PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127080

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2008-12-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Ponteland Methodist Church Bell Villas Ponteland Newcastle Upon Tyne NE20 9BE
Phone	01661 872297
Website	http://www.ponteland-methodist-church.org.uk/

Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the dicipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsiduary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Providing regular acts of worship open to church members and non-members. Teaching and promoting Christianity. Pastoral work. Taking religious assemblies in schools. Providing children's and youth clubs, and women's and men's meetings with a Christian ethos. Promoting the mission of the church. Supporting charities in the UK and overseas financially and through prayer.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£164,250	£160,233	-	-
2024-08-31	£141,367	£136,776	-	-
2023-08-31	£126,489	£140,248	-	-
2022-08-31	£120,106	£120,757	-	-
2021-08-31	£127,894	£121,875	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN GROVES		
Alison Winifred Bates		2017-05-15
Andrew Hislop Anderson		
Angela Lisle		2026-02-09
BRYAN ASHFORD		
Christine Cogan		2026-02-09
FRANCIS SYDNEY COWAN		
GEOFFREY EDWARD LISLE		2012-05-17
Geraldine Dobbs		2026-02-09
Glennis Richardson		2026-02-09
Isobel Hindle		2026-02-09
James Fail		2026-02-09
Jennifer Hardy		2026-02-09
MARGARET WARD ASHFORD		
MARIANNE GROVES		2012-08-19
NIGEL HENRY GORDON BATES		2013-04-28
PAMELA VARLEY		
PAULINE GROVES		
PROF ROGER HERBERT DYE		2017-05-15
Peter Hindle		2026-02-09
Peter Michell		
RICHARD JOHN VARLEY		
ROSEMARY GRAY		
Rev Andrew Sterling		2026-02-09
Steve Small		2026-02-09
Susan Kirtley		2025-01-23
Trish Rutter		2026-02-09

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2025

Ponteland Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1127080

Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit	**Circuit No.**	**20/2**

Minister	Rev Andrew Stirling
Church Stewards	Mrs Ann Cooper
	Mrs Bev Blackley
	Mr James Faill
	Mrs Glenis Richardson
	Mrs Angela Lisle
Church Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Introduction

Ponteland Methodist Church welcomes readers to this report and we are pleased to set out our approach to what we believe is our mission within God's kingdom.

Vision

Everyone's life made better by God's transforming love.

Mission

Together we will live by God's love for all. We will provide safe spaces to build God-inspired relationships with individuals, families and groups so that lives are transformed for the better.

Review of the year

The church has continued its pattern of regular Sunday worship and variety of mid-week activities. On one Sunday morning each month the morning service takes the form of Bouncy Church. This includes a contemporary approach to worship preceded by breakfast, crafts and time for fellowship. Our 'Fusion' inter-generation service takes place one Sunday morning each month and Pizza Friday continues to be popular. The Sunday evening service offers a more traditional style of worship. Other church groups continue successfully, including the Boy's Brigade with Girls Association.

Income

Church income is primarily drawn from members' regular giving and Gift Aid tax credits, Open Door drop-in café donations, legacies, and lettings income from community users of church rooms.

Expenditure

Expenditure on normal repairs and maintenance and utilities generally has been managed within budget. A small operating surplus has been achieved in the year.

With the help of grants the chairs in the church sanctuary have been replaced and a lay family worker has been employed to continue to grow and consolidate relationships made with young adults and their families.

Our investment in a church website has been rewarded by some new contacts being made. Social media is also being introduced to advertise the church and its activities.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2025 the net current assets of the Church are sufficient to satisfy the agreed reserves policy.

Plans for 2025-26

We will continue to provide a regular programme of Bible based preaching and teaching about the good news of Jesus Christ. To extend this provision and make it more accessible to people of all ages we will continue to develop a contemporary approach to Sunday morning worship. However, we recognise the need to satisfy those who value traditional styles of worship. Our new presbyter, Rev Andrew Stirling, has now begun his ministry with us and we look forward to reviewing our initiatives for growth and development under his leadership. We will offer a warm welcome to everyone who wishes to participate in any of our church or community activities, and we will try to reflect God's love in all we do.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Ponteland Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1127080

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity): 8th December 2008

Main communication address:
Ponteland Methodist Church, Bell Villas, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9BE

The members of the Ponteland Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual general Meeting.

Full membership list is shown as: see *Appendix A* to this report.

Treasurer: Mr Peter Michell

Independent examiner: Mr Steve Donald
37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is expressed by our church Vision Statement:
'Everyone's life made better by God's transforming love.'
Alongside our Mission Statement:
'Together we will live by God's love for all. We will provide safe spaces to build God-inspired relationships with individuals, families and groups so that lives are transformed for the better.'

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have
been defined in the Deed of Union as the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).
Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).
Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Minister supported by members of the Church Council.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.
A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to Church Trustees at various meetings or training sessions.
The internal organisations linked to this church are:
Ponteland Boys' Brigade with Girls' Association
Ponteland Methodist Church Toddler Thursday Club
Ponteland Methodist Church Women Together
Ponteland Methodist Church Men's Forum
Ponteland Methodist Church Meanderers
Ponteland Methodist Church Pizza Friday

Public Benefit
We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Related Parties
The Church is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit which is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.
Income and Expenditure is monitored and compared with the approved annual budget regularly to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will:

- seek to carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- respond without unreasonable delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- seek to follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Church regularly reviews risks to determine the level of available reserves needed to maintain financial stability and to meet unforeseen necessary expenditure. Such a review was carried out by the Property & Finance Committee and a proposal to set the Reserve Policy to maintain a reserve balance of at least £40,000 (held in cash or liquid assets) was agreed by the Church Council in February 2025. There are sufficient reserves to satisfy this policy. The policy will continue to be reviewed annually.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127080

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2024-25	Totals 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies					-	
- Collections and tax credit	3	108,387			108,387	105,697
- Donations					-	
- Grants		10,000			10,000	
- Legacies					-	
Charitable activities					-	
- Fund raising	4	9,140	4,893		14,033	10,253
Other trading activities					-	
- Lettings	5	19,881			19,881	16,005
- Fees		11			11	551
Investments	6	2,333		2,816	5,149	5,086
Other					-	
- Internal organisations		230			230	230
- Miscellaneous	7	6,559			6,559	3,545
Total		**156,541**	**4,893**	**2,816**	**164,250**	**141,367**
					-	
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	9	18,158			18,158	11,627
Circuit Assessment		80,580			80,580	78,062
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		15,510			15,510	15,023
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		11,872			11,872	9,526
Expenditure on other property						
Depreciation						
Provisions						
Internal organisations			47	500	547	1,000
Grants and Donations	10	5,405	3,283		8,688	6,073
Other expenditure	11	23,769	1,109		24,878	15,465
Total		**155,294**	**4,439**	**500**	**160,233**	**136,776**
Net income/(expenditure)		**1,247**	**454**	**2,316**	**4,017**	**4,591**
Transfers between funds						
Other recognised gains / (losses):				795	**795**	**9,813**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						
Net movement in funds		1,247	454	3,111	4,812	14,404
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		68,813	2,467	124,705	195,985	181,581
Total funds carried forward		**70,060**	**2,921**	**127,816**	**200,797**	**195,985**

Ponteland Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024-25 £	Totals 2023-24 £
Tangible Fixed Assets							
Land & Buildings	12		1,603			1,603	1,603
Equipment							
Investment properties							
Investments	13				113,710	113,710	112,915
Total fixed assets			1,603		113,710	115,313	114,518
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	7,698				7,698	7,705
Cash at Bank and in hand		18,455	13,346	(1,258)		30,543	9,802
Central Finance Board Deposits		12,155			12,106	24,261	23,521
Other		22,846	28,822	4,467		56,135	54,369
Total current assets		61,154	42,168	3,209	12,106	118,637	95,397
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	(22,511)	(10,354)	(288)		(33,153)	(13,930)
Net current assets (liabilities)		38,643	31,814	2,921	12,106	85,484	81,467
Total assets less current liabilities		38,643	33,417	2,921	125,816	200,797	195,985
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							
Provisions for liabilities and charges	16						
Net assets		38,643	33,417	2,921	125,816	200,797	195,985
Funds of the Church	17						
Unrestricted funds		38,643	33,417			72,060	68,813
Restricted funds				2,921		2,921	2,467
Endowment funds					125,816	125,816	124,705
Total Funds		38,643	33,417	2,921	125,816	200,797	195,985

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein.

Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endowment fund. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18.

2. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as deferred income for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These may be capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
The freehold property is shown at cost.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include an outstanding fourth quarter Gift Aid claim to be received.

Creditors

Creditors include expenses and committed Care & Share donations - paid after year end.

3. Collections and tax credits	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024-2025 Total	2023-2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Collections	87,888		87,888	85,114
Tax credits	20,499		20,499	20,583
Total	**108,387**	-	**108,387**	**105,697**

4. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024-2025 Total	2023-2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Care and Share events		4,893	4,893	3,166
Appeals - Foodbank	1,566		1,566	1,821
Other collections	7,574		7,574	5,266
Total	**9,140**	**4,893**	**14,033**	**10,253**

5. Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024-2025 Total	2023-2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	13,256		13,256	9,855
Cottage Rent	6,625		6,625	6,150
Total	**19,881**	-	**19,881**	**16,005**

6. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024-2025 Total	2023-2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	546		546	68
Other	1,787		1,787	1,640
Latham Endowment interest		2,816	2,816	3,378
Total	**2,333**	**2,816**	**5,149**	**5,086**

7. Other income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024-2025 Total	2023-2024 Total
- Miscellaneous	£	£	£	£
Connexion refund of donation	2,163		2,163	0
Toddler Thursday receipts	1,952		1,952	2,060
Events, flowers & other donations	2,444		2,444	1,485
Total	**6,559**	-	**6,559**	**3,545**

8. Payment to Trustees and Fees for inspection of the accounts

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church	£ Nil	Nil
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	None	None
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	£ Nil	Nil
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner	£ Nil	Nil
Total amount paid	£ Nil	Nil

9. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 16,815	11,281
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 1,160	285
Apprenticeship Levy	£ 76	61
Pension costs	£ 107	Nil
Total staff costs	£ 18,158	11,627
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:	1	1

10. Grants & Donations

In 2024-2025 no income was received from, nor loans made to or from, or amounts owed to or by, any related parties.

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Payments to related party during the year 2024-2025	Payments to related party during the year 2023-2024
			£	£
Christian Aid	National Charity	Appeals	675	420
Methodist Women in Britain	National Charity	Charity events	2,736	
Action for Children	Methodist Fund	Collections	376	498
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations	2,300	2,000
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals	1,566	1,821
Donations following collections at funerals etc.	Various Charities	Collections	1,035	1,334
Total			**8,688**	**6,073**

11. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2024-2025 Total	2023-2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Equipment	12,033			12,033	524
Other	11,736	1,109		12,845	14,941
Total	**23,769**	**1,109**		**24,878**	**15,465**

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	603	1,000					1,603
Additions							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers * (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Accumulated depreciation							
Balance brought forward							-
Depreciat'n charge for year (-)							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers* (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value							
Brought forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13. Investments

The funds that are held by TMCP are in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

	2024-2025 £	2023-2024 £
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	112,915	103,102
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	795	9,813
Carrying (market) value at end of year	113,710	112,915

Income from investments is shown in Note 6

14. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments	2024-2025 £	2023-2024 £
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income	7,698	7,705
Other debtors		
Total debtors and prepayments	7,698	7,705

Analysis of cash at bank and in hand	£	£
Bank balance held in Santander Bank	5,778	6,440
Bank balance held in CAF Bank	24,227	3,205
Cash in hand	538	157
Total cash at bank and in hand	30,543	9,802

Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	24,261	23,521
Bank Balance in Methodist Chapel Aid investment accounts	56,135	54,369
Total in Methodist accounts	80,396	77,890

Total Current Assets	118,637	95,397

15. Creditors and Accruals

Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors	£	£
Trade Creditors		
Other Creditors and accruals	23,493	4,270
Deferred income	9,660	9,660
Total Current Liabilities	33,153	13,930

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the year end, 31st August 2025, the Church had no capital commitments.
There were no Contingent Liabilities at the year end, 31st August 2025.

17. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements 2024-2025

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General Fund	33,470	148,484	148,308	5,000		38,646
Church Building	603					603
Cottage Building	1,000					1,000
Family Worker		4,000	5,840	2,000		160
Future Projects Reserve	2,500					2,500
Gifts & Legacies	19,723			-4,000		15,723
Mens Forum	122					122
Music & Equipment Reserve	6,000					6,000
Open Door	5,395	4,057	1,144	-1,000		7,308
Totals	68,813	156,541	155,292	2,000		72,062

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Care & Share	2,466	4,893	4,440			2,919
Totals	2,466	4,893	4,440			2,919

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Latham Bequest						
Endowed Capital	112,915				795	113,710
Interest account	11,790	2,816	500	-2,000		12,106
Totals	124,705	2,816	500	-2,000	795	125,816

TOTAL FUNDS

	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Total Funds	195,984	164,250	160,232		795	200,797

Ponteland Methodist Church **Appendix A**

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

1	MINISTER	Rev Andrew Stirling
2	Church Council Secretary	Mrs Sue Kirtley
3	Church Steward	Mrs Angela Lisle
4	" & Pastoral C'ttee Secretary	Mrs Bev Blackley
5	"	Mr James Faill
6	"	Mrs Glenis Richardson
7	Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell
8	Health & Safety Officer	Mr Nigel Bates
9	Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Geraldine Dobbs
10	Finance & Property Committee Rep	Dr Andy Anderson
11	"	Mr Geoff Lisle
12	"	Mr Bryan Ashford
13	Pastoral Committee Rep	Miss Marianne Groves
14	"	Miss Jennifer Hardy
15	" & Care & Share Rep	Mrs Alison Bates
16	Children's Rep	vacancy
17	Boys' Brigade & Girls Association Rep	vacancy
18	General Church Meeting appointed	Mrs Chris Cogan
19	"	Mrs Pam Varley
20	"	Mrs Margaret Ashford
21	"	Prof Roger Dye
22	"	Mrs Rosemary Gray
23	"	Mrs Pauline Groves
24	"	Mr Steve Small
25	"	Mr Richard Varley
26	"	Mr Alan Groves
27	"	Mrs Tricia Rutter
28	"	Mrs Isobel Hindle
29	"	Mr Syd Cowan
30	"	Mr Peter Hindle

Ponteland Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer P. D. Michell Date 03/03/2026

Name **Peter Michell**

Address 18 Pinegarth, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, Ne20 9LF

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting and approved on 22/10/2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Andrew Stirling**

Date 03/03/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ponteland Methodist Church

This Annual Report includes the Church Accounts for the year ended 31/08/2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility of the independent examiner to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have been identified.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

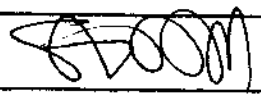
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

Name: Mr Steve Donald

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Date: 03/03/2026

PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127080

Accounts

Church
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THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2024

Ponteland Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1127080

Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit	**Circuit No.**	**20/2**

Minister	Rev Tim Woolley
Church Stewards	
	Mrs Ann Cooper
	Miss Elizabeth Armstrong
	Mr James Faill
	Mrs Bev Blackley
	Mrs Glenis Richardson
Church Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Introduction

Ponteland Methodist Church welcomes readers to this report and we are pleased to set out our approach to what we believe is our mission within God's kingdom.

Vision

Everyone's life made better by God's transforming love.

Mission

Together we will live by God's love for all. We will provide safe spaces to build God-inspired relationships with individuals, families and groups so that lives are transformed for the better.

Review of the year

The church has continued its pattern of regular Sunday worship and variety of mid-week activities. On one Sunday morning each month the morning service takes the form of Bouncy Church. This includes a contemporary approach to worship preceded by breakfast, crafts and time for fellowship. Our 'Fusion' inter-generation service takes place one Sunday morning each month and Pizza Friday continues to be popular. Other church groups continue successfully, including the Boy's Brigade with Girls Association.

Income

Church income is primarily drawn from members' regular giving and Gift Aid tax credits, Open Door drop-in café donations, legacies, and lettings income from community users of church rooms.

Our 'Giving' income has increased strongly, underlined by a positive response to a 'Plan, Promise & Proceed' campaign inviting members to review their giving.

Expenditure

Expenditure on normal repairs and maintenance and utilities generally has been managed within budget.

We have invested in creating a new church website. A small operating surplus has been achieved in the year.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2024 the net current assets of the Church are sufficient to satisfy the agreed reserves policy.

Plans for 2024-25

We will continue to provide a regular programme of Bible based preaching and teaching about the good news of Jesus Christ. To extend this provision and make it more accessible to people, especially younger adults and families, we will continue to develop a contemporary approach to Sunday morning worship through Bouncy Church and Fusion. These new initiatives will complement the traditional worship activities and established groups. Grants have been secured to replace the chairs in the church sanctuary, and to employ a part-time family worker. We will endeavour to keep the church premises well maintained. We will offer a warm welcome to everyone who wishes to participate in any of the church or community activities, and we will try to reflect God's love in all we do.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Ponteland Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1127080

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity): 8th December 2008

Main communication address:
Ponteland Methodist Church, Bell Villas, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9BE

The members of the Ponteland Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual general Meeting.

Full membership list is shown as: see *Appendix A* to this report.

Treasurer: Mr Peter Michell

Independent examiner: Mr Steve Donald
37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is expressed by our church Vision Statement:
'Everyone's life made better by God's transforming love.'
Alongside our Mission Statement:
'Together we will live by God's love for all. We will provide safe spaces to build God-inspired relationships with individuals, families and groups so that lives are transformed for the better.'

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been defined in the Deed of Union as the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) & Methodist Church Act (1976).
Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).
Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Minister supported by members of the Church Council.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.
A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to Church Trustees at various meetings or training sessions.
The internal organisations linked to this church are:
Ponteland Boys' Brigade with Girls' Association
Ponteland Methodist Church Toddler Thursday Club
Ponteland Methodist Church Women Together
Ponteland Methodist Church Men's Forum
Ponteland Methodist Church Meanderers
Ponteland Methodist Church Pizza Friday

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit which is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.
Income and Expenditure is being monitored and is compared with the approved annual budget regularly to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will:

- seek to carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- respond without unreasonable delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- seek to follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Church regularly undertakes a risk assessment to determine the level of reserves considered appropriate to maintain financial stability and to meet any unforeseen but necessary expenditure. At the current time this policy requires a Reserve balance of £45,000. There are sufficient reserves to meet this policy, and the Church will endeavour to maintain reserves at this level. This will be reviewed annually.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127080

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2023-24	Totals 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies					-	
- Collections and tax credit	4	105,697			105,697	88,533
- Donations					-	
- Legacies					-	
Charitable activities					-	
- Fund raising	5	7,087	3,166		10,253	11,478
Other trading activities					-	
- Lettings	6	16,005			16,005	12,485
- Fees		551			551	478
Investments	7	1,708		3,378	5,086	3,236
Other					-	
- Internal organisations		230			230	317
- Miscellaneous		3,545			3,545	9,962
Total		**134,823**	**3,166**	**3,378**	**141,367**	**126,489**
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	10	11,627			11,627	10,209
Circuit Assessment		78,062			78,062	73,495
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		15,023			15,023	22,830
Telephone and Travel		697			697	610
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		9,526			9,526	11,782
Expenditure on other property						
Depreciation						
Provisions						
Internal organisations				1,000	1,000	1,000
Grants and Donations	19	4,073	**2,000**		6,073	10,145
Other expenditure	11	13,625	1,143		14,768	10,177
Total		**132,633**	**3,143**	**1,000**	**136,776**	**140,248**
Net income/(expenditure)		**2,190**	**23**	**2,378**	**4,591**	**(13,759)**
Transfers between funds						
Other recognised gains / (losses):				**9,813**	9,813	**(1,912)**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						
Net movement in funds		2,190	23	12,191	14,404	(15,671)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		66,623	2,444	112,514	181,581	197,252
Total funds carried forward		**68,813**	**2,467**	**124,705**	**195,985**	**181,581**

Ponteland Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023-24 £	Totals 2022-23 £
Tangible Fixed Assets							
Land & Buildings	12		1,603			1,603	1,603
Equipment							
Investment properties							
Investments	13				112,915	112,915	103,102
Total fixed assets			1,603		112,915	114,518	104,705
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	7,705				7,705	12,395
Cash at Bank and in hand		1,224	8,578			9,802	4,326
Central Finance Board Deposits		11,731			11,790	23,521	9,633
Other		15,080	34,822	4,467		54,369	52,744
Total current assets		35,740	43,400	4,467	11,790	95,397	79,098
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	(2,270)	(9,660)	(2,000)		(13,930)	(2,222)
Net current assets (liabilities)		33,470	33,740	2,467	11,790	81,467	76,876
Total assets less current liabilities		33,470	35,343	2,467	124,705	195,985	181,581
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	16						
Provisions for liabilities and charges	17						
Net assets		33,470	35,343	2,467	124,705	195,985	181,581
Funds of the Church	18						
Unrestricted funds		33,470	35,343			68,813	66,623
Restricted funds				2,467		2,467	2,444
Endowment funds					124,705	124,705	112,514
Total Funds		33,470	35,343	2,467	124,705	195,985	181,581

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endowment fund. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These may be capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
The freehold property is shown at cost.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include an outstanding fourth quarter Gift Aid claim to be received.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding Bouncy Church expenses and committed Care & Share donations - paid after year end.

4. Collections and tax credits	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023-2024 Total	2022-2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Collections	85,114		85,114	71,648
Tax credits	20,583		20,583	16,885
Total	**105,697**	**-**	**105,697**	**88,533**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023-2024 Total	2022-2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Care and Share events		3,166	3,166	2,644
Appeals - Foodbank	1,821		1,821	1,500
Other collections	5,266		5,266	7,334
Total	**7,087**	**3,166**	**10,253**	**11,478**

6. Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023-2024 Total	2022-2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	9,855		9,855	6,485
Cottage Rent	6,150		6,150	6,000
Total	**16,005**	**-**	**16,005**	**12,485**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023-2024 Total	2022-2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	68		68	87
Other	1,640		1,640	705
Latham Endowment interest			3378	2444
Total	**1,708**	**-**	**5,086**	**3,236**

8. Payment to Trustees

		2023-2024	2022-2023
There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church.	£	Nil	Nil
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	£	None	None
Total amount paid	£	Nil	Nil

9. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	£	Nil	Nil
There were no other fees paid to the independent examiner	£	Nil	Nil

10. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	11,281	9,974
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	285	235
Apprenticeship Levy		61	Nil
Pension costs	£	Nil	Nil
Total staff costs	£	11,627	10,209
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		1	1

11. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2023-2024 Total	2022-2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Equipment	524			524	1,191
Other	13,101	1,143		14,244	8,986
Total	**13,625**	**1,143**		**14,768**	**10,177**

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	603	1,000					1,603
Additions							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers * (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Accumulated depreciation							
Balance brought forward							-
Depreciat'n charge for year (-)							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers* (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value							
Brought forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13. Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

	2023-2024 £	2022-2023 £
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	103,102	105,014
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	9,813	-1,912
Carrying (market) value at end of year	112,915	103,102

14. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments	2023-2024 £	2022-2023 £
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income	7,705	12,395
Other debtors		
Total debtors and prepayments	7,705	12,395

Analysis of cash at bank and in hand	£	£
Bank balance held in Santander Bank	6,440	2,200
Bank balance held in CAF Bank	3,205	1,727
Cash in hand	157	399
Total cash at bank and in hand	9,802	4,326

Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	23,521	9,633
Bank Balance in Methodist Chapel Aid investment accounts	54,369	52,744
Total in Methodist accounts	77,890	62,377

Total Current Assets	95,397	79,098

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	£	£
Trade Creditors		
Other Creditors	13,930	2,222
Total Current Liabilities	13,930	2,222

16. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Repayment due

	Totals
Due within 12 months	
Due after more than 12 months	
Total	Nil

Purpose of loans

Creditors due after one year

Name of crerditor	Amount on 31-Aug-2024 £	Amount on 31-Aug-2023 £
Total	Nil	Nil

17. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2024 the Church had no capital commitments.
No Contingent Liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024.

18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements 2023-2024

At the Church Council meeting on 15th February 2024 it was agreed that it would be appropriate to simplify the Unrestricted Funds list by consolidating certain of these funds into the General Reserve. The table below shows (marked *) those Funds which have been made inactive following the transfer of balances to the General Fund.

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General Fund	18,254	130,979	131,928	16,165		33,470
Centenery Garden *	718			-718		
Church Building				603		603
Cottage Building	2,000			-1,000		1,000
Cottage Maintenance *	2,000			-2,000		
Disasters *	750			-750		
Future Projects Reserve	2,500					2,500
Gifts & Legacies	19,723					19,723
Hardship Fund *	300			-300		
Heating Reserve *	6,000			-6,000		
Mens Forum	122					122
Music & Equipment Reserve	6,000					6,000
Open Door	2,256	3,844	705			5,395
Property Maintenance *	6,000			-6,000		
Totals	66,623	134,823	132,633			68,813

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Care & Share	2,444	3,166	3,143			2,467
Totals	2,444	3,166	3,143			2,467

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Latham Bequest						
Endowed Capital	103,102				9,813	112,915
Interest account	9,412	3,378	1,000			11,790
Totals	112,514	3,378	1,000		9,813	124,705

19. Related party transactions

This year 2023-2024

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2024
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Connexion Fund					
Mission in Britain Fund	Connexion Fund					
Christian Aid	National Charity	Appeals		420		
World Mission Fund	Connexion Fund					
Action for Children	Church Fund	Collection		498		
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations		2,000		
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals		1,821		
Collections at funerals etc.	Various Charities	Collections		1,334		
Total			-	**6,073**	-	-

Last year 2022-2023

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2023
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Connexion Fund					
Mission in Britain Fund	Connexion Fund					
All We Can (Turkey & Pakistan)	Connexion Fund	Appeals		4,410		
World Mission Fund	Connexion Fund					
Action for Children	Methodist charity			353		
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations		1,400		
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals		1,476		
Other Charities etc.	Various Charities	Collections		2,506		
Total			-	**10,145**	-	-

Ponteland Methodist Church **Appendix A**

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

1	MINISTER	Rev Tim Woolley
2	Church Council Secretary	Mrs Sue Kirtley
3	Church Steward	Mrs Ann Cooper
4	"	Miss Elizabeth Armstrong
5	"	Mr James Faill
6	"	Mrs Glenis Richardson
7	" & Pastoral C'ttee Secretary	Mrs Bev Blackley
8	Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell
9	Health & Safety Officer	Mr Nigel Bates
10	Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Geraldine Dobbs
11	Finance & Property Committee Rep	Dr Andy Anderson
12	"	Mr Bryan Ashford
13	Pastoral Committee Rep	Miss Marianne Groves
14	"	Miss Jennifer Hardy
15	" & Care & Share Rep	Mrs Alison Bates
16	Children's Rep	Dr Chrys Hudson
17	Boys' Brigade & Girls Association Rep	vacancy
18	General Church Meeting appointed	Mrs Chris Cogan
19	"	Mrs Pam Varley
20	"	Mrs Margaret Ashford
21	"	Prof Roger Dye
22	"	Mrs Rosemary Gray
23	"	Mr Geoff Lisle
24	"	Mrs Pauline Groves
25	"	Mr Steve Small
26	"	Mr Richard Varley
27	"	Mr Alan Groves
28	"	Mrs Tricia Rutter
29	"	Mrs Isobel Hindle
30	"	Mrs Angela Lisle
31	"	Mr Peter Hindle

Ponteland Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer P. D. Michell. Date 30/10/2024

Name **Peter Michell**

Address 18 Pinegarth, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, Ne20 9LF

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting and approved on 15/10/2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev. T Woolley

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Tim Woolley**

Date 30/10/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ponteland Methodist Church

This Annual Report includes the Church Accounts for the year ended 31/08/2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility of the independent examiner to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have been identified.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

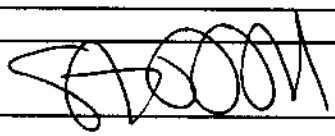
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

Name: Mr Steve Donald

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Date: 30/10/2024

PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127080

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2023

Ponteland Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1127080

Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit	Circuit No.	20/2

Minister	Rev Jona Sewell
Church Stewards	Mrs Ann Cooper Mrs Judith Orton Miss Elizabeth Armstrong Mr James Faill
Church Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Introduction

Ponteland Methodist Church welcomes readers to this report and we are pleased to set out our approach to what we believe is our mission within God's kingdom.

Vision

Everyone's life made better by God's transforming love.

Mission

Together we will live by God's love for all. We will provide safe spaces to build God-inspired relationships with individuals, families and groups so that lives are transformed for the better.

Review of the year

During 2022-23 the church has continued its pattern of regular Sunday worship and variety of mid-week activities. On one Sunday morning each month a new style of worship has been followed which we call Bouncy Church. This is a contemporary approach to worship preceded by breakfast, games, crafts and time for fellowship. Towards the end of the year we introduced a new mid-week activity, also aimed primarily at younger adults and families, called Pizza Friday. We seek to develop this during 2023-24.

Income

Church income is primarily drawn from members' regular bankers orders, Sunday collections, Gift Aid tax credits, Open Door drop-in café, legacies, donations and lettings income from external users of church rooms.

Our 'Giving' income has increased from last year which is welcome after the impact of pandemic lockdowns requiring the church to close. Our income from room lettings has held steady.

Expenditure

As anticipated our expenditure on normal repairs and maintenance and utilities has increased sharply because of high inflation rates.

Our Annual Assessment payable to the Circuit, which covers central costs including ministers' salaries and manses, increased by 12% - though this follows a year in which the Assessment was reduced as a consequence of the financial constraints imposed by lockdown closures.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2023 the net current assets of the Church are sufficient to cover our current running costs for more than six months.

Plans for 2023-24

We will continue to provide a regular programme of Bible based preaching and teaching about the good news of Jesus Christ. To extend this provision and make it more accessible to new people, especially younger adults and children, we will continue to hold a once-a-month contemporary approach to Sunday morning worship which we call 'Bouncy Church'. The newly formed mid-week monthly activity, Pizza Friday will continue to be developed. These relatively new initiatives will complement the traditional worship activities and established groups. To complement this it is planned to invest in making improvements to the church website and to continue to modernise some of the church furniture and facilities to emphasise our intention to provide to all-comers a pleasant, warm and friendly welcome.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Ponteland Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1127080

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity): 8th December 2008

Main communication address:
Ponteland Methodist Church, Bell Villas, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9BE

The members of the Ponteland Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual general Meeting.

Full membership list is shown as: see *Appendix A* to this report.

Treasurer: Mr Peter Michell

Independent examiner: Mr Steve Donald
37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is expressed by our church Vision Statement:
'Everyone's life made better by God's transforming love.'
Alongside our Mission Statement:
'Together we will live by God's love for all. We will provide safe spaces to build God-inspired relationships with individuals, families and groups so that lives are transformed for the better.'

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been defined in the Deed of Union as the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) & Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).
Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Minister supported by members of the Church Council.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.
A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to Church Trustees at various meetings or training sessions.
The internal organisations linked to this church are:
Ponteland Boys' Brigade with Girls' Association
Ponteland Methodist Toddler Thursday Club
Ponteland Methodist Church Women Together
Ponteland Methodist Men's Forum
Ponteland Methodist Meanderers
Ponteland Methodist Church Pizza Friday

Public Benefit
We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Related Parties
The Church is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit which is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.
Income and Expenditure is being monitored and is compared with the approved annual budget regularly to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will:

- seek to carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- respond without unreasonable delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- seek to follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This is to cover emergency costs of significant unforeseen expenditure on building maintenance, and/or to ensure that in the event of interruptions to regular income, in the short term, expenditure can continue to be met including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127080

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2022-23	Totals 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies					-	
- Collections and tax credit	4	88,533			88,533	83,550
- Donations					-	
- Legacies					-	2,440
Charitable activities					-	
- Fund raising	5	8,834	2,644		11,478	14,732
Other trading activities					-	
- Lettings	6	12,485			12,485	12,044
- Fees		478			478	70
Investments	7	792		2,444	3,236	2,214
Other					-	
- Furlough & NCC grants					-	335
- Internal organisations		317			317	2,064
- Miscellaneous		9,962			9,962	2,657
Total		**121,401**	**2,644**	**2,444**	**126,489**	**120,106**
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	10	10,209			10,209	8,404
Circuit Assessment		73,495			73,495	65,578
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		22,830			22,830	14,476
Telephone and Travel		610			610	670
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		11,782			11,782	10,012
Expenditure on other property						
Depreciation						
Provisions						
Internal organisations				1,000	1,000	1,000
Grants and Donations	19	8,745	1,400		10,145	13,502
Other expenditure	11	9,488	689		10,177	7,115
Total		**137,159**	**2,089**	**1,000**	**140,248**	**120,757**
Net income/(expenditure)		**(15,758)**	**555**	**1,444**	**(13,759)**	**(651)**
Transfers between funds						
Other recognised gains / (losses):				(1,912)	(1,912)	**(15,002)**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						
Net movement in funds		(15,758)	555	(468)	(15,671)	(15,653)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		82,381	1,889	112,982	197,252	212,905
Total funds carried forward		**66,623**	**2,444**	**112,514**	**181,581**	**197,252**

Ponteland Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022-23 £	Totals 2021-22 £
Tangible Fixed Assets							
Land & Buildings	12		1,603			1,603	1,603
Equipment							
Investment properties							
Investments	13				103,102	103,102	105,014
Total fixed assets			1,603		103,102	104,705	106,617
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	11,612	571	212		12,395	7,664
Cash at Bank and in hand		4,326				4,326	13,069
Central Finance Board Deposits		221			9,412	9,633	10,598
Other		4,313	46,199	2,232		52,744	62,052
Total current assets		20,472	46,770	2,444	9,412	79,098	93,383
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	(2,222)				(2,222)	2,748
Net current assets (liabilities)		18,250	46,770	2,444	9,412	76,876	90,635
Total assets less current liabilities		18,250	48,373	2,444	112,514	181,581	197,252
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	16						
Provisions for liabilities and charges	17						
Net assets		18,250	48,373	2,444	112,514	181,581	197,252
Funds of the Church	18						
Unrestricted funds		18,250	48,373			66,623	82,381
Restricted funds				2,444		2,444	1,889
Endowment funds					112,514	112,514	112,982
Total Funds		18,250	48,373	2,444	112,514	181,581	197,252

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endowment fund. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These may be capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
The freehold property is shown at cost.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding second half-year Gift Aid to be claimed, and some income from Bouncy Church, Toddler Thursdays and Room Lettings - yet to be banked.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings expenses for Bouncy Church and Caretaker's August wages - paid out after 31st August 2023.

4. Collections and tax credits	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022-2023 Total	2021-2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Collections	71,648		71,648	66,630
Tax credits	16,885		16,885	16,920
Total	**88,533**	-	**88,533**	**83,550**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022-2023 Total	2021-2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Care and Share events		2,644	2,644	1,878
Appeals - Foodbank	1,500		1,500	1,476
Other collections	7,334		7,334	11,378
Total	**8,834**	**2,644**	**11,478**	**14,732**

6. Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022-2023 Total	2021-2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	6,485		6,485	6,044
Cottage Rent	6,000		6,000	6,000
Other			0	
Total	**12,485**	-	**12,485**	**12,044**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022-2023 Total	2021-2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	87		87	36
Other	705		705	332
Latham Endowment interest			2444	1846
Total	**792**	-	**3,236**	**2,214**

8. Payment to Trustees

		2022-2023	2021-2022
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£	Nil	Nil
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	£	None	None
Nature of the expenses			
If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.			
Total amount paid	£	Nil	Nil

9. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	Nil	Nil

10. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	9,974	8,345
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	235	59
Pension costs	£	Nil	Nil
Total staff costs	£	10,209	8,404
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		1	1

11. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2022-2023 Total	2021-2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Equipment	1,191			1,191	3,286
Other	8,296	690		8,986	3,829
Total	**9,487**	**690**		**10,177**	**7,115**

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	603	1,000					1,603
Additions							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers * (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Accumulated depreciation							
Balance brought forward							-
Depreciat'n charge for year (-)							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers* (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value							
Brought forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13. Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

	2022-2023 £	2021-2022 £
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	105,014	120,016
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-1,912	-15,002
Carrying (market) value at end of year	103,102	105,014

14. Analysis of current assets

	2022-2023	2021-2022
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income	12,395	7,664
Other debtors		
Total debtors and prepayments	12,395	7,664

Analysis of cash at bank and in hand	£	£
Bank balance held in Santander Bank	2,200	9,264
Bank balance held in CAF Bank	1,727	3,805
Cash in hand	399	
Total cash at bank and in hand	4,326	13,069

Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	9,633	10,598
Bank Balance in Methodist Chapel Aid investment accounts	52,744	62,052
Total in Methodist accounts	62,377	72,650

Total Current Assets	79,098	93,383

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	£	£
Trade Creditors		
Other Creditors	2,222	2,748
Total Current Liabilities	2,222	2,748

16. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Repayment due

	Totals
Due within 12 months	
Due after more than 12 months	
Total	Nil

Purpose of loans

Creditors due after one year

Name of crerditor	Amount on 31-Aug-2023 £	Amount on 31-Aug-2022 £
Total	Nil	Nil

17. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 the Church has no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements 2022-2023

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General Fund	28,634	118,082	128,462			18,254
Centenery Garden	718					718
Cottage Building	2,000					2,000
Cottage Maintenance Reserve	2,000					2,000
Disasters	750					750
Future Projects Reserve	2,500					2,500
Gifts & Legacies	19,723					19,723
Hardship Fund	300					300
Heating Reserve	6,000					6,000
Mens Forum	122					122
Music & Equipment Reserve	6,000					6,000
Open Door	7,634	3,318	8,696			2,256
Property Maintenance	6,000					6,000
Totals	82,381	121,400	137,158			66,623

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Care & Share	1,889	2,645	2,090			2,444
Totals	1,889	2,645	2,090			2,444

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Latham Bequest						
Endowed Capital	105,014				-1,912	103,102
Interest account	7,968	2,444	1,000			9,412
Totals	112,982	2,444	1,000		-1,912	112,514

19. Related party transactions

This year 2022-2023

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2023
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Connexion Fund					
Mission in Britain Fund	Connexion Fund					
All We Can (Turkey & Pakistan)	Connexion Fund	Appeals		4,410		
World Mission Fund	Connexion Fund					
Action for Children	Church Fund	Collection		353		
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations		1,400		
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals		1,476		
Collections at funerals etc.	Various Charities	Collections		2,506		
Total			-	**10,145**	-	-

Last year 2021-2022

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2022
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Connexion Fund					
Mission in Britain Fund	Connexion Fund					
Pension Reserve Fund	Connexion Fund			2,000		
All We Can (Ukraine & Haiti)	Connexion Fund	Collection		4,983		
World Mission Fund	Connexion Fund					
JMA	Connexion Fund	Collection				
Action for Children	Methodist charity			701		
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations		700		
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals		1,476		
Other Charities etc.		Collections		3,642		
Total			-	**13,502**	-	-

Ponteland Methodist Church

Appendix A

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

1	MINISTER	Rev Jona Sewell
2	Church Council Secretary	Mrs Sue Kirtley
3	Pastoral Committee Secretary	Mrs Bev Blackley
4	Church Stewards	Mrs Judith Orton
5		Mrs Ann Cooper
6		Miss Elizabeth Armstrong
7		Mr James Faill
8	Safeguarding Officer & Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell
9	Health & Safety Officer	Mr Nigel Bates
10	Annual Church Meeting	Mrs Chris Cogan
11		Mrs Pam Varley
12		Mrs Rosemary Gray
13		Prof Roger Dye
14		Mrs Margaret Ashford
15		Mr Geoff Lisle
16		Mrs Pauline Groves
17		Mr Steve Small
18		Mr Richard Varley
19		Mr Alan Groves
20		Mrs Tricia Rutter
21		Mr Syd Cowan
22		Mrs Angela Lisle
23		Mr Peter Hindlke
24		Mrs Isobel Hindle
25	Sunday Club Coordinator	Dr Chrys Hudson
26	Pastoral committee	Miss Marianne Groves
27		Miss Jennifer Hardy
28	Finance & Property Committee	Dr Andy Anderson
29		Mr Bryan Ashford

Ponteland Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer P. D. Michell Date 16/2/24

Name **Peter Michell**

Address 18 Pinegarth, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, Ne20 9LF

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting and approved on 12/10/23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Jona Sewell**

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ponteland Methodist Church

This Annual Report includes the Church Accounts for the year ended 31/08/2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility of the independent examiner to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have been identified.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

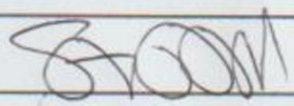
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

Name: Mr Steve Donald

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Date: 16/2/24

PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127080

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2022

Ponteland Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1127080

Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit	Circuit No.	20/2

Minister	Rev Jona Sewell
Church Stewards	
	Mrs Ann Cooper
	Mrs Judith Orton
	Mrs Alison Bates
	Mrs Rosemary Brown
	Mrs Di Small
	Miss Elizabeth Armstrong
Church Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Introduction

Ponteland Methodist Church welcomes readers to this report and we are pleased to set out our approach to what we believe is our mission within God's kingdom.

Aims

The agreed aim of Ponteland Methodist Church is to deliver its mission statement which is 'To let the Love of Jesus be known'. Our objective for 2021-22 was to emerge from the difficulties of lockdowns and continue the progress of recent years in developing initiatives that would help deliver our mission, and to worship God and nurture the faith of our church family through prayerful witness, service and outreach to the community.

Review of the year

The resumption of church activities began to gain momentum following many months of interruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown regulations. As the year unfolded attendances of worship and midweek activities increased as people became confident to gather in public places once again. Inevitably, after two years of uncertainty, the opportunity was taken in some instances to restart differently. The Women's Fellowship groups and the Women's Focus group decided to amalgamate into a new mid-week meeting now called Women Together. A decline in membership prompted the Indoor Bowls Club to decide not restart. Also during the year, a shortage of available leaders led to the closure of the Girls' Brigade. A service was held to give thanks and celebrate the enormous contribution the Girls' Brigade has made to the life of the church and the community since it was formed in 1964. Since then, the Boys' Brigade decided that they could adapt and welcome girls into their company. They have become the Boys' Brigade with Girls' Association.

The weekly on-line worship broadcast, which was developed for the circuit when COVID-19 prevented gathered worship, was so well received that it was decided to continue to produce regular on-line services even after the churches re-opened for worship.

Planning began for a new style of worship that might be more accessible to families with younger children. This will be called Bouncy Church because it includes the provision of a bouncy castle for children, alongside breakfast and craft activities on one Sunday morning per month. The planning for this was completed by the year end with the intention of launching the first session in September 2022.

Income

The main source of church income is from members' regular bank standing orders, bank transfers, Sunday collections, gift aid tax claims, donations, legacies, Open Door drop-in café, and lettings income from external users of church rooms.

Income from room lettings was seriously impacted by lockdowns. This has recovered during the year but remains lower than pre-pandemic levels. Giving income has recovered well, helped by the opportunity of resuming collections at Sunday services. However, the COVID-19 compensation grants that we heavily depended on in the previous year were only available for the very early part of 2021-2022.

Expenditure

Regular maintenance costs and utilities costs have increased, but less than budgeted was spent on new equipment. We also benefited from a temporary reduction in the assessment levy paid to the circuit.

Fund balances

At 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Church are sufficient to cover our current rate of expenditure for over half a year.

Plans for 2022-2023

Significant energy will be devoted to the launch of Bouncy Church. The level of success of this venture will determine the way in which it should be developed and how it will complement and coexist with the established worship styles. An aspiration of the church is to ensure that any person or group that attends the premises – whether for worship, church organised activities, or to attend activities not organised by the church, should sense a warmth of welcome. Attention will be given to this and improvements made wherever practicable. A third topic which has been identified for focus, when resources become available to consider, is how the church might offer fellowship and support to those locally who may feel isolated or lonely. Already there are plans to enhance the existing weekly Monday afternoon Open Door fellowship cafe by operating and advertising it as one of the Warm Spaces that will be available in the locality of the church. To ensure this facility is made as widely available as possible, the cafe refreshments will be offered without charge. There will be the opportunity, for those who wish, to make a donation. However, this will be entirely optional because one of the objectives is that those who need to make energy savings in their homes will be able to do so by enjoying the warmth in the building and also the warmth of the fellowship and hospitality that the church offers.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Ponteland Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1127080

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity): 8th December 2008

Main communication address:
Ponteland Methodist Church, Bell Villas, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9BE

The members of the Ponteland Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual general Meeting.

Full membership list is shown as: see *Appendix A* to this report.

Treasurer: Mr Peter Michell

Independent examiner: Mr Steve Donald
37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is expressed by our church Mission Statement:
'Let the love of Jesus be known'

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been defined in the Deed of Union as the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).
Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Minister supported by members of the Church Council.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.
A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and/or training sessions.

The internal organisations linked to this church are:
Bouncy Church
Ponteland Boys' Brigade with Girls' Association
Ponteland Methodist Toddlers' Club
Ponteland Methodist Church Women Together
Ponteland Methodist Men's Forum
Ponteland Methodist Meanderers

Public Benefit
We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Related Parties
The Church is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit which is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored and is compared with the approved annual budget regularly to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will:

- seek to carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- respond without unreasonable delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- seek to follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Number 1127080

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2021-22	Totals 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies					-	
- Collections and tax credit	4	83,550			83,550	80,781
- Donations					-	-
- Legacies		2,440			2,440	6,350
Charitable activities					-	-
- Fund raising	5	12,854	1878		14,732	7,776
Other trading activities					-	-
- Lettings	6	12,044			12,044	5,964
- Fees		70			70	10
Investments	7	368		1,846	2,214	2,063
Other					-	-
- Furlough & NCC grants		335			335	24,000
- Internal organisations		2,064			2,064	950
- Miscellaneous		2,657			2,657	-
Total		**116,382**	**1,878**	1,846	**120,106**	**127,894**
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	10	8,404			8,404	19,030
Circuit Assessment		65,578			65,578	68,640
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		14,476			14,476	13,053
Telephone and Travel		670			670	638
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		10,013			10,013	8,242
Expenditure on other property						
Depreciation						
Provisions						
Internal organisations				1,000	1,000	
Grants and Donations		12,802	699		13,501	8,024
Other expenditure	11	7,115			7,115	4,248
Total		**119,058**	**699**	1,000	**120,757**	**121,875**
Net income/(expenditure)		**-(2,676)**	**1,179**	**846**	**-(651)**	**6,019**
Transfers between funds						
Other recognised gains / (losses):				**-(15,002)**	**-(15,002)**	**13,192**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						
Net movement in funds		-(2,676)	1,179	-(14,156)	-(15,653)	19,211
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		85,057	710	127,138	212,905	193,694
Total funds carried forward		**82,381**	**1,889**	**112,982**	**197,252**	**212,905**

Ponteland Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021-22 £	Totals 2020-21 £
Tangible Fixed Assets							
Land & Buildings	12		1,603			1,603	1,603
Equipment							
Investment properties							
Investments	13				105,014	105,014	120,016
Total fixed assets			1,603		105,014	106,617	121,619
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	6,535	859	270		7,664	6,831
Cash at Bank and in hand		13,069				13,069	14,769
Central Finance Board Deposits		2,630			7,968	10,598	8,294
Other		9,132	51,289	1,631		62,052	61,720
Total current assets		31,366	52,148	1,901	7,968	93,383	91,614
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	-(2,736)		-(12)		-(2,748)	-(328)
Net current assets (liabilities)		28,630	52,148	1,889	7,968	90,635	91,286
Total assets less current liabilities		28,630	53,751	1,889	112,982	197,252	212,905
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17						
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		28,630	53,751	1,889	112,982	197,252	212,905
Funds of the Church	18						
Unrestricted funds		28,630	53,751			82,381	85,057
Restricted funds				1,889		1,889	710
Endowment funds					112,982	112,982	127,138
Total Funds		28,630	53,751	1,889	112,982	197,252	212,905

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endowment fund. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These may be capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
The freehold property is shown at cost.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding second half-year Gift Aid to be claimed, and August CJRS claim.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to funds raised in August for a charity, yet to be paid out.

4. Collections and tax credits	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2021-2022 Total	2020-2021 Total
	£	£		£	£
Collections	66,630			66,630	66,029
Tax credits	16,920			16,920	14,752
Total	**83,550**			**83,550**	**80,781**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2021-2022 Total	2020-2021 Total
	£	£		£	£
Care and Share events		1,878		1,878	747
Appeals - Foodbank	1,476			1,476	3,077
Other collections	11,378			11,378	3,952
Total	**12,854**	**1,878**		**14,732**	**7,776**

6. Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2021-2022 Total	2020-2021 Total
	£	£		£	£
Lettings	6,044			6,044	964
Cottage Rent	6,000			6,000	5,000
Other				0	
Total	**12,044**			**12,044**	**5,964**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2021-2022 Total	2020-2021 Total
	£	£		£	£
Central Finance Board	36			36	1
Other	332		1,846	2,178	2,062
Total	**368**		**1,846**	**2,214**	**2,063**

8. Payment to Trustees

		2021-2022	2020-2021
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£	Nil	Nil
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	£	None	None
Nature of the expenses			
If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.			
Total amount paid	£	Nil	Nil

9. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	Nil	Nil

10. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	8,345	18,846
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	59	184
Pension costs	£	Nil	Nil
Total staff costs	£	8,404	19,030
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		1	2

11. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2021-2022 Total	2020-2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Equipment	3,286			3,286	2,372
Other	3,829			3,829	1,876
Total	**7,115**			**7,115**	**4,248**

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	603	1,000					1,603
Additions							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers * (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Accumulated depreciation							
Balance brought forward							-
Depreciat'n charge for year (-)							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers* (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value							
Brought forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13. Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

	2021-2022 £	2020-2021 £
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	120,016	106,824
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-(15,002)	13,192
Carrying (market) value at end of year	105,014	120,016

14. Analysis of current assets

	2021-2022	2020-2021
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income	7,664	6,831
Other debtors		
Total debtors and prepayments	7,664	6,831

Analysis of cash at bank	£	£
Bank balance held in Santander Bank	9,264	12,715
Bank balance held in CAF Bank	3,805	2,054
Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	10,598	8,294
Bank Balance in Methodist Chapel Aid investment accounts	62,052	61,720
Total Cash and Bank	85,719	84,783

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	£	£
Trade Creditors		
Other Creditors	2,748	328
Total Current Liabilities	2,748	328

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 the Church has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

17. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Repayment due

	Totals
Due within 12 months	
Due after more than 12 months	
Total	Nil

Purpose of loans

Creditors due after one year

Name of crerditor	Amount on 31-Aug-2022 £	Amount on 31-Aug-2021 £
Total	Nil	Nil

18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements 2020-2021

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General Fund	35,045	112,646	119,057			28,634
Centenery Garden	718					718
Cottage Building	2,000					2,000
Cottage Maintenance Reserve	2,000					2,000
Disasters	750					750
Future Projects Reserve	2,500					2,500
Gifts & Legacies	17,283	2,440				19,723
Hardship Fund	300					300
Heating Reserve	6,000					6,000
Mens Forum	122					122
Music & Equipment Reserve	6,000					6,000
Open Door	6,338	1,296				7,634
Property Maintenance	6,000					6,000
Totals	85,056	116,382	119,057			82,381

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Care & Share	710	1,878	699			1,889
Totals	710	1,878	699			1,889

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Latham Bequest	127,138	1,846	1,000		-(15,002)	112,982
Totals	127,138	1,846	1,000		-(15,002)	112,982

19. Related party transactions

This year 2021-2022

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2022
			£	£	£	£
Pension Reserve Fund	Connexion Fund	Donation		2,000		
All We Can (Ukraine & Haiti)	Connexion Fund	Appeals		4,983		
World Mission Fund	Connexion Fund					
Action for Children	Church Fund	Collection		701		
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations		700		
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals		1,476		
Other	Various Charities	Collections		3,642		
Total			-	13,502	-	-

Last year 2020-2021

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2021
			£	£	£	£
JMA	Connexion Fund	Collection		152		
Action for Children	Methodist charity			1,601		
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations		2,000		
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals		3,077		
Other	Various Charities	Collections		1,194		
Total			-	8,024	-	-

Ponteland Methodist Church

Appendix A

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

1	MINISTER	Rev Jona Sewell
2	Church Council Secretary	TBA
3	Pastoral Committee Secretary	Mrs Bev Blackley
4	Church Stewards	Miss Elizabeth Armstrong
5		Mrs Alison Bates
6		Mrs Rosemary Brown
7		Mrs Ann Cooper
8		Mrs Judith Orton
9		Mrs Di Small
10	Safeguarding Officer & Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell
11	Health & Safety Officer	Mr Nigel Bates
12	General Church Meeting	Mrs Margaret Ashford
13		Mr Syd Cowan
14		Prof Roger Dye
15		Mrs Rosemary Gray
16		Mr Alan Groves
17		Mrs Pauline Groves
18		Mrs Sue Kirtley
19		Mr Geoff Lisle
20		Mr Steve Small
21		Mrs Pat Turner
22		Mrs Pam Varley
23		Mr Richard Varley
24	Sunday Club Coordinator	Dr Chrys Hudson
25	Pastoral committee	Miss Marianne Groves
26	Finance & Property Committee	Dr Andy Anderson
27		Mr Bryan Ashford

Ponteland Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer P. D. Michell Date 16/02/2023

Name **Peter Michell**

Address 18 Pinegarth, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, Ne20 9LF

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting and approved on 20/10/2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting J Hewell

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Jona Sewell**

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ponteland Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

Name: Mr Steve Donald

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Date: 16/2/23

PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127080

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2021

Ponteland Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1127080

Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit	**Circuit No.**	**20/2**

Minister	Rev Jona Sewell
Church Stewards	
	Mr Pete Cowey
	Mrs Judith Orton
	Mrs Alison Bates
	Mrs Rosemary Brown
	Mrs Di Small
	Mrs Ann Cooper
Church Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Introduction

Ponteland Methodist Church welcomes readers to this report and we are pleased to set out our approach to what we believe is our mission within God's kingdom.

Aims

The agreed aim of Ponteland Methodist Church is to deliver its mission statement which is 'To let the Love of Jesus be known'. Our objective for 2020-21 was to continue the progress of recent years in developing initiatives that would help deliver this mission, and to worship God and nurture the faith of our church family through prayerful witness, service and outreach to the local community.

Review of the year

Church activities have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Lockdown rules and guidelines meant suspension of many church and community activities because the church premises have been closed for a large part of the year. Restrictions accopmpanying the first wave of COVID-19 eased for a very short time as the church year began but the second wave interrupted preparations to restart church and community groups and face to face worship. The well practised new ways of the church family supporting each other continued. Our Boys' and Girls' Brigades used social media to keep in touch with their members and to provide them with on-line activities. Some of our devotional house-groups continued to meet via Zoom, which also became the medium for conducting various church business meetings. The on-line streamed services, supplemented by paper copy versions being distributed to those without internet facilities, continued to be produced each week, and their popularity grew. Pastoral care and contact within the church community continued by telephone and other non-face-to-face methods. We endeavoured to find ways to serve the spiritual, pastoral, and practical needs of our church family and local community. We believe this enables us to express Christ in action through us, which is particularly important as the current uncertainties prevail.

Income

Church income is primarily drawn from members' regular bankers orders, Sunday collections, Gift Aid tax credits, Open Door drop-in café, legacies, donations and lettings income from external users of church rooms.

Not surprisingly, because the church has been closed for much of the 2020-2021 financial year, our income from room lettings has been very adversely affected. The 'giving' income has declined somewhat because of the absence of church collection opportunities.

Expenditure

Because the church has remained closed for much of the year we were able to take advantage of the government furlough scheme and a local authority grant to provide some compensation for lost revenue from room lettings.

Some cost savings were also possible because of lower utilities and general running costs.

It was decided to take advantage of the quiet time of lockdowns to carry out some refurbishment work to the church premises, including the redecoration of the church Hall.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Church are sufficient to cover our current rate of expenditure for over half a year.

Plans for 2021-22

COVID restrictions make it hard to convene the series of meetings necessary to agree longer term strategies for our church outreach. However, now that our recent Family Worker project has completed, we have the opportunity to consider the best way to invest in new initiatives that will help us to mission - to 'Let the Love of Jesus be known'. To assist with this it is intended to survey the ideas and interests of our church family and the local community. This will then inform an exercise to explore and agree priorities for our church and to identify how best we can invest our talents, energies and resources in outreach activities. During the 2021-2022 financial year it is expected that such plans will be formulated and that the first steps can be taken towards their implementation. In addition, of course, we anticipate that during the year we can return to a more regular pattern of worship and general church activities.

We hope this will allow the gradual rebuilding of attendances and enable our church family to regain the collective coinfidence to meet together, worship together, pray together, and to enjoy a common fellowship in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Ponteland Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1127080

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity): 8th December 2008

Main communication address:
Ponteland Methodist Church, Bell Villas, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9BE

The members of the Ponteland Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual general Meeting.

Full membership list is shown as: see *Appendix A* to this report.

Treasurer: Mr Peter Michell

Independent examiner: Mr Iain Farquhar
2 Pembroke Drive, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9HS

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is expressed by our church Mission Statement:
'Let the love of Jesus be known'

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been defined in the Deed of Union as the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).
Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Minister supported by members of the Church Council.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.
A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and/or training sessions.

The internal organisations linked to this church are:
Ponteland Boys' Brigade
Ponteland Girls' Brigade
Ponteland Methodist Toddlers' Club
Ponteland Methodist Church Women's Fellowship
Ponteland Methodist Church Women's Focus
Ponteland Methodist Men's Forum
Ponteland Methodist Meanderers
Ponteland Methodist Carpet Bowls

Public Benefit
We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Related Parties
The Church is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne West Circuit which is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored and is compared with the approved annual budget regularly to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will:

- seek to carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- respond without unreasonable delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- seek to follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Ponteland Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

Ponteland Methodist Church

Number 1127080

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020-21	Totals 2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies					-	
- Collections and tax credit	4	80,781			80,781	89,614
- Donations					-	2,785
- Legacies		6,350			6,350	
Charitable activities					-	
- Fund raising	5	7,029	747		7,776	9,287
Other trading activities					-	
- Lettings	6	5,964			5,964	12,013
- Fees		10			10	385
Investments	7	505		1,558	2,063	2,472
Other					-	
- Furlough & NCC grants		24,000			24,000	5,569
- Internal organisations		950			950	375
- Miscellaneous					-	135
Total		**125,589**	**747**	1,558	**127,894**	**122,635**
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	10	19,030			19,030	19,882
Circuit Assessment		68,640			68,640	68,863
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		13,053			13,053	5,967
Telephone and Travel		638			638	495
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		8,242			8,242	10,847
Expenditure on other property						
Depreciation						
Provisions						
Internal organisations					-	2,000
Grants and Donations		6,024	2,000		8,024	10,890
Other expenditure	11	4,248			4,248	8,883
Total		**119,875**	**2,000**	-	**121,875**	**127,827**
Net income/(expenditure)		**5,714**	**- 1,253**	**1,558**	**6,019**	**- 5,192**
Transfers between funds						
Other recognised gains / (losses):				**13,192**	**13,192**	**- 5,188**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						
Net movement in funds		5,714	- 1,253	14,750	19,211	- 10,380
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		79,344	1,963	112,388	193,694	204,074
Total funds carried forward		**85,058**	**710**	**127,138**	**212,905**	**193,694**

Ponteland Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2020-21 £	Totals 2019-20 £
Tangible Fixed Assets							
Land & Buildings	12		1,603			1,603	1,603
Equipment							
Investment properties							
Investments	13				120,016	120,016	106,824
Total fixed assets			1,603		120,016	121,619	108,427
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	5,428	1,250	153		6,831	8,036
Cash at Bank and in hand		14,769				14,769	13,795
Central Finance Board Deposits		1,172			7,122	8,294	5,900
Other		13,990	47,161	569		61,720	61,216
Total current assets		35,359	48,411	722	7,122	91,614	88,947
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	316		12		328	3,680
Net current assets (liabilities)		35,043	48,411	710	7,122	91,286	85,267
Total assets less current liabilities		35,043	50,014	710	127,138	212,905	193,694
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17						
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		35,043	50,014	710	127,138	212,905	193,694
Funds of the Church	18						
Unrestricted funds		35,043	50,014			85,057	79,343
Restricted funds				710		710	1,963
Endowment funds					127,138	127,138	112,388
Total Funds		35,043	50,014	710	127,138	212,905	193,694

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endowment fund. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These may be capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
The freehold property is shown at cost.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding second half-year Gift Aid to be claimed, and August CJRS claim.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to funds raised in August for a charity, yet to be paid out.

4. Collections and tax credits	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020-2021 Total	2019-2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Collections	66,029		**66,029**	72,194
Tax credits	14,752		**14,752**	17,420
Total	**80,781**	-	**80,781**	**89,614**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020-2021 Total	2019-2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Care and Share events		747	**747**	**1,870**
Appeals - Foodbank	3,077		**3,077**	
Other collections	3,952		**3,952**	7,417
Total	**7,029**	**747**	**7,776**	**9,287**

6. Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020-2021 Total	2019-2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	964		**964**	**8,793**
Cottage Rent	5,000		**5,000**	**3,220**
Other			**0**	
Total	**5,964**	-	**5,964**	**12,013**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020-2021 Total	2019-2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	1		**1**	**651**
Other	504		**504**	
Total	**505**	-	**505**	**651**

8. Payment to Trustees

		2020-2021	2019-2020
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£	Nil	Nil
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	£	None	None
Nature of the expenses			
If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.			
Total amount paid	£	Nil	Nil

9. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	Nil	Nil

10. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	18,846	19,634
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	184	248
Pension costs	£	Nil	Nil
Total staff costs	£	19,030	19,882
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		2	2

11. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2020-2021 Total	2019-2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Equipment	2,372			2,372	5,511
Other	1,876			1,876	3,372
Total	**4,248**			**4,248**	**8,883**

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	603	1,000					1,603
Additions							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers * (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward							-
Depreciat'n charge for year (-)							-
Revaluations (+/-)							-
Disposals (-)							-
Transfers* (+/-)							-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Net book value

Brought forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603
Carried forward	603	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,603

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13. Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

	2020-2021 £	2019-2020 £
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	106,824	112,012
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	13,192	-5,188
Carrying (market) value at end of year	120,016	106,824

14. Analysis of current assets

	2020-2021	2019-2020
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income	6,831	8,036
Other debtors		
Total debtors and prepayments	6,831	8,036

Analysis of cash at bank	£	£
Bank balance held in Santander Bank	12,715	4,197
Bank balance held in CAF Bank	2,054	9,598
Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	8,294	5,900
Bank Balance in Methodist Chapel Aid investment accounts	61,720	61,216
Total Cash and Bank	84,783	80,911

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	£	£
Trade Creditors		
Other Creditors	328	3,680
Total Current Liabilities	328	3,680

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2021 the Church has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

17. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Repayment due

	Totals
Due within 12 months	
Due after more than 12 months	
Total	Nil

Purpose of loans

Creditors due after one year

Name of crerditor	Amount on 31-Aug-2021 £	Amount on 31-Aug-2020 £
Total	Nil	Nil

18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements 2020-2021

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
General Fund	35,682	119,237	119,873			35,046
Centenery Garden	718					718
Cottage Building	2,000					2,000
Cottage Maintenance Reserve	2,000					2,000
Disasters	750					750
Future Projects Reserve	2,500					2,500
Gifts & Legacies	10,933	6,350				17,283
Hardship Fund	300					300
Heating Reserve	6,000					6,000
Mens Forum	122					122
Music & Equipment Reserve	6,000					6,000
Open Door	6,338					6,338
Property Maintenance	6,000					6,000
Totals	79,343	125,587	119,873			85,057

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Care & Share	1,963	747	2,000			710
Totals	1,963	747	2,000			710

Endowment Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Closing Balance £
Latham Bequest	112,388	1,558			13,192	127,138
Totals	112,388	1,558			13,192	127,138

19. Related party transactions

This year 2020-2021

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2021
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Connexion Fund					
Mission in Britain Fund	Connexion Fund					
Presbyters & Deacons Support Fund	Connexion Fund					
All We Can	Connexion Fund					
World Mission Fund	Connexion Fund					
JMA	Church Fund	Collection		152		
Action for Children	Church Fund	Collection		1,601		
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations		2,000		
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals		3,077		
Other Charities etc.		Collections		1,194		
Total			-	**8,024**	-	-

Last year 2019-2020

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2020
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Connexion Fund					
Mission in Britain Fund	Connexion Fund					
Presbyters & Deacons Support Fund	Connexion Fund					
All We Can	Connexion Fund	Collection		361		
World Mission Fund	Connexion Fund					
JMA	Connexion Fund	Collection		240		
Action for Children	Methodist charity			700		
Care and Share Donations	Various Charities	Donations		2,200		
FoodBank	Local Charity	Appeals		1,122		
SHADE UK	Local Charity	Appeals		3,667		
Other Charities etc.		Collections		2,600		
Total			-	**10,890**	-	-

Ponteland Methodist Church

Appendix A

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

1	MINISTER	Rev Jona Sewell
2	Church Council Secretary	Miss Rachel Wood
3	Pastoral Committee Secretary	Mrs Bev Blackley
4	Family Worker	Mrs Alison Maynard
5	Church Stewards	Mrs Alison Bates
6		Mrs Rosemary Brown
7		Mrs Ann Cooper
8		Mr Pete Cowey
9		Mrs Judith Orton
10		Mrs Di Small
11	Safeguarding Officer & Treasurer	Mr Peter Michell
12	Health & Safety Officer	Mr Nigel Bates
13	General Church Meeting	Miss Elizabeth Armstrong
14		Mrs Margaret Ashford
15		Mr Syd Cowan
16		Prof Roger Dye
17		Mrs Rosemary Gray
18		Mr Alan Groves
19		Mrs Pauline Groves
20		Mrs Sue Kirtley
21		Mr Geoff Lisle
22		Mr Steve Small
23		Mrs Pat Turner
24		Mrs Pam Varley
25		Mr Richard Varley
26	Sunday Club Coordinator	Dr Chrys Hudson
27	Brigades Representative	Mrs Fiona Thomson
28	Pastoral committee	Miss Marianne Groves
29	Finance & Property Committee	Dr Andy Anderson
30		Mr Bryan Ashford

Ponteland Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer	P. D. Michell	Date	15th October 2021
Name	**Peter Michell**		
Address	18 Pinegarth, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, Ne20 9LF		

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting and approved on 14/10/2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting	J Sewell
Name of the Chair of the meeting	**Rev Jona Sewell**
Date	15th October 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ponteland Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

Name: Mr Iain Farquhar

Signature: I C M Farquhar.

Relevant Professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountant

Address: 2 Pembroke Drive, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9HS

Date: 4/2/22