

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

SECTION A REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name

Trinity Methodist Church

Other Names by which charity is known

None

Registered Charity Number

1128708

Charity's Principal Address

Trinity Methodist Church
Royland Road
Loughborough
Leicestershire
LE11 2EH

Names of Trustees who manage the charity

Rev Karen Beecham (Chair)
Mr Trevor Ranson
Mr David Brooks
Mr Nigel Cox
Mrs Kate Hammond
Mrs Margaret Edum-Fotwe (until 18/6/24)
Mrs Margaret Hutchinson
Mr Colin Lamb
Mr Bobby Peach (secretary)
Mr Simon Scoggins
Mrs Rachel Thorpe
Mr Andrew Thorpe
Mr Peter Thorpe
Mr Nigel Wrighton

Names of the Trustees for the Charity, if any (for example custodian trustees)

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (custodian trustee)

SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of Governing document

Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

How the charity is constituted

Act of Parliament

Trustee selection methods

Minister, together with people elected by the general meeting of all church members to specific posts, also Church representatives elected at the ACM for fixed terms.

SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 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.

The Church exists to:

- Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love
- Help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care
- Become a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice
- Make more followers of Jesus Christ

Specifically, Trinity Methodist Church's aims are:

The provision of regular public acts of worship, open to all.

The provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation

The teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups

Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved

Provision of youth organisations with a Christian ethos

Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We confirm the trustees had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

Trinity provides worship services in a range of styles. These include Sunday morning services at 10.45 and occasional evening Jazz Vespers. All these services are publicised widely and are open to all.

As well as regular services, the church holds Christenings, Weddings and Funerals. It holds special events to encourage contemplation, such as at Christmas, Lent and Easter with extra services. These are open to all and are publicised around the town and wider area.

The church also encourages attendance of house groups to allow church members and anyone else who is interested to study the bible more deeply and encourage fellowship.

There is a pastoral system so that all who attend the church have a pastoral contact, who can visit them, communicate any needs to the ministry team and keep everyone informed of church events. The minister and pastoral team visit those who are sick, bereaved or in need of help. This extends to any who have links to the church and may wish for a visit. The church is often open on a Saturday morning for anyone to come along for coffee and a chat.

There is a fortnightly fellowship group and a weekly badminton group which are open to church members and the wider community and offer chances for people to meet in a more informal setting.

The church has a strong Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and toddler group. All have Christian leadership and are open to all. It also provides a weekly Sunday School and crèche during the morning service.

The Church gives to a range of charities, both in the UK and overseas. Trinity allows and encourages local charities to hold Saturday coffee mornings to raise money for their funds.

SECTION D ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Trinity held regular 10.45 worship services during the year. There is the odd evening service, such as a 5.45 Jazz Vespers. There are also regular Home Church groups that meet fortnightly.

The Loughborough Chinese Methodist Church moved into the building at the end of 2021. The two churches held more joint services during the year, usually followed by a joint lunch.

There was a celebration for Harvest, with a harvest supper, a short concert and special collections.

There were a number of special collections during the year, including at Christmas. Donations for refreshments after the Sunday service went to Wateraid and there was an ongoing collection of goods for the Trussell Trust.

There were regular Saturday coffee mornings plus Open Gardens over the summer. Along with providing a time of fellowship, many of these raised money for good causes. Trinity held its own Commemoration service in the autumn for those who had lost loved ones. We also hosted a Christmas commemoration for a local undertaker and families who had been bereaved.

There are internal groups who use Trinity weekly, including Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Toddler group and a badminton club.

Trinity Early Learners use the hall every weekday in termtime and there are many other external groups who make use of the premises, including dance groups, choirs and a tabletop gaming club. A drama group held regular rehearsals for their Edinburgh Fringe show – which held its world premiere at Trinity. The building is therefore busy every day of the week.

Trinity used to be the home to Teamprint, an organisation that provided low-cost printing services to Churches and community groups in the local area. This group sadly closed down in the year. The room has been handed back to the Church. We are looking at how we can use this space in the future. The plan is to use the area to create a self-contained area for the Playgroup, which frees up the rest of the building for use on weekdays.

Trinity is an active member of the Three Churches Partnership, working with the URC and the Loughborough Baptist Church. We hold joint services and events, especially at Easter and Christmas. We are also a member of the Loughborough Churches Partnership with occasional joint events.

A small group of members have been exploring options for opening up the building to the community. These include employing a lay worker to set up new groups, open to the Church and local community.

SECTION E FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At present, trustees are trying to keep general reserves at over £20,000, which represents less than 3 months expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

SECTION F OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

None

SECTION G DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s).....R. Thorpe.....K. Beecham.....

Full Name(s).....RACHEL THORPE.....REV KAREN BEECHAM.....

Position (eg secretary, chair).....TREASURER.....

Date.....29/10/24.....

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Trinity Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Loughborough	Circuit	Circuit no	23/10
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128708

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 K Beecham

Church Stewards:

Andrew Thorpe

David Brooks

Kate Hammond

Simon Scoggins

Treasurer:

Rachel Thorpe

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted/ designated Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		66,731	312	67,043	61,848
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,764		1,764	1,753
a4	Lettings		26,949		26,949	23,285
a5	Other receipts		430	27,868	28,298	7,498
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		95,874	28,180	124,054 (a7)	94,384

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		53,875		53,875	54,625
b3	Donations		2,000		2,000	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		14,646		14,646	4,804
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		21,869		21,869	15,361
b6	Office costs		457		457	678
b7	Other payments		2,388	7,110	9,498	21,497
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		95,235	7,110	102,345 (b9)	96,965

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	639	21,070	21,709	(2,581)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		14,594	46,028	60,622 (c6)	63,203
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	15,233	67,098	82,331	60,622
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	15,233	67,098	82,331 (c8)	60,622 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£	
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,689	3,318	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,689	3,318	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Boys Brigade	4,886	5,446	(560)		4,268	3,707
e2	Girls Brigade	1,254	1,260	(6)		1,284	1,278
e3	Monday @ 2	1,002	1,117	(115)		518	403
e4	Badminton	210	225	(15)		34	19
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7,351	8,047	(696)		6,103 (e11)	5,407 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	124,054 (a7)	102,345 (b9)	21,709	(c7)	60,622 (c6)	82,331 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	131,405	110,392	21,013		66,725 (x)	87,738 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	7,226	15,303
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	42,317	54,956
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	11,079	12,073
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	60,622 (c6)	82,331 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	6,103 (e11)	5,407 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	66,725 (x)	87,739 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,626,246
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church: Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough.

Charity number 1128708

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date... 28/1/24

Name and address of treasurer: Rachel Thorpe

52 Priory Road, Loughborough, LE11 3PP

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ... 29/10/24 ...

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev K Beecham Date 10.11.24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Trinity Methodist Church - Loughborough

Charity Number 1128708

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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.

Name of Church: Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough.

Charity number 1128708

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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner

GEOFFREY WAINWRIGHT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner



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Date

30/9/2024

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