



Church
Accruals Accounts
2022-2023

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
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Minister

Rev Jona Sewell

Church Stewards

Mrs Ann Cooper

Mrs Judith Orton

Miss Elizabeth Armstrong

Mr James Fail

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.

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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

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) & 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.

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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

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals 2022 23	Totals 2021 22
£	£	£	£	£	£

Notes

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	79,098	93,383

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	(2,222)			(2,222)	2,748
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Net current assets (liabilities)		18,250	46,770	2,444	9,412	76,876
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Total assets less current liabilities		18,250	48,373	2,444	112,514	181,581
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year	16					
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Provisions for liabilities and charges	17					
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Net assets		18,250	48,373	2,444	112,514	181,581
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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	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 some income from Bouncy Church, Toddler Thursdays and Room Lettings - yet to be banked.

Creditors

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

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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

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

2022-2023	2021-2022
£ 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

£ 9,974	8,345
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Employer's National Insurance costs

£ 235	59
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Pension costs

£ Nil	Nil
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Total staff costs

£ 10,209	8,404
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Average number of staff employed during the year were:

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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
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15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

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

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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 creditor	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.

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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
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	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

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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	-	-

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 Fail
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

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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

16/2/24

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

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 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.

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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

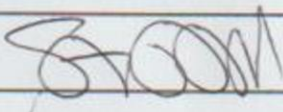
have not been met; or

(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

16/2/24