

1) Welcome/Pastoral Care

We are especially grateful to our loyal team of pastoral visitors, organised by our Pastoral Secretary, who support and share in the joys and sorrows of our church community. Our *Flower Ministry* plays a vital role, bringing joy to worshippers and to those who receive flower deliveries from our team. This continues to be such a vital role to those who are permanently housebound or suffering from illness. Our Church Office is the information hub of the church, along with our Coffee Lounge, providing hospitality and a welcome to visitors from our busy town centre community. Both are staffed most weekday mornings, providing an open door to those participating in the various weekly church and community group meetings.

2) Worship & Study

From September 2024, worship continued as follows: a weekly 10.30am *Sunday worship*, a monthly 9am *Contemplative Communion* and a monthly evening *Reflective service* as well as occasional *Café Church* and *All Age* services. Some All Age services were Parade services involving the Church Scout and Guide groups. Once a month the morning service is a combined one sharing with St Mary's Handforth and Styal with a rotating location. The service in Wilmslow continues to be live streamed providing vital spiritual encouragement and contact with those unable to worship in the building. This year has seen the introduction of a *Lunchtime Communion service* on the first Thursday of the month and occasional *Prayer Meetings* on other Thursdays.

Opportunities for adult study were provided by Rev Ian Smart as follows: an ecumenical *Advent and Lent book study* and group meetings. The *Daily Bread WhatsApp Bible study* group provides an option for personal home study of the same Advent and Lent topics. A joint *Outdoor Church service* was held in Styal village in July, which was well attended. A *Prayer/Bible study* was offered between Ascension and Pentecost. Once a month on a Sunday evening Rev Ian Smart leads a *Bible study with Cake* group in the church. There is also a *Reading group* that meets in members' homes once a month, studying books recommended by the group. The group has continued to contribute to the new *Bag-a-Book* re-cycled books display in the Coffee Lounge which provides donations to our Charity of the Month.

3) Witness

Our Family and Outreach work continues to spread in the community, under the able leadership of Emma Coe (Family Outreach Worker). Volunteers help Emma to run regular weekly groups, such as *Songs & Rhymes* and *Tiddlywinks* for under 5s with an accompanying adult. In addition, a programme of family friendly events was offered throughout the year, celebrating the main Christian festivals. A *Light Party* was held as an alternative to Halloween and at Christmas schools and families from the local community took part in the *Christmas Crib Festival*. We hosted a popular *Pancake Party* to offer hospitality to the wider church family and held an *Easter Eggstravaganza*, with free crafts, games and activities for the local community. Emma also regularly leads school assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2 at Lacey Green School once a term and for the whole school at the major Christian Festivals. Our *Craft & Chatter* group continued making a variety of crafts to decorate the church and noticeboards, as well as providing knitted items for charity groups. These included hats for premature babies and blankets etc. for vulnerable families with a newborn, as well as chicks for Francis House Children's Hospice. The outdoor display boards were decorated as part of the Wilmslow in Bloom entry on the theme of Plants and People. A new group started meeting on the alternate Tuesdays to Craft and Chatter, called *Cuppa, Cake and Chat* which allows people from the community to come together. The *In-Together* group continued to provide hospitality, activities, and a safe space for those living with dementia. Added to that, we have connected to many more people through our live-streamed Services*, Facebook and church website (*see 2. Worship and Study above).

Throughout the year, the church makes regular contributions to a variety of local and national charities, through members' giving, special services and coffee lounge proceeds.

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

Wilmslow Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129459

Circuit No

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2025	Totals 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Church building and other property			3,572,400		3,572,400	3,417,684
Investment properties					0	
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets	0	0	3,572,400	0	3,572,400	3,417,684
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	4,609				4,609	7,719
Other					0	0
Investments with TMCP					0	0
Central Finance Board Deposits	47,198	30,671	8,022		85,891	74,280
Cash at Bank and in hand	8,900				8,900	16,680
Total current assets	60,707	30,671	8,022	0	99,400	98,679
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	0				0	
Grants payable within 2022-23	0				0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	60,707	30,671	8,022	0	99,400	98,679
Total assets less current liabilities	60,707	30,671	3,580,422	0	3,671,800	3,516,363
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23					0	
Loans to the Church					0	
					0	
Net assets	60,707	30,671	3,580,422	0	3,671,800	3,516,363
Funds of the Church						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	60,707				60,707	59,987
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		30,671			30,671	30,671
Total Unrestricted Funds					91,378	90,658
Restricted Funds			3,580,422		3,580,422	3,425,705
Endowment Funds				0	0	
Total Funds	60,707	30,671	3,580,422	0	3,671,800	3,516,363

Wilmslow Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
Income						
Offerings	59,161				59,161	52,752
Donations	3,770				3,770	35,923
Gift aid	19,301				19,301	9,923
Interest and investment income	3,372				3,372	3,835
Lettings and Power Grid	22,450				22,450	14,663
Internal organisations	637				637	17,381
Other charitable income					0	5,000
Total income	108,691	-	-	-	108,691	139,477
Expenditure						
Circuit assessment or share	53,904				53,904	51,334
Grants and donations	1,268				1,268	2,103
Property maintenance	4,799				4,799	770
Insurance, utilities etc	13,502				13,502	13,135
Depreciation					0	0
Office expenses					0	0
Other expenditure (Note)	34,497				34,497	57,781
Internal organisations					0	1,231
Total charitable expenditure	107,970	0	0	-	107,970	126,354
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment properties					0	0
Net income/(expenditure)	721	0	0	-	721	13,123
Transfers between funds					0	0
Other gains/(losses)			154,716		154,716	109,153
Net movement in funds	721	0	154,716	-	155,437	122,276
Total funds brought forward	59,986	30,671	3,425,706		3,516,363	3,394,087
Total funds carried forward	60,707	30,671	3,580,422	-	3,671,800	3,516,363

Note

Other expenditure includes

Christian and family worker

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20,274

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Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

Building at insurance valuation	Church (non investment) land and buildings £
Balance brought forward	3,417,684
Additions	
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Disposals (-)	
Transfers (+/-)	
Balance carried forward	3,572,400

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	0
Depreciation charge for year (-)	
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Balance carried forward	0

Net book value

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Notes to the accounts

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with FRS102 (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011

Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the Reserves Policy . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

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VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Wilmslow Methodist Church

I report on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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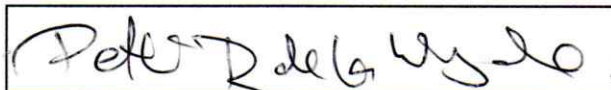
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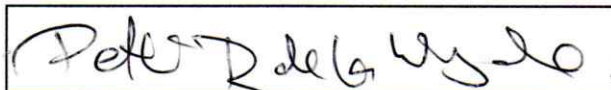
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