

LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1129507

Details

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| Other names | LMC |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | Previously excepted |
| Registered | 2009-05-08 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES PROVIDES BUILDINGS/FACILITIES/OPEN SPACE OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Derby City
- Derbyshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-08-31 | £279,518 | £257,685 | - | - |
| 2023-08-31 | £239,881 | £260,697 | - | - |
| 2022-08-31 | £414,741 | £221,686 | - | - |
| 2021-08-31 | £169,926 | £203,188 | - | - |
| 2020-08-31 | £218,636 | £197,486 | - | - |

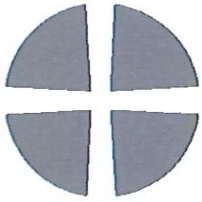
Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------------|------|------------|
| Angela Davies | | 2022-11-01 |
| Bo Aakerstrom | | 2020-11-22 |
| Christopher Philip Briggs Rev | | 2021-09-01 |
| Colin George Young | | 2021-07-13 |
| GRAHAM Vaughan PENNY | | |
| Graham Martin | | 2021-09-01 |
| Heather Louise Saw | | 2022-09-01 |
| Helen Joye Williams | | 2022-10-19 |
| JACQUELINE ANNE BERRY | | 2013-05-01 |
| Jack Newsham | | 2018-06-01 |
| Jane Alison Goodfellow | | |
| Kathryn Smith | | 2022-10-01 |
| Lynda Collinson | | 2023-09-01 |
| Martha Eloise White | | 2017-10-09 |
| Michael Roger Williams BA ACII | | |
| Nana Yaa Forson | | 2022-11-01 |
| Nicola Joyce Alcock | | 2025-09-01 |
| Omolara Mary Ajayi | | 2023-09-01 |
| Opeyemi Michael Ajayi | | 2023-09-01 |
| Paul Andrew Jessop | | 2024-09-01 |
| Rachel Mary Hilton | | 2020-11-22 |
| Rudaviro Mvundura | | 2023-02-01 |
| STEPHEN ROY ALCOCK | | 2017-10-09 |
| Stephen John Goodfellow | | 2020-11-22 |
| Susannah Valerie Simpson | | 2019-06-01 |
| Tracey Jayne Harris | | 2024-09-01 |

LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129507

Accounts



The Methodist Church

Littleover Methodist Church
(Circuit No: 2206 – Derby)

Registered Charity: 1129507

Church Report and Accounts (Accruals Basis)
for year ended 31 August 2024

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| Minister: | Rev Christopher Briggs |
| Church Stewards: | Bo Aakerstrom Lynda Collinson Victoria Katilu Susannah Simpson Michael Williams |
| Church Treasurer: | Graham Martin |

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

I am pleased to introduce readers to the annual report of Littleover Methodist Church. We are a vibrant Christ-centred church at the heart of our community and this report about the scope and shape of the church's work and ministry goes to reinforce this.

Aims and Organisation

Our church vision is 'To live like Jesus, reaching out with God's hope and love.' We seek to achieve this through our three key purposes of Encouraging Maturity, Equipping for Ministry and Enabling Mission, all of this, in and through the power of Jesus Christ.

The church is led by the Minister and Leadership Team and governed by the Church Council and together we are working to make a difference to people's lives in and around our locality.

Review of the year

We are Littleover Methodist Church. We aim to be 'A vibrant Christ centred church at the heart of our community'.

A worshipping people within the community: Sunday morning average attendance has been in excess of 100, including 25 children 0-18. We have welcomed new members within the past year. Evening worship happens each week with a more informal group of between 10-20. During the week smaller groups meet in homes or on the church premises to encourage deeper bible study, fellowship and pastoral care.

Church Council, the Trustees of the Littleover Methodist Church, who act in relation to the affairs of the charity and in relation to the provisions of the Methodist Church as Managing Trustees, met three times during the year to consider normal business. In addition there was an open General Church Meeting.

The church Café is open three days a week to serve the daytime groups and anyone who called in for a quiet cuppa' and snack. Very popular toddler groups called 'Play Ark' meeting two days a week attracted many parents, carers and toddlers from around the community. The church Monday Lunch Club for the elderly continues to meet an identified need in the community. 'Messy Church' takes place on the first Saturday of each month. The Uniformed organisations continue to thrive. The building continues to be used regularly by other community groups of all ages and abilities including Baby clinics, Pilates, Older People Exercise Group, Parkinson Singing Group and a social table tennis club. There were also ad-hoc users such as Local Councillors and Police holding surgeries. The building has also been used as a Polling Station and by the wider church community for Conferences and Synods. Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals take place from time to time.

There have been no changes in Staffing levels this year. As well as our employed staff there were 99 Volunteers, many fulfilling multiple roles, without whom the activities in and around the church would not have been possible to run.

'Christianity Month' was again held during May with keynote speakers including The Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP, community activities and opportunities for people to engage with the Christian faith. Christianity Month seeks to be a time of celebration of the Christian faith with opportunities to connect

with people outside the church to share something of the beliefs and actions of the Christian faith. The vision for Christianity Month is being shared and taken up by others within our more immediate locality and further afield.

You can read more detail about all the different aspects of church life at www.lmclife.org.uk

Income, Expenditure and Fund Balances

The budget was approved by Church Council on 20th June 2023.

Excluding a Restricted legacy received in 2021/22 from comparative figures, we see that Income of £271k in 2023/24 was an increase of £36k from the previous year. The main reason for this was an increase of £17k of Restricted gifts from individuals and a one-off refund of £7k being a contribution made to the Methodist Pension Reserve Fund appeal in 2022

Comparative expenditure for the year of £255k was just £6.5k higher than the previous year. In 2022/23 there was significant investment in more efficient and 'green' LED lighting throughout the building, a more normal level of building maintenance in the current year appears as a £21k reduction. Also, in 2022/23 there was a refund of approximately £6.5k from the energy providers relating to VAT and the Climate Change Levy, as a result the current year appears to show an increase in cost of Utilities of nearly £6k. The Children & Youth Worker has been in post for the whole of the current year compared to 7 months of the previous year which accounts for an increase of £16k

The shortfall in the Building Maintenance Reserve below the £50k level from last year has been restored. See Reserves Policy on Page 6.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

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| Full Name of Charity / Church: | LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH |
| Registration Charity Number: | 1129507 |
| Date of registration: | 8 May 2009 |
| Main communication address: | Constable Drive, Littleover, Derby DE23 6EP |

Trustees

The members of the Littleover Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full membership of Church Council is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Financial Oversight

Mr Graham Martin acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

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| Treasurer: | Mr Graham Martin |
| Independent Examiner: | Mr M Saunders 29 The Farthingales, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 1TE |
| Investment Bankers | Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes |

Aims and Organisation

We are part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain whose objectives are found in the *Our Calling* document of 2000. The Church has four foci, namely worship, learning & caring, service and evangelism. Littleover Methodist Church's specific vision and priorities remain in keeping with this theme.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the GCM of the church which took place in person on 21st April 2024

Trustee Training

A compiled trustee pack encompassing Methodist and charity commission trustee guidance is provided to all new trustees prior to them taking up their appointment in September each year. Any office holders appointed by the trustees are also provided with the same trustee's pack. All trustees sign an annual declaration re affirming their commitment and understanding of the role of a trustee. Any updates or amendments to trustee guidance is communicated to all trustees prior to submitting their annual trustee declaration.

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. Funds transferred to support the work of the Circuit are known as the Circuit Assessment and are listed individually in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. Part of the annual cycle of agendas of the Trustees Meeting is to review the risk register and record any findings.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

A 5-year financial projection is also reviewed annually to provide early warning of financial trends.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a general reserve amounting to a minimum sum equivalent to 3 months' average Unrestricted expenditure and a separate Building Maintenance Reserve of £50k. The general reserve should be sufficient to allow the church to continue to fund planned activities, in the short term, in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. The Building Maintenance Reserve is to fund any unexpected items of building maintenance and £50k is considered appropriate considering the size and age of the building.

With Unrestricted expenditure of £223k for the 2023/24 financial year used as the basis, there is a requirement for a Reserves Policy of £56k in the general reserve.

As at 31 August 2024, the balance of the church general fund was £96,615, which is a slight increase of £2k from the previous year. This level remains significantly above the Reserves Policy. The Church Council had previously decided to appoint a Youth Worker given a reasonable level of confidence in income and having funds in excess of the reserves policy. During the year the Building Maintenance reserve was restored to its £50k level.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The safeguarding team at LMC continues to ensure training on safer recruitment are up to date for various roles, role outlines and volunteering to promote awareness and consistency in approach.

In order to support conversations among church folks especially with those among our church community classed as 'vulnerable adults' in safeguarding terms, we have provided a guide which aids such conversations with a particular focus on conversations needing to be encouraging, affirming and responsive, void of offering an opinion or advice or make any arrangements on behalf of any person classed as vulnerable adult.

The safeguarding team continues to review and identify those needing to undertake foundation level safeguarding training, and those that are due a refresh to ensure these are acted upon.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Statement of Financial Activities

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

| | Notes | General funds | Property Maintenance Reserve | Restricted Funds | Madge Deare Legacy | Total 2023-24 | Total 2022-23 |
|---|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | 3 | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Restricted | | |
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 4 | | | | | | |
| - Regular Donations | | 117,178 | | 1,935 | | 119,113 | 110,628 |
| - One-off Donations | | - | | 26,210 | | 26,210 | 13,500 |
| - Grants | | | | 15,012 | | 15,012 | 20,113 |
| - Tax credit | | 24,053 | | 7,003 | | 31,056 | 26,200 |
| Collection for External Appeals | 5 | 3,696 | | | | 3,696 | 7,635 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | | - | |
| - Café | | 17,292 | | | | 17,292 | 16,640 |
| - Church Events | | 329 | | 9,103 | | 9,432 | 3,068 |
| Lettings | 6 | 21,576 | | | | 21,576 | 17,161 |
| Investment Income | 7 | 9,139 | | | 8,674 | 17,813 | 11,346 |
| Other | | | | | | - | |
| - Internal organisations | | 8,811 | | | | 8,811 | 10,927 |
| - Miscellaneous | | 9,508 | | | | 9,508 | 2,663 |
| Total Income | | 211,582 | - | 59,263 | 8,674 | 279,518 | 239,881 |
| Expenditure on: | 8 | | | | | | |
| Salaries, NIC & Pension costs | 10 | 69,334 | | 24,972 | | 94,306 | 72,017 |
| Circuit Assessment | | 84,274 | | | | 84,274 | 85,688 |
| Maintenance on Church building(s) | | 8,610 | | 512 | | 9,122 | 30,017 |
| Utilities (insurance, gas, electric, etc) | | 17,022 | | | | 17,022 | 10,830 |
| Cleaning Services & Caretaking | | 2,264 | | | | 2,264 | 995 |
| Youth & Childrens Work | | 827 | | 1,000 | | 1,827 | 1,003 |
| Outreach / Evangelism | | | | 4,517 | | 4,517 | 3,644 |
| Café costs | | 6,593 | | | | 6,593 | 5,347 |
| Church Events | | 5,459 | | 280 | | 5,739 | 4,707 |
| Grants and Donations | 11 | 19,416 | | 225 | | 19,641 | 22,964 |
| Administration | | 4,120 | | | | 4,120 | 6,229 |
| Other expenditure | | 5,299 | | | 2,961 | 8,260 | 17,256 |
| Total Expenditure | | 223,218 | - | 31,506 | 2,961 | 257,685 | 260,697 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | (11,636) | - | 27,757 | 5,713 | 21,834 | (20,817) |
| Transfers between funds | | 13,632 | 10,118 | (23,750) | | - | |
| Other recognised gains / (losses): | | | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | | 1,996 | 10,118 | 4,007 | 5,713 | 21,834 | (20,817) |
| Total funds brought forward | | 94,618 | 39,882 | 65,640 | 161,777 | 361,917 | 382,734 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 96,615 | 50,000 | 69,647 | 167,489 | 383,751 | 361,917 |

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

| | | Unrestricted £ | Designated (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted £ | Madge Deare Legacy £ | Church Building Value £ | Totals this year (2023-24) £ | Totals last year (2022-23) £ |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tangible Fixed Assets* | | | | | | | | |
| | Notes | | | | | | | |
| Land & Buildings | 12 | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Investment properties | | | | | | | | |
| Investments | | | | | | | | |
| Total fixed assets | | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 13 | 12,719 | | 117 | | | 12,836 | 16,811 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 32,189 | | | | | 32,189 | 19,505 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | | | | 167,489 | | 167,489 | 161,777 |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 64,977 | 50,000 | 69,530 | | | 184,507 | 161,642 |
| Other | | | | | | | | |
| Total current assets | | 109,885 | 50,000 | 69,647 | 167,489 | | 397,021 | 359,735 |
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | 13 | 13,270 | | | | | 13,270 | (2,182) |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | 96,615 | 50,000 | 69,647 | 167,489 | | 383,751 | 361,917 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 96,615 | 50,000 | 69,647 | 167,489 | 1,500,000 | 1,883,751 | 1,861,917 |
| Loans and creditors due after 1 year | | | | | | | | |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 14 | | | | | | | |
| Net assets | | 96,615 | 50,000 | 69,647 | 167,489 | 1,500,000 | 1,883,751 | 1,861,917 |
| Funds of the Church | | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 96,615 | 50,000 | | | | 146,615 | 134,501 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 69,647 | 167,489 | | 237,136 | 227,416 |
| Building Value | | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Total Funds | 15 | 96,615 | 50,000 | 69,647 | 167,489 | 1,500,000 | 1,883,751 | 1,861,917 |

Notes to the Accounts

[1] Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with

- the Charities Act 2011
- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

[2] Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accruals basis has been used 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.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

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

No items have been capitalised during the reported period. The freehold property is shown at value.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

[3] Description of Funds

The names and purposes of the various church funds are given below. See Note [15] for a summary of income, expenditure and fund balances.

Unrestricted

| | |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | Used for day-to-day expenses |
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Designated

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| Property Maintenance Reserve | An unrestricted funded reserve to provide for significant items of building maintenance or improvement. |
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Restricted

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Community Hub Development Fund | Set up to provide a fund to support the staff related to running the church hub. Grants were received from the Derby Circuit and the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church |
| Salary Support Reserve | Donations received, restricted towards the funding of general salaries |
| Outreach Fund | To provide funds for any outreach work, such as running the Alpha Course, Messy Church, Christianity Month etc. |
| Benevolent Fund | For the relief of financial hardship |
| New Places for New People | Grant from Nottingham and Derby District to support the formation of new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. |
| Warm Space | To provide a warm and welcoming environment for people struggling to heat their homes adequately, or for social connection, during the winter months |
| 'Madge' Deare Legacy | A former member, the 'Madge' Deare Legacy is held by TMCP on behalf of the church, to be used for the benefit of children of LMC members under the age of 25 in higher education and for special needs. |

Endowments

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| None | |
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[4] Breakdown of Donations

The table below shows the breakdown of donations.

| Regular Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023-24 Total | 2022-23 Total |
|---|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Standing Orders | 94,504 | 1,800 | 96,304 | 92,271 |
| CAF & Payroll Giving | 12,216 | - | 12,216 | 12,136 |
| Envelopes | 2,010 | 135 | 2,145 | 770 |
| Cash Collected (including Digital Giving) | 8,448 | - | 8,448 | 5,451 |
| Total | 117,178 | 1,935 | 119,113 | 110,628 |

| One-off Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023-24 Total | 2022-23 Total |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Donations from members | - | 26,210 | 26,210 | 13,500 |
| Total | - | 26,210 | 26,210 | 13,500 |

| Grants | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023-24 Total | 2022-23 Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Salary Support – Circuit | - | 13,500 | 13,500 | 7,875 |
| Warm Space – Circuit | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Energy Efficiency – Circuit | - | 512 | 512 | 9,488 |
| Benefact Trust | - | - | - | 1,750 |
| Derby City Council | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Total | - | 15,012 | 15,012 | 20,113 |

[5] Donations to external Appeals

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Charity Number</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Compassion UK | 1077216 |
| Foundation Matters | 1107662 |

[6] Lettings

Lettings related to the hiring of rooms within the church building on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

[7] Investment Income

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023-24 Total | 2022-23 Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Methodist Central Finance Board | 9,139 | - | 9,139 | 6,240 |
| Interest on Legacy | - | 8,674 | 8,674 | 5,106 |
| Total | 9,139 | 8,674 | 17,813 | 11,346 |

[8] Payments to Trustees

| | 2023-24 Total | 2022-23 Total |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Payments made to Trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting. | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid expenses to act as Trustees | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid employees* | 4 | 4 |

* Staff are invited to join the Church Council because they are an integral part of the life of the church and have an important input to the direction and work of the church. The church's Conflict of Interest Policy ensures that neither the staff, nor any other conflicted person is present during discussion and decisions regarding staff. See note [10] for all staff pay.

[9] Fees for Examination of the Accounts

| | 2023-24 Total | 2022-23 Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Independent Examiners Fees | 345 | 345 |

[10] Paid Employees

| | 2023-24 Total | 2022-23 Total |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind* | 82,065 | 65,266 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs (incl. Apprenticeship Levy) | 4,986 | 3,266 |
| Pension costs | 5,229 | 2,664 |
| Other Employment Costs (eg. training, transport etc) | 2,026 | 822 |
| Total staff costs | 94,306 | 72,018 |

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| Number of staff employed during the year were: | 6 | 6 |
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The large total increase in costs was due to a 10% pay award and a 5-month full time vacancy in 2022/23

[11] Grants and donations

The church has a policy of giving away 10% of the regular donations to the work of other charities. This is in addition to the Collection for External Appeals referred to in note [5].

In 2023-24, donations were made to the following organisations

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| Bible Society Bulgarian Support Fund Care for the Family Central Eurasian Partners Christian Aid Compassion UK Derby City Mission | Evangelical Alliance† Foundation Matters Medic Assist International Methodist World Mission Fund Mission Aviation Fellowship Premier Christian Media Trust Scripture Union | Restore (Jacobs Well) Saltmine Trust Save the Children TEAR Fund Upbeat Communities (Derby) Youth for Christ YWAM |
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†These organisations are classed as affiliations

[12] Tangible Fixed Assets

Prior to 2015-16 the value of the building was recorded as the rebuild cost for insurance purposes. An independent valuation was completed by Gadsby Nichols (of 21 Iron Gate, Derby) stating that the value of the building was £1,500,000 including the underlying value of the land of £750,000.

[13] Analysis of Debtors and Creditors

| Debtors as at 31 st August | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| HMRC | 2,080 | 1,813 |
| General Debtors | 10,356 | 14,998 |
| Payment in Advance | 400 | 0 |
| Total | 12,836 | 16,811 |

| Creditors as at 31 st August | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| HMRC | 9,690 | 0 |
| Giving Away | 2,214 | 2,150 |
| General Creditors | 1,366 | (4,332) |
| Total | 13,270 | (2,182) |

[14] Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2024 the Church has no capital commitments. No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024.

[15] Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund movements

See note [3] for description of the funds

| | Opening Balance | Income | Payments | Transfers | Closing Balance |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| General Fund | 94,618 | 211,582 | -223,219 | 13,632 | 96,613 |
| Prop/Maint Reserve (Des) | 39,882 | - | - | 10,118 | 50,000 |
| Property (Restricted) | - | 512 | -512 | - | - |
| Community Hub Dev't Fund (Restr) | 11,472 | - | -11,472 | - | - |
| Salary Support Reserve (Restr) | 48,449 | 46,760 | -13,725 | -23,750 | 57,734 |
| Outreach Fund (Restr) | 3,008 | 10,103 | -5,516 | - | 7,594 |
| Benevolent Fund (Restr) | 839 | 1,888 | - | - | 2,727 |
| New Places for New People (Restr) | 1,000 | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Warm Space (Restr) | 872 | - | -280 | - | 592 |
| 'Madge' Deare Legacy (Restr) | 161,777 | 8,674 | -2,961 | - | 167,489 |
| TOTALS | 361,917 | 279,518 | -257,685 | - | 383,750 |

[16] Related Party Transactions

| Related Party | Nature of Relationship | Payments made |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) | Littleover Methodist Church is part of the broader Methodist Church and contributes to its work via the "Circuit Assessment" | £84,274 |

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer


I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed:  Date: 12/02/25
Name: GRAHAM MARTIN
Address: 37 HAVENBAULK AVE
LITTLEOVER
DERBY
DER3 4BL

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting on
and were approved

Signature of Chair of the meeting:

Signed:  Date: 12/02/2025
Name: REV CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS

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) but that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: M. Saunders Date: 4 February 2025

Relevant Professional Qualification or Body: FCA

Name: M. SAUNDERS

Address: 29 THE FARMHOLMES
MAIDENHEAD
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
SL6 1TE

Appendix A – Membership of Church Council (Trustees)

The following table describes the people who were members of Church Council on 31st August 2024.

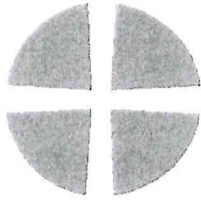
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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ex-officio [610(1)(i)] | Superintendent Minister | Rev Stuart Bell |
| | Presbyter | Rev Christopher Briggs |
| | Circuit Presbyter | |
| | | |
| Elected GCM [610(1)(vi)] | Steward | Bo Aakerstrom |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Lynda Collinson |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Victoria Katilu |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Susannah Simpson |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Michael Williams |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| | | |
| Employees [610(4)(vii)] | Church Ministry Developer | Jacqueline Berry |
| - ditto - | Café Manager | Martha White |
| - ditto - | Centre Manager | Jane Goodfellow |
| - ditto - | Youth & Children's Worker | Rudaviro Mvundura |
| | | |
| Circuit Rep [610(1)(xii)] | Circuit Steward | Peter Nelson |
| | | |
| Elected by CC [610(1)(vii)] | Treasurer | Graham Martin |
| - ditto - [610(1)(ix)] | CC Secretary | Colin Young |
| - ditto - [610(1)(viii)] | Pastoral Secretary | Helen Williams |
| - ditto - [610(1)(xi)] | Maintenance Team Leader | Stephen Alcock |
| - ditto - [610(1)(xi)] | Safeguarding: Designated Person | Angela Davies Nana Forson |
| - ditto - [610(1)(xi)] | Music/Worship Leader | Katie Smith |
| | | |
| Elected by GCM [610(1)(x)] | Church Rep | David Bell |
| 2 - ditto - | - ditto - | Mark Davies |
| 3 - ditto - | - ditto - | Stephen Goodfellow |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 4 - ditto - | - ditto - | Rachel Hilton |
| 5 - ditto - | - ditto - | Jack Newsham |
| 6 - ditto - | - ditto - | Graham Penny |
| 7 - ditto - | - ditto - | Heather Saw |
| 8 - ditto - | - ditto - | Yemi Ajayi |
| 9 - ditto - | - ditto - | Lara Ajayi |
| 10 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 11 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 12 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 13 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 14 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 15 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| | | |
| Co-opted by CC [610(1)(xi)] | Ex-steward | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |

LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129507

Accounts



The Methodist Church

Littleover Methodist Church
(Circuit No: 2206 – Derby)

Registered Charity: 1129507

Church Report and Accounts (Accruals Basis)
for year ended 31 August 2023

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Minister: | Rev Christopher Briggs |
| Church Stewards: | Bo Aakerstrom Mark Davies Susannah Simpson Angelina Tuyi Michael Williams |
| Church Treasurer: | Graham Martin |

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

I am pleased to introduce readers to the annual report of Littleover Methodist Church. We are a vibrant Christ-centred church at the heart of our community and this report about the scope and shape of the church's work and ministry goes to reinforce this.

Aims and Organisation

Our church vision is 'To live like Jesus, reaching out with God's hope and love.' We seek to achieve this through our three key purposes of Encouraging Maturity, Equipping for Ministry and Enabling Mission, all of this, in and through the power of Jesus Christ.

The church is led by the Minister and Leadership Team and governed by the Church Council and together we are working to make a difference to people's lives in and around our locality.

Review of the year

We are Littleover Methodist Church. We aim to be 'A vibrant Christ centred church at the heart of our community'.

A worshipping people within the community: Sunday morning average attendance has been in excess of 120, including 25 children 0-18. We have welcomed new members within the past year. Evening worship happens each week with a more informal group of between 10-20. During the week smaller groups meet in homes or on the church premises to encourage deeper bible study, fellowship and pastoral care.

Church Council, the Trustees of the Littleover Methodist Church, who act in relation to the affairs of the charity and in relation to the provisions of the Methodist Church as Managing Trustees, met four times during the year to consider normal business and one additional time to consider all issues around setting up a 'Warm Space' to offer a refuge for people struggling to heat their homes during a time widely dubbed a 'cost of living crisis'. In addition there was an open General Church Meeting.

The church Café is open three days a week to serve the daytime groups and anyone who called in for a quiet cuppa' and snack. Very popular toddler groups called 'Play Ark' meeting three days a week attracted many parents, carers and toddlers from around the community. The church Monday Lunch Club for the elderly continues to meet an identified need in the community. 'Messy Church' takes place on the first Saturday of each month with post Covid numbers more established. The Uniformed organisations continue to thrive. The building continues to be used regularly by other community groups of all ages and abilities including Baby clinics, Pilates, Older People Exercise Group and Parkinson Singing Group. There were also ad-hoc users such as Local Councillors and Police holding surgeries. The building has also been used as a Polling Station and by the wider church community for Conferences and Synods. Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals take place from time to time.

Our new Children & Youth Worker, Ruda, started in February and has become a popular addition to the staffing team. She has quickly pulled together the children & youth work which was being supported by volunteers when the post was vacant. As well as our employed staff there were 97 Volunteers, many

fulfilling multiple roles, without whom the activities in and around the church would not have been possible to run.

The inaugural 'Christianity Month' was held during May with keynote speakers, community activities and opportunities for people to engage with the Christian faith. Christianity Month seeks to be a time of celebration of the Christian faith with opportunities to connect with people outside the church to share something of the beliefs and actions of the Christian faith. The vision for Christianity Month is being shared and taken up by others within our more immediate locality and further afield.

Sadly, Littlesteps Preschool ceased trading at the end of the 2022 Summer Term. They had been a valuable service to the Community as well as a very respected business for many years and also were an ideal fit into the church's stated strategy of being at the heart of the community. The managers and staff became a common sight around the building and will be missed.

You can read more detail about all the different aspects of church life at www.lmclife.org.uk

Income, Expenditure and Fund Balances

The budget was approved by Church Council on 22nd June 2022.

Excluding a Restricted legacy received in 2021/22 from comparative figures, we see that Income of £235k in 2022/23 was a slight decrease of £8k from the previous year.

Comparative expenditure for the year of £248k was up by £29k compared to the previous year. Increased Maintenance on buildings accounted for £23k of this notably £14k on replacing all lights and many fitting in the complex to more efficient and 'green' LED lighting, a grant from the Derby Circuit towards the eventual costs was an enabler to this action. The cost of Utilities is down approximately £6.5k. This is following Consultation with our energy supplier resulting in our VAT rate liability being revised down to 5% with us then also being exempt from the Climate Change Levy, this was applied retrospectively to the start of the contract with our current Suppliers, resulting in a refund.

The significant spending on the buildings has had the effect of reducing the Building Maintenance Reserve below the £50k level on Page 6 and it is intended to be restored from General Funds when affordable.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Full Name of Charity / Church: | LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH |
| Registration Charity Number: | 1129507 |
| Date of registration: | 8 May 2009 |
| Main communication address: | Constable Drive, Littleover, Derby DE23 6EP |

Trustees

The members of the Littleover Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full membership of Church Council is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Financial Oversight

Mr Graham Martin acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Treasurer: | Mr Graham Martin |
| Independent Examiner: | Mr M Saunders 6 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby |
| Investment Bankers | Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes |

Aims and Organisation

We are part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain whose objectives are found in the *Our Calling* document of 2000. The Church has four foci, namely worship, learning & caring, service and evangelism. Littleover Methodist Church's specific vision and priorities remain in keeping with this theme.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the GCM of the church which took place in person on 2nd July 2023

Trustee Training

A compiled trustee pack encompassing Methodist and charity commission trustee guidance is provided to all new trustees prior to them taking up their appointment in September each year. Any office holders appointed by the trustees are also provided with the same trustee's pack, and invited to attend a Q and A session to provide any clarity they require prior to signing a trustee's declaration. All trustees sign an annual declaration re affirming their commitment and understanding of the role of a trustee. Any updates or amendments to trustee guidance is communicated to all trustees prior to submitting their annual trustee declaration.

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. Funds transferred to support the work of the Circuit are known as the Circuit Assessment and are listed individually in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. Part of the annual cycle of agendas of the Trustees Meeting is to review the risk register and record any findings.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

A 5-year financial projection is also reviewed annually to provide early warning of financial trends.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a general reserve amounting to a minimum sum equivalent to 3 months' average Unrestricted expenditure and a separate Building Maintenance Reserve of £50k. The general reserve should be sufficient to allow the church to continue to fund planned activities, in the short term, in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. The Building Maintenance Reserve to fund any unexpected items of building maintenance and £50k is considered appropriate considering the size and age of the building.

With Unrestricted expenditure of £202k for the 2022/23 financial year used as the basis, there is a requirement for a Reserves Policy of £50k in the general reserve.

As at 31 August 2023, the balance of the church general fund was £94,618, which is a slight increase of £1k from the previous year. This level remains significantly above the Reserves Policy. The Church Council had previously decided to appoint a Youth Worker given a reasonable level of confidence in income and having funds in excess of the reserves policy.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

This year the safeguarding team at LMC provided a training session for the LMC team leaders focusing on safer recruitment, role outlines and volunteering to promote awareness and consistency in approach. The session was well received.

We have also seen several new volunteers which has been really encouraging. The safeguarding team continues to review and identify those needing to undertake foundation level safeguarding training, and those that are due a refresh to ensure these are acted upon.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Statement of Financial Activities

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

| | Notes | General funds | Property Maintenance Reserve | Restricted Funds | Madge Deare Legacy | Total 2022-23 | Total 2021-22 |
|---|-------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 3 | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Restricted | | |
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 4 | | | | | | |
| - Regular Donations | | 108,828 | | 1,800 | | 110,628 | 101,997 |
| - One-off Donations | | - | | 13,500 | | 13,500 | 39,526 |
| - Grants | | | | 20,113 | | 20,113 | 25,000 |
| - Tax credit | | 22,375 | | 3,825 | | 26,200 | 27,609 |
| Collection for External Appeals | 5 | 7,635 | | | | 7,635 | 5,206 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | | - | |
| - Café | | 16,640 | | | | 16,640 | 11,541 |
| - Church Events | | 691 | | 2,377 | | 3,068 | 1,395 |
| Lettings | 6 | 17,161 | | | | 17,161 | 21,321 |
| Investment Income | 7 | 6,240 | | | 5,106 | 11,346 | 1,297 |
| Other | | | | | | - | |
| - Internal organisations | | 10,927 | | | | 10,927 | 6,711 |
| - Miscellaneous | | 2,663 | | | | 2,663 | 173,138 |
| Total Income | | 193,160 | - | 41,615 | 5,106 | 239,881 | 414,741 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | | |
| Salaries, NIC & Pension costs | 10 | 42,215 | | 29,802 | | 72,017 | 63,970 |
| Circuit Assessment | | 85,688 | | | | 85,688 | 86,161 |
| Maintenance on Church building(s) | | 8,662 | 10,117 | 11,238 | | 30,017 | 7,134 |
| Utilities (insurance, gas, electric, etc) | | 10,830 | | | | 10,830 | 17,476 |
| Cleaning Services & Caretaking | | 995 | | | | 995 | 1,827 |
| Youth & Childrens Work | | 1,003 | | | | 1,003 | 372 |
| Outreach / Evangelism | | | | 3,644 | | 3,644 | 1,349 |
| Café costs | | 5,347 | | | | 5,347 | 3,913 |
| Church Events | | 4,426 | | 281 | | 4,707 | 4,304 |
| Grants and Donations | 11 | 21,979 | | 985 | | 22,964 | 18,945 |
| Administration | | 6,229 | | | | 6,229 | 3,566 |
| Other expenditure | | 4,774 | | | 12,482 | 17,256 | 12,669 |
| Total Expenditure | | 192,148 | 10,117 | 45,950 | 12,482 | 260,697 | 221,686 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | 1,012 | (10,117) | (4,335) | (7,376) | (20,817) | 193,055 |
| Transfers between funds | | | | | | - | |
| Other recognised gains / (losses): | | | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | | 1,012 | (10,117) | (4,335) | (7,376) | (20,817) | 193,055 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 93,606 | 50,000 | 69,975 | 169,153 | 382,734 | 189,679 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 94,618 | 39,883 | 65,640 | 161,777 | 361,917 | 382,734 |

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

| | Unrestricted £ | Designated (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted £ | Madge Deare Legacy £ | Church Building Value £ | Totals this year (2022-23) £ | Totals last year (2021-22) £ |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tangible Fixed Assets* | | | | | | | |
| | Notes | | | | | | |
| Land & Buildings | 12 | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Equipment | | | | | | | |
| Investment properties | | | | | | | |
| Investments | | | | | | | |
| <i>Total fixed assets</i> | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 13 | 5,470 | | 11,341 | | 16,811 | 13,842 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 19,505 | | | | 19,505 | 35,928 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | | | 161,777 | | 161,777 | 169,153 |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 67,461 | 39,882 | 54,299 | | 161,642 | 176,089 |
| Other | | | | | | | |
| <i>Total current assets</i> | | 92,436 | 39,882 | 65,640 | 161,777 | 359,735 | 395,012 |
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | 13 | (2,182) | | | | (2,182) | 12,278 |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | 94,618 | 39,882 | 65,640 | 161,777 | 361,917 | 382,734 |
| <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i> | | 94,618 | 39,882 | 65,640 | 161,777 | 1,500,000 | 1,861,917 |
| Loans and creditors due after 1 year | | | | | | | |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 14 | | | | | | |
| <i>Net assets</i> | | 94,618 | 39,882 | 65,640 | 161,777 | 1,500,000 | 1,861,917 |
| Funds of the Church | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 94,618 | 39,883 | | | 134,501 | 143,606 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 65,640 | 161,777 | 227,416 | 239,128 |
| Building Value | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Total Funds | 15 | 94,618 | 39,883 | 65,640 | 161,777 | 1,500,000 | 1,861,917 |

Notes to the Accounts

[1] **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with

- the Charities Act 2011
- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

[2] **Accounting policies**

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accruals basis has been used 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 Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

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

No items have been capitalised during the reported period. The freehold property is shown at value.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

[3] **Description of Funds**

The names and purposes of the various church funds are given below. See Note [15] for a summary of income, expenditure and fund balances.

Unrestricted

| | |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | Used for day-to-day expenses |
|--------------|------------------------------|

Designated

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Property Maintenance Reserve | An unrestricted funded reserve to provide for significant items of building maintenance or improvement. |
|------------------------------|---|

Restricted

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Community Hub Development Fund | Set up to provide a fund to support the staff related to running the church hub. Grants were received from the Derby Circuit and the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church |
| Salary Support Reserve | Donations received towards the funding of general salaries |
| Outreach Fund | To provide funds for any outreach work, such as running the Alpha Course, Messy Church etc. |
| Benevolent Fund | For the relief of financial hardship |
| New Places for New People | Grant from Nottingham and Derby District to support the formation of new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. |
| Warm Space | To provide a warm and welcoming environment for people struggling to heat their homes adequately, or for social connection, during the winter months |
| 'Madge' Deare Legacy | A former member, the 'Madge' Deare Legacy is held by TMCP on behalf of the church, to be used for the benefit of children of LMC members under the age of 25 in higher education and for special needs. |

Endowments

| | |
|------|--|
| None | |
|------|--|

[4] **Breakdown of Donations**

The table below shows the breakdown of donations.

| Regular Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022-23 Total | 2021-22 Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Standing Orders | 90,471 | 1,800 | 92,271 | 87,915 |
| CAF & Payroll Giving | 12,136 | - | 12,136 | 7,884 |
| Envelopes | 770 | - | 770 | 1,970 |
| Cash Collected | 5,451 | - | 5,451 | 4,228 |
| Total | 108,828 | 1,800 | 110,628 | 101,997 |

| One-off Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022-23 Total | 2021-22 Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations from members | - | 13,500 | 13,500 | 39,526 |
| Total | - | 13,500 | 13,500 | 39,526 |

| Grants | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022-23 | 2021-22 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | Total | Total |
| Community Hub Dev't – Circuit | - | - | - | 12,500 |
| Community Hub Dev't – District | - | - | - | 12,500 |
| Salary Support – Circuit | - | 7,875 | 7,875 | - |
| Warm Space – Circuit | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Energy Efficiency – Circuit | - | 9,488 | 9,488 | - |
| Benefact Trust | - | 1,750 | 1,750 | - |
| Total | - | 20,113 | 20,113 | 25,000 |

[5] **Donations to external Appeals**

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Charity Number</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Compassion UK | 1077216 |
| Foundation Matters | 1107662 |
| DEC (Pakistan Flood Appeal) | |
| DEC (Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal) | |

[6] **Lettings**

Lettings related to the hiring of rooms within the church building on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

[7] **Investment Income**

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022-23 | 2021-22 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | Total | Total |
| Methodist Central Finance Board | 6,240 | - | 6,240 | 701 |
| Interest on Legacy | - | 5,106 | 5,106 | 596 |
| Total | 6,240 | 5,106 | 11,346 | 1,297 |

[8] **Payments to Trustees**

| | 2022-23 Total | 2021-22 Total |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Payments made to Trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting. | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid expenses to act as Trustees | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid employees* | 4 | 4 |

* Staff are invited to join the Church Council because they are an integral part of the life of the church and have an important input to the direction and work of the church. The church's Conflict of Interest Policy ensures that neither the staff, nor any other conflicted person is present during discussion and decisions regarding staff. See note [10] for all staff pay.

[9] Fees for Examination of the Accounts

| | 2022-23 Total | 2021-22 Total |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Independent Examiners Fees | £345 | £320 |

[10] Paid Employees

| | 2022-23 Total | 2021-22 Total |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind* | 65,266 | 59,212 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs (incl. Apprenticeship Levy) | 3,266 | 2,433 |
| Pension costs | 2,664 | 1,954 |
| Other Employment Costs (eg. training, transport etc) | 822 | 371 |
| Total staff costs | 72,018 | 63,970 |
| Number of staff employed during the year were: | 6 | 6 |

[11] Grants and donations

The church has a policy of giving away 10% of the regular donations to the work of other charities. This is in addition to the Collection for External Appeals referred to in note [5].

In 2022-23, donations were made to the following organisations

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Bible Society | DEC Pakistan floods | Mission Aviation Fellowship |
| Bulgarian Support Fund | DEC Turkey/Syria earthquake | Premier Christian Media Trust |
| Care for the Family | Derby City Mission | Scout Jamboree (Sth Korea) – personal support |
| Central Eurasian Partners | Evangelical Alliancet† | Scripture Union |
| Christian Aid | Foundation Matters | TEAR Fund |
| Community Action Derby – City Appeal | Hope City Furniture | Upbeat Communities (Derby) |
| Compassion UK | Medic Assist International | YWAM |
| CRY | Methodist World Mission Fund | |

†These organisations are classed as affiliations

[12] Tangible Fixed Assets

Prior to 2015-16 the value of the building was recorded as the rebuild cost for insurance purposes. An independent valuation was completed by Gadsby Nichols (of 21 Iron Gate, Derby) stating that the value of the building was £1,500,000 including the underlying value of the land of £750,000.

[13] Analysis of Debtors and Creditors

| Debtors as at 31st August | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| HMRC | 1,813 | 9,435 |
| General Debtors | 14,998 | 4,407 |
| Total | 16,811 | 13,842 |

| Creditors as at 31st August | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Giving Away | 2,150 | 7,723 |
| General Creditors | (4,332) | 2,055 |
| Legacy grant | - | 2,500 |
| Total | (2,182) | 12,278 |

[14] Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 the Church has no capital commitments. No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

[15] Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund movements

See note [3] for description of the funds

| | Opening Balance | Income | Payments | Transfers | Closing Balance |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund | 93,605 | 193,160 | (192,147) | - | 94,618 |
| Prop/Maint Reserve (Des) | 50,000 | - | (10,118) | - | 39,882 |
| Property (Restricted) | - | 11,238 | (11,238) | - | - |
| Community Hub Dev't Fund (Restr) | 33,399 | - | (21,927) | - | 11,472 |
| Salary Support Reserve (Restr) | 29,549 | 27,000 | (8,100) | - | 48,449 |
| Outreach Fund (Restr) | 4,428 | 2,224 | (3,644) | - | 3,008 |
| Benevolent Fund (Restr) | 1,599 | - | (760) | - | 839 |
| New Places for New People (Restr) | 1,000 | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Warm Space (Restr) | - | 1,154 | (281) | - | 872 |
| 'Madge' Deare Legacy | 169,153 | 5,106 | (12,482) | - | 161,777 |
| TOTALS | 382,734 | 239,880 | (260,696) | - | 361,917 |

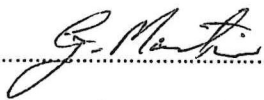
[16] Related Party Transactions

| Related Party | Nature of Relationship | Payments made |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) | Littleover Methodist Church is part of the broader Methodist Church and contributes to its work via the "Circuit Assessment" | £85,688 |

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer


I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed:  Date: 18/06/24
Name: GRAHAM MARTIN
Address: 37 WARENBURG AVENUE
..... LITTLEOVER
..... DERBY
..... DERB 4 3L

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting on
and were approved

Signature of Chair of the meeting:

Signed:  Date: 18/06/2024,
Name: CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS

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) but that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *M. Saunders* Date: 12th November 2024

Relevant Professional Qualification or Body: FCA

Name: M. SAUNDERS

Address: 6 KINGS DRIVE
6, TILKERTON
DERBY
DE 23 6EU

Appendix A - Membership of Church Council (Trustees)

The following table describes the people who were members of Church Council on 31st August 2023.

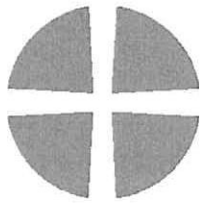
| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ex-officio [610(1)(i)] | Superintendent Minister | Rev Stuart Bell |
| | Presbyter | Rev Christopher Briggs |
| | Circuit Presbyter | |
| | | |
| Elected GCM [610(1)(vi)] | Steward | Bo Aakerstrom |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Mark Davies |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Susannah Simpson |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Angelina Tuyi |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Michael Williams |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| | | |
| Employees [610(4)(vii)] | Church Ministry Developer | Jacqueline Berry |
| - ditto - | Café Manager | Martha White |
| - ditto - | Centre Manager | Jane Goodfellow |
| - ditto - | Youth & Children's Worker | Rudaviro Mvundura |
| | | |
| Circuit Rep [610(1)(xii)] | Circuit Steward | Peter Nelson DT |
| | | |
| Elected by CC [610(1)(vii)] | Treasurer | Graham Martin |
| - ditto -[610(1)(ix)] | CC Secretary | Colin Young |
| - ditto -[610(1)(viii)] | Pastoral Secretary | Helen Williams |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Maintenance Team Leader | Stephen Alcock |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Safeguarding: Designated Person | Angela Davies Nana Forson |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Music/Worship Leader | Katie Smith |
| | | |
| Elected by GCM [610(1)(x)] | Church Rep | David Bell |
| 2 - ditto - | - ditto - | Jeff Dixon |
| 3 - ditto - | - ditto - | Stephen Goodfellow |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 4 - ditto - | - ditto - | Rachel Hilton |
| 5 - ditto - | - ditto - | Jack Newsham |
| 6 - ditto - | - ditto - | Graham Penny |
| 7 - ditto - | - ditto - | Heather Saw |
| 8 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 9 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 10 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 11 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 12 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 13 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 14 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 15 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| | | |
| Co-opted by CC [610(1)(xi)] | Ex-steward | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |

LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129507

Accounts



The Methodist Church

Littleover Methodist Church
(Circuit No: 2206 – Derby)

Registered Charity: 1129507

Church Report and Accounts (Accruals Basis)
for year ended 31 August 2022.

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Minister: | Rev Christopher Briggs |
| Church Stewards: | Bo Aakerstrom Mark Davies Susannah Simpson Angelina Tuyi Michael Williams |
| Church Treasurer: | Graham Martin |

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

I am pleased to introduce readers to the annual report of Littleover Methodist Church. We are a vibrant Christ-centred church at the heart of our community and this report about the scope and shape of the church's work and ministry goes to reinforce this.

Aims and Organisation

Our church vision is 'To live like Jesus, reaching out with God's hope and love.' We seek to achieve this through our three key purposes of Encouraging Maturity, Equipping for Ministry and Enabling Mission, all of this, in and through the power of Jesus Christ.

The church is led by the Minister and Leadership Team and governed by the Church Council and together we are working to make a difference to people's lives in and around our locality.

Review of the year

After two years affected by the global pandemic it is good to be looking back on a year which had more of a sense of normality about it.

We were able to get back to our core activities; worshipping and joining together in prayer, learning more about and encouraging each other to be more like, our Lord Jesus Christ. From very young to very mature we were a family again on Sundays and during the week could meet in Small Groups to support one another spiritually and practically.

On the staffing front, Rev Chris Briggs arrived in September 2021, in a temporary half-time role, to lead the fellowship. Our Youth Worker 'Jessie' managed the organisation of Sunday Children's work and started a midweek Youth Club before becoming engaged and subsequently moving away from Derby closer to her fiancé. We wish Jessie and Henry God's richest blessing in their lives together. Another staffing change occurred as the Digital & Social Media Designer fulfilled her appointment and the role ended.

As well as our employed staff there were 62 Volunteers, many fulfilling multiple roles, without whom the activities in and around the church would not have been possible to run. It was good to be able to welcome back church and community groups into the building. The church Café reopened three days a week to serve the daytime groups and anyone who called in for a quiet cuppa' and snack. Littlesteps Preschool had remained open throughout the pandemic. Very popular toddler groups called 'Play Ark' meeting three days a week attracted many parents, carers and toddlers from around the community. The church has taken over the running of a lunch club for the elderly previously run by a separate charity. 'Messy Church' resumed once a month though numbers of parents, carers and children were relatively low in the early months possibly as people got reacquainted to meeting in groups in close proximity again. The Uniformed organisations re-established themselves and continue to thrive. The building continues to be used regularly by other community groups of all ages and abilities including Baby clinics, Pilates, Older People Exercise Group and Parkinson Singing Group. There were also ad-hoc users such as Local Councillors and Police holding surgeries.

You can read more detail about all the different aspects of church life at www.lmclife.org.uk

Income, Expenditure and Fund Balances

The budget was approved by Church Council on 13th July 2021. This would be the first-year post-pandemic, COVID-19 now being considered endemic within society.

During the year the church received a very generous, Restricted, legacy of £171k from Dodridge Deare, 'Madge'. Excluding the legacy from comparative figures, we see that Income bounced back to £243k showing an increase of £73k from the previous year. The main increase related to Restricted donations and associated gift aid. Also, not surprisingly, was the increase in Café and Property Lettings income.

Comparative expenditure for the year was up by £16k compared to the previous year. Maintenance on buildings reduced by £6k following significant one-off outlay in the previous year. The 'Other Expenditure' item of note was the response by the church of £6.5k towards the Methodist Church appeal towards the shortfall in the pension fund of employed staff. There was a saving in staff costs as the Youth Worker role was vacant for the final four months of the year.

The Building Maintenance Reserve has been restored to £50k. A significant new Restricted Fund relating to the 'Madge' Deare Legacy is held by Methodist TMCP on behalf of the church, to be used for the benefit of children of LMC members under the age of 25 in higher education and for special needs.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Full Name of Charity / Church: | LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH |
| Registration Charity Number: | 1129507 |
| Date of registration: | 8 May 2009 |
| Main communication address: | Constable Drive, Littleover, Derby DE23 6EP |

Trustees

The members of the Littleover Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full membership of Church Council is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Financial Oversight

Mr Graham Martin acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Treasurer: | Mr Graham Martin |
| Independent Examiner: | Mr M Saunders 6 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby |
| Investment Bankers | Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes |

Aims and Organisation

We are part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain whose objectives are found in the *Our Calling* document of 2000. The Church has four foci, namely worship, learning & caring, service and evangelism. Littleover Methodist Church's specific vision and priorities remain in keeping with this theme.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church which took place in person during July 2022

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and/or training sessions. Trustees receive bi-annual training on the role of charity trustees within the Methodist Church, this includes input and discussion on constitutional matters, the responsibilities of trustees in governance and holding church officers to account for decisions made.

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. Funds transferred to support the work of the Circuit are known as the Circuit Assessment and are listed individually in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. Part of the annual cycle of agendas of the Trustees Meeting is to review the risk register and record any findings.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

A 5-year financial projection is also reviewed annually to provide early warning of financial trends.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a general reserve amounting to a minimum sum equivalent to 3 months' average Unrestricted expenditure and a separate Building Maintenance Reserve of £50k. The general reserve should be sufficient to allow the church to continue to fund planned activities, in the short term, in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. The Building Maintenance Reserve to fund any unexpected items of building maintenance and £50k is considered appropriate considering the size and age of the building.

With Unrestricted expenditure of £197k for the 2021-2022 financial year used as the basis, the reserves policy states that at least £49k is required in the general reserve.

As at 31 August 2022, the balance of the church general fund was £93,606, which is a reduction of £18.6k from the previous year (2020-21). This level remains significantly above the Reserves Policy. The Church Council had previously decided to appoint a Youth Worker given a reasonable level of confidence in income and having funds in excess of the reserves policy.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Statement of Financial Activities

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

| | Notes | General funds | Property Maintenance Reserve | Restricted Funds | Madge Deare Legacy | Total 2021-22 | Total 2020-21 |
|---|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | 3 | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Restricted | | |
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 4 | | | | | | |
| - Regular Donations | | 100,647 | | 1,350 | | 101,997 | 99,528 |
| - One-off Donations | | 3,840 | | 35,686 | | 39,526 | 3,292 |
| - Grants | | - | | 25,000 | | 25,000 | 28,350 |
| - Tax credit | | 20,521 | | 7,088 | | 27,609 | 22,216 |
| Collection for External Appeals | 5 | 5,206 | | | | 5,206 | 1,815 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | | - | |
| - Café | | 11,541 | | | | 11,541 | 3,394 |
| - Church Events | | 1,395 | | | | 1,395 | 50 |
| Lettings | 6 | 21,321 | | | | 21,321 | 9,393 |
| Investment Income | 7 | 701 | | | 596 | 1,297 | 216 |
| Other | | | | | | - | |
| - Internal organisations | | 6,711 | | | | 6,711 | 422 |
| - Miscellaneous | | 2,081 | | | 171,057 | 173,138 | 1,250 |
| Total Income | | 173,964 | - | 69,124 | 171,653 | 414,741 | 169,926 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | | |
| Salaries, NIC & Pension costs | 10 | 42,975 | | 20,995 | | 63,970 | 59,011 |
| Circuit Assessment | 16 | 86,161 | | | | 86,161 | 86,488 |
| Maintenance on Church building(s) | | 7,134 | | | | 7,134 | 13,383 |
| Utilities (insurance, gas, electric, etc) | | 17,476 | | | | 17,476 | 16,166 |
| Cleaning Services & Caretaking | | 1,827 | | | | 1,827 | 446 |
| Youth & Childrens Work | | 372 | | | | 372 | 264 |
| Outreach / Evangelism | | | | 1,349 | | 1,349 | 152 |
| Café costs | | 3,913 | | | | 3,913 | 1,733 |
| Church Events | | 4,304 | | | | 4,304 | 126 |
| Grants and Donations | 11 | 18,645 | | 300 | | 18,945 | 16,873 |
| Administration | | 3,566 | | | | 3,566 | 2,817 |
| Other expenditure | | 10,169 | | | 2,500 | 12,669 | 5,729 |
| Total Expenditure | | 196,542 | - | 22,644 | 2,500 | 221,686 | 203,188 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | (22,578) | - | 46,480 | 169,153 | 193,055 | (33,262) |
| Transfers between funds | | 4,010 | 10,403 | (14,413) | | - | |
| Other recognised gains / (losses): | | | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | | (18,568) | 10,403 | 32,067 | 169,153 | 193,055 | (33,262) |
| Total funds brought forward | | 112,174 | 39,597 | 37,908 | - | 189,679 | 222,941 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 93,606 | 50,000 | 69,975 | 169,153 | 382,734 | 189,679 |

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

| | | Unrestricted £ | Designated (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted £ | Madge Deare Legacy £ | Church Building Value £ | Totals this year (2021-22) £ | Totals last year (2020-21) £ |
|---|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tangible Fixed Assets* | | | | | | | | |
| | Notes | | | | | | | |
| Land & Buildings | 12 | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Investment properties | | | | | | | | |
| Investments | | | | | | | | |
| Total fixed assets | | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 13 | 12,842 | | 1,000 | | | 13,842 | 10,828 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 35,928 | | | | | 35,928 | 44,626 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | | | | 169,153 | | 169,153 | |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 57,114 | 50,000 | 68,975 | | | 176,089 | 148,049 |
| Other | | | | | | | | |
| Total current assets | | 105,884 | 50,000 | 69,975 | 169,153 | | 395,012 | 203,503 |
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | 13 | 12,278 | | | | | 12,278 | 13,824 |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | 93,606 | 50,000 | 69,975 | 169,153 | | 382,734 | 189,679 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 93,606 | 50,000 | 69,975 | 169,153 | 1,500,000 | 1,882,734 | 1,689,679 |
| Loans and creditors due after 1 year | | | | | | | | |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 14 | | | | | | | |
| Net assets | | 93,606 | 50,000 | 69,975 | 169,153 | 1,500,000 | 1,882,734 | 1,689,679 |
| Funds of the Church | | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 93,606 | 50,000 | | | | 143,606 | 151,772 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 69,975 | 169,153 | | 239,128 | 37,907 |
| Building Value | | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Total Funds | 15 | 93,606 | 50,000 | 69,975 | 169,153 | 1,500,000 | 1,882,734 | 1,689,679 |

Notes to the Accounts

[1] Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with

- the Charities Act 2011
- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

[2] Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accruals basis has been used 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 Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

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

No items have been capitalised during the reported period. The freehold property is shown at value.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

[3] **Description of Funds**

The names and purposes of the various church funds are given below. See Note [15] for a summary of income, expenditure and fund balances.

Unrestricted

| | |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | Used for day-to-day expenses |
|--------------|------------------------------|

Designated

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Property Maintenance Reserve | An unrestricted funded to provide a reserve for significant items of building maintenance or improvement. |
|------------------------------|---|

Restricted

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Community Hub Development Fund | Set up to provide a fund to support the staff related to running the church hub. Grants were received from the Derby Circuit and the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church |
| Salary Support Reserve | Donations received towards the funding of general salaries |
| Outreach Fund | To provide funds for any outreach work, such as running the Alpha Course, Messy Church etc. |
| Benevolent Fund | For the relief of financial hardship |
| Internship Fund | Grant from a Charitable Trust to fund an Intern to support activities to inform and connect people within the church including those with disabilities |
| New Places for New People | Grant from Nottingham and Derby District to support the formation of new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. |
| 'Madge' Deare Legacy | A former member, the 'Madge' Deare Legacy is held by TMCP on behalf of the church, to be used for the benefit of children of LMC members under the age of 25 in higher education and for special needs. |

Endowments

| | |
|------|--|
| None | |
|------|--|

[4] **Breakdown of Donations**

The table below shows the breakdown of donations.

| Regular Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2021-22 Total | 2020-21 Total |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Standing Orders | 86,565 | 1,350 | 87,915 | 89,919 |
| CAF & Payroll Giving | 7,884 | - | 7,884 | 5,040 |
| Envelopes | 1,970 | - | 1,970 | 2,900 |
| Cash Collected | 4,228 | - | 4,228 | 1,669 |
| Total | 100,647 | 1,350 | 101,997 | 99,528 |

| One-off Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2021-22 Total | 2020-21 Total |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Donations from members | 3,840 | 35,686 | 39,526 | 3,292 |
| Total | 3,840 | 35,686 | 39,526 | 3,292 |

| Grants | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2021-22 Total | 2020-21 Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Job Retention Scheme (Furlough) | - | - | - | 4,218 |
| Community Hub Dev't – Circuit | - | 12,500 | 12,500 | 12,066 |
| Community Hub Dev't – District | - | 12,500 | 12,500 | 12,066 |
| New Places for New People - Grant | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | 28,350 |

[5] **Donations to external Appeals**

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Charity Number</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Compassion UK | 1077216 |
| Foundation Matters | 1107662 |
| Central Eurasian Partners | 1121497 |

[6] **Lettings**

Lettings related to the hiring of rooms within the church building on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

[7] **Investment Income**

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2021-22 Total | 2020-21 Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| Methodist Central Finance Board | 701 | - | 701 | 216 |
| Interest on Legacy | - | 596 | 596 | - |
| Total | 701 | 596 | 1,297 | 216 |

[8] **Payments to Trustees**

| | 2021-22 Total | 2020-21 Total |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Payments made to Trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting. | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid expenses to act as Trustees | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid employees* | 4 | 4 |

* Staff are invited to join the Church Council because they are an integral part of the life of the church and have an important input to the direction and work of the church. The church's Conflict of Interest Policy ensures that neither the staff, nor any other conflicted person is present during discussion and decisions regarding staff. See note [10] for all staff pay.

[9] **Fees for Examination of the Accounts**

| | 2021-22 Total | 2020-21 Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Independent Examiners Fees | £320 | £320 |

[10] Paid Employees

| | 2021-22 Total | 2020-21 Total |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind* | 59,212 | 54,942 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs (incl. Apprenticeship Levy) | 2,433 | 1,995 |
| Pension costs | 1,954 | 1,793 |
| Other Employment Costs (eg. training, transport etc) | 371 | 281 |
| Total staff costs | 63,970 | 59,011 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of staff employed during the year were: | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|

[11] Grants and donations

The church has a policy of giving away 10% of the regular donations to the work of other charities. This is in addition to the Collection for External Appeals referred to in note [5].

In 2021-22, donations were made to the following organisations

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bible Society | DEC Ukraine | Methodist World Mission Fund |
| Bulgarian Support Fund | Derby City Mission | Mosaic Middle East |
| Care for the Family | Evangelical Alliance† | Open Doors UK |
| Central Eurasian Partners | Foundation Matters | Premier Christian Media Trust |
| Christian Aid | Good News for Everyone (Gideons) | Scripture Union |
| Compassion UK | Medic Assist International | St Martins Methodist Church |

†These organisations are classed as affiliations

[12] Tangible Fixed Assets

Prior to 2015-16 the value of the building was recorded as the rebuild cost for insurance purposes. An independent valuation was completed by Gadsby Nichols (of 21 Iron Gate, Derby) stating that the value of the building was £1,500,000 including the underlying value of the land of £750,000.

[13] Analysis of Debtors and Creditors

DEBTORS as at 31st August 2022

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| | £ |
| HMRC | 9,435 |
| General debtors | 4,407 |
| | 13,842 |

CREDITORS as at 31st August 2022

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| | £ |
| Giving Away | 7,723 |
| General Creditors | 2,055 |
| Legacy grant | 2,500 |
| | 12,278 |

[14] Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 the Church has no capital commitments. No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

[15] Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund movements

See note [3] for description of the funds

| | Opening Balance | Income | Payments | Transfers | Closing Balance |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| General Fund | 112,175 | 173,963 | (196,542) | 4,010 | 93,606 |
| Prop/Maint Reserve (Des) | 39,597 | - | - | 10,403 | 50,000 |
| Community Hub Dev't Fund (Restr) | 28,524 | 25,000 | (20,125) | - | 33,399 |
| Salary Support Reserve (Restr) | - | 43,438 | - | (13,889) | 29,549 |
| Outreach Fund (Restr) | 5,090 | 687 | (1,349) | - | 4,428 |
| Benevolent Fund (Restr) | 1,899 | - | (300) | - | 1,599 |
| Media / Inclusion Fund (Restr) | 1,394 | - | (870) | (524) | - |
| New Places for New People (Restr) | 1,000 | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| 'Madge' Deare Legacy | - | 171,653 | (2,500) | - | 169,153 |
| TOTALS | 189,679 | 414,741 | (221,686) | - | 382,734 |

[16] Related Party Transactions

| Related Party | Nature of Relationship | Payments made |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) | Littleover Methodist Church is part of the broader Methodist Church and contributes to its work via the "Circuit Assessment" | £86,161 |

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed: *G. Martin* Date: *20/06/23*
Name: *GRAHAM MARTIN*
Address: *37 HAVENBARK AVENUE*
 *LITTLEOVER*
 *DERBY*
 *DECC 4BL*

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting on
and were approved

Signature of Chair of the meeting:

Signed: *C.P. Bright* Date: *20/06/2023*
Name: *CHRISTOPHER P BRIGHT*

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) but that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of Independent Examiner’s Report

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent Examiner’s Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 6 June 2023

Relevant Professional Qualification or Body: FCA CFA

Name: M. SAUNDERS

Address: 6 KINGS DRIVE
LITTLEOVER
DERBY
DE 23 6EU.

Appendix A – Membership of Church Council (Trustees)

The following table describes the people who were members of Church Council on 31st August 2022.

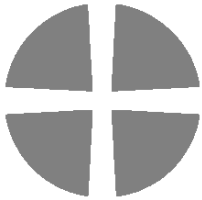
| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ex-officio [610(1)(i)] | Superintendent Minister | Rev Colin Emerson |
| | Presbyter | Rev Christopher Briggs |
| | Circuit Presbyter | |
| | | |
| Elected GCM [610(1)(vi)] | Steward | Bo Aakerstrom |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Mark Davies |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Susannah Simpson |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Angelina Tuyi |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Michael Williams |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| | | |
| Employees [610(4)(vii)] | Church Ministry Developer | Jacqueline Berry |
| - ditto - | LMC Café | Martha White |
| - ditto - | Centre Manager | Jane Goodfellow |
| - ditto - | Youth Worker | Vacant |
| | | |
| Circuit Rep [610(1)(xii)] | Circuit Steward | Peter Nelson DT |
| | | |
| Elected by CC [610(1)(vii)] | Treasurer | Graham Martin |
| - ditto -[610(1)(ix)] | CC Secretary | Colin Young |
| - ditto -[610(1)(viii)] | Pastoral Secretary | Vacant |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Maintenance Team Leader | Stephen Alcock |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Safeguarding: Designated Person | Jacqueline Berry |
| | | |
| Elected by GCM [610(1)(x)] | Church Rep | David Bell |
| 2 - ditto - | - ditto - | Jeff Dixon |
| 3 - ditto - | - ditto - | Stephen Goodfellow |
| 4 - ditto - | - ditto - | Rachel Hilton |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 5 - ditto - | - ditto - | Jack Newsham |
| 6 - ditto - | - ditto - | Graham Penny |
| 7 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 8 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 9 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 10 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 11 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 12 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 13 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 14 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 15 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| | | |
| Co-opted by CC [610(1)(xi)] | Ex-steward | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |

LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129507

Accounts



The Methodist Church

Littleover Methodist Church
(Circuit No: 2206 – Derby)

Registered Charity: 1129507

Church Report and Accounts (Accruals Basis)
for year ended 31 August 2021.

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Minister: | Rev Colin Emerson |
| Church Stewards: | Bo Aakerstrom Doug Brown Nana Forson Susannah Simpson Angelina Tuyi Michael Williams |
| Church Treasurer: | Jeffrey Green |

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

I am pleased to introduce readers to the annual report of Littleover Methodist Church. We are a vibrant Christ-centred church at the heart of our community and this report about the scope and shape of the church's work and ministry goes to reinforce this.

Aims and Organisation

Our church vision is 'To live like Jesus, reaching out with God's hope and love.' We seek to achieve this through our three key purposes of Encouraging Maturity, Equipping for Ministry and Enabling Mission, all of this, in and through the power of Jesus Christ.

The church is led by the Minister and Leadership Team and governed by the Church Council and together we are working to make a difference to people's lives in and around our locality.

Review of the year

As the latter months of 2019/20 saw huge impacts on life and church life with the arrival of the Covid pandemic and the first lockdown, so too was 2020/21 affected like never before with the emergence of new variants resulting in two further national lockdowns and three periods of lifting restrictions as many millions of citizens received their vaccine 'jabs'.

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology Church services and smaller group meetings could take place remotely through the Zoom video conferencing platform and later also by YouTube streaming service. We are grateful for the skill of technically minded members and to everyone working in the background to enable this to happen. Each time restrictions eased the Risk Assessment team considered the implications and made recommendations to the Leadership team regarding whether Church should be opened or not.

We quickly found that we missed joining in actual corporate worship to our Lord, we missed the fellowship. When restrictions eased and we were able to meet for Indoor Worship – we found we had to book a seat in advance; there were "track & trace" obligations; hand sanitizer; mask wearing; NO congregational singing; doors & windows open for ventilation; a one way system for entry & exit and no socialising (limited socially distanced outside only). It was great to be back but things fell short for us! That was until the day arrived in July 2021 when, still wearing masks, we could worship aloud again ... and what an outpouring of Praise to our God it was, to He who is worthy!

Covid was on the loose but God is omnipotent and within the varying restrictions life went on.

Our Minister Rev Dr Gary Watt accepted a commission to train as a Chaplain within the British Army, part way through the year. Gary and his family would be missed. Rev Colin Emerson (Circuit Superintendent) was placed in temporary oversight of LMC until the end of the year, during which time a Review into the church's life would be carried out by Rev Dr Martyn Atkins. (It was subsequently announced that Rev Chris Briggs would be appointed for the new year in a temporary part time role).

In November 2020 the General Church Meeting 2019/20 was finally able to be held, albeit over Zoom and voting for Stewards and Church Representatives ensued.

Two new employees were taken on in part time roles. Jessie Alexander as the Children & Youth Pastor and Suzie Modie as the Digital & Social Media Designer.

There were the frustrations of groups and activities just about starting up before new restrictions closed them down again, though creative ways of reaching out were often found. 'Christmas in a bag' for members on their own at Christmas, 'Carols on the Doorstep' initiative broadcast by Premier Radio, (book a table) Christingle, Nativity, in preparation for Easter an outdoor "Labyrinth" a single winding path as an aid to meditation and prayer for all ages and a number of initiatives by the Café to reach out to regulars & members with encouraging scripture verses and cake throughout the year.

Efforts were made to continue to care for folk pastorally with phone calls and doorstep visits with food and some groups continued to connect via zoom or in gardens when permitted. There was a continued connection with the youth and children through zoom activities and online resources, while the uniformed groups remained connected with imaginative remote activities. Some of the community groups that normally use the premises also took up remote activities until they could return in person.

At the younger end Play Ark (Toddler group) and Messy Church have been closed for most of the year as with other groups but attempts were made to support new mums and dads with practical support, encouragement and prayer as they cope with the joys and challenges of raising young children. Attempts were also made to keep in contact with Messy Church families by email and social media providing home activities and offering prayer support.

You can read more detail about all the different aspects of church life at www.lmclife.org.uk

Income, Expenditure and Fund Balances

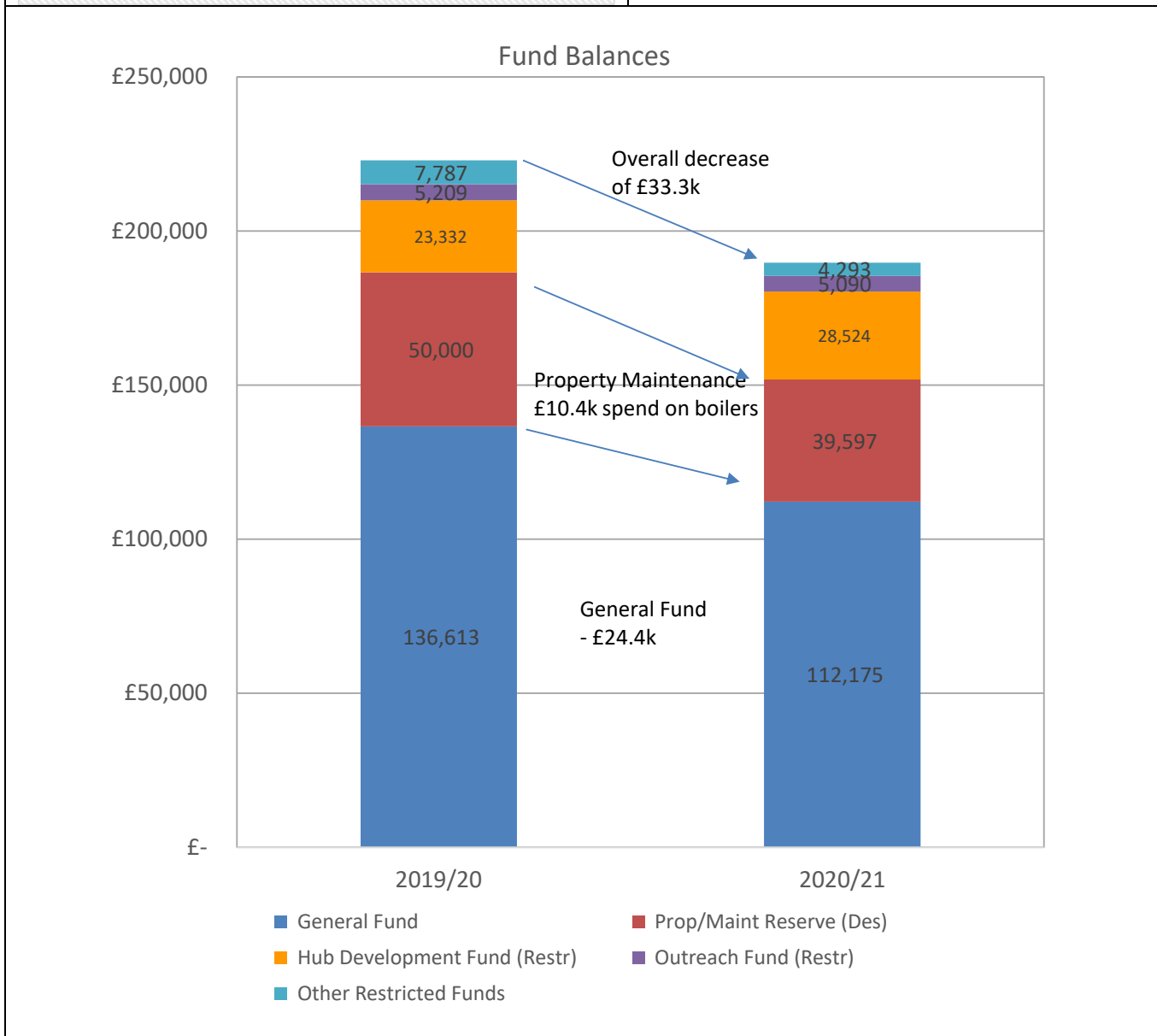
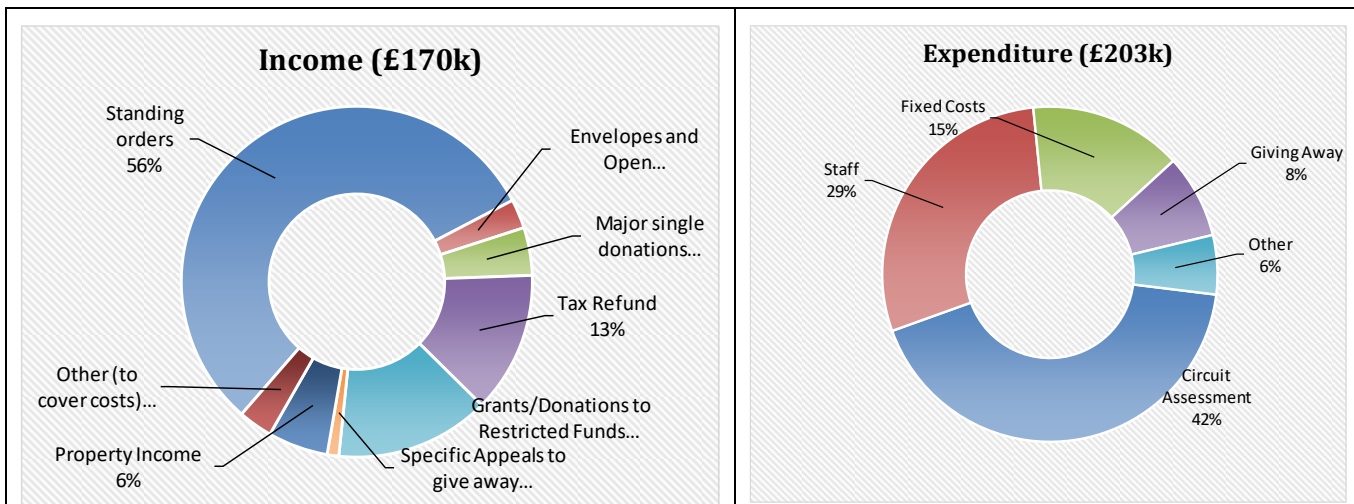
The graphs on the following page give an overview of the church's financial position.

A budget had been prepared assuming that the effects COVID-19 pandemic would be negligible and it was approved at the Church Council on 20th July 2020.

As we now know, the impact of the pandemic continued throughout the year. Income for the year was £170k which is £49k less than the previous year. The main reduction of income was from a decrease in donations and associated gift aid and property income lettings, but some were offset by a reduction in associated costs.

The expenditure for the year was up by £6k compared to the previous year, but this was still £27.4k below budget. Savings were made because of the reduced charitable activities due to COVID-19 and delay on recruitment of a replacement Youth Hub Developer role. However, the total expenditure did include the purchase of computer equipment to allow live streaming of services (£3.5k) and replacement of heating boilers (£10.4k). The latter has the effect of reducing the Building Maintenance Reserve below the £50k level on Page 7 and it is intended to be restored from General Funds when affordable.

Financial Overview



Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Full Name of Charity / Church: | LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH |
| Registration Charity Number: | 1129507 |
| Date of registration: | 8 May 2009 |
| Main communication address: | Constable Drive, Littleover, Derby DE23 6EP |

Trustees

The members of the Littleover Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full membership of Church Council is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Financial Oversight

Dr Jeffrey Green acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Treasurer: | Dr Jeffrey Green (outgoing) Mr Graham Martin (incoming) |
| Independent Examiner: | Mr M Saunders 6 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby |
| Investment Bankers | Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes |

Aims and Organisation

We are part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain whose objectives are found in the *Our Calling* document of 2000. The Church has four foci, namely worship, learning & caring, service and evangelism. Littleover Methodist Church's specific vision and priorities remain in keeping with this theme.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church which took place in person during July 2021

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and/or training sessions. Trustees receive bi-annual training on the role of charity trustees within the Methodist Church, this includes input and discussion on constitutional matters, the responsibilities of trustees in governance and holding church officers to account for decisions made. Following the AGM in November 2020, a training session was held on zoom in January 2021 for new trustees who had been voted in.

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. Funds transferred to support the work of the Circuit are known as the Circuit Assessment and are listed individually in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. Part of the annual cycle of agendas of the Trustees Meeting is to review the risk register and record any findings.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

A 5-year financial projection is also reviewed annually to provide early warning of financial trends.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a general reserve amounting to a minimum sum equivalent to 3 months' average expenditure and a separate Building Maintenance Reserve of £50k. The general reserve should be sufficient to allow the church to continue to fund planned activities, in the short term, in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. The Building Maintenance Reserve to fund any unexpected items of building maintenance and £50k is considered appropriate considering the size and age of the building.

The total expenditure of £203k for the 2020-2021 financial year is artificially low due to COVID-19, and therefore a more typical expenditure of £240k has been used as the basis for the reserves policy. Therefore, the reserves policy states that at least £60k is required in the general fund.

As at 31 August 2021, the balance of the church general fund was £112,175, which is a reduction of £24.4k from the previous year (2019-20). The Church Council had previously decided to be cautious about spend during the COVID-19 pandemic, but given a reasonable level of confidence in income and having funds in excess of the reserves policy a Youth Worker was appointed.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Statement of Financial Activities

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

| | Notes | General funds | Property Maintenance Reserve | Restricted Funds | Total 2020-21 | Total 2019-20 |
|---|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 3 | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | | |
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 4 | | | | | |
| - Regular Donations | | 99,528 | | | 99,528 | 114,643 |
| - One-off Donations | | 3,259 | | 33 | 3,292 | 14,855 |
| - Grants | | 4,218 | | 24,132 | 28,350 | 30,526 |
| - Tax credit | | 22,216 | | | 22,216 | 27,027 |
| Collection for External Appeals | 5 | 1,815 | | | 1,815 | 4,167 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | | |
| - Café | | 3,394 | | | 3,394 | 6,632 |
| - Church Events | | 50 | | | 50 | - |
| Lettings | 6 | 9,393 | | | 9,393 | 15,958 |
| Investment Income | 7 | 216 | | | 216 | 1,110 |
| Other | | | | | | |
| - Internal organisations | | 422 | | | 422 | 1,881 |
| - Miscellaneous | | 1,250 | | | 1,250 | 1,837 |
| Total Income | | 145,761 | | 24,165 | 169,926 | 218,636 |
| Expenditure on: | 8 | | | | | |
| Salaries, NIC & Pension costs | 10 | 37,536 | | 21,475 | 59,011 | 52,949 |
| Circuit Assessment | | 86,488 | | | 86,488 | 82,747 |
| Maintenance on Church building(s) | | 2,980 | 10,403 | | 13,383 | 6,057 |
| Utilities (insurance, gas, electric, etc) | | 16,166 | | | 16,166 | 15,081 |
| Cleaning Services & Caretaking | | 446 | | | 446 | 2,153 |
| Youth & Childrens Work | | 264 | | | 264 | 600 |
| Outreach / Evangelism | | | | 152 | 152 | 1,502 |
| Café costs | | 1,733 | | | 1,733 | 2,608 |
| Church Events | | 126 | | | 126 | 380 |
| Grants and Donations | 11 | 15,914 | | 959 | 16,873 | 19,347 |
| Administration | | 2,817 | | | 2,817 | 4,246 |
| Other expenditure | | 5,729 | | - | 5,729 | 9,816 |
| Total Expenditure | | 170,199 | 10,403 | 22,586 | 203,188 | 197,486 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | (24,438) | (10,403) | 1,579 | (33,262) | 21,150 |
| Transfers between funds | | | | | | |
| Other recognised gains / (losses): | | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | | (24,438) | (10,403) | 1,579 | (33,262) | 21,150 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 136,612 | 50,000 | 36,329 | 222,941 | 201,791 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 112,174 | 39,597 | 37,908 | 189,679 | 222,941 |

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

| | | Unrestricted £ | Designated (Unrestricted) | Restricted £ | Church Building Value £ | Totals this year (2020-21) £ | Totals last year (2019-20) £ |
|---|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tangible Fixed Assets* | Notes | | | | | | |
| Land & Buildings | 12 | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Equipment | | | | | | | |
| Investment properties | | | | | | | |
| Investments | | | | | | | |
| Total fixed assets | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 13 | 10,828 | | | | 10,828 | 14,748 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 44,626 | | | | 44,626 | 69,415 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | | | | | | |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 70,545 | 39,597 | 37,907 | | 148,049 | 148,254 |
| Other | | | | | | | |
| Total current assets | | 125,999 | 39,597 | 37,907 | | 203,503 | 232,417 |
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | 13 | 13,824 | | | | 13,824 | 9,476 |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | 112,175 | 39,597 | 37,907 | | 189,679 | 222,941 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 112,175 | 39,597 | 37,907 | 1,500,000 | 1,689,679 | 1,722,941 |
| Loans and creditors due after 1 year | | | | | | | |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 14 | | | | | | |
| Net assets | | 112,175 | 39,597 | 37,907 | 1,500,000 | 1,689,679 | 1,722,941 |
| Funds of the Church | 3 | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 112,175 | 39,597 | | | 151,772 | 186,613 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 37,907 | | 37,907 | 36,328 |
| Building Value | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Total Funds | 15 | 112,175 | 39,597 | 37,907 | 1,500,000 | 1,689,679 | 1,722,941 |

Notes to the Accounts

[1] **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with

- the Charities Act 2011
- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

[2] **Accounting policies**

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accruals basis has been used 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 Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

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

No items have been capitalised during the reported period. The freehold property is shown at value.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

[3] Description of Funds

The names and purposes of the various church funds are given below. See Note [15] for a summary of income, expenditure and fund balances.

Unrestricted

| | |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | Used for day-to-day expenses |
|--------------|------------------------------|

Designated

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Property Maintenance Reserve | An unrestricted funded to provide a reserve for significant items of building maintenance or improvement. |
|------------------------------|---|

Restricted

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Community Hub Development Fund | Set up to provide a fund to support the staff related to running the church hub. Grants were received from the Derby Circuit and the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church |
| Outreach Fund | To provide funds for any outreach work, such as running the Alpha Course, Messy Church etc. |
| Benevolent Fund | For the relief of financial hardship |
| Internship Fund | Grant from a Charitable Trust to fund an Intern to support activities to inform and connect people within the church including those with disabilities |
| New Places for New People | Grant from Nottingham and Derby District to support the formation of new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. |

Endowments

| | |
|------|--|
| None | |
|------|--|

[4] Breakdown of Donations

The table below shows the breakdown of donations.

| Regular Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020-21 Total | 2019-20 Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Standing Orders | 89,919 | - | 89,919 | 98,181 |
| CAF & Payroll Giving | 5,040 | - | 5,040 | 6,945 |
| Envelopes | 2,900 | - | 2,900 | 3,300 |
| Cash Collected | 1,669 | - | 1,669 | 6,217 |
| Total | 99,528 | - | 99,528 | 114,643 |

| One-off Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020-21 Total | 2019-20 Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations from members | 3,259 | 33 | 3,292 | 14,855 |
| Total | 3,259 | 33 | 3,292 | 14,855 |

| Grants | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020-21 Total | 2019-20 Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Job Retention Scheme (Furlough) | 4,218 | - | 4,218 | 6,194 |
| Community Hub Dev't – Circuit | - | 12,066 | 12,066 | 11,666 |
| Community Hub Dev't – District | - | 12,066 | 12,066 | 11,666 |
| New Places for New People - Grant | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Total | 4,218 | 24,132 | 28,350 | 30,526 |

[5] Donations to external Appeals

The church normally holds regular “Giving Away Days” on which the work of another charity is showcased, and any cash donations are used to support the work of the highlighted charity. In 2020-21 only one “Giving Away Day” was held due to COVID-19. The funds were split equally between the charities is shown in the table below.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Charity Number</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Tear Fund | 265464 |
| Foundation Matters | 1107662 |

[6] Lettings

Lettings related to the hiring of rooms within the church building on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

[7] Investment Income

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020-21 Total | 2019-20 Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Methodist Central Finance Board | 216 | - | 216 | 1,110 |
| Interest on current account | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 216 | - | 216 | 1,110 |

[8] Payments to Trustees

| | 2020-21 Total | 2019-20 Total |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Payments made to Trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting. | 0 | £300 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid expenses to act as Trustees | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid employees* | 4 | 3 |

* Staff are invited to join the Church Council because they are an integral part of the life of the church and have an important input to the direction and work of the church. The church’s Conflict of Interest Policy ensures that neither the staff, nor any other conflicted person is present during discussion and decisions regarding staff. See note [10] for all staff pay.

[9] **Fees for Examination of the Accounts**

| | 2020-21 Total | 2019-20 Total |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Independent Examiners Fees | £320 | £320 |

[10] **Paid Employees**

| | 2020-21 Total | 2019-20 Total |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind* | 54,942 | 49,013 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs (incl. Apprenticeship Levy) | 1,995 | 1,986 |
| Pension costs | 1,793 | 1,776 |
| Other Employment Costs (e.g. training, transport etc) | 281 | 174 |
| Total staff costs | 59,011 | 52,949 |

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Number of staff employed during the year were: | 7 | 5 |
|---|----------|----------|

[11] **Grants and donations**

The church has a policy of giving away 10% of the regular donations to the work of other charities. This is in addition to the Collection for External Appeals referred to in note [5].

In 2020-21, donations were made to the following organisations

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| All We Can Barnabas Fund Bible Society Bulgarian Support Fund Care for the Family Central Eurasian Partners Christian Aid Compassion UK | Derby City Mission Evangelical Alliance† Foundation Matters Medic Assist International Mosaic Middle East Premier Christian Media Trust Release International | Restore (Jacobs Well) Scripture Union St Martins Methodist Church Tear Fund United Christian Broadcasters YMCA Derby Youth With A mission |
|--|---|---|

†These organisations are classed as affiliations

[12] **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Prior to 2015-16 the value of the building was recorded as the rebuild cost for insurance purposes. An independent valuation was completed by Gadsby Nichols (of 21 Iron Gate, Derby) stating that the value of the building was £1,500,000 including the underlying value of the land of £750,000.

[13] **Analysis of Current Assets and Liabilities**

Debtors consists mainly of £9,174 Gift Aid claim that was not received in the financial year, the remainder being cash banked after year end.

Creditors mainly consists of (a) an invoice for £10,400 for the replacement heating boilers and (ii) £3,100 in gifts to other charities which are committed but not paid within the financial year.

[14] Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2021 the Church has no capital commitments. No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

[15] Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund movements

See note [3] for description of the funds

| | Opening Balance | Income | Payments | Transfers | Closing Balance |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| General Fund | 136,613 | 145,761 | (170,199) | - | 112,175 |
| Prop/Maint Reserve (Des) | 50,000 | - | (10,403) | - | 39,597 |
| Community Hub Dev't Fund (Restr) | 23,332 | 24,132 | (18,940) | - | 28,524 |
| Outreach Fund (Restr) | 5,209 | 33 | (152) | - | 5,090 |
| Benevolent Fund (Restr) | 2,858 | - | (959) | - | 1,899 |
| Media / Inclusion Fund (Restr) | 3,929 | - | (2,535) | - | 1,394 |
| New Places for New People (Restr) | 1,000 | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| TOTALS | 222,941 | 169,926 | (203,188) | - | 189,679 |


[16] Related Party Transactions

| Related Party | Nature of Relationship | Payments made |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) | Littleover Methodist Church is part of the broader Methodist Church and contributes to its work via the "Circuit Assessment" | £86,488 |

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

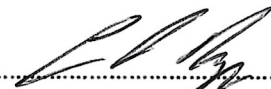
I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed:  Date: 23/03/22
Name: E. MARTIN
Address: 37 MANERBANK AVENUE
..... LITTLEOVER
..... DERBY
..... DERB 4BL

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting on
and were approved

Signature of Chair of the meeting:

Signed:  Date: 23.03.2022
Name: C.P. BRIGGS

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) but that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 18 March 2022

Relevant Professional Qualification or Body: FCA

Name: M. SAUNDERS

Address: 6 KINGS DRIVE
LITTLEOVER
DERBY
DE 23 6EU

Appendix A – Membership of Church Council (Trustees)

The following table describes the people who were members of Church Council on 31st August 2021.

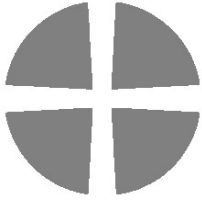
| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ex-officio [610(1)(i)] | Superintendent Minister | Rev Colin Emerson DT |
| | Presbyter | Vacant |
| | Circuit Presbyter | |
| | | |
| Elected GCM [610(1)(vi)] | Steward | Bo Aakerstrom (2021 - 26) DT |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Douglas Brown (2021 - 26) DT |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Nana Forson (2019 - 25) DT |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Susannah Simpson (2021 – 26) DT |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Angelina Tuyi (2021 – 26) DT |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Michael Williams (2021 – 26) DT |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| | | |
| Employees [610(4)(vii)] | Outreach Worker | Jacqueline Berry DT |
| - ditto - | LMC Café | Martha White DT |
| - ditto - | Centre Manager | Jane Goodfellow DT |
| - ditto - | Youth Worker | Vacant |
| | | |
| Circuit Rep [610(1)(xii)] | Circuit Steward | Peter Nelson DT |
| | | |
| Elected by CC [610(1)(vii)] | Treasurer | Jeffrey Green (2015 – 2021) DT |
| - ditto -[610(1)(ix)] | CC Secretary | Colin Young (2021 - 27) DT |
| - ditto -[610(1)(viii)] | Pastoral Secretary | Vacant |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Maintenance Team Leader | Stephen Alcock (2017-23) DT |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Safeguarding: Designated Person | Jacqueline Berry DT |
| | | |
| Elected by GCM [610(1)(x)] | Church Rep | David Bell (2021 - 26) DT |
| 2 - ditto - | - ditto - | Timothy Berry (2018 -24) DT |
| 3 - ditto - | - ditto - | Mark Davies (2019 – 25) DT |
| 4 - ditto - | - ditto - | Stephen Goodfellow (2021 - 26) DT |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 5 - ditto - | - ditto - | Rachel Hilton (2021 – 26) DT |
| 6 - ditto - | - ditto - | Brian Miller (2015 – 21) DT |
| 7 - ditto - | - ditto - | Waru Modi (2021 - 26) DT |
| 8 - ditto - | - ditto - | Jack Newsham (2018-24) DT |
| 9 - ditto - | - ditto - | Graham Penny (2021 – 26) DT |
| 10 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 11 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 12 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 13 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 14 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| 15 - ditto - | - ditto - | Vacancy |
| | | |
| Co-opted by CC [610(1)(xi)] | Ex-steward | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | |

LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129507

Accounts



The Methodist Church

Littleover Methodist Church
(Circuit No: 2206 – Derby)

Registered Charity: 1129507

Church Report and Accounts (Accruals Basis)
for year ended 31 August 2020.

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Minister: | Rev Dr Gary Watt |
| Church Stewards: | Marina Alexandrou Mark Davies (acting) Nana Forson Caitriona McCartney |
| Church Treasurer: | Jeffrey Green |

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

I am pleased to introduce readers to the annual report of Littleover Methodist Church. We are a vibrant Christ-centred church at the heart of our community and this report about the scope and shape of the church's work and ministry goes to reinforce this.

Aims and Organisation

Our church vision is 'To live like Jesus, reaching out with God's hope and love.' We seek to achieve this through our three key purposes of Encouraging Maturity, Equipping for Ministry and Enabling Mission, all of this, in and through the power of Jesus Christ.

The church is led by the Minister and Leadership Team and governed by the Church Council and together we are working to make a difference to people's lives in and around our locality.

Review of the year

During the year, our planned work was centred around growing our presence in our community and equipping our congregation in developing their gifts, both practical and spiritual. We hosted our first school of spiritual gifting, which over 30 people attended and began a preaching series on spiritual gifting. We continue to have very successful toddler groups called Play Ark meeting on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, which attract around 200 parents, carers and toddlers from around the community each week and are an invaluable service. The Café is open Wednesday to Friday each week and provides a space for users of the Centre and the broader community as they engage with the church and its activities. A shift in strategy has encouraged more members of the community to volunteer in the weekly life of the church, and this has helped build bridges between the church and the community including, volunteers for the Café, Play Ark, work experience trainees and our work with older people. We are excited that we now have 150 volunteers serving across various areas of the church and making a significant impact on the community.

Covid-19 had a significant effect on our mission to the community as the building was closed from March 2020, except for the pre-school based in the church building. Activities in the church building are beginning to re-open slowly; however, some projects and church activities are struggling to start again because of the social distancing guidelines. Sadly, the Live at Home Scheme which is a separate charity who use the church to provide a lunch club for the elderly has ceased to meet on a Monday.

Due to changes in staffing, we were unable to run with a full staff team for most of 2020. We were in the process of recruiting new staff members in the areas of youth and children and media. However, this was delayed as appointments could not be made due to the shutdown and the need to re-evaluate the affordability of these roles post COVID-19 lockdown. It is hoped these appointments will be made as soon as reasonably possible.

As a church, we were able to continue to worship together on a Sunday morning through the Zoom video conferencing platform. We also ran an online family church fortnightly on a Sunday morning, a weekly online coffee morning and various small groups ran on zoom during the week. The family church, in particular, has helped us view the work with children differently. Family Church focused on

resourcing parents to teach their children at home and to help them realise how important a part they play in the development of the faith of their children. As a church, we had a forum to meet to discuss our experiences online and what we would like to keep from this experience which has enhanced our way of being church.

We have also developed a mission link with the Methodist Church in Brazil, particularly a congregation based in Além Paraíba Methodist Church. Two teams from the church were due to go to on a mission trip to Brazil. However, this had to be cancelled because of travel restrictions due to Covid-19. We were fortunate that we were able to share in each other's services through skype and zoom and lead preaching and worship in Brazil and the UK online.

Our AGM due to take place in June 2020 was delayed. The 2020 Methodist Conference passed a resolution which has now made the possibility of having AGM and other business meetings possible, and we have our AGM online in November 2020.

It has a been a strange, challenging and difficult year for the church; however, new opportunities have been opened up by taking church online, and we have learnt a lot and grown as a congregation.

You can read more detail about all the different aspects of church life at www.lmclife.org.uk

Income, Expenditure and Fund Balances

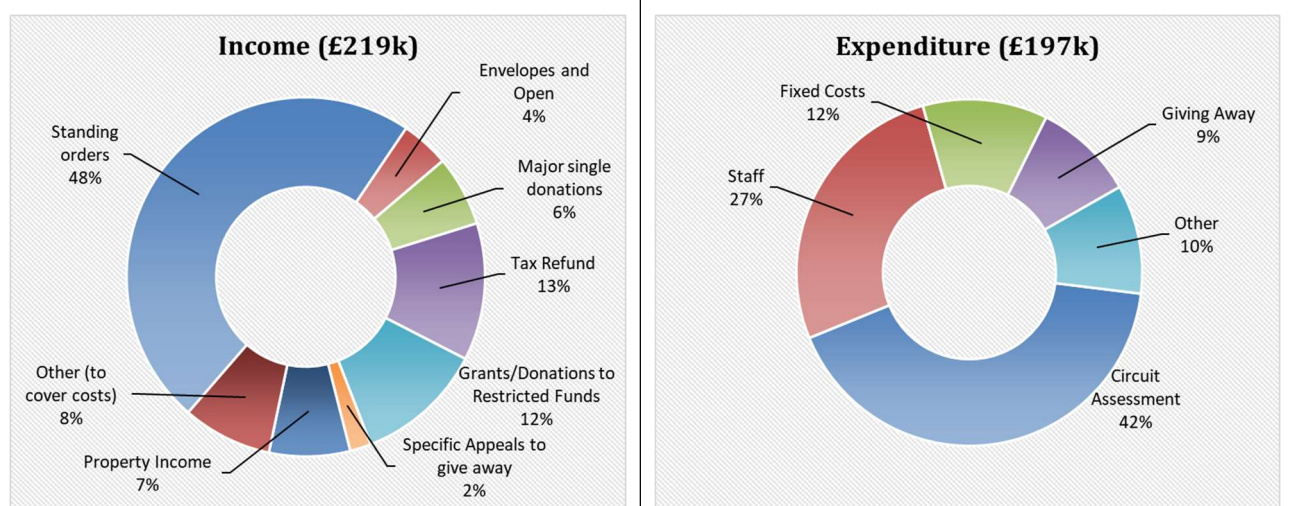
The graphs on the following page give an overview of the church's financial position.

A budget had been approved in June 2019 but was revised in November 2019 to reflect known changes.

Income for the year was £219k which is £34k less than the previous year, but was in line with the revised budget (Nov 2019). There was a reduction of income from lettings and the café of £15.5k due to COVID-19 but these were offset in part by a reduction in associated costs.

The expenditure for the year was £24k below budget. Savings were made because of the reduced charitable activities due to COVID-19 and some prudent decisions to delay spend on optional property maintenance and recruitment of a replacement Youth Hub Developer role. As noted in the Annual Report for 2018-19, a deficit had been identified and had led to some staff redundancies which explains the reduction of £40k compared to the previous year.

Financial Overview



Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Full Name of Charity / Church: | LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH |
| Registration Charity Number: | 1129507 |
| Date of registration: | 8 May 2009 |
| Main communication address: | Constable Drive, Littleover, Derby DE23 6EP |

Trustees

The members of the Littleover Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full membership of Church Council is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Financial Oversight

Dr Jeffrey Green acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Treasurer: | Dr Jeffrey Green |
| Independent Examiner: | Mr M Saunders 6 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby |
| Investment Bankers | Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes |

Aims and Organisation

We are part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain whose objectives are found in the *Our Calling* document of 2000. The Church has four foci, namely worship, learning & caring, service and evangelism. Littleover Methodist Church's specific vision and priorities remain in keeping with this theme.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and FR102.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church. Restrictions due to COVID-19 have delayed the AGM because CPD required meetings to be held face-to-face. This has recently been changed to allow virtual meetings and therefore the AGM is planned to take place in November 2020.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and/or training sessions. Trustees receive bi-annual training on the role of charity trustees within the Methodist Church, this includes input and discussion on constitutional matters, the responsibilities of trustees in governance and holding church officers to account for decisions made. A training event took place this year on 6th November 2019.

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) which is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. Funds transferred to support the work of the Circuit are known as the Circuit Assessment.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. Part of the annual cycle of agendas of the Trustees Meeting is to review the risk register and record any findings.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

A 5-year financial projection is also reviewed annually to provide early warning of financial trends.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 3 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit. The impact of COVID-19 has been relatively small and therefore it is not deemed necessary to amend this policy

The total expenditure of £197k for the 2019-2020 financial year is artificially low due to COVID-19, and therefore a more typical expenditure of £240k has been used as the basis for the reserves policy. Therefore, the reserves policy states that at least £60k is required in the general fund.

As at 31 August 2020, the balance of the church general fund was £136,613, which is almost no change from the previous year (2018-19). The Church Council decided to be cautious about spend during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide some stability and therefore did not immediately replace the Youth Hub Developer role when the previous incumbent chose to take redundancy. There is no intention to accumulate funds in the long term, and plans are in progress to start recruiting again.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

Littleover Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Statement of Financial Activities

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

| | Notes | General funds | Property Maintenance Reserve | Restricted Funds | Total 2019-20 | Total 2018-19 |
|---|-------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 3 | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | | |
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 4 | | | | | |
| - Regular Donations | | 114,643 | | | 114,643 | 126,519 |
| - One-off Donations | | 13,896 | | 959 | 14,855 | 32,696 |
| - Grants | | 6,194 | | 24,332 | 30,526 | 5,000 |
| - Tax credit | | 27,027 | | | 27,027 | 26,041 |
| Collection for External Appeals | 5 | 4,167 | | | 4,167 | 16,777 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | | |
| - Café | | 6,632 | | | 6,632 | 13,122 |
| - Church Events | | - | | | - | 302 |
| Lettings | 6 | 15,958 | | | 15,958 | 24,391 |
| Investment Income | 7 | 1,110 | | | 1,110 | 1,020 |
| Other | | | | | | |
| - Internal organisations | | 1,881 | | | 1,881 | 4,686 |
| - Miscellaneous | | 1,837 | | | 1,837 | 2,217 |
| Total Income | | 193,345 | | 25,291 | 218,636 | 252,771 |
| Expenditure on: | 8 | | | | | |
| Salaries, NIC & Pension costs | 10 | 47,174 | | 5,775 | 52,949 | 93,073 |
| Circuit Assessment | | 82,747 | | | 82,747 | 68,867 |
| Maintenance on Church building(s) | | 6,057 | | | 6,057 | 4,640 |
| Utilities (insurance, gas, electric, etc) | | 15,081 | | | 15,081 | 16,620 |
| Cleaning Services & Caretaking | | 2,153 | | | 2,153 | 2,785 |
| Youth & Childrens Work | | 600 | | | 600 | 2,050 |
| Outreach / Evangelism | | | | 1,502 | 1,502 | 3,053 |
| Café costs | | 2,608 | | | 2,608 | 8,165 |
| Church Events | | 380 | | | 380 | 3,518 |
| Grants and Donations | 11 | 19,297 | | 50 | 19,347 | 29,015 |
| Administration | | 4,246 | | | 4,246 | 4,071 |
| Other expenditure | | 9,816 | | - | 9,816 | 2,116 |
| Total Expenditure | | 190,159 | | 7,327 | 197,486 | 237,973 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | 3,186 | - | 17,964 | 21,150 | 14,798 |
| Transfers between funds | | (3,000) | 3,000 | | | |
| Other recognised gains / (losses): | | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | | 186 | 3,000 | 17,964 | 21,150 | 14,798 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 136,426 | 47,000 | 18,365 | 201,791 | 186,993 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 136,612 | 50,000 | 36,329 | 222,941 | 201,791 |

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

| | | Unrestricted £ | Designated (Unrestricted) | Restricted £ | Church Building Value £ | Totals this year £ | Totals last year £ |
|---|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tangible Fixed Assets* | Notes | | | | | | |
| Land & Buildings | 12 | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Equipment | | | | | | | |
| Investment properties | | | | | | | |
| Investments | | | | | | | |
| Total fixed assets | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 13 | 14,748 | | | | 14,748 | 15,653 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 69,415 | | | | 69,415 | 62,733 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | | | | | | |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 61,926 | 50,000 | 36,328 | | 148,254 | 136,678 |
| Other | | | | | | | |
| Total current assets | | 146,089 | 50,000 | 36,328 | | 232,417 | 215,064 |
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | 13 | 9,476 | | | | 9,476 | 13,273 |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | 136,613 | 50,000 | 36,328 | | 222,941 | 201,791 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 136,613 | 50,000 | 36,328 | 1,500,000 | 1,722,941 | 1,701,791 |
| Loans and creditors due after 1 year | | | | | | | |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 14 | | | | | | |
| Net assets | | 136,613 | 50,000 | 36,328 | 1,500,000 | 1,722,941 | 1,701,791 |
| Funds of the Church | 3 | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 136,613 | 50,000 | | | 186,613 | 183,427 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 36,328 | | 36,328 | 18,364 |
| Building Value | | | | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Total Funds | 15 | 136,613 | 50,000 | 36,328 | 1,500,000 | 1,722,941 | 1,701,791 |

*Details - see Note 12

Notes to the Accounts

[1] **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with

- the Charities Act 2011
- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

[2] **Accounting policies**

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accruals basis has been used 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 Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

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

No items have been capitalised during the reported period. The freehold property is shown at value.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

[3] Description of Funds

The names and purposes of the various church funds are given below. See Note [15] for a summary of income, expenditure and fund balances.

Unrestricted

| | |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | Used for day to day expenses |
|--------------|------------------------------|

Designated

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Property Maintenance Reserve | An unrestricted funded to provide a reserve for significant items of building maintenance or improvement. |
|------------------------------|---|

Restricted

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Salary Support Fund | Set up to provide a fund to support cost of employing workers for outreach and pastoral activities. The fund was set up as part of a separate appeal. All remaining funds were spent during 2019-20 and the fund is now closed. |
| Community Hub Development Fund | Set up to provide a fund to support the staff related to running the church hub. Grants were received from the Derby Circuit and the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church |
| Outreach Fund | To provide funds for any outreach work, such as running the Alpha Course, Messy Church etc. |
| Benevolent Fund | For the relief of financial hardship |
| Internship Fund | Grant from a Charitable Trust to fund an Intern to support activities to inform and connect people within the church including those with disabilities |
| New Places for New People | Grant from Nottingham and Derby District to support the formation of new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. |

Endowments

| | |
|------|--|
| None | |
|------|--|

[4] Breakdown of Donations

The table below shows the breakdown of donations.

| Regular Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2019-20 Total | 2018-19 Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Standing Orders | 98,181 | - | 98,181 | 97,187 |
| CAF & Payroll Giving | 6,945 | - | 6,945 | 13,360 |
| Envelopes | 3,300 | - | 3,300 | 4,300 |
| Cash Collected | 6,217 | - | 6,217 | 11,672 |
| Total | 114,643 | - | 114,643 | 126,519 |

| One-off Donations | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2019-20 Total | 2018-19 Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations from members | 13,896 | 959 | 14,855 | 32,696 |
| Total | 13,896 | 959 | 14,855 | 32,696 |

| Grants | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2019-20 Total | 2018-19 Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Job Retention Scheme (Furlough) | 6,194 | - | 6,194 | |
| Media Internship Grant | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| Community Hub Dev't – Grant | - | 23,332 | 23,332 | - |
| New Places for New People - Grant | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Total | 6,194 | 24,332 | 30,526 | 5,000 |

[5] Donations to external Appeals

The church holds regular “Giving Away Days” on which the work of another charity is showcased, and any cash donations are used to support the work of the highlighted charity. In 2019-20 only 1 “Giving Away Day” was held due to COVID-19. The chosen charity is shown in the table below.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Charity Number</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Derby City Mission – Night Shelter | 1140235 |

[6] Lettings

Lettings related to the hiring of rooms within the church building on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

[7] Investment Income

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2019-20 Total | 2018-19 Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Methodist Central Finance Board | 1,110 | - | 1,110 | 1,020 |
| Interest on current account | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 1,110 | - | 1,110 | 1,020 |

[8] Payments to Trustees

| | 2019-20 Total | 2018-19 Total |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Payments made to Trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting. | £300 | £300 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid expenses to act as Trustees | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Trustees who were paid employees* | 3 | 5 |

* Staff are invited to join the Church Council because they are an integral part of the life of the church and have an important input to the direction and work of the church. The church’s Conflict of Interest Policy ensures that neither the staff, nor any other conflicted person is present during discussion and decisions regarding staff. See note [10] for all staff pay.

[9] Fees for Examination of the Accounts

| | 2019-20 | 2018-19 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Independent Examiners Fees | £360 | £360 |

[10] Paid Employees

| | 2019-20 | 2018-19 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind* | 49,013 | 78,611 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs (incl. Apprenticeship Levy) | 1,986 | 3,866 |
| Pension costs | 1,776 | 3,051 |
| Other Employment Costs (e.g. training, transport etc) | 174 | 696 |
| Redundancy Costs | - | 6,849 |
| Total staff costs | 52,949 | 93,073 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of staff employed during the year were: | 5 | 7 |
|---|---|---|

[11] Grants and donations

The church has a policy of giving away 10% of the regular donations to the work of other charities. This is in addition to the Collection for External Appeals referred to in note [5].

In 2019-20, donations were made to the following organisations

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Além Paraíba Church | Derby City Mission | Release International |
| All We Can | Derby Circuit | Restore (Jacobs Well) |
| Arboretum School | Evangelical Alliance† | Safe Families for Children |
| Barnabas Fund | Foundation Matters | Scripture Union |
| Bible Society | Gideons | Simon Braker |
| Bulgarian Support Fund | Littleover Churches Together† | Tear Fund |
| Care for the Family | Littleover in Bloom | United Christian Broadcasters |
| Central Eurasian Partners | Medic Assist International | Upbeat Communities (Derby) |
| Christian Aid | Open Doors UK | YMCA Derby |
| Compassion | Premier Christian Media Trust | Youth With A mission |

†These organisations are classed as affiliations

[12] Tangible Fixed Assets

Prior to 2015-16 the value of the building was recorded as the rebuild cost for insurance purposes. An independent valuation was completed by Gadsby Nichols (of 21 Iron Gate, Derby) stating that the value of the building was £1,500,000 including the underlying value of the land of £750,000.

[13] Analysis of Current Assets and Liabilities

Debtors consists mainly of £10,291 Gift Aid claim that was not received in the financial year. Also included are £3122 cash and £922 “Job Retention Scheme” payment, both banked after year end.

Creditors mainly consists gifts to other charities which are committed but not paid within the financial year and provision for equipment to allow live streaming of church events during the COVID-19 pandemic. The remainder being invoices and reimbursement claims received but not paid within the accounting period.

[14] Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 the Church has no capital commitments. No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

[15] Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund movements

See note [3] for description of the funds

| | Opening Balance | Income | Payments | Transfers | Closing Balance |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| General Fund | 136,427 | 193,345 | (190,159) | (3,000) | 136,613 |
| Prop/Maint Reserve (Des) | 47,000 | - | - | 3,000 | 50,000 |
| Salary Support Fund (Restr) | 5,775 | - | (5,775) | - | - |
| Community Hub Dev't Fund (Restr) | - | 23,332 | - | - | 23,332 |
| Outreach Fund (Restr) | 5,752 | 959 | (1,502) | - | 5,209 |
| Benevolent Fund (Restr) | 2,908 | - | (50) | - | 2,858 |
| Media / Inclusion Fund (Restr) | 3,929 | - | - | - | 3,929 |
| New Places for New People (Restr) | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 |
| TOTALS | 201,791 | 218,636 | (197,486) | - | 222,941 |

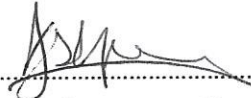
[16] Related Party Transactions

| Related Party | Nature of Relationship | Payments made |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Derby Circuit (Charity # 1142341) | Littleover Methodist Church is part of the broader Methodist Church and contributes to its work via the “Circuit Assessment” | £82,747 |

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer


I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed:  Date: 26/3/2021
Name: J. S. GREEN
Address: c/o LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH
CONSTABLE DRIVE
LITTLEOVER
DERBY DE23 6EP.

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to the Church Council Meeting on 11/2/2021 and were approved

Signature of Chair of the meeting:

Signed:  Date: 26/3/2021
Name: REV. DR GARY WATT

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) but that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *M. J. J. J.* Date: 13 October 2020

Relevant Professional Qualification or Body: ICA

Name: M. J. J. J.

Address: 6 KINGS DRIVE
LITTLEOVER
DERBY
DE23 6EU.

Appendix A – Membership of Church Council (Trustees)

The following table describes the people who were members of Church Council on 31st August 2020.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Ex-officio [610(1)(i)] | Superintendent Minister | Rev Colin Emerson |
| | Presbyter | Rev Dr Gary Watt |
| | Circuit Presbyter | – vacancy – |
| | | |
| Elected GCM [610(1)(vi)] | Steward | Marina Alexandrou (2019 - 25) |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Nana Forson(2019 - 25) |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Caitriona McCartney(2019- 25) |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| | | |
| Employees [610(4)(vii)] | Outreach Worker | Jacqueline Berry |
| - ditto - | LMC Café | Martha White |
| - ditto - | Centre Manager | Jane Goodfellow |
| - ditto - | Youth Worker | – vacancy – |
| | | |
| Circuit Rep [610(1)(xii)] | Circuit Steward | Peter Nelson |
| | | |
| Elected by CC [610(1)(vii)] | Treasurer | Jeffrey Green (2015 – 2021) |
| - ditto -[610(1)(ix)] | CC Secretary | Janet McCartney (2019 - 25) |
| - ditto -[610(1)(viii)] | Pastoral Secretary | Lynda Green (2019 – 25) |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Maintenance Team Leader | Stephen Alcock (2017-23) |
| - ditto -[610(1)(xi)] | Safeguarding: Designated Person | Jacqueline Berry |
| | | |
| Elected by GCM [610(1)(x)] | Church Rep | Timothy Berry (2018 -24) |
| 2 - ditto - | - ditto - | Jean Booth (2016 – 22) |
| 3 - ditto - | - ditto - | Mark Davies (2019 – 25) (Currently co-opted as Steward) |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 4 - ditto - | - ditto - | Hilary Jones (2018 - 24) |
| 5 - ditto - | - ditto - | Brian Miller (2015 – 21) |
| 6 - ditto - | - ditto - | Jack Newsham (2018-24) |
| 7 - ditto - | - ditto - | David Radcliffe (2016 - 22) |
| 8 - ditto - | - ditto - | Susannah Simpson (2019 – 25) |
| 9 - ditto - | - ditto - | Michael Williams (2015 –21) |
| 10 - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| 11 - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| 12 - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| 13 - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| 14 - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| 15 - ditto - | - ditto - | – vacancy – |
| | | |
| Co-opted by CC [610(1)(xi)] | Ex-steward | David Bell (2019 – 20) |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Anne Naylor (2019 – 20) |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Graham Penny (2019 – 20) |
| - ditto - | - ditto - | Mairi Radcliffe (2019 – 20) |