

Guisborough Methodist Church (including Hinton Court)

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

Guisborough Methodist Church is part of the Cleveland and Danby Circuit, which includes 15 Churches/Fellowships. The Circuit lies within the Darlington District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Mission Statement

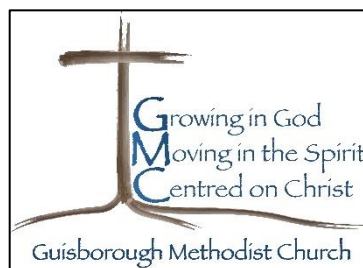
Our mission statement continues to be focused on the initial letters of **G**uisborough **M**ethodist **C**hurch, namely:

Growing in God

Moving in the Spirit

Centred on Christ

This is designed to encourage spiritual growth as Christians, and our mission to serve the community in which we are placed. This mission is now incorporated into our Church Logo, publicity material.



The Nature of the Local Church - Standing Order 600

'The Church exists to exercise the whole ministry of Christ. The local Church, with its membership and larger Church community, exercises this ministry where it is and shares in the wider ministry of the Church in the world. In this one ministry worship, fellowship, pastoral care, mission and service are essential elements. Administration and training enable their fulfilment. In the Methodist Church these various tasks are undertaken by the local Church, through its Church Council and committees, in union with the ministry of the Circuit of which it is a constituent. It is represented in the Circuit Meeting and represents it locally. It engages in ecumenical work including, where appropriate, the support of ecumenical housing associations.'

The Church Council is constituted to unite those who hold responsibility in the Church in one working community. It has the authority, as trustees, to take decisions for the Church and to manage its affairs to this end. It has the authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the Church, including the management of its property.

The senior leadership team of the church, including the minister, and appointed Church Stewards, meets regularly to both deal with the day-to-day running of Guisborough Methodist Church, and also look at the strategic and spiritual leadership issues that arise, namely

- To uphold and act upon the decisions and policies of the Church Council, including furthering the mission of the church and its 'fruitfulness'.
- To influence and empower church members engaging in the full range of the church's life and activity.

Vision

The vision of the church is that "Guisborough Methodist Church is a place where people can discover a relationship with God through Christ; a place where they can discover their gifts and calling and then are empowered by the Spirit (and our Church) to fulfil that calling in offering God's love to each other and the world".

Church Life during 2021/22

The Church is recovering well from the impact of the COVID pandemic. Services are now taking place face to face on a regular basis, house groups and other church groups are now meeting again.

Some learning from the pandemic is the value of an online ministry for those who are unable to get to churches or house groups. GMC has continued to provide an online house group via Zoom called the Nurture Group and as part of the Cleveland and Danby circuit there continues to be online services to compliment to face to face services.

Other activities like Saturday coffee mornings continue to struggle to get back as they were before the pandemic.

All other groups in the church are running and the church is also open to other voluntary groups to hire and use.

Spiritual and Social Factors

The church has continued to provide the following activities to support its members.

1. Great use has been made of online facilities, including the Church website (<http://www.guisboroughmethodist.online>), the Church Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/guismethodist>), Zoom meetings, WhatsApp groups.
2. House groups are meeting again including one group that meets on zoom, these groups facilitate people getting together for both social fellowship, prayer and focused Bible teaching.
3. The pastoral care for the Church family, members and friends has been carefully maintained by the Minister (regular visits and telephone calls), the house groups, members of the Church's Pastoral committee and individuals caring for, and especially watching over, those that were, and are, vulnerable through age, underlying medical concerns or through personal circumstances, such as living alone.
4. Church attendance numbers have been significantly lower than those before the pandemic, and now, many months later even though we see new faces we are still not back to pre-pandemic numbers.

Financial Impact

With lower attendances, there was unsurprisingly concern about the ongoing, and future, financial stability of the Church. From a financial point of view, the following negative factors continue from previous years.

1. Weekly cash offerings are still lower, although bank transfer and envelope giving has stabilised.
2. We are able to resume fundraising events, coffee mornings only resumed in September 2021 and to date there has been little take up of dates available to outside charities.
3. Room rentals were also a significant part of regular income, peaking at over £12,000 in the last financial year before the pandemic. Recently these rentals have been improving and continue to attract interest.
4. On the expenditure side, several of our key expenses continued without change. Our 'Assessment', which is the calculated contribution paid to the Cleveland and Danby Circuit, incorporating the costs of our Circuit ministers, manses, Circuit overheads, and contribution to District and Connexion costs of the Methodist Church etc, was paid throughout and will continue to be paid for the current financial year. The church also pays for a part time cleaner.
5. Other overheads, such as insurance, water, telecoms, continue unaffected. Energy usage, which had been minimal, has been an increasing cost as greater use of the church building was made. Future energy costs will no doubt be higher as the Church cannot shelter under the cap on costs available to domestic users.

However, we feel that God particularly blessed us, and provided for us over this period, and indeed continues to do so in the current financial year. Therefore, the financial stability of the church has not, yet, been threatened.

The key examples of this were:

- a. Most of the Church income comes from direct giving by bank standing orders and transfers. This is normally about 75% of our direct giving.
- b. With the support of HMG, tax rebates on gift-aided giving were received promptly.
- c. Continued action was taken by the trustees to avoid an unnecessary expenditure where it could be avoided, or at least deferred. Property repairs during the year were minimal, limited to those necessary for Health and Safety and costs associated with technology for live streaming etc.

The church finances, as will be seen from the finance summaries on the first 10 pages of this report, ended the year in a reasonably healthy state.

The Ongoing Mission and Life of Guisborough Methodist Church

Looking forward, the Church leadership continues to explore new ways of doing things, looking for opportunities to enjoy the worship, singing, teaching and fellowship etc which is so much the part of the Church and Christian life that we value.

For the leadership, pro-actively maintaining the community of the Church's congregation and friends is a high priority.

Our mission and vision remain that Guisborough Methodist Church will be a place where people can discover a relationship with God through Jesus Christ; a place where they can discover their gifts and calling and then are empowered by the Holy Spirit (and our Church) to fulfil that calling in offering God's love to each other and the world. As we seek to fulfil this vision and mission we will undoubtedly change, and develop, with God's guidance and inspiration through prayer and the active involvement of the Holy Spirit.

Rev John Henry Superintendent Cleveland and Danby Circuit

GUISBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

Part of the Cleveland and Danby Circuit of the Methodist Church of Great Britain

Registered Charity – Charity Registration Number:

1128499

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended:

31st August 2022



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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Guisborough Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Cleveland & Danby	Circuit	Circuit no	13/07
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128499

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev. John Henry

Church Stewards:

Pat Anderson	
Dorothy Brown	
Sheila Crossman	
Bob Rogers	
Christine Smith	
Isabel Stuart	

Treasurer:

Peter Crabb

Name of Church

Guisborough Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022 (Receipts & Payments)

		Notes to the accounts (page 5 and 6)	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds (inc Internal Organisations & Charities) Note 1	Endowment Funds @ TMCP	Total 22	Total 21
			£	£	£	£	£
	Receipts and Endowments from:						
1	Donations and Legacies	1	292.82			292.82	4,873.76
2	Offerings and Tax Recovered	2	67,853.44	-		67,853.44	73,311.83
3	Bank & CFB interest and Investments		8.34		-	8.34	11.29
4	Lettings	3	8,481.60			8,481.60	5,165.50
5	Grants from Circuit/District/Connexion	4	-			-	21,677.77
6	Funerals & Weddings		750.00	-		750.00	-
7	Fund Raising	5	2,532.40	82.40		2,614.80	443.05
8	Other Receipts	6	350.48	3,532.62		3,883.10	856.64
9	Total	1-8	80,269.08	3,615.02	-	83,884.10	106,339.84

	Payments on:						
10	Circuit Assessment		53,180.00			53,180.00	54,913.00
11	Grants and Donations		-			-	-
12	Repairs and Maintenance	7	17,320.93	-		17,320.93	12,985.64
13	Insurance and Utility Costs	8	12,151.19			12,151.19	6,365.44
14	Worship Expenses	9	778.16			778.16	905.78
15	Funds passed to other Charities	10	8,114.00	1,075.50		9,189.50	843.05
16	Other Outgoings	11	1,166.41	2,930.08		4,096.49	26,137.32
17	Total	10-16	92,710.69	4,005.58	-	96,716.27	102,150.23
18	Net income/(expenditure)	(9-17)	(12,441.61)	(390.56)	-	(12,832.17)	4,189.61
19	Transfers between funds		2,998.51	(2,998.51)		-	
20	Net movement in funds	18+19	(9,443.10)	(3,389.07)	-	(12,832.17)	4,189.61
	Reconciliation of funds:						
21	Total funds brought forward		57,681.56	22,090.41	13.78	79,785.75	75,596.14
22	Total funds carried forward	20+21	48,238.46	18,701.34	13.78	66,953.58	79,785.75

Name of Church **Guisborough Methodist Church**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2019		OPENING BALANCES (1/9/21)		CLOSING BALANCES (31/8/22)	
f1	Cash in hand	270.00		-	
f2	Bank Current Account	77,196.80		65,397.69	
f3	Bank Deposit Account	-		-	
f4	Central Finance Board	808.35		626.69	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	13.78		13.78	
f6	Other funds	-			
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	78,288.93		66,038.16	
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total see note 1) (it1)	1,496.82	(it1)	915.42	(it1)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	79,785.75	25	66,953.58	26

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments	-	-
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,774,328.00	2,976,875.00
g3	Other Assets	77,582.00	83,246.00
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	-	-
g5	Other Liabilities	-	-

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Restricted Funds analysis

Notes

Note 1:-

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adj/Transfers	Opening Balances (1/9/21)	Closing Balances (31/8/22)
1	Flower Fund	355.00	436.33	(81.33)	170.00	89.67	178.34
2	Tuesday Toddlers	291.65	261.00	30.65		475.53	506.18
3	Tuesday MwiB (Tuesday at 8)	394.50	210.00	184.50	(700.00)	579.27	63.77
4	Womens Fellowship	1,427.57	1,182.79	244.78	(430.00)	352.35	167.13
5				-			
6				-			-
7				-			-
8				-			-
9				-			-
	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,468.72	2,090.12	378.60	(960.00)	1,496.82	915.42

	Restricted Funds	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening Balances (1/9/21)	Closing Balances (31/8/22)
1	Lay Worker Account (closed)						-
2	Benevolence fund in GA	-	-	-		433.20	433.20
4	Flower Fund in GA	30.80	-	30.80	(100.00)	300.00	230.80
6	Good Neighbours in GA	40.00	30.00	10.00	90.00	602.31	702.31
7	Tuesday MWiB in GA	-	393.00	(393.00)	500.00	-	107.00
8	Youth & Childrens Fund in GA		416.96	(416.96)	8,373.21	8,356.36	16,312.61
9	Lay Worker Reserves in GA		-	-	(10,901.72)	10,901.72	-
	Sub total of Restricted funds	70.80	839.96	(769.16)	(2,038.51)	20,593.59	17,785.92

	Charities	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening Balances (1/9/21)	Closing Balances (31/8/22)
1	World Mission Fund	82.40	82.40	-		-	-
2	Funeral Collections	993.10	993.10	-		-	-
3				-		-	-
4				-		-	-
5				-			-
6				-			-
7				-			-
8				-			-
9				-			-
	Sub total of Charities	1,075.50	1,075.50	-	-	-	-

Total Restricted Funds	3,615.02	4,005.58	(390.56)	(2,998.51)	22,090.41	18,701.34
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Following the closure of the Lay Worker project and bank account before the end of last year, the accounts were left a reserve of the Gift Aided tax refund (£2,528) from 2019-2020 and a reserve created awaiting a decision of its donor as to how it should be either returned or utilised. The former of these has been utilised and transferred to this years gift aided tax rebate, which was lower as a consequence of the repayments last year from the Lay Worker closure. The issue of the other outstanding reserve was resolved in October 2021, when Methodist Connexion authorised those funds to be used for childrens and youth work at Guisborough Methodist Church, consequently £8,373 was allocated to the restricted reserve for Youth & Childrens Fund

Notes on Receipts

1	Donations	2020/21	2021/22	
	Lay Worker Fund	527.50	-	
	General Fund	3,846.26	292.82	
	Legacy	500.00	-	
	Total	4,873.76	292.82	
2	Offerings and Tax Recovered	2020/21	2021/22	
	Collections - Unrestricted	59,185.99	56,168.67	Collections & giving have declined since lockdown
	Tax refund - Unrestricted	12,756.62	11,581.79	
	GASDS Tax Refund	-	102.98	20/21 now received
	Collections - Restricted	(1,159.29)	-	Closure of Lay Worker Project in May 2021
	Tax refund - Restricted	2,528.51	-	
	Total	73,311.83	67,853.44	
3	Lettings	2020/21	2021/22	
	Church Premises	978.00	4,054.00	Church building now open for room rental
	Aislaby Court	4,187.50	4,427.60	
	Total	5,165.50	8,481.60	
4	Grants from District/Circuit	2020/21	2021/22	
	Connexion Grant to LW Fund	10,000.00	-	Lay Worker Project ended May 2021.
	District Grant to LW Fund	10,000.00	-	
	Circuit Grant to LW Fund	813.39	-	
	Circuit Grant for Live Streaming costs	864.38	-	
	Total	21,677.77	-	
5	Fund Raising	2020/21	2021/22	
	Coffee Mornings	-	2,102.28	Restoration of fund raising activities has been somewhat unproductive
	Sunday Coffee	-	-	
	Fund Raising events	100.00	430.12	
	Fund Raising for Charities	-	-	
	Other Fund Raising	343.05	82.40	
	Total	443.05	2,614.80	
6	Other Receipts	2020/21	2021/22	
	Internal Organisation receipts	520.25	2468.72	Note that Tuesday MwIB (previously Tuesdat at 8) have moved their banked funds to the Church Accounts to avoid charges etc..Activity for most Internal Org'ns has increased this year compared to little activity in previous year
	LW Account - local grants etc	270.18	-	
	Printing & copying	-	150.48	
	Books & magazines etc	60.00	-	
	Benevolence Fund	-	-	
	Other Restricted Funds	6.21	70.80	
	Others	-	1,193.10	Funeral collections £993
	Total	856.64	3,883.10	

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7	Maintenance	2020/21	2021/22	
	Repairs	3,388.98	6,443.16	H&S £2,287, Church Frontage repairs £4,000, Others £156
	Equipment renewal	1,924.90	2,909.76	Live Streaming/worship £1,732, Cleaning Eq £1,070
	Cleaning	7,671.76	7,968.01	
	Total	12,985.64	17,320.93	
8	Insurance and Utilities	2020/21	2021/22	
	Insurance	3,346.19	3,588.35	
	Electricity	671.51	2,003.58	Impact of Church reopening/increased energy costs and after previous supplier went into liquidation
	Gas	1,289.61	5,899.82	Account still in credit
	Water	420.00	10.00	
	Telephone/WIFI	638.13	649.44	New Telephone/WIFI contract arranged through Virgin
	Total	6,365.44	12,151.19	
9	Worship Expenses	2020/21	2021/22	
	Preachers expenses	-	-	
	Copyright/Licence exps	578.91	607.17	
	Lockdown Licences & expenses	326.87	-	
	Others	-	170.99	
	Total	905.78	778.16	
10	Funds passed to other Charities	2020/21	2021/22	
	Funeral Collections for Charities	-	993.10	
	Methodist Charities	843.05	8,196.40	Pension Reserve Appeal £7,964, Property Fund £150, World Mission £82
	Other Charities	-	-	
	Total	843.05	9,189.50	
11	Other outgoings	2020/21	2021/22	
	Layworker salary & expenses	23,492.15	-	Lay worker resigned May 2021, no costs this year
	Internal Organisation exps	312.49	2,090.12	See comments on Int Org's receipts
	Fruitful/Mission Expenses	183.41	28.99	
	Catering etc	-	477.02	Fellowship Meal £249, Other Supplies £228
	Stationery & Admin	90.62	-	
	Food4All	-	-	
	Payroll Costs/Apprentice Levy	567.92	-	Relating to Layworker Project 2020-21
	Benevolence Fund costs	200.00	-	
	Youth Fund costs	111.63	416.96	Youthwork now funded through General Acc reserve
	Bank Charges	409.93	293.71	Reduced with use of Direct bank transfer payments
	Others	769.17	789.69	Tuesday MWiB donations to Connexion MWiB £393
	Total	26,137.32	4,096.49	

Name of Church Guisborough Methodist Church**MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCH COUNCIL 31 August 2022****Minister :-** Rev John Henry

Stewards :- Pat Anderson Senior Steward & Secretary to Church Council
Dorothy Brown
Sheila Crossman Hinton Court/Secretary to Resources Committee
Bob Rogers
Christine Smith
Isabel Stuart

Treasurer :- Peter Crabb**Property Secretary :-****Secretary to Church Council :-** See above**General Church Meeting Appointees :-** In addition to the above

Mel Bradley	Youth Work
Rachael Cort	Prayer Co-ordinator
Ken Darragh	Gift Aid Secretary/Good Neighbours
John Harrison	Circuit Representative
Juanita Osborne	Junior Church co-ordinator
Roma Ross	MWIB/Keyholders
Jenny Tyrie	Bookings
Sally Wardell	Safeguarding officer

Elaine Brough	Church Life Rep	Linda Lister	Church Life Rep
Michel Cort	Church Life Rep	Richard Osborne	Church Life Rep
Shona Joselin	Church Life Rep	Ruth Todd	Church Life Rep
Chris Hume	Church Life Rep	Joyce Turner	Church Life Rep

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Declarations and Scrutiny

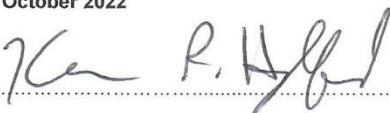
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Signature of treasurer  Date 17/10/22

Name and address of treasurer **Mr Peter Crabb**
..... **40 St Leonards Road, Guisborough, TS14 8BU**

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on **Wednesday, 19th October 2022**

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Kevin Highfield**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Guisborough Methodist Church

Charity Number **1128499**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Guisborough Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 to 7. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Name of Church **Guisborough Methodist Church**

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner **Mr R E N Shawcross**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner **FCA**

Name of firm (where appropriate) **N/A**

Address **2 Devon Crescent, Skelton,**

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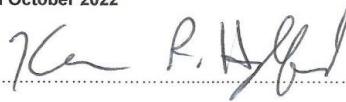
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