

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR**

**1 SEPTEMBER 2020 to 31 AUGUST 2021**

**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. However, in view of the financial situation arising from COVID, the Church decided that the project for 20/21 would be to raise money to enhance the sound and visual systems within the church itself .

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 2020/2021 was of course still disrupted by the continuation of the Covid 19 virus which affected the church from March 2020 to the end of the church year in August (and beyond). The church was closed for routine worship off and on throughout the year though services via zoom were developed and have been very successful. Church meetings and activities all ceased in person except for those that could be done on line via zoom.

Church lettings were 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. (However, Candystripe ceased trading in September 2021 as a result of reduced numbers arising from Covid. )

The membership of the Church and those attending regular worship has been broadly stable with a few new attendees balancing out a few deaths and transfers. Junior Church has not met in its traditional form but a new ‘messy church’ was launched and has been successful.

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.

Post August 2021, activities are gradually returning to a new normal although lettings remain well down and numbers attending church in person have not yet recovered to pre-pandemic levels.

## **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 2020/21 , 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 2020/21, the general (unrestricted) fund for the Church decreased by £5281 , with the closing balance at £7,649 .

Total assets (excluding buildings) including project funding, endowments, and restricted funds, reduced to £23,852 at 31 August 2021.

For 2020/21, 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% .Our general reserves are now below the lower threshold and need to be increased.

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 :

**Trustee Name**

**Office held (if appropriate)**

Rev Tanya Short

Minister and Chair of Church  
Council

Mrs J Sanders

Church Council Secretary

Mr A Wittrick

Church Treasurer

Mrs S Wittrick

Church Steward

Mrs D Barton

Church Steward

Mrs J Dalton

Church Steward

Mrs V Faint

Church Steward

Mrs J Roberts

Church steward

Mr H Clinkard

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 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

Mr G Saunders

Mr C Tear

Mrs M Tear

Dr S Pearson

This annual report was approved by the Chair of the Finance and property committees, the Church Treasurer and the Minister on behalf of the Church Council in May 2022.

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Dated 26 May 2022





**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Lidgett Park

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Leeds North and East	Circuit	Circuit no	27/2
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Mrs Jennifer Dalton

Mrs Daphne Barton

Mrs Val Faint (to end May 2021)

Mrs Joan Roberts

Treasurer:

Mr Alan Wittrick

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Offerings and Tax recovered		72,190		72,190	74,789
Bank and CFB interest and investment income		14		14	43
Grants		12,413		12,413	20,943
Other receipts		2,202	10,099	12,301	21,743
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>86,819</b>	<b>10,099</b>	<b>96,918 (a7)</b>	<b>117,518</b>

<b>SECTION B</b>					
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Circuit Assessment or Share		61,761		61,761	62,912
Donations			14,000	14,000	4,500
Repairs and Maintenance		5,887		5,887	2,564
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		12,978		12,978	14,210
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>92,100</b>	<b>20,966</b>	<b>113,066 (b9)</b>	<b>107,705</b>

<b>SECTION C</b>					
<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(5,281)</b>	<b>(10,867)</b>	<b>(16,148)</b>	<b>9,813</b>
Total funds brought forward from last year		12,930	25,221	38,151 (c6)	28,338
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>7,649</b>	<b>14,354</b>	<b>22,003</b>	<b>38,151</b>
Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>7,649</b>	<b>14,354</b>	<b>22,003 (c8)</b>	<b>38,151 (c6)</b>

<b>SECTION D</b>					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
These amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures		£		£	
Balance brought forward from last year		310		28	
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,917		1,608	
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,267		1,326	
<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>(40)</b>		<b>310</b>	

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

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e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					1,849 (e11)	1,849 (e12)
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e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	96,918	113,066	(16,148)		40,000 (x)	23,852 (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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	75	75
f2 Bank Current Account	31,635	21,571
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	6,405	321 320.64
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	36	36
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	38,151 (c6)	22,003 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,849 (e11)	1,849 (e12)
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	6,625,355	
g3 Other Assets		
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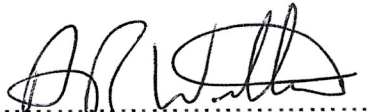
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Name of Church .. Lidgett Park Methodist Church Leeds

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date 31/1/2022

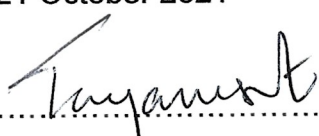
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### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 21 October 2021

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting .... Rev Tanya Short

Date 6-2-22

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### 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 2021 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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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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Signature of independent examiner Andrew Laycock

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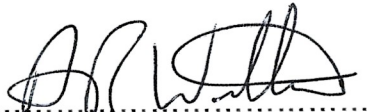
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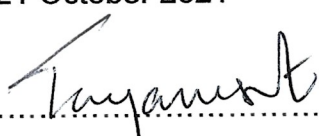
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