



Church
Accruals Accounts
2021-2022

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
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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.

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

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:

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.

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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

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals 2021-22	Totals 2020-21
£	£	£	£	£	£

Notes

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	8,294
Other		9,132	51,289	1,631	62,052	61,720
Total current assets		31,366	52,148	1,901	93,383	91,614

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	-(2,736)		-(12)	-(2,748)	-(328)
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Net current assets (liabilities)		28,630	52,148	1,889	7,968	90,635
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Total assets less current liabilities		28,630	53,751	1,889	112,982	197,252
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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
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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	127,138
Total Funds		28,630	53,751	1,889	112,982	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 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	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

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

2021-2022	2020-2021
£ 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

£ 8,345	£ 18,846
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Employer's National Insurance costs

£ 59	£ 184
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Pension costs

£ Nil	£ Nil
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Total staff costs

£ 8,404	£ 19,030
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Average number of staff employed during the year were:

1	2
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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.

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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-2022 £	Amount on 31-Aug-2021 £
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	35,045	112,646	119,057			28,634
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	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	-	-

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

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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. 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. Sewell

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.

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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 Steve Donald

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

ICAEW

Address

37 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9PD

Date

16/2/23