

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR

1 SEPTEMBER 2021 to 31 AUGUST 2022

CHARITY NAME: LIDGETT PARK METHODIST CHURCH

Registered Charity Number 1129423

CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: Lidgett Place

Leeds

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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 2021/2022 was very much a transitional year following the Covid pandemic. The church returned to more normal meetings and worship as the year progressed and was more or less back to all its previous activities by the end of August 2022

Church lettings were still severely reduced although few new rentals were starting during the year. (However, Candystripe which was by far the largest rental 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.

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 2021/22 , 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 2021/22, the general (unrestricted) fund for the Church increased by £492 , with the closing balance at £8,141.

Total assets (excluding buildings) including project funding, endowments, and restricted funds, increased to £26,015 at 31 August 2022.

For 2021/22, 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 well 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 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)
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Mrs B Holmes

Mrs K. Illingworth

Mrs M Lee

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 March 2023.

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Dated 15 May 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lidgett Park

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Leeds North and East

Circuit

Circuit no

27/2

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Church Stewards:

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Resigned 31 December 2021

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Mrs Jennifer Dalton

Mrs Daphne Barton

Mr Richard Taylor

From May 2022

Mrs Joan Roberts

Mrs Pat Brooke

Treasurer:

Mr Alan Wittrick

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
1	RECEIPTS	Note			
2	Offerings and Tax recovered	72,614		72,614	72,190
3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	19		19	14
4	Lettings	11,497		11,497	12,413
5	Other receipts	12,333	6,876	19,209	12,301
6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	96,463	6,876	103,339 (a7)	96,918

SECTION B					
1	PAYMENTS				
2	Circuit Assessment or Share	56,823		56,823	61,761
3	Donations				14,000
4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,899	6,344	11,243	5,887
5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,707		12,707	12,978
6	Other payments	21,542	334	21,876	18,440
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	95,971	6,678	102,649 (b9)	113,066

SECTION C					
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		(a6-b8)	492	198	690
Total funds brought forward from last year			7,649	14,354	22,003 (c6)
Sub total		(c1+c2)	8,141	14,552	22,693
Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		(c3+c4)	8,141	14,552	22,693 (c8)
					22,003 (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)

	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	(40)	310
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,848	1,917
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,788	2,267
BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	20	(40)

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
1 Ladies Group	1,078	902	176		111	287
2 Drama Group	440	943	(503)	1,800	1,738	3,035
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7						
8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,518	1,845	(327)	1,800	1,849 (e11)	3,322 (e12)
9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	103,339 (a7)	102,649 (b9)	690	(c7)	22,003 (c6)	22,693 (c8)
10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	104,857	104,494	363	1,800	23,852 (x)	26,015 (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
1 Cash in hand	75	75
2 Bank Current Account	21,571	19,290
3 Bank Deposit Account		
4 Central Finance Board	321	3,291
5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	36	37
6 Other funds		
7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	22,003 (c6)	22,693 (c8)
8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,849 (e11)	3,322 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
1 Investments (include Endowments)		
2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	6,625,355	7,354,735
3 Other Assets		
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

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Name of Church . Lidgett Park Methodist Church Leeds

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  Date 8/11/2022

Name and address of treasurer Mr Alan Wittrick

..... 9 The Drive, Adel, Leeds

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Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 6 October 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

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

Date 14.5.23

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 2022 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').

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

Name of Church LIDGETT PARK METHODIST CHURCH 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.

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Signature of independent examiner Andrew Laycock

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

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