

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR**

**1 SEPTEMBER 2022 to 31 AUGUST 2023**

**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.

Sadly, over the last year we have had to say good bye to friends, and others coping with illness and our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends.

We continue to work on the two priorities identified in previous years- deepening discipleship and connecting with children, young people and families that use our premises.

Since last May the church has had various Bible study groups jointly with Shadwell, including Walking with Women of the Old Testament, The I am sayings of Christ, Ready & Waiting and Advent course and most recently an Ecumenical Lent group Spot the difference. It has been good to dwell more deeply into scripture and ponder upon what his Word is saying to us today.

Since Autumn 2023 Lidgett Park have their own Messy Church. It is held during the school holidays on a Thursday morning. It is slowly growing, and both families connected to the church, Toddlers and those in the local community attend. It is a lovely atmosphere, where

Bible stories are told, craft made and friendships made and re-kindled over refreshments.!

Teddy Praise takes place once a month after Toddlers. It is fun and chaotic! We share songs and a bible story through my story basket. Everyone takes a craft home to do, re-enforcing the story message. Most who come to Toddlers stay for Teddy Praise.

Our Labyrinth was completed in the summer of 2023, and it was lovely to see people walking it, sitting on the benches and children jumping across the paw prints, knowing that they were invited.

At the March Circuit meeting 2024 it was decided that we reduce to four presbyters from September 2025, along with other decisions. Also with these decisions, CLT asked the circuit meeting to urge and encourage each church within the circuit to discuss as a church how these bold and radical changes can begin to take place so that we as churches across the circuit, continue to move towards being more intentionally missional and evangelistic. They are:

1. Lay people to develop in leadership of churches.
2. Seek people feeling called and able to trial voluntary Local Lay Pastor roles.
3. Encourage and support churches to develop working together. How this could work?
4. Encouraging increasing urgency for adaptation and reduction of buildings for appropriate future.
5. As a circuit, we continue to move towards being more intentionally missional and evangelistic. We are determined to change our attitude as churches to be primarily concerned with supporting new people into belonging in our worshipping communities, and seeking new ways to serve the wider community, and especially those at the margins and in need.

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.

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 2022/23, 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 2022/23, the general (unrestricted) fund for the Church increased by £2,562 with the closing balance at £. 10,703 before transfers and adjustments.

Total assets (excluding buildings) including project funding, endowments, and restricted funds, increased to £51,599 at 31 August 2023.

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 almost exactly 25% of our annual general income so in line with our policy.

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

Mrs P Brooke	Church Steward
Mrs D Barton	Church Steward
Mr P Bennett	Church Steward
Mrs J Roberts	Church Steward
Mrs C Pritchard	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 V Faint

Mrs M Farrar

Mrs C Firth

Mrs H Fry

Mrs J Green	(circuit rep)
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Mrs K. Illingworth

Mrs P Nolan

Mr G Saunders

Mrs S Wittrick

Mr C Tear

Dr S Pearson

Miss J Bennett

Mrs E Pearson

Mrs C Pritchard

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 2024.

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Dated 20 May 2024



**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>LIDGETT PARK METHODIST</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**Treasurer:**

**Mr Alan Wittrick**

## SECTION A

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		£	£	£	
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a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	677		677	19
a4	Lettings	14,561		14,561	11,497
a5	Other receipts	3,335	16,181	19,516	19,209
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>91,146</b>	<b>39,181</b>	<b>130,327</b> (a7)	<b>103,339</b>

## SECTION B

## b1 PAYMENTS

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b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,938		6,938	11,243
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b7	Other payments	18,309	1,127	19,436	21,876
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>88,584</b>	<b>12,837</b>	<b>101,421</b> (b9)	<b>102,649</b>

## SECTION C

c1 NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR

	(a6-b8)	2,562	26,344	28,906	690
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c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>10,703</b>	<b>40,896</b>	<b>51,599</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	12,511	(12,511)		(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>23,214</b>	<b>28,385</b>	<b>51,599 (c8)</b>
					<b>22,693 (c6)</b>

## 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)

d		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	20	(40)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,535	2,848
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,555	2,788
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>		
	(d1+d2-d3)		20



**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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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Ladies Group	1,420	1,444	(24)		287	263
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e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,420	2,461	(1,041)		3,322 (e11)	2,281 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	130,327 (a7)	101,421 (b9)	28,906	(c7)	22,693 (c6)	51,599 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	131,747	103,882	27,865		26,015 (x)	53,880 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	75	75
f2 Bank Current Account	19,290	31,082
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	3,291	5,070
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	37	15,372
f6 Other funds		
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	7,354,735	8,316,681
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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 Lidgett Park Methodist Church 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 [Signature] Date 15 December 2023

Name and address of treasurer ALAN WILTRICK,  
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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.

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