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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR

1 SEPTEMBER 2024 to 31 AUGUST 2025

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 Ecumenical Lent Group went well this year for those attending from LPMC a lot of thoughtful discussion took place.

Messy Church ebbs and flows, we never know who and how many are coming, a session being held each school holiday, however, it is always enjoyed! We have shared various bible stories. My thanks to the team who help run this, it is a team effort and couldn't run without them!

Teddy Praise continues to take 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, reinforcing the story message. It is always amazing at how well those little children sit and listen and join in!

The stewards and Minister continue to work together to lead the planning and delivery of the Church activities. From September 2025

each month we have shared worship with Alwoodley Park and Shadwell, alternating at the different churches. In March 2026 we had a review of how things were going, there was a lot of positive comments, with one of the only concerns being times of worship. Thanks go to Shadwell for willing to be flexible and when it is at Shadwell, from September 2026 worship will begin at 10am.

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.

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 the trustees 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.

In April 2026 we began a process within the circuit of thinking ‘A Way Forward’, how, as a circuit can we do this differently to liberate those tired and exhausted from caring for buildings and filling multiple roles within their Church, so they have the energy to engage in mission in the community. The process and group will last a year, it will be a time of listening, discerning and coming up with various ideas, with the aim of these ideas being heard at the Summer Circuit Meeting in 2027.

And so, we move forward, God calls us, and we continue to respond. At times we don’t know where our journey takes us, which is both exciting and daunting, but we know that we are safe in God’s hands with his guiding love surrounding us.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church’s main source of funds is from freewill offerings by members and others, supplemented by income from rents paid 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 2024/25, 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 2024/25, the general (unrestricted) fund for the Church decreased by £8,172 with the closing balance at £ 16,067.

Total assets (excluding buildings) including project funding, endowments, and restricted funds, fell from £67,304 to £52,693.

For 2024/25, 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 16% of our annual general income (in cash terms) so the financial objective is to slightly increase the reserves over the next couple of years if possible in line with our policy. However, this is likely to be challenging given the overall financial situation.

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. The value of that fund at 31 August 2025 was £2789.

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 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

Mr Paul Berry (circuit rep)

Mrs K. Illingworth

Mrs P Nolan

Mr G Saunders

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 2026.

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Dated 20 May 2026

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

LIDGETT PARK METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

LEEDS NORTH AND EAST

Circuit

Circuit no.

27/2

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129423

If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV. TANYA SHORT

Church Stewards:

MRS JOAN ROBERTS

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	78,771	3,000	81,771	89,539
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	501	973	1,474	1,489
a4	Lettings	18,428		18,428	19,209
a5	Other receipts	2,168	13,543	15,711	17,100
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	99,868	17,516	117,384 (a7)	127,337

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	58,048		58,048	55,200
b3	Donations	4,950	13,385	18,335	17,735
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,006	10,353	22,359	3,647
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	22,542		22,542	19,100
b6					
b7	Other payments	10,494	277	10,771	17,583
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	108,040	24,015	132,055 (b9)	113,265

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(8,172)	(6,499)	(14,671)	14,072
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	21,234	44,437	65,671 (c6)	51,599
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	13,062	37,938	51,000	65,671
c4	Transfers and adjustments	3,005	(3,005)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	16,067	34,933	51,000 (c8)	65,671 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,413	2,472
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,413	2,472
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

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 2025 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 LADIES GROUP	1,736	1,861	(125)		219	94
e2 DRAMA GROUP	980	795	185		1,414	1,599
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,716	2,656	60		1,633 (e11)	1,693 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	117,384 (a7)	132,055 (b9)	(14,671)	(c7)	65,671 (c6)	51,000 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	120,100	134,711	(14,611)		67,304 (x)	52,693 (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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	75	75
f2 Bank Current Account	31,346	31,819
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	9,000	2,965
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	25,250	16,141
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	65,671 (c6)	51,000 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,633 (e11)	1,693 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	67,304 (x)	52,693 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	8,920,000	8,690,000
g3 Other Assets		
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

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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

19/1/2026

Name and address of treasurer 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 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Tanya Short

Date 17.5.26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... LIDGETT PARK METHODIST

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 2025 set out on pages ... to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner Andrew Laycock

Name of independent examiner ANDREW LAYCOCK

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) —

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Date 06/02/2026

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