

WIGAN METHODIST MISSION

Queens Hall

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2022

Management

Responsibility for management of Wigan Methodist Mission lies with its Church Council, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church. The membership of the Church Council is partly ex officio and partly elected. For example, the minister with pastoral responsibility, the church stewards (who are elected annually by the church members), and the treasurer are ex officio. Other members of the Church Council are elected annually by the church members.

In the period of 12 months to the 31st August 2022 the Church Council met 4 times, to review the whole mission of the church, including its worship, the discipleship of its members, its financial position, the maintenance of the church premises, its pastoral care of both its members and adherents, and its social and evangelistic outreach.

The church has a small Leadership Group which meets every 4 to 5 weeks, which has responsibility for the day to day running of the church, reviews its activities and prepares items for presentation to the Church Council.

Objectives

The mission statement of the church remains “In Jesus Christ, Growing up, Growing together, Growing out, Growth rooted in Love”. This statement summarises our mission of serving the community while deepening our fellowship, our relationship to God and Christian discipleship.

Premises

The church building is in one of the main streets in the Wigan Town Centre, close to the bus station. As well as the church sanctuary and ancillary rooms, it has a café. This provides a range of food and drink each morning Monday to Friday, in a safe and friendly environment where people, particularly elderly, can meet friends. Prayer and a listening ear are also offered. The café is now operating within the sanctuary and has been welcomed by everyone for its light airy feel and open space. It has also helped to promote prayer for customers and anyone needing help and support.

The church building is open every day. As well as its use for church-based activities, it is used by a number of outside organisations each week. Some are charged a commercial fee. Others, for example Alcoholics Anonymous, pay only a nominal amount.

Activities

The activities of the church reflect its obligation to show that it exists for public benefit, with particular regard to the advancement of religion. The church enables ordinary people to live out their Christian faith through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel of Jesus Christ and developing their knowledge of and trust in Jesus
- Opportunities for fellowship and the provision of pastoral care for its members and others connected with the church
- Mission and outreach

Worship and Prayer

The church holds services every Sunday morning between 10.45am and 12.30pm. The music is led mainly by our worship group. Those who attend cover a wide age range. The services are led by a variety of preachers as well as the minister. Once a month we hold an informal service, led by a preacher gifted at addressing children as well as adults. Prayer events and healing services are also held.

All are welcome to attend our services; the average weekly adult attendance at the morning service was 35. We have lost many of our children and families since the pandemic and we are trying to rebuild in that area.

The sacraments of baptism and marriage are available and funeral services are held.

There is a dedicated Prayer Room on the first floor of the building. It is used for prayer meetings particularly the weekly Thursday lunchtime prayer meeting and discipleship and bible study groups. Our monthly leadership meetings and pastoral meetings are held there, where prayer is greatly valued. It is available for use for private prayer by anyone while the building is open.

The church has a Prayer Ministry Team, members of which are available after each service, and a prayer circle for urgent prayer requests.

Fellowship and Pastoral Care

The pastoral care system is regularly reviewed and all the members and most of the non-members who attend regularly have a Pastoral Carer, who is responsible for keeping in touch and/or visiting them in their homes, particularly those who are house-bound or sick.

Mission

Mission continues to be an important element in the Church. We run regular Alpha courses and continue to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ. Our café has proved to be a very important mission field and we have regular people daily going into the café to offer prayer and a listening ear.

Little Angels meets on Monday mornings during term time and offers a welcoming place for pre-school children to play, whilst parents or grandparents chat and relax.

Our Youth outreach is on a monthly basis and each Wednesday from 3.30pm to 5pm, youth from local high schools visit and take part in learning to play instruments, singing, craft and enjoying themselves. This continues to grow and develop.

The Brick

The Brick began as a small outreach from the Church and has grown to be a charity in its own right, and it is still expanding thanks to our ongoing involvement in its success. See

[The Brick's Charity Commission page here](#)

Finance

The church is subject to independent examination and a copy of its accounts, examined by a qualified accountant, is attached.

We have lost several key members this year because of the Methodist decision on God in Love Unites us and therefore giving is down approximately £120 per week.

Our circuit assessment has been reviewed from £28,000 and we are now paying £13,000 a year in view of the rise in cost of heating and lighting plus our need for extensive building maintenance and repairs.

During this time, we have tried initiatives to raise funds to keep our church going, through the tabletop sales, fundraising and the craft stall.

Our building requires extensive repair and we have a small dedicated team looking at the refurbishment of the building.

Our lettings remain consistent, and we hope to be able to increase them again this year.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wigan Methodist

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

Wigan	Circuit	Circuit no	06
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

122

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 charitab and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation' charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are from registration under Statutory Instrument 242 of 2014)

Minister:

Rev Simon Rose

Church Stewards:

Ms Pepe Dube

Miss Ruth Russell

Mrs Claris Takaona

Mrs Susan McClean

Treasurer:

Mr Sam Ocran

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		34,255	34,255	58,892
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		121	121	40
a4	Lettings		18,455	18,455	14,809
a5	Other receipts		36,561	36,561	4,382
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		89,392	0	89,392 (a7) 78,123
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		28,518	28,518	26,118
b3	Donations		2,940	2,940	2,200
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		6,355	6,355	4,766
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) 686		28,676	28,676	18,072
b6	Wages		23,573	23,573	20,463
b7	Other payments		9,169	0	9,169 4,159
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		99,231	0	99,231 (b9) 75,778
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(9,839)	0	(9,839) 2,345
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		50,296	643	50,939 (c6) 39,094
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	40,457	643	41,100 41,439
c4	Transfers and adjustments		0	0	0 (c7) 9,500
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	40,457	643	41,100 (c8) 50,939 (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				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
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 2022 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	Coffee Bar	40,071	36,290	3,781	0	1,186	5,282
e2							
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	40,071	36,290	0	3,781	1,186 (e11)	5,282 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	89,392 (a7)	99,231 (b9)	(9,839)	(c7)	50,939 (c6)	40,698 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	129,463	135,521	(6,058)	0	52,125 (x)	45,980 (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 2022		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		402
f2	Bank Current Account	14,505	11,643
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	36,434	29,055
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		0
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	50,939 (c6)	41,100 (c7)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,186 (e11)	5,282 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	52,125 (x)	46,382 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,650,000	3,650,000
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)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer Date

Name

Address

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act (Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- 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 come to my attention.

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 (other than that disclosed below*):

- (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;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

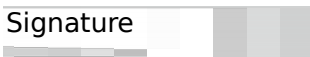
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- (3) I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address

Date

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity

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(3) I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address

Date