

Trustees' Annual Report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

From 1st Sept 2024
date

Period start date To 31st Aug 2025

Period end

Charity name: Ridgeway Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1128711

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ridgeway Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1128711
Charity's principal address	Mudge Way Plympton Plymouth PL7 2PS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Amanda Roper			Ex Officio
2	Mr John Buttle			Church Council
3	Mr Mark Thompson			Church Council
4	Mrs Lynne Rogers			Church Council
5	Mrs Helen Pope			Church Council
6	Mrs Joan Buttle			Church Council
7	Mrs Janet Bell			Church Council
8	Mrs Carmen De Pablo Lopez			Church Council
9	Mr Martin Holman			Church Council
10	Miss Ruth Nicholls	Church Council Secretary		Church Council
11	Mr Simon Rogers			Church Council
12	Mr Matthew Rogers			Church Council
13	Mr Anthony Kirby			Church Council
14	Mrs Avril Baker			Church Council
15	Mrs Monica Thompson			Church Council
16	Mr Brian Hart			Church Council
17	Mrs Valerie Foot			Church Council
18	Miss Ruth Blake-Lobb		Resigned 31 st August 2025	
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Act of Parliament
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Appointed by church council/ some ex officio

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Induction/training Range of guidance produced by the Methodist Church Leaflet "Role of a Trustee" Training in Safeguarding practice in the Methodist Church Structure Part of the Plymouth & Devonport Methodist Circuit Accountable to The Methodist Conference Risks Discussed by Church Council Take professional advice as required Regular review process Adopted Safeguarding Policy
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	
Relationship with any related parties	
Other	

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) – synopsis – Advancement of Religion and any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or church organisation. (See Methodist Church Act 1976)
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	The provision 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 provision of youth and parent and toddler activities, and women's and men's meetings with a Christian ethos. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	<p>A full programme of Christian worship, ministry and service is provided for all ages, and all these activities are open to both members and non-members.</p> <p>The church prepares and receives new members. Worship includes regular celebrations of Holy Communion and prayer. Learning and caring is organised through Sunday services, bible study groups, meetings for fellowship and such other activities as may stimulate growth in faith and support others in their Christian discipleship.</p> <p>Service is organised through a wide variety of uniformed and non-uniformed groups for children from birth to adulthood, coffee bars, warm space and café events. A programme of regular activities is arranged for adults including walking, badminton, Needles and Pins, Warm Spaces, fellowship groups.</p> <p>Care is offered to all who are in need and people who approach the church asking for a special service or support.</p> <p>The church co-operates with and supports other churches and groups with a similar outlook and ethos.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	
Contribution made by volunteers	
Other	

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>Ridgeway Methodist church continues to hold weekly Sunday services in the morning and evening. Morning services are streamed for those who are unable to join us. In addition, there have been monthly midweek services for residents in a nearby community which caters for the visually impaired.</p> <p>A team of volunteers has provided pastoral support to its members, visiting the elderly and housebound and delivering flowers to those who are unwell or bereaved.</p> <p>A prayer team offers prayer support for the local community and for those in special need.</p> <p>The church employs a part time office administrator and a part time Pastoral Outreach worker</p> <p>A wide range of activities are held for children and young people, which includes a Church led pre-school and toddler groups. There are also activities for adults of all ages. Through these activities we provide support and guidance to a wide range of people within our community.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's	Income has remained steady.
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financial position at the end of the period	Where possible members are encouraged to make offerings by standing order. At the end of the financial year the charity has approximately 8 months of reserves which is above the set objective.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<p>We aim to hold in reserve sufficient money in our general funds to cover 6 months expenditure. The reason for this is twofold:</p> <p>(i) Expenditure is held in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs and to meet emergency calls on cash; and</p> <p>(ii) Certain costs, including our assessment, are paid in advance – money is therefore spent in advance of being raised. To cover this, the church needs further funds in reserve.</p> <p>At 31st August 2025 our restricted funds stood at £51,617 with £46,370 as general funds. At 31st August 2025 our general funds represented 8 months of expenditure. Our restricted funds of £51,617 are held for the employment of pastoral/mission workers and property expenditure</p>
Amount of reserves held	£46,370
Reasons for holding zero reserves	
Details of fund materially in deficit	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ruth Nicholls	Simon Rogers
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Council Secretary	Senior Steward
Date	14 / 03 / 2026	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

RIDGEWAY METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Plymouth & Devonport	Circuit	Circuit no.	37/4
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128711

If not a registered charity **His 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 Amanda Roper

Church Stewards:

Simon Rogers

Helen Pope

Carmen de Pablo

Martin Holman

Treasurer:

Lynne Rogers

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
		£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		63,220		63,220	66,422
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,382		2,382	2,613
a4	Lettings		4,248		4,248	2,854
a5	Other receipts		4,265	24,663	28,928	21,309
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		74,115	24,663	98,778 (a7)	93,198

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		41,908		41,908	43,337
b3	Donations		5,500		5,500	5,960
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		3,954		3,954	949
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		3,335		3,335	7,544
b6					0	0
b7	Other payments		17,071	23,083	40,154	26,755
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		71,767	23,083	94,850 (b9)	84,545

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	2,348	1,580	3,928	8,653
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		44,022	50,037	94,059 (c6)	85,406
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	46,370	51,617	97,987	94,059
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	46,370	51,617	97,987 (c8)	94,059 (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			0		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			4,091		4,173
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			4,091		4,173
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			0		0

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 2025 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	5,677	5,879	(202)	(102)	3,802	3,498
e2 Girls Brigade	5,398	5,601	(203)		3,747	3,544
e3 Dartmoor walkers	0	0	0		0	0
e4 Badminton	981	981	0		0	0
e5 Needles & Pins(patchwork plus)	330	327	3		17	20
e6 Friendship group	1,979	1,655	324		114	437
e6a Women's fellowship	1,721	642	1,079		5,238	6,317
e6b Food rave	5	40	(35)		35	0
e7 Psalm 23 garden		10	(10)		15	5
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	16,091	15,136	956	(102)	12,968 (e11)	13,821 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	98,778 (a7)	94,850 (b9)	3,928	(c7)	94,059 (c6)	97,987 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	114,870	109,986	4,883	(102)	107,027 (x)	111,808 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	41,587	43,221
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	52,497	54,879
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	94,059 (c6)	97,988 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	12,968 (e11)	13,821 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	107,027 (x)	111,809 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,307,759	3,406,999
g3 Other Assets	232,849	237,999
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	6,342	6,447

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 RIDGEWAY METHODIST No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 [Signature] Date 23/10/25

Name and address of treasurer LYNNE ROGERS

18 CULVERWOOD CLOSE PLYMOUTH Post Code PL7 2WB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 4/11/2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Amanda Roper Date 4/11/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... RIDGEWAY METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1128711

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the RIDGEWAY METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages ... to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church RIDGEWAY METHODIST No

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:

- 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/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 M. R. Sowden

Name of independent examiner MICHAEL RICHARD SOWDEN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address

..... Post Code

Date 21/10/25

* delete or circle as appropriate