

DOWNHAM MARKET METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129143

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-04-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 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 the 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.

Activities: religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£80,934	£127,856	-	-
2024-08-31	£105,043	£91,191	-	-
2023-08-31	£107,274	£113,381	-	-
2022-08-31	£102,251	£106,377	-	-
2021-08-31	£103,875	£120,250	-	-
2020-08-31	£99,122	£88,478	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN RIX		
Alison Durkin		2018-04-25
Beryl Boyce		2023-11-03
HEINZ HEISLER		
JOYCE ELLEN DENT		
Janet Roust		2023-06-11
MARY ALICE CUMBERS		2022-11-02
MAUREEN JOAN HIBLING		
Margaret Irene Harrison		2019-05-12
PATRICIA JOAN MEHEW		2011-06-27
RALPH MICHAEL PERKINS		
Rev Paul David Critchley		2020-09-01
Shirley Williamson		2023-11-03
Sylvia Cornwell		2023-11-03
TERENCE FOSTER		2019-05-12

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In the coming year the church will be celebrating it's 60th Anniversary with a number of events planned to celebrate the occasion.

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Social Centre Transactions

INCOME		2024 / 25	EXPENDITURE		2024 / 25
<i>2023 / 24</i>			<i>2023 / 24</i>		
	Circuit Administrator	7604.80		Circuit Administrator	7604.80
34827.9	Social Centre Cooks Wages Recd	36646.86	34,671.50	Soc. Ctr Cooks Wages & HMRC Pd	36984.66
	Social Centre - Legac / Income / TRF			Social Centre - Legac / Income / TRF	
1364.77	Social Ctr Inv Interest CFB	529.93	1364.77	Social Centre Funds Ret / Inter	529.93
3060.00	Social Centre Investment Fds	10463.40	2,962.28	Social Centre Invest Fds Ex CFB	10383.40
<u>39252.67</u>		<u>55244.99</u>	<u>38998.55</u>		<u>55502.79</u>
<u>141488.83</u>	TOTAL INCOME	136099.66	<u>130189.84</u>	TOTAL EXPENSES	183021.44
	Exps over Income	46921.78	11,298.99		

External Organisation Transactions

INCOME		2024 / 25	EXPENDITURE		2024 / 25
<i>2023 / 24</i>			<i>2023 / 24</i>		
	Income for Exter Organisations			Payments to Exter Organisations	
	Christmas Day collection (ACH)	139.85		Christmas Day collection (ACH)	
	Churches Together Xmas Hampers			Churches Together Year 7 Booklets	
	Action for Childr Envel. & Boxes			Action for Children Envel. & Boxes	
	Donat. at Funerals for Charities			Donat. at Funerals for Charities	
	MHA Envelopes			MHA Envelopes	
2,243.10	Monthly Appeals (Excl Easter Off)	2491.67	2,288.10	Monthly Appeals - Incl Gift Aid	2697.77
	Harvest Festival			Harvest Festival	
264.35	World Miss. Fd. Easter Off & GiftAid		264.35	World Miss. Fd Easter Off & Gift Aid	
	World Miss. Fd. & Gift Aid-Boxes			World Miss. Fd. & Gift Aid Boxes	
	J.M.A. Envelopes			J.M.A. & Gift Aid	
45.00	Gift Aid Reclaim - Mthly. Charities	66.25			
2552.45	TOTAL EXT. ORGS	2697.77	<u>2,552.45</u>	TOTAL EXT. ORGS	2697.77
<u>144,041.28</u>	OVERALL INCOME	138797.43	<u>132,742.29</u>	OVERALL EXPENSES	185719.21
	Expenses over Income	46921.78	11,298.99		
<u>144,026.01</u>		185719.21	<u>144,026.01</u>		185719.21
144026.01			144026.01		

- Ending August 31st, 2025

Downham Market Methodist Church - Balance Sheet

Balances at	1st Sept. 2024	Balances at	End August, 2025
CAF Bank	5,731.16	CAF Bank	1,920.11
Lloyds Bank	2,295.48	Lloyds Bank	1,620.67
CFB deposit Account	45,728.62	CFB deposit Account	20,971.71
TMCP Model Trust Fund-20865	87,603.89	TMCP Model Trust Fund-20865	69,924.88
Balance at end 23 - 24	141,359.15	Current Balance	94,437.37
		Expenses over Income	46,921.78
	141,359.15		<u>141,359.15</u>
TMCP High Inc Endowment	5,620.78	TMCP High Inc Endowment	5,493.18
TMCP Invest 11686 Admin Charge	15.27	TMCP Invest 11686 Admin Charge	18.27

Downham Market Methodist Church - Internal Funds

Internal Funds	1st Sept. 2024	Internal Reserved Funds	End August, 2025
Money carried fwd for Light Party	81.51	Money carried fwd for Light Party	81.51
Fund for Children & Family Work	408.56	Fund for Children & Family Work	1175.36
(Sat Coffee £33.65 to Gen. Fds)			
Transport Fund	13941.39	Transport Fund	13912.89
Youth project Fund	2658.65	Youth project Fund	2738.65
(Choir Funds £360.34 to Gen. Fd)			
TOTAL	17123.76	TOTAL	17908.41
(held in the main funds)		(held in the main funds)	

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	42,327		42,327	45,146
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,318		5,318	7,524
a4	Lettings	26,075		26,075	27,360
a5	Other receipts (SC 55245)	7,215		7,215	22,460
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	80,934		80,934 (a7)	102,490

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	40,149		40,149	38,075
b3	Donations	1,540		1,540	1,540
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,480		4,480	6,517
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,581		17,581	16,077
b6					
b7	Other payments	64,106		64,106	28,982
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	127,856		127,856 (b9)	91,191

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(46,922)	(46,922)	11,299
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	141,359		141,359 (c6)	130,060
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	94,437	94,437	141,359
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	94,437	94,437 (c8)	141,359 (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)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,698	2,552
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,698	2,552
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 SOCIAL CENTRE	57,586	71,318	(13,732)		27,513	13,781
e2 Bowis Club	1,776	1,710	66		1,746	1,812
e3 Ladies Friendship	790	836	(45)		315	270
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	60,153	73,864	(13,712)		29,574 (e11)	15,863 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	80,934 (a7)	127,856 (b9)	(46,922)	(c7)	141,359 (c6)	94,437 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	141,087	201,720	(60,634)		170,933 (x)	110,300 (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	5,731	1,920
f3 Bank Deposit Account	2,295	1,621
f4 Central Finance Board	45,729	20,972
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	87,604	69,925
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	141,359 (c6)	94,437 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	29,574 (e11)	15,863 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	170,933 (x)	110,300 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	5,621	5,493
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,123,282	3,216,988
g3 Other Assets	206,283	212,472
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)

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

DOWNHAM MARKET	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

WEST NORFOLK	Circuit	Circuit no.	14 / 20
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129143

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. PAUL CRITCHLEY

Church Stewards:

MRS S. CORNWELL
MRS S. EMSWELL
MRS M. HIBLING
MR R. PERKINS
MR A. RIX
MR R. WEBB
MRS S. WILLIAMSON

Treasurer:

Alison Durkin

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		45,145.83		45,146	46,616
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		7,524.03		7,524	4,318
a4	Lettings		27,360.25		27,360	19,344
a5	Other receipts	22206.05 + 97.72 + 156.40	22,460.17		22,460	36,996
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		102,490.28		102,490 (a7)	107,274

SECTION B			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		38,075.00		38,075	39,988
b3	Donations		1,540.00		1,540	1,575
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		6,517.12		6,517	7,092
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		16,077.08		16,077	12,551
b6						
b7	Other payments		28,982.09		28,982	52,175
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		91,191.29		91,191 (b9)	113,381

SECTION C			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	11,298.99		11,299	(6,107)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		130,060.16		130,060 (c6)	136,167
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	141,359.15		141,359	130,060
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	141,359.15		141,359 (c8)	130,060 (c6)

SECTION D			£	£
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			£	£
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		2,552.45	2,541
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,552.45	2,541
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		

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e1 CARPET BOWLS	1,447.06	1,648.51	(201.45)		1,947.34	1,745.89
e2 LADIES FRIENDSHIP	878.61	867.77	10.84		304.45	315.29
e3 SOCIAL CENTRE	53,842.90	57,008.04	(3,165.14)		30,678.37	27,513.23
e4					72.95	72.95
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	56,169	59,524	(3,356)		33,003 (e11)	29,647 (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	102,490 (a7)	91,191 (b9)	11,299	(c7)	130,060 (c6)	141,359 (c8)
e9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	158,659	150,716	7,943		163,063 (x)	171,007 (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 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	5,518	5,731
f3 Bank Deposit Account	3,979	2,295
f4 Central Finance Board	45,020	45,729
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	75,543	87,604
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	130,060 (c6)	141,359 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	33,003 (e11)	29,647 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	163,063 (x)	171,007 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	5,359.20	5,621
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value)	3,047,129.00	3,123,282
g3 Other Assets - Contents Insurance	201,253.00	206,283
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 DOWNHAM MARKET No.....

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 [Signature] Date 15/11/2024

Name and address of treasurer 31 New Road, DOWNHAM MARKET

..... Post Code PE38

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 4/3/25...

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting P. CRITCHER Date 4/3/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

DOWNHAM MARKET.....Church

Charity Number 1129143

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DOWNHAM MARKET Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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 DOWNHAM MARKET 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 

Name of independent examiner CLIFFORD SHELTON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACMA. G.C.M.A.

Name of firm (where appropriate) —

Address 1 WOODLAND GARDENS, NORTH WOOTTON.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK Post Code PE30 3PX

Date 19th February 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

DOWNHAM MARKET METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129143

Accounts

Downham Market Methodist Church - Trustees Annual Report – 2022/2023
Registered Charity No – 1129143

Principal Address

Downham Market Methodist Church
c/o Wesley House
Chapel Road
Boughton
King's Lynn
PE33 9AG

Trustees: all members of the Church Council, the Governing Body of the Church, are trustees and are listed below (correct up to end August 2023)

Cornwell Mrs Sylvia (from 11/06/2023)	
Cumbers Mrs Mary (from 2/11/2022)	Mehew Mrs Patricia
Dent Mrs Lesley	Miles Mr John
Dent Mrs Joyce	Miles Mrs Hazel (died February 2023)
Durkin Mrs Alison	O'Shea-Barnes, Ms Stephanie
Foster Mr Terence	Perkins Mr Ralph
Friswell Mrs Sarah	Rix Mr Alan
Harrison Mrs Margaret	Roust Mrs Janet
Heisler Mr Heinz	Roust Mr John
Hibling Mrs Maureen	Webb Mr Raymond

Minister

Revd Paul Critchley

Charity Constitution: Previously excepted charities; - excepted charities were not required to register but are regulated by the Charity Commission. This is because they have been excepted from the requirement to register either by legislation or an order made by us. Churches and chapels of some Christian denominations; The Charities Act 2006 required excepted charities with an annual income of over £100,000 to register with us.

Charity trustee selection method: Charity trustees for Downham Market Methodist Church are appointed as per the rules of the Methodist Church. They are a mixture of stationed minister, Deacons, volunteer elected stewards and volunteer representatives elected from individual organisations within the Church.

Summary of the objectives of the charity: 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 THE 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.

Summary of the main activities for the public benefit;

What

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES – The main act of worship at Downham Market Methodist Church was the 10am service with attendance increasing this year to around 50-55 people per week.

A midweek Holy Communion service continued to be offered once a month.

Evening worship continued online using Zoom during the winter months and remained popular with both members of Downham Market church and other Methodists from the West Norfolk Circuit. In the summer months, an evening service was offered once a month offering different styles of worship such as Praise services or Café Church. A Zoom service was also offered once a month during the summer, as some members prefer to access worship in this way. Themed Bible study groups were offered both online and in person. Several families brought children for baptism, providing wonderful occasions to welcome people to the church.

The church has a link with the deaf community who attend worship approx. once a month, with a signing interpreter attending to enable the deaf visitors to participate in worship. Between 6-8 adults attend regularly. In March 2023 the main service was led by a deaf local preacher with an interpreter speaking his words.

Monthly benevolent collections are donated to other charities, such as Action for Children, Christian Aid and Macmillan Nurses. These are agreed annually by the trustees. There is the opportunity to donate in cash weekly, or to donate online. The church members also regularly support the local food bank and at Christmas support other local churches in providing hampers for families in need on Christmas Day.

Who

THE GENERAL PUBLIC - any member of the community may attend any service and can seek help and/or support from members of the charity.

How

The building is in daily use by community groups. Lettings are ably managed by the Church Administrator. She ensures that people using the facilities are well looked after and she helps promote these activities via social media and posters where appropriate. Community Choirs, Dance and Exercise Groups, and the Dementia Café make regular use of the premises. A local youth group, who encourage the young people to use music and drama, meet at the church and also occasionally share in worship. These Community lettings provide both valuable facilities for the public and essential revenue for the Church. The rooms are also used by the church's own groups such as Messy Church (an initiative aimed at offering families the opportunity to

learn about the Bible through crafts, stories and food) and the Ladies Friendship Circle, which provides a regular meeting with talks, outings and fellowship.

Members of the church have been generous in giving via BACS to support both the church's financial needs and charity support.

The Social Centre, based in the church buildings, supports the elderly in the community. It has provided a welcome to members of the public Monday to Friday between 10am and 1.30pm, with hot lunches served to the many who appreciate the food, friendship and companionship on offer. For those who can't get out, the Social Centre provided a 'meals on wheels' service, delivering lunches, using volunteer drivers. This has provided a vital service to many isolated, elderly members of the community.

The Revd Paul Critchley has oversight of not only Downham Market Methodist Church but other smaller Methodist chapels in the surrounding villages of West Norfolk. He has supported the work of the Social Centre as well as visiting and supporting the work of local care homes and schools.

The church supports a number of house groups, where people meet for Bible study and fellowship. This gives members of the church the opportunity to speak of their faith and share in discussion. These house groups occasionally lead services in the church.

RISK

The trustees review the risks that the charity is exposed to on an ongoing basis and take steps to mitigate those risks as appropriate.

Reserves Policy-

Our Reserves Policy relates to our general (unrestricted) funds, which are freely available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Church.

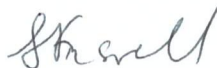
Our Reserve Policy is to hold 50% of annual expenditure in hand; these reserve funds allow for fluctuations in receipts against set payments and act as contingency funds.

The Church holds funds to continue the ongoing upgrades to its premises to maintain and improve the fabric of our buildings and to enhance the ability of our members, users of our services and visitors to make maximum use of the facilities.

Signatures Revd P Critchley - Minister



Mrs S Friswell - Treasurer



Dated: 2 JUNE 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

DOWNHAM MARKET	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

WEST NORFOLK	Circuit	Circuit no.	14 / 20
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129143

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. Paul Critchley

Church Stewards:

MAUREEN HIBLING
RALPH PERKINS
ALEX RIX
RAY WEBB
SYLVIA CORNWELL (APPOINTED 11/6/2023)

Treasurer:

Mrs. Sarah Friswell

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	46,616		46,616	48,685
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,318		4,318	628
a4	Lettings	19,344		19,344	16,047
a5	Other receipts	36,996		36,996	36,891
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	107,274		107,274 (a7)	102,251

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	39,988		39,988	38,365
b3	Donations	1,575		1,575	1,540
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,091.55		7,092	4,275
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,551		12,551	9,675
b6					
b7	Other payments	52,175		52,175	52,522
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	113,381		113,381 (b9)	106,377

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(6,107)	(6,107)	(4,126)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	136,167		136,167 (c6)	136,167
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	130,060	130,060	132,041
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	130,060	130,060 (c8)	132,041 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
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			2,541	3,147
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,541	3,147
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 2023 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 CARPET BOWLS	1,729	966	763		1,184	1,947
e2						
e3 LADIES FRIENDSHIP	1,647	1,495	152		153	305
e4 SOCIAL CENTRE	59,613	57,954	1,659		29,019	30,678
e5 MESSY CHURCH	44	157	(112)		185	73
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	63,034	60,572	2,462		30,541 (e11)	33,003 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	107,274 (a7)	113,381 (b9)	(6,107)	(c7)	136,167 (c6)	130,060 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	170,308	173,952	(3,645)		166,708 (x)	163,063 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	6,774	5,518
f3 Bank Deposit Account	8,156	3,979
f4 Central Finance Board	47,841	45,020
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	73,396	75,543
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	136,167 (c6)	130,060 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	30,541 (e11)	33,003 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	166,708 (x)	163,063 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	5,777.09	5,359.20
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,767,569	3,047,129
g3 Other Assets	182,789	201,253
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 DOWNHAM MARKET No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 S. J. Friswell Date..... 27.11.2023

Name and address of treasurer SARAH J. FRISWELL, WESLEY HOUSE,
CHAPEL ROAD, DOUGHTON, KING'S LYNN Post Code..... PE33 9AG

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 29/11/24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting PAUL CRITCHLEY Date 29/11/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... DOWNHAM MARKET Church

Charity Number 1129143

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DOWNHAM MARKET Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 DOWNHAM MARKET 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:

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- 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 Clifford Shelton

Name of independent examiner CLIFFORD SHELTON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACMA C.I.C.M.A.

Name of firm (where appropriate) —

Address 1 WOODLAND GARDENS, NORTH WOOTTON

..... KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK Post Code PE30 3PX

Date 19.2.2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

DOWNHAM MARKET METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129143

Accounts

Downham Market Methodist Church - Trustees Annual Report – 2021/2022

Registered Charity No – 1129143

Principal Address

Downham Market Methodist Church
c/o Wesley House
Chapel Road
Boughton
King's Lynn
PE33 9AG

Trustees: all members of the Church Council, the Governing Body of the Church, are trustees and are listed below (correct up to end August 2022)

Dent Mrs Lesley	Hibling Mrs Maureen
Dent Mrs Joyce	Macey Mrs Joan (resigned 05/22)
Durkin Mrs Alison	Mehew Mrs Patricia
Foster Mr Terence	Miles Mr John
Forth Mrs Sheila (retired 09/21)	Miles Mrs Hazel
Friswell Mrs Sarah	O'Shea-Barnes, Ms Stephanie
Friswell Mr David (resigned 05/22)	Perkins Mr Ralph
Harrison Mrs Margaret	Rix Mr Alan
Hasty Mr Christopher (resigned 02/22)	Roust Mr John
Heisler Mr Heinz	Webb Mr Raymond

Minister

Revd Paul Critchley

Charity Constitution: Previously excepted charities; - excepted charities were not required to register but are regulated by the Charity Commission. This is because they have been excepted from the requirement to register either by legislation or an order made by us. Churches and chapels of some Christian denominations; The Charities Act 2006 required excepted charities with an annual income of over £100,000 to register with us.

Charity trustee selection method: Charity trustees for Downham Market Methodist Church are appointed as per the rules of the Methodist Church. They are a mixture of stationed minister, Deacons, volunteer elected stewards and volunteer representatives elected from individual organisations within the Church.

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- (A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.
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Summary of the main activities for the public benefit;

What

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES – The main act of worship at Downham Market Methodist Church was the 10am service with attendance around 40-50 people per week. Some regular attendees of the church have not returned since the COVID pandemic but other new members have joined, including several people who have moved to the area.

A midweek Holy Communion service continued to be offered once a month.

Evening worship continued online using Zoom during the winter months and remained popular with both members of Downham Market church and other Methodists from the West Norfolk Circuit. Circuit services and Bible study groups were offered on Zoom for special Christian festivals.

The church has a link with the deaf community who attend worship approx. once a month, with a signing interpreter attending to enable the deaf visitors to participate in worship. Between 6-8 adults attend regularly.

Monthly benevolent collections are donated to other charities, such as Mercy Ships, Christian Aid and Break, an East Anglian charity supporting disadvantaged families, which are agreed annually by the trustees. There is the opportunity to donate in cash weekly, or to donate online.

Who

THE GENERAL PUBLIC - any member of the community may attend any service and can seek help and/or support from members of the charity.

How

Due to the regular use of the building and its facilities by the community, the Trustees decided to employ an Administrator to manage the work associated with regular bookings and hirings. Community use of the premises has returned to pre-pandemic levels with some new groups using the facilities regularly. Community Choirs, Dance and Exercise Groups, and the Dementia Café make regular use of the premises. These Community lettings provide both valuable facilities for the public and essential revenue for the Church. The rooms are also used by the church's own groups such as Messy Church (an initiative aimed at offering families the opportunity to learn about the Bible through crafts, stories and food), the Choir and the Ladies Friendship Circle, which has seen its membership grow.

Members of the church have been generous in giving via BACS to support both the church's financial needs and charity support.

The Social Centre, based in the church buildings, supports the elderly in the community. It has provided a welcome to members of the public Monday to Friday between 10am and 1.30pm, with hot lunch served to the many who appreciate the food, friendship and companionship on offer. The Social Centre continued to provide a 'meals on wheels' service, delivering lunches, using volunteer drivers. This was an initiative started in the pandemic but which continues to be needed. This has provided a vital service to many isolated, elderly members of the community.

The Revd Paul Critchley has oversight of not only Downham Market Methodist Church but other smaller Methodist chapels in the surrounding villages of West Norfolk. He has supported the work of the Social Centre as well as visiting and supporting the work of local care homes and schools. The trustees continue to consider the needs of the church in supporting its work with children and young people, looking at the possibility of employing a part time lay family worker.

The church continues to support a number of house groups, where people meet for Bible study and fellowship. This gives members of the church the opportunity to speak of their faith and share in discussion.

RISK

The trustees review the risks that the charity is exposed to on an ongoing basis and take steps to mitigate those risks as appropriate. Careful monitoring of the finances has been undertaken during the pandemic.

Reserves Policy-

Our Reserves Policy relates to our general (unrestricted) funds, which are freely available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Church.

Our Reserve Policy is to hold 50% of annual expenditure in hand; these reserve funds allow for fluctuations in receipts against set payments and act as contingency funds.

The Church holds funds to continue the ongoing upgrades to its premises to maintain and improve the fabric of our buildings and to enhance the ability of our members, users of our services and visitors to make maximum use of the facilities.

Signatures Revd P Critchley - Minister



Mrs S Friswell - Treasurer



Dated: 11 June 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

DOWNHAM MARKET. Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

WEST NORFOLK. Circuit	Circuit no	14/20.
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1129143.

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Minister:

REV. PAUL CRITCHLEY

Church Stewards:

MAUREEN HIBLING
ALAN RIX
RAY WEBB
RALPH PERKINS

Treasurer:

MRS. SARAH FMSWELL

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	48,685		48,685	47,652
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	628		628	440
a4	Lettings	16,047		16,047	1,071
a5	Other receipts	36,891		36,891	54,712
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	102,251		102,251 (a7)	103,875

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	38,365		38,365	40,030
b3	Donations	1,540		1,540	1,660
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,275		4,275	31,098
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,675		9,675	8,248
b6					
b7	Other payments	52,522		52,522	39,214
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	106,377		106,377 (b9)	120,250

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(4,126)	(4,126)	(16,375)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	140,293		140,293 (c6)	156,668
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	136,167	136,167	140,293
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	136,167	136,167 (c8)	140,293 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
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			3,147	2,831
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,147	2,831
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 CARPET BOWLS	1,721	1,846	(125)		1,309	1,184
e2 CHOIR	162		162		124	287
e3 LADIES FRIENDSHIP	804	946	(142)		294	153
e4 SOCIAL CENTRE	48,115	45,462	2,653		26,367	29,019
e5 MESSY CHURCH	183	48	135		50	185
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	50,985	48,302	2,683		28,145 (e11)	30,828 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	102,251 (a7)	106,377 (b9)	(4,126)	(c7)	140,293 (c6)	136,167 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	153,237	154,679	(1,443)		168,438 (x)	166,995 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	7,221	6,774
f3 Bank Deposit Account	8,607	8,156
f4 Central Finance Board	43,641	47,841
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	80,824	73,396
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	140,293 (c6)	136,167 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	28,145 (e11)	30,828 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	168,438 (x)	166,995 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	6,788	5,777
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,491,269	2,767,569
g3 Other Assets	158,605	182,789
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 DOWNHAM MARKET No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 S.J. Friswell Date 25.10.2022

Name and address of treasurer SARAH J. FRISWELL, WESLEY HOUSE,
CHAPEL ROAD, BOUGHTON, KING'S LYNN Post Code PE33 9AG

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 1/3/2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: PAUL CRETNEY Date 1/3/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... DOWNHAM MARKET Church

Charity Number 1129143

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DOWNHAM MARKET Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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

DOWNHAM MARKET METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129143

Accounts

Downham Market Methodist Church - Trustees Annual Report – 2020/2021

Registered Charity No – 1129143

Principal Address

Downham Market Methodist Church
c/o Wesley House
Chapel Road
Boughton
King's Lynn
PE33 9AG

Trustees: all members of the Church Council, the Governing Body of the Church, are trustees and are listed below (correct up to end August 2021)

Dent Mrs Lesley	Hibling Mrs Maureen	
Dent Mrs Joyce	Jones Audrey (died 11/20)	Roust Mr John
Durkin Mrs Alison	Macey Mrs Joan	Webb Mr Raymond
Foster Mr Terence	McDonald Mrs Mary (retired 08/21)	
Forth Mrs Sheila	Mehew Mrs Patricia	
Friswell Mrs Sarah	Miles Mr John	
Friswell Mr David	Miles Mrs Hazel	
Harrison Mrs Margaret	O'Shea-Barnes, Ms Stephanie	
Hasty Mr Christopher	Perkins Mr Ralph	
Heisler Mr Heinz	Rix Mr Alan	

Minister

Revd Paul Critchley (from 09/20)

Charity Constitution: Previously excepted charities; - excepted charities were not required to register but are regulated by the Charity Commission. This is because they have been excepted from the requirement to register either by legislation or an order made by us. Churches and chapels of some Christian denominations; The Charities Act 2006 required excepted charities with an annual income of over £100,000 to register with us.

Charity trustee selection method: Charity trustees for Downham Market Methodist Church are appointed as per the rules of the Methodist Church. They are a mixture of stationed minister, Deacons, volunteer elected stewards and volunteer representatives elected from individual organisations within the Church.

Summary of the objectives of the charity: 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 THE 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.

Summary of the main activities for the public benefit;

What

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES – Worship at Downham Market Methodist Church during 2020-2021 was restricted due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Regular Sunday morning worship at 10am recommenced in August 2020, in accordance with national and Methodist Church guidelines. Congregation numbers were around 35-40. This stopped again for lockdowns in November 2020 and January to March 2021. When services re-started in April 2021 numbers attending increased slightly to 40-50 per week.

A midweek Holy Communion service was offered once a month.

Evening worship continued online using Zoom and remained popular with both members of Downham Market church and other Methodists from the West Norfolk Circuit. Circuit services and Bible study groups were offered on Zoom for special Christian festivals.

The church has a link with the deaf community who attend worship approx. once a month, with a signing interpreter attending to enable the deaf visitors to participate in worship. Between 6-8 adults attend regularly.

Monthly benevolent collections are donated to other charities, such as Mercy Ships, Christian Aid and Break, an East Anglian charity supporting disadvantaged families, which are agreed annually by the trustees. There is the opportunity to donate in cash weekly, or to donate online.

Who

THE GENERAL PUBLIC - any member of the community may attend any service and can seek help and/or support from members of the charity.

How

Community use of the premises gradually resumed as COVID restrictions lifted and some new bookings were taken on as other local premises were unavailable. Following the necessary protocols, Messy Church was re-started, a nationally recognised initiative which gives families the opportunity to explore the Christian faith through craft, story and music. Community Choirs, Dance and Exercise Groups, and the Dementia Café make regular use of the premises. These Community lettings provide both valuable facilities for the public and essential revenue for the Church.

Members of the church have been generous in giving via BACS to support both the church's financial needs and charity support.

Throughout the pandemic, the Social Centre has continued to support the elderly in the community. When possible, it has provided a welcome to any members of the public Monday to

Friday between 10am and 1.30pm, with hot lunch served to the many who appreciate the food, friendship and companionship on offer. When it was not possible to have the building open, the Social Centre has provided a 'meals on wheels' service, delivering lunches, using volunteer drivers. This service has still been offered to those who require it, even when the building is open. This has provided a vital service to many isolated, elderly members of the community. This

The Church supported the Churches Together Christmas Hamper appeal financially as well as with practical support in delivering the hampers.

The Revd Paul Critchley and family moved to the area in August 2020 and began his ministry from 1 September 2020. He has oversight of not only Downham Market Methodist Church but other smaller Methodist chapels in the surrounding villages of West Norfolk. He has supported the work of the Social Centre as well as visiting and supporting the work of local care homes and schools. The trustees continue to consider the needs of the church in supporting its work with children and young people, looking at the possibility of employing a part time lay family worker.

The church continues to support a number of house groups, where people meet for Bible study and fellowship. This gives members of the church the opportunity to speak of their faith and share in discussion. Some groups have continued to meet via Zoom during the pandemic.

RISK

The trustees review the risks that the charity is exposed to on an ongoing basis and take steps to mitigate those risks as appropriate. Careful monitoring of the finances has been undertaken during the pandemic.

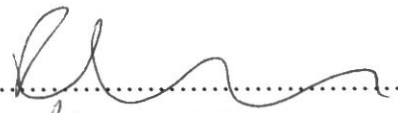
Reserves Policy-

Our Reserves Policy relates to our general (unrestricted) funds, which are freely available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Church.

Our Reserve Policy is to hold 50% of annual expenditure in hand; these reserve funds allow for fluctuations in receipts against set payments and act as contingency funds.

The Church holds funds to continue the ongoing upgrades to its premises to maintain and improve the fabric of our buildings and to enhance the ability of our members, users of our services and visitors to make maximum use of the facilities.

Signatures

Revd P Critchley - Minister

Mrs S Friswell - Treasurer

Dated:8/5/2022.....

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

DOWNHAM MARKET

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

WEST NORFOLK

Circuit

Circuit no

14/20.

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129143.

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. PAUL CRITCHLEY.

Church Stewards:

MAUREEN HIBBLE

RALPH PERKINS

RAY WEBB

ALAN MIT

Treasurer:

SARAH FRISWELL

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
2	Offerings and Tax recovered	47652.		47652.	46399.
3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	440.		440.	1121.
4	Lettings	1071.		1071.	19303.
5	Other receipts	54712.		54712.	32299.
6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	103875.		103875.	99122.
				(a7)	
SECTION B					
1	PAYMENTS				
2	Circuit Assessment or Share	40030.		40030.	32694.
3	Donations	1660.		1660.	1630.
4	Repairs and Maintenance	31098.		31098.	17739.
5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8248.		8248.	10473.
6					
7	Other payments	39214.		39214.	25942.
8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	120250.		120250.	88478.
				(b9)	
SECTION C					
1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(16375.)		(16375.)	10644.
		(a6-b8)			
2	Total funds brought forward from last year	156668		156668	146024.
				(c6)	
3	Sub total	140293.		140293.	156668.
		(c1+c2)			
4	Transfers and adjustments				
				(c7)	
5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	140293.		140293.	156668.
		(c3+c4)		(c8)	(c6)
SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				£	£
1	Balance brought forward from last year			-	-
2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2831.	2718.
3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2831.	2718.
4	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 2021 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
1 CARPET BOWLS	273.	123.	150.		1160.	1310.
2 CHOIR.	-	16.	(16.)		140.	124.
3 LADIES FELLOWSHIP	-	25.	(25.)		319.	294.
4 SOCIAL CENTRE.	48220.	45559.	2661.		23706.	26367.
5 MESSY CHURCH	30.	30.	-		50.	50.
6						
7						
8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	48523.	45753.	2770.		25375. (e11)	28145. (e12)
9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	103875. (a7)	120250. (b9)	(16375.)	(c7)	156668. (c6)	140293. (c8)
10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	152398.	166003.	(13605.)		182043. (x)	168438. (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 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
1 Cash in hand		
2 Bank Current Account	7036.	7221.
3 Bank Deposit Account	4482.	8607.
4 Central Finance Board	56440.	43641.
5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	88710.	80824.
6 Other funds		
7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	156668. (c6)	140293. (c8)
8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	25375. (e11)	28145. (e12)
9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	182043. (x)	168438. (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
1 Investments (include Endowments)	6919.	6788.
2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2491269.	2491269.
3 Other Assets	158605.	158605.
4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Name of Church DOWNHAM MARKET No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 S. Friswell Date 12th Dec, 2021

Name and address of treasurer SARAH FRISWELL, WESLEY HOUSE, CHAPEL ROAD,
BOUGHTON, KINGS LYNN Post Code PE33 9AG

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 23/2/22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: PAUL CRETNEY Date 23/2/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... DOWNHAM MARKET Church

Charity Number 1129143

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DOWNHAM MARKET Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 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.

Name of Church DOWNHAM MARKET. 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 

Name of independent examiner CLIFFORD SHELTON.

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner A.C.M.A. G.C.M.A.

Name of firm (where appropriate) —

Address 1 WOODLAND GARDENS, NORTH WOODTON, KING'S LYNN,
NORFOLK. Post Code PE30 3PX.

Date 9th February 2022.

* delete or circle as appropriate