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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR

1 SEPTEMBER 2023 to 31 AUGUST 2024

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.

Sadly, over the last year the Church has said good bye to friends, and others coping with illness and our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends

The Minister continues to work alongside church members in working with the two agreed priorities - deepening discipleship and connecting with children, young people and families that use our premise. Sadly, Bible study groups at LPMC haven't been well attended. The joint Bible study group meets at Shadwell, with members from both churches. Although the group is small there is a wonderful atmosphere where faith is shared and explored, and there is always room for more. The Ecumenical Lent Group is proving to be really well supporting, with average of 40+ attending each week. There is a lot of thoughtful discussion that takes place.

Messy Church is slowly growing, a session being held each school holiday. We have shared stories on Caring for God's World, the Christmas Story and Picnic on the Beach, and of course our Easter Messy Church.

Teddy Praise continues to take place once a month after Toddlers. It is fun and chaotic! The members share songs and a bible story through a story basket. Everyone takes a craft home to do, re-enforcing the story message. As the year progresses from 3 September onwards, as the children get used to the routine, you can see how they begin to sit, listen and take part, and begin to know who Jesus is!

At the end of March, stewards and members of the worship team met with others from Shadwell and Alwoodley Park Methodists Church. We looked at how we can support, encourage and worship together. It was a very positive meeting, and the energy that emerged created some real excitement! In September 2025 we will begin to share worship monthly together, alternating at the different churches. We will also share and invite one another to bible studies and other events.

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, The Circuit Leadership Team 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 the 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 2023/24, 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 2023/24, the general (unrestricted) fund for the Church decreased by £1,980 with the closing balance at £ 21,234.

Total assets (excluding buildings) including project funding, endowments, and restricted funds, increased to £53,880 at 31 August 2024.

For 2023/24, 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 22% of our annual

general income so the financial objective is to slightly increase the reserves over the next couple of years if possible 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 :

Trustee Name	Office held (if appropriate)
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Rev Tanya Short	Minister and Chair of Church Council
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Mrs J Sanders	Church Council Secretary
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Mr A Wittrick	Church Treasurer
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Mrs P Brooke	Church Steward
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Mrs D Barton	Church Steward
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Mr P Bennett	Church Steward
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Mrs J Roberts	Church Steward
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Mrs C Pritchard	Church Steward
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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

(circuit rep)

Mrs K. Illingworth

Mrs P Nolan

Mr G Saunders

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 2025.

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Dated 20 May 2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

LIDGETT PARK METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

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Mrs Susan Wittrick

To February 2024

Mrs Daphne Barton

Mrs Pat Brooke

Mrs Christine Pritchard

Mr Peter Bennett

Treasurer:

Mr Alan Wittrick

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	75,539	14,000	89,539	95,573
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	567	922	1,489	677
a4	Lettings	19,209		19,209	14,561
a5	Other receipts	3,139	13,960	17,099	19,516
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	98,455	28,882	127,337 (a7)	130,327

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	55,200		55,200	51,062
b3	Donations	4,950	12,785	17,735	11,710
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,647		3,647	6,938
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,100		19,100	12,275
b6					
b7	Other payments	17,539	44	17,583	19,436
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	100,435	12,829	113,264 (b9)	101,421

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(1,980)	16,053	14,073	28,906
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	23,214	28,385	51,599 (c6)	22,693
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	21,234	44,438	65,672	51,599
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	21,234	44,438	65,672 (c8)	51,599 (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		20
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,472	2,535
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,472	2,555
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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e3						
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e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,018	2,667	(649)		2281 (e11)	1632 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	127,337 (a7)	113,264 (b9)	14,073	(c7)	51599 (c6)	65672 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	129,355	115,931	13,424		53880 (x)	67304 (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	75	75
f2 Bank Current Account	31082	31346
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	5070	9000
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	15372	25250
f6 Other funds		
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
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g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	8316681	8,920,000 *
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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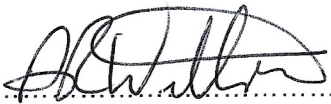
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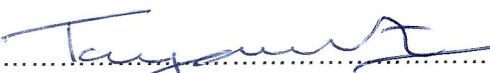
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Signature of treasurer  Date 13 March 2025.

Name and address of treasurer ALAN WITTERICK, 9 THE DRIVE,
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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 13 March 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Tanya Short Date 13.3.25.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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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 2024 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 Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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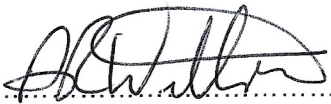
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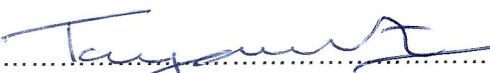
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