



Church
Accruals Accounts
2020-2021

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
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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 accompanying 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 confidence to meet together, worship together, pray together, and to enjoy a common fellowship in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Worshipping 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.

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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

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020-21	Totals 2019- 20
£	£	£	£	£	£

Notes

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	91,614	88,947

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	316		12	328	3,680
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Net current assets (liabilities)		35,043	48,411	710	91,286	85,267
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Total assets less current liabilities		35,043	50,014	710	127,138	193,694
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17					
Provisions for liabilities and charges						

Net assets		35,043	50,014	710	127,138	193,694
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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	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 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 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.

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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

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting

2020-2021	2019-2020
£ Nil	Nil

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

£ None	None
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Nature of the expenses

If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.

Total amount paid

£ Nil	Nil
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9. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

£ Nil	Nil
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Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

£ Nil	Nil
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10. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

£ 18,846	19,634
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Employer's National Insurance costs

£ 184	248
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Pension costs

£ Nil	Nil
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Total staff costs

£ 19,030	19,882
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Average number of staff employed during the year were:

2	2
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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.

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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 creditor	Amount on 31-Aug-2021 £	Amount on 31-Aug-2020 £
Total	Nil	Nil

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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
Centenary 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

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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	-	-

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

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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. Mitchell

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

Iain E M Farquhar

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Chartered Accountant

Address

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

Date

4/2/22