

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR**

**1 SEPTEMBER 2019 to 31 AUGUST 2020**

**CHARITY NAME: LIDGETT PARK METHODIST CHURCH**

**Registered Charity Number 1129423**

**CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: Lidgett Place**

**Leeds**

**LS8 1HG**

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union, the advancement of –

- 1) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- 2) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organization of the Methodist Church;
- 3) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institutional subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- 4) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The principal activities of Lidgett Park Methodist Church are the provision of opportunities and facilities for regular Christian Worship and associated activities and provision of facilities for youth and other community activities.

To this end we:

1. Provide corporate worship and related activities for spiritual growth and the deepening of faith in God through Christ.

2. Express Christian love through mutual care and support and provide for fellowship for members and for others within the community.

3. Provide outreach of faith and witness within and beyond the local community and to extend the church family.

4. Raise the awareness of the church family of concerns experienced by our fellow Christians and others, in other countries, in this city and the neighbourhood.

In March 2019 the Church identified two priorities that they want to explore and develop further:

1. Encourage and develop our activities with Children and Young People, supporting those in particular that use our premises.
2. Encourage developing faith and provide opportunities for growth in Discipleship

In addition, the Church has an annual commitment to raise money for a local, national or international charitable cause. From April 2019 the church was raising money for two projects overseas - Oasis Relief Zambia and Sreepur Village, Bangladesh.

When planning our activities for the year, the Church leadership team considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community through:

Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing their faith through participating in house groups, and church activities

Provision of pastoral care for church members, their families and friends

Community and outreach work and supporting the Church project.

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of the Church and its ancillary buildings. This is financed in part through letting many of the rooms to local groups and organisations. Activities run throughout the week and provide direct benefit to the local community (such as the provision of playgroups) as well as benefitting the Church.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The year 2019/2020 was of course disrupted by the arrival of the Covid 19 virus which affected the church from March 2020 to the end of the church year in August. From March the church was closed for routine worship though services via zoom were developed and have been very successful. Church meetings and activities all ceased except for those that could be done on line via zoom.

Church lettings were dramatically reduced /stopped except for the playgroup and the pre-post school service provided by Candystripe; these continuing on and off depending on the nature of the lockdown rules.

The membership of the Church and those attending regular worship (up to March 2020) has been broadly stable with a few new attendees balancing out a few deaths and transfers. Numbers attending junior Church have increased slightly in the past twelve months.

The project for our overseas charities referred to above has still been a great success. In total we raised almost £14,000 and £7000 was sent to each of the two charities concerned.

The Church continues to support 'Churches together in Roundhay' which is an ecumenical collective, and has strong ecumenical relationships with St Edmund's Church and St Andrew's church as covenanting churches, worshipping frequently together and organizing annual shared events.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Church's main source of funds is from freewill offerings by members and others, supplemented by income from rents paid by organisations for the use of rooms. Expenditure is needed for contributing to the maintenance of ministry in the local Methodist Circuit, for property expenses, for selective grants and for worship.

For 2019/20 , the accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis rather than an accruals basis .

The accounts attached to this report for the year show that during the year 2019/20, the general (unrestricted) fund for the Church increased by £782 , with the closing balance at £12,930 .

Total assets (excluding buildings) including project funding, endowments, and restricted funds, amounted to £40,000 at 31 August 2020.

For 2019/20, the Church had a reserves policy that stated that the General Fund balance on the last day of the financial year should be at least 25% of the General Fund's expenditure for that year, but should not exceed 50% .

General Funds may be transferred to a property repair fund on the advice of the finance committee. The amounts transferred and the overall value of the fund will relate to the predicted extra-ordinary items of maintenance and repair which can reasonably be expected to be required in the next five years.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT**

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976)

The Local Church is governed by a Church Council consisting of Church members acting as Trustees. The Trustees consist of the Circuit Ministers, designated Church office holders ex officio and a number of other members by election.

The Church Council makes all key decisions relating to the day to day running of the Church unless delegated to one of the committees, (though it retains ultimate accountability). Some key decisions including the appointment of circuit ministers and the contribution that Churches shall make to the local Circuit, are made by the local Methodist Circuit (Leeds North and East Circuit of the Methodist Church).

The key committees of the Church which support the work of the Church Council are:

Finance Committee

Property Committee

Pastoral Committee

Worship Committee

The names of the current members of the Church Council (Charity Trustees) as at the date of this report are as follows :

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office held (if appropriate)</b>
Rev Tanya Short	Minister and Chair of Church Council
Mrs J Sanders	Church Council Secretary

Mr A Wittrick	Church Treasurer
Mr H Clinkard	Church Steward
Mrs S Wittrick	Church Steward
Mrs D Barton	Church Steward
Mrs J Dalton	Church Steward
Mrs V Faint	Church Steward
Mrs Joan Roberts	Church steward
Mr G Albiges	
Mrs R Albiges	
M/S B Ashton	
Mrs B Belsham	
Miss J Bennett	
Mr P Bennett	
Mrs K Benson	
Mrs P Brooke	
Mrs J Clinkard	
Rev R Creamer	(Circuit Superintendent)
Mrs P Davies	
Mrs M Farrar	
Mrs C Firth	
Mrs H Fry	

Mrs J Green

(circuit rep)

Mrs B Holmes

Mrs K. Illingworth

Mrs M Lee

Mrs M Leake

Mrs P Nolan

Mrs J Rippin

Mr G Saunders

Mr C Tear

Mrs M Tear

This annual report was approved by the Church Stewards, the Church Treasurer and Minister in April 2021.

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Dated 21 May 2021





## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lidgett Park Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

Leeds North and East	Circuit	Circuit no	27/2
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Mrs Jennifer Dalton
Mrs Daphne Barton
Mrs Val Faint

Treasurer:

Mr Alan Wittrick
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	74,789		74,789	74,337
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	43		43	72
a4	Lettings	20,943		20,943	34,263
a5	Other receipts	12,472	9,271	21,743	58,283
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	108,247	9,271	117,518 (a7)	166,955

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,912		62,912	61,500
b3	Donations	4,350	150	4,500	6,300
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,564		2,564	7,125
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	14,210		14,210	13,869
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b7	Other payments	23,429	90	23,519	73,367
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	107,465	240	107,705 (b9)	162,161

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	782	9,031	9,813	4,794
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	12,148	16,190	28,338 (c6)	23,544
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	12,930	25,221	38,151	28,338
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	12,930	25,221	38,151 (c8)	28,338 (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	28	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,608	3,344
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,326	3,316
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	310	28

**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 2020 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 Benevolent fund		83	(83)		83	
e2 Ladies Group	1,134	1,337	(203)		314	111
e3 Drama Group	3,264	4,899	(1,635)		3,373	1,738
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,398	6,319	(1,921)		3,770 (e11)	1,849 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	117,518 (a7)	107,705 (b9)	9,813	(c7)	28,338 (c6)	38,151 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	121,916	114,024	7,892		32,108 (x)	40,000 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	75	75
f2 Bank Current Account	26,454	31,635
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	1,773	6,405
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	36	36
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	28,338 (c6)	38,151 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,770 (e11)	1,849 (e12)
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	6,224,880	6,625,355
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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 .. Lidgett Park methodist Church

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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... 26/1/2021

Name and address of treasurer ..... Alan Wittrick. 9 The Drive

Adel Leeds LS16 6BG

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ... 22 October 2020

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev. Tanya Short ..... Date ... 26/1/21

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lidgett Park methodist Church

Charity Number ..... 1129423

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lidgett Park Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1.1 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').

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### 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
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Signature of independent examiner ..... Andrew Laycock

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCCA

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

Address ..... 80 GLEDHOW LANE LEEDS

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCCA

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