structure/ Trustee Recruitment:

Hexham Trinity Methodist Church is constituted and governed in accordance with the principles and constitution of the Methodist Church of Great Britain as set down in the standing orders of the Methodist Conference.

Management

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees (Church Council) who are elected annually at the Church Meeting. The day to day running of the Charity is carried out by the Church Stewards and Minister who are all Trustees. Trustees are elected, for up to six years, to serve on and chair the co-ordinating groups responsible for running the various areas of church life. These groups report back to the Church Council. They comprise, Youth, children and families, Resources Co-ordinating Group with responsibility for managing building and resources, a smaller Finance Group also meets as necessary as does an HR Advisory Group. We also have a Pastoral Group who co-ordinate visits and pastoral care.

Vision

The vision of Hexham Trinity Methodist Church is to be a place for everyone to question, discover and explore the Christian faith learning to live as followers of Jesus so more people know of God's love.

Public Benefit:

The Church building, being sited centrally in one of the main streets of the town provides a convenient and accessible venue for both church and community events. Every Sunday, and at other times through the week, there are services of Christian worship with children's activities and prayer gatherings, accessible to all. The public and members of Trinity Methodist Church benefit from the many regular and ad-hoc meetings and events held throughout the year. These included: shared

lunches, coffee mornings, training sessions, prayer meetings, planning meetings, fundraising events for local and worldwide charities, outdoor events, school carol services and a parent and baby group. We have also provided Dinners in School Holidays during each school break.

Much of the building at Trinity is available for hire by small independent charities and groups with reduced rates for charity/not for profit groups. The whole community of Hexham is served in many ways by the different activities held here. Many families have a strong connection, some over generations, with the Church and even if not regular Sunday worshipers, feel very much part of Trinity's wider family.

This year the building was used by:

Church Groups:

Baby Group (parents and babies), Bible Study (adults), Coffee Morning (community), Prayer Groups (adults), Craft Group (adults), Youth Groups, Prayer Knitting (adults), the Bible Society.

Community Groups:

Regular: Beacon Club (retired gentlemen), Circle Dancing (adults), History Society (adults), Music and Movement (parents and young children), Orpheus Choir (adults), Alcoholics Anonymous, Badminton Group (adults), Tynedale Hospice at Home, Hexham Community Partnership, Hexham Holiday Club, Polling Station, Northumberland Cancer Support Group, Sycamore Counselling, Gymnastics Club (children), Rock Choir (adults), Youth Dance Tynedale (children), Tynedale Community Choir.

One-off:

All of the activities organised by Church Users, are open to the whole community in Hexham, as are many of the others.

Financial Report:

Church members are actively involved in the giving and allocating of finances through Church meetings and reports. The wider local circuit of Methodist Churches also help with this process. The financial report which has been independently examined is attached to this report.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Hexham Trinity	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Tynedale	Circuit	Circuit no	20/08
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1126978

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Gareth Sherwood

Church Stewards:

Alan Wright
Elizabeth Box
Maria Curran
Elizabeth Brittlebank
Rebecca Burton

Treasurer:

John Dunn

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	1	78,986		78,986	87,823
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2	5,644		5,644	4,184
a4	Lettings	3	30,175		30,175	22,733
a5	Other receipts	4	16,733		16,733	18,399
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	5	131,538		131,538 (a7)	133,139

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	6	33,408		33,408	41,593
b3	Donations	7	7,718		7,718	8,532
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8	5,415		5,415	9,214
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9	22,932		22,932	13,360
b6	Staff	10	31,583		31,583	65,095
b7	Other payments	11	9,130		9,130	7,063
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		110,186		110,186 (b9)	144,857

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	21,352		21,352	(11,718)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	12	159,366	2,973	162,339 (c6)	174,122
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	180,717	2,973	183,691	162,404
c4	Transfers and adjustments	Pass Through Ext Org				(65)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	180,717	2,973	183,691 (c8)	162,339 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)				
			£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				65
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				580
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				645
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	131,538 (a7)	110,186 (b9)	21,352	(c7)	162,339 (c6)	183,691 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	131,538	110,186	21,352		162,339 (x)	183,691 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2 Bank Current Account	54,215	69,923
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	91,572	96,369
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	16,552	17,399
f6 Other funds - see note		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	162,339 (c6)	183,691 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	162,339 (x)	183,691 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	8,498,223	8,710,609
g3 Other Assets	5,818	3,709
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church .. **Trinity Methodist Church (1126978)**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer Date.....

Name and address of treasurer John Dunn, 33 Dickson Drive, Hexham, Northumberland

..... Post Code..... NE46 2RB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Trinity Methodist Church

Charity Number 1126978

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trinity Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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Independent Examiner’s Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
 - the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

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