

Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield
Registered Charity Number 1128075
Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield S40 1UH ('Central')

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1128075

Registered Office Central Methodist Church
Saltergate
CHESTERFIELD
S40 1UH

Trustees: 1 September 2021 - 31 August 2022

Name	Position
Rev. Sean Adair	Supt. Minister (Joint Chair)
Rev. Mark Carrick	Minister (Joint Chair)
Margaret Chinnery	Senior Church Steward
Simon Ingle (until Oct. 2021)	Church Steward
Leighann Ingle (until Oct. 2021)	Church Steward
Julie Marshall (until May 2022)	Church Steward
Gill Ashton	Church Steward
Sally Jones	"
John Walker	"
Sue Walker	" & Safeguarding Officer
Angela Walker	" & Cornerstone Manager
Richard Gostling	Chair of Finance & Church Treasurer
John French	Chair of Resourcing Mission (Property) Team
Deborah Andrews (until Jan. 2022)	Church Council Secretary
Brian Offiler (wef May 2022)	Church Council Secretary
Enid Pont	Church Secretary
Judith Gilbert	Pastoral Committee Secretary
Will Nightingale	Chair of Church Life Team
Paul King	Chair of Local Mission (inc. Evangelism) Team
Lesley Parkin	Centrepont Committee Representative
Helen Briddon	Youth and J Gang Co-ordinator
Ian Sawyer	Circuit Steward
Roger Jones	Music Representative
Peter Andrews (until Jan. 2022)	Local Preachers Representative
Gillian King	Circuit Invitation Committee Representative
Rosemary Eddas	Representative from Congregation
David Humphrey	"

Reg Rodda	"
Kay Rodda (wef Jul. 2022)	"
Alyson Franks (wef Jul. 2022)	"
Deborah Andrews (wef Jul. 2022)	Representative from Congregation
Lisa Curtis (wef Jul. 2022)	"
Rev Richard Harris	Ex Officio
Rev Tracey Harris	Ex Officio
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Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The Church is governed by the laws relating to the Charity Commission and the Methodist Church. The governing documents of the Methodist Church is the Methodist Church Act 1976.

In practice the Methodist Church is governed in accordance with its Constitution, Practice and Discipline (CPD) and is organised in four tiers,

- i. Individual Churches whose governance is exercised by Church Councils;
- ii. Circuits (geographical groups of Churches) whose governance is exercised by Circuit Meetings,
- iii. Districts (geographical groups of Circuits) whose governance is exercised by Synods (with Policy Committees exercising interim delegated authority); and
- iv. A Connexion, directed by the Conference (with the Methodist Council exercising interim delegated authority).

Each Church, Circuit, District and the Connexion is a Charity, depending upon turnover, either registered or exempt. The Connexion determines overall policy, which is administered by Districts and implemented by Circuits and Churches. Financially, the Connexion levies Districts, Districts levy Circuits, and Circuits determine the annual amount that is to be levied upon each constituent Church. Thus for Churches, all three organisational tiers are “related parties”.

Governance

Central Methodist Church is governed by a Church Council consistent with the manner set out above. Members of Church Council either hold an office upon which the Constitution, Practice and Discipline confers membership, or are elected by the Church at the Church Annual General Meeting which consists of full members of the congregation, or are appointed by the Church Council to ensure a breadth of membership. The Circuit Meeting appoints a Circuit Steward to the Church Council.

Management

The Church Council is chaired by the Superintendent Minister, who is appointed by the Circuit in consultation with the District Chair, and routinely meets three times a year.

The members of Church Council are the managing trustees. As well as managing the daily operation of the church and its three paid part-time staff members (one caretaker, one cleaner, one secretary), the Church Council exercises stewardship over the Church building (which is nearly 150 years old and Grade II listed) on behalf of the custodial trustees TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes nominees of the Methodist Church of Great Britain (the Connexion)). There is no Chief Executive Office role within the church governance structure.

Staff

Central Methodist Church employs three part time staff: a Caretaker, a Church Secretary and a Cleaner.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union, the advancement of:

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit 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.

Activities

The activities of Central Methodist Church as specified at registration are:

- i. The provision of regular public acts of worship, open to members of the Church and non-members alike
- ii. The provision of sacred space in Central Methodist Church, Saltergate, Chesterfield for prayer and contemplation
- iii. Commending Christ and the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small group meetings and activities for children and young people
- iv. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved and offering pastoral support to those in need or trouble
- v. Promoting Christian outreach and providing opportunities for Christian fellowship to the public through provision of refreshment facilities and a bookshop selling Bibles and other Christian resources such as literature, cards, texts, etc.
- vi. Taking religious assemblies in local schools and other such places
- vii. Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and services and distributing Christian literature
- viii. The provision of facilities and gatherings with a Christian ethos for people of differing ages
- ix. Promoting the whole mission of the church through providing recreational and other activities and facilities and thus aiding social wellbeing and cohesion
- x. Supporting any charitable purpose for the time being of any organisation (local, regional or national) of the Methodist Church or of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church or of any charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Achievements and Performance

Central Methodist Church is a large religious community worshipping in Chesterfield. In terms of membership numbers, Central is one of the larger Methodist Churches in the country with the largest membership of any single church in the Sheffield District. The main activities take place in a large building which is, in part, Grade 2 listed and is located in Saltergate, Chesterfield. The building contains a sanctuary for worship, a large hall with kitchen, and ten ancillary rooms. As with almost all organisations, Central Methodist Church was severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic but during the year 2021-22 has gradually recovered, although not yet to pre-pandemic levels.

The activities of Central are grouped under a number of headings:

Worship:

The principle coming together of the Church is in Sunday morning worship; which is live streamed. There is an on-line service on Sunday evenings, a weekday service on Friday lunchtimes.

Christian Development

A number of groups intended to assist in developing knowledge of the Christian Faith have recommenced: House Groups (which meet fortnightly or four weekly), and 'Women on Wednesdays'.

Young People

Work among young people was maintained on-line during the pandemic, and several groups have recommenced during the year, including:

- i. J gang:- worship and learning for young people
- ii. 5th Chesterfield Rainbows
- iii. 5th Chesterfield Guides
- iv. 5th Chesterfield Brownies
- v. Creche held on Sunday morning
- vi. Toddler group: Thursday morning activity for parents, carers and under 5s
- vii. Messy Church: during school holidays

In addition, a good deal of the work developing the faith of the young people of the Circuit takes place on Central premises.

Meeting the Community

Central pursues a policy of voluntary community service through:

- i. Cornerstone (coffee bar and bookshop with a friendly supportive atmosphere, 5 days per week)
- ii. Institute - Snooker group meeting on some afternoons/evenings
- iii. Centrepont - luncheon club for older people one day per week
- iv. Drop-in centre for Ukrainian refugees, meets weekly
- v. In addition a drop-in 'memory café' and a 'warm space' are being developed and are expected to begin in the autumn.

Additionally Central provides facilities for secular groups including:

- i. A macular support group
- ii. A chair exercise group
- iii. The Chesterfield Philharmonic choir

The Wider World

Central is a Fair Trade church. Church in the World and Mission and Evangelism Teams as well as specifically focussed meetings and worship ensure that Central is aware of and responds to the needs of the wider world locally and globally.

Meeting One Another

The social cohesion of the Church is ensured by:

- i. Pastoral Visitors maintain contact with members and the wider church family
- ii. Short Mat Bowling on a Monday evening
- iii. Women on Wednesdays: a meeting with a lecture of general interest
- iv. Boots and Routes (a walking group which meets monthly in the summer)
- v. A Prayer and Healing ministry
- vi. JMA - Collecting for mission work
- vii. Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)
- viii. Sisterhood
- ix. A snooker group (The Institute)

Resourcing the Activities of the Church

A core aspect of the ethos of Central is that of 'Stewardship', i.e. the generous giving of time, talents and money by the worshipping community is the basis for delivering our mission.

The activities of the Church are overseen by four teams, who report to and advise the Trustees:

- i. Church Life Team
- ii. Church in the World Team
- iii. Resourcing Mission (Finance) Team
- iv. Resourcing Mission (Property) Team

In turn, these are supported by a number of groups with specific purposes, including the DLO (Direct Labour Organisation), a group of volunteers who help in the general maintenance of the Church building, thus saving significant cost.

Resourcing Church Activity (Stewardship of Money)

A core aspect of the approach to money is that day to day activities are funded to a very large extent through giving from the congregation, rather than by fund raising

events. In this way, the Church is able to concentrate its energy on delivering the activities listed above, and also to set aside 10% of regular freewill giving for the 'Caring for Others', which includes regular donations to national Methodist Charities. Additionally, from its inception, Central resolved that any surplus from "Cornerstone" would be used, not for day to day activities which a Church ought to fund, but for "Outreach" into the community.

Financially, the impact of the pandemic has been ameliorated by continuation of the long-standing stewardship policy, which has meant that congregational giving was largely maintained, with around 80% of the giving income being made through standing orders. Thus, we have been able to maintain the policy of giving away 10% of collections related income to 'Caring for Others'.

In the past year, it has been possible to enhance our security arrangements, sadly necessary in our town centre location, by installation of CCTV and modification to entrances.

Serious Incidents

No serious incidents have occurred during the year in question

Future Plans

Central intends to continue to offer its declared charitable activities. The range of activities outlined above has gradually been resumed, with significant additions, and suitable modifications are being considered in order to serve better our wider neighbourhood in the post pandemic world.

The town centre location, and the extensive premises, provide for new opportunities, but also require provision for future liabilities consequent upon managing on behalf of TMCP a nearly 150 year old Grade II listed building.

Specific tasks already identified for the coming year are:

- Development of a medium term finance plan in response to a slow downward trend in the financial position;
- Installation of a replacement for the life expired electronic organ, for which a significant donation has been made.

Public Benefit Statement

The *Catechism for the use of the people called Methodists* states that:

- i. The Methodist Church is part of the universal Church.
- ii. Its doctrines are based on the revelation of God in the Bible.
- iii. It has received and preaches the Gospel the apostles preached
- iv. It accepts the Creeds of the early church.

- v. It accepts the principles of the Protestant Reformation.

The distinctive features of the Methodist Church is that its message has been summarized as “The Four Alls”:

All need to be saved.
All may be saved.
All may know themselves saved.
All may be saved to the uttermost

The traditional features of the Methodist Church include:

- i. the importance of lay leadership in preaching, pastoral care, and the administration of the local congregation;
- ii. the importance of hymn-singing in worship and in the teaching of doctrine;
- iii. the subdivision of congregations into small groups for instruction, pastoral care and fellowship;
- iv. the Circuit system, linking local congregations in an area, and the District grouping a number of Circuits;
- v. the Connexional system, linking all congregations through the annual Conference.

Central Methodist Church exists to make this offer to the people of Chesterfield and so meets the Charity Commission’s “Public Good” criterion.

Exemption from Disclosure

No exemptions are claimed.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee

No such funds are held.

Financial Review

Overview

Central's financial aim is to live within its means. In the year 2021/22 operational activity resulted in a deficit of £5,145; steps have been taken to deal with the operational loss in the year ahead.

The full accounts show an overall decrease in funds of £21,069. This resulted from bringing forward expenditure from the 'Caring for Others' fund, and from payment of the first instalment of the cost of the new organ, delivery and commissioning of which is scheduled for the end of the calendar year.

After considerable discussion, it has been possible to construct a 'balanced budget' in terms of day to day activities, but funding for new initiatives, or for major maintenance, is very constrained.

Overall, the finances are reasonably satisfactory, but implementation of the medium term finance plan remains essential.

Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield, Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH CHESTERFIELD 25/10

Accounts for the year ended

31 August 2022

Registered Charity 1128075

Ministers

Revs S Adair & M Carrick

Church Stewards

Angela Walker

Margaret Chinnery

John Walker

Sue Walker

Sally Jones

Gill Ashton

Treasurer

R Gostling

Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield, Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Total	2020-21
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Offerings & tax recovered	113499	75	113574	137837
Bank & CFB interest & investment income	746	35	781	302
Lettings	3076	0	3076	460
Other receipts	9377	15496	24873	7663
Total Receipts	126697	15606	142303	146263
PAYMENTS				
Circuit Assessment or Share	70629	0	70629	81922
Donations	0	20438	20438	23184
Repairs & maintenance	5815	2814	8629	12079
Utilities	14451	0	14451	11511
Other payments	31746	17481	49227	31465
Total Payments	122641	40732	163373	160160
Net Receipts/Payments	4057	-25126	-21070	-13897
Total Funds brought forward	50965	174625	225591	239488
0	55022	149499	204521	225591
Transfers & adjustments	-9202	9202	0	0
Total Funds at end of year	45820	158701	204521	225591
Money Received & Remitted to External Organizations				
Balance from last year			0	0
Received for External organizations			2388	1674
Remitted to External organizations			-2388	-1674
Balance still to be paid			0	0

Summary of Central Methodist Church Accounts & Internal Organizations Reporting to the Trustees

INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS [Independent Accounting]	Receipts	Payments	Net	Adjustments	Opening Balances	Closing Balances
Centrepont	4268	4396	-128		2565	2437
Sisterhood				-522	522	0
Floral Art Group	50	265	-215		433	218
Men's Breakfast			0		81	81
Ladies Evening	599	682	-83		119	36
			0		0	0
			0		0	0
Sub total	4917	5343	-425	-522	3720	2773
Church Accounts	142303	163373	-21070		225591	204521
TOTAL FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	147221	168716	-21495	-522	229311	207294

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Opening Balances	Closing Balances
Cash in hand	30	40
Current Accounts	16,254	6997
Deposit Accounts		
Central Finance Board	182,274	171391
Trustess for Methodist Church Purposes	18,818	18853
Cornerstone Stock	8,215	7240
Sub total: Church Funds	225591	204521
Funds held by Internal Organizations	3720	2773
TOTAL FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	229311	207294

OTHER ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
Investments		
Land & Buildings (Held by TMCP)		
Other Assets		
Loans outstanding at year end		
Other liabilities		

Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield: 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 *R. Godley* Date *11th October 2022*
Name *RICHARD GODLEY* Address *3 Thornhill Avenue, Chesterfield, S40 3LG*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield

This report is on the Church Funds for the year ended 31 August 2022 which are set out within these pages, and is in respect of an examination carried out under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and the Examiner

As Trustees, you are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records and the preparation of the appropriate accounts. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. The procedures undertaken do not provide evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act;
and
– to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Signature *[Signature]*
Name & Address *Donald Walker, 21 Gullery Lane, Holymoorside, Chesterfield*
Relevant professional qualification or body: *CIPFA* Date: *16/10/22*

Chair of the Church Council

I confirm that the accounts have been/will be presented to the Church Council which I chaired/intend to chair on

Signature of Chair of the Church Council *Mark Carrick* Date *11/10/22*
Name *REV. MARK CARRICK* Office/Position *MINISTER*

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Historic Cost Convention and with, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS 2) on Accounting for Charities except that it does not use the accrual concept.

2. Accounting Policies

Valuation of assets The charity owns no fixed assets.

Depreciation Furniture, computers, printers and other such equipment are expensed in the year of acquisition.

Recognition of transactions

Income is recognised upon receipt. Income from endowments is recognised when transferred to Restricted Funds. Income from grants and gifts is recognised upon receipt. Payments under operating leases are charged to expenditure when paid.

A liability is recognised when a commitment is entered into.

Designated Funds Funds are designated for specific planned expenditure.

3. Fixed Assets

The Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church provides that Church (Charity) Trustees may with permission erect buildings from charitable funds and for Custodian Trusteeship to be vested in the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP), with the Charity Trustees acting as Managing Trustees of the building on a basis akin to a peppercorn repairing lease. The Managing Trustees may not alter the building structurally without TMCP authority (which is in some circumstances delegated to District Committees). Permission has to be sought from TMCP to dispose of land and buildings and the proceeds are shared between the Connexional Advance and Priority Fund and the Circuit Advance Fund. Since the Charity Trustees merely manage the church complex and the charity would not benefit from its disposal, its historic cost (which is unknown) is not included in these accounts.

4. Income

The charity's principal source of income is freewill offerings and associated Gift Aid. Other income is from a miscellany of sources, including lettings.

There have been no grants from Government or the Local Authority

5. Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Church to maintain liquid funds in the General Fund and some Designated Funds sufficient to cover one year's Assessment and other non-discretionary costs, together with working capital equivalent to one quarter's

expenditure. Based on the years 2020-21, this amounts to £104,990. On 31 August 2022 sufficient funds were available in the agreed funds (General fund, Church Fabric fund and TMCP) to cover this, with a margin of £16,623.

As explained in the section on “Achievements and Performance”, the Charity enjoys the use of, and is responsible for, a comprehensive suite of buildings. The main church building is nearly 150 years old and is Grade 2 Listed by virtue of its frontage and sanctuary ceiling. The Trustees therefore maintain a buildings development and maintenance schedule, reflecting specific short and medium term projects, including work on the sanctuary roof. In order to provide for the costs of these as they arise, and to smooth their impact on the charity’s finances, sums are periodically designated to meet those costs.

6. Trustees’ Remuneration

During the Connexional year 2021-22, of the Trustees listed in the Report, no Trustee received remuneration or expenses for their duties as Trustees, although the Rev S Adair and Rev M Carrick received a Ministerial stipend from the Circuit for their services as Ministers; and Mrs E. Pont received a salary as Church Secretary.

7. Related Party Transactions

Transactions with the related parties specified in the note on “Organization” (i.e., other organizationally superior Methodist Church registered charities) are clearly shown in the accounts and, where appropriate, are detailed below.

7.1 Assessment

The Connexional hierarchical organization of the Methodist Church provides for the costs of the Connexion to be met by the Districts; for the costs of Districts (including their share of Connexional costs) to be met by Circuits; and for the costs of Circuits (including their share of inclusive District costs) to be met by churches. In this way, the cost of the overall church organizations bears upon churches.

In addition to the surcharged costs, the costs of the Circuits include the costs of ministerial stipends and manses; the costs of lay workers; and any specific Circuit initiatives. The figure stated in the accounts from the General Fund is the share of these costs paid by Central.

7.2 Grants to the Circuit

Additionally, during the year 2021-22 Central made a grant of £3,000 from its “Caring For Others” Fund towards the costs of the Circuit’s ‘New places for new people’ project.

7.3 Grants to National Methodist Charities

During the year, Grants were made to National Methodist Charities (included in the table at note v to the accounts)

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Cornerstone

As an expression of the Methodist Church's social conscience, the Trustees offer for sale, refreshments, cards with Bible texts, Bibles, and Christian books, five days a week. This outreach venture is known as 'Cornerstone' and is staffed by volunteers from the Church, the Circuit, and beyond, and the net surplus is applied to organisations whose charitable purposes "reach out" into community; and to individuals undertaking projects/training sympathetic with the Christian message.

The summary accounts of this venture are as follows:

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£	£
Sales	10271.58	2473.21	11393.55
		-	
		2	
		3	
		0	
		4	
		.	
		8	
Cost of Sales	-6486.29	2	-7365.37
Net Surplus	3785.29	168.39	4028.18
Operating Expenses	-1645.65	-171.05	-2259.76
Net Surplus	2139.64	-2.66	1768.42
Transfers to:			
Refurbishment Fund	-786.16	0.00	-590
Outreach Fund	-2358.47	-57.84	-2017.11
Fund Balance at 1 September	8244.50	8305	9143.69
Fund Balance at 31 August	7239.51	8244.5	8305

Note: Cornerstone was fully refurbished immediately prior to the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus epidemic. The impact of the pandemic, and the gradual recovery are evident in the summary accounts for the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Designated Funds

As a matter of principle, the Trustees (i) set aside funds for specific purposes and (ii) encourage groups not to maintain accounts separate from the Church. The summarized accounts for those groups that do maintain separate accounts are shown as a sub-set of the accounts, whilst movements on those included in the accounts as “Designated” Funds are shown below:

	Income	Allocations	Expenditure	Releases	Balance at 1 September 2021	Balance at 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Caring for Others Fund	1,557.78	- 12,500.00		11,349.86	21,494.78	21,902.42
Church Fabric Fund	0.00	- 2,168.40		0.00	60,642.75	58,474.35
Mission Opportunities Fund	0.00	-645.39		0.00	17,000.00	16,354.61
Property Projects Fund	- 10,100.00	- 10,100.00		0.00	35,000.00	14,800.00
Short Mat Bowling Fund	100.00	0.00	-200.00		149.59	49.59
Institute Fund	400.00	0.00	-500.00		185.00	85.00
Toddlers Fund	92.82	-55.00	-100.00		216.54	154.36
Cornerstone Refurbishment Fund	0.00	-441.69		1,086.16	3,499.12	4,143.59
Outreach Fund	0.00	- 7,937.55	2,358.47		9,374.81	3,795.73
	- 7,949.40	- 33,848.03	1,558.47	12,436.02	147,562.59	119,759.65

Explanatory Notes

The ‘Mission and Vision’ programme was funded by donations and grants, and part of the pre-existing ‘Development Fund’. On completion of the programme, the Mission and Vision fund was closed, and the opportunity taken to review or re-title other funds to better reflect their purposes:

- i. *Church Fabric Fund (previously Provision for Capital Renewals):* The main church building is nearly 150 years old and is Grade 2 listed, which imposes liability for conservation of integrity and security for future generations.
- ii. *Mission Opportunities Fund & Property Projects Fund:* These two funds derive from a single Development Fund which had dual purposes: initiatives related to significant internal work to make the building fit for purpose for the 2020s and beyond; and initiatives where the cost was an enabler for a wider Mission opportunity. The two funds

- reflect both semi-restricted donations and designations for the short and medium term.
- iii. *Cornerstone Refurbishment Fund*: Cornerstone is used by the public five days a week, and periodically has to be refurbished. Sums are set aside annually to meet these periodic refurbishments.
 - iv. *Caring for Others & Outreach Funds*. These reflect the consequences of the Trustees' policy towards the stewardship of money. Redevelopment of the Church in 1985 was supported generously by the Connexion and the Trustees resolved from then to repay that generosity by allocating 10% of "Freewill Offerings" to Connexional Funds and to Charities. The range of beneficiaries has been expanded, but the principle of helping others remains. Likewise, when the Cornerstone Bookshop was opened in 1985, it was resolved that the Church should not become reliant on any surplus, which should instead be applied to "reaching out" into communities over and above normal Church outreach.

Grants made are as follows:

Caring For Others	
<i>District/Connexional Funds</i>	
Connexional Property Fund	1556
Ministers' Housing Fund	288
Sheffield Ministers' Housing Fund	346
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund	1000
<i>Central/Circuit Initiatives</i>	
Minister's Benevolence Fund	300
3-Generate Children & Youth Assembly	210
<i>Methodist/National Charities</i>	
All We Can	3000
Christian Aid	500
Methodist Homes	500
MWiB	250
<i>Local Charities</i>	
Ashgate Hospice	1000
Child Contact Centre	500
Elm Foundation	1000
Hope House	250
Mayor's Appeal	500
Pathways	1000
Trussell Trust Foodbank	500
TOTAL	12700
Outreach	
<i>Methodist/National Charities</i>	
Mission in Britain	1750
Mission in the World	1750

<i>Central/Circuit Initiatives</i>	
Easter Outreach	250
Holiday Club/Messy Church	400
Christians Together	
Chesterfield	50
Other Outreach	100
Posters	650
Christmas Outreach	300
Publicity	100
Toddler Group	100
New Places for New People	
project	3000
TOTAL	8450

Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities

Commitments

There are no commitments.

Ex-gratia payments

There were no ex-gratia payments made during the year.

Independent Examiner's Remuneration

The Independent Examiner made no charge for his services.

