



Church  
Accruals Accounts  
2024-2025

**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
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**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.

<b>Ponteland Methodist Church</b>
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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 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

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 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
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>						
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>156,541</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>164,250</b>	<b>141,367</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>155,294</b>	<b>4,439</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>160,233</b>	<b>136,776</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>1,247</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>2,316</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>4,591</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>						
<b>Other recognised gains / (losses):</b>				795	795	9,813
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>1,247</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>4,812</b>	<b>14,404</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		68,813	2,467	124,705	195,985	181,581
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>70,060</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>127,816</b>	<b>200,797</b>	<b>195,985</b>

# Ponteland Methodist Church

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals 2024-25	Totals 2023-24
£	£	£	£	£	£

Notes

### Tangible Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	12		1,603		1,603	1,603
Equipment						
Investment properties						
Investments	13			113,710	113,710	112,915
<b>Total fixed assets</b>			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
<b>Total current assets</b>		61,154	42,168	3,209	118,637	95,397

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	(22,511)	(10,354)	(288)	(33,153)	(13,930)
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<b>Net current assets (liabilities)</b>		38,643	31,814	2,921	12,106	85,484
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<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		38,643	33,417	2,921	125,816	200,797
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year						
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Provisions for liabilities and charges	16					
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<b>Net assets</b>		38,643	33,417	2,921	125,816	200,797
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<b>Funds of the Church</b>	17					
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Unrestricted funds		38,643	33,417		72,060	68,813
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Restricted funds				2,921	2,921	2,467
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Endowment funds				125,816	125,816	124,705
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<b>Total Funds</b>		38,643	33,417	2,921	200,797	195,985
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## **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.



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

<b>4. Charitable activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024-2025 Total</b>	<b>2023-2024 Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>14,033</b>	<b>10,253</b>

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

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

<b>7. Other income</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024-2025 Total</b>	<b>2023-2024 Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
- 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,559</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,559</b>	<b>3,545</b>

**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 employed 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
<b>Total</b>			<b>8,688</b>	<b>6,073</b>

# 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,769</b>	<b>1,109</b>		<b>24,878</b>	<b>15,465</b>

# 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

	2024-2025	2023-2024
	£	£
<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>		
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income	7,698	7,705
Other debtors		
<b>Total debtors and prepayments</b>	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
<b>Total cash at bank and in hand</b>	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
<b>Total in Methodist accounts</b>	80,396	77,890

<b>Total Current Assets</b>	118,637	95,397
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#### 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
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	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.

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**17. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements 2024-2025**

**Unrestricted Funds**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Opening Balance £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Revaluation gains/losses £</b>	<b>Closing Balance £</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>68,813</b>	<b>156,541</b>	<b>155,292</b>	<b>2,000</b>		<b>72,062</b>

**Restricted Funds**

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

**Endowment Funds**

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

**TOTAL FUNDS**

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

### 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 Fail
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

*Rev Andrew Stirling*

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.



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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

03/03/2026