



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2020      Period start date To 31/08/2021  
Period end date

Charity name: Altrincham Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1129558

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p><b>The purposes of The Methodist Church are, and shall have deemed to have been since the date of the union, the advancement of</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>A) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church</b></li><li><b>B) The charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist church</b></li><li><b>C) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church</b></li></ul> <p><b>Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church</b></p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>A) the provision of regular acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike with on line services provided during lockdown</b></li><li><b>B) the provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation when lockdown guidelines allow</b></li><li><b>C) the teachings of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups including via zoom and telephone</b></li><li><b>D) Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved as lockdown guidelines allow</b></li></ul> <p><b>The provision of young people's groups, senior citizens groups etc with a Christian ethos as lockdown guidelines allow</b></p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have had regard to this guidance</b>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>A) The church held regular public services each Sunday: early morning communion and morning worship together with regular Sunday evening worship until the impact of Coronavirus took hold and lockdown guidelines came into effect. During the morning service, crèche facilities are provided so that parents of younger children can attend. Sunday club is run enabling young people to worship in a style more suited to their needs.</b></p> <p><b>With the impact of coronavirus restrictions we have switched to mainly online services available to members and non-members alike</b></p> <p><b>Additional services are held during Christmas and Easter together with</b></p>

		<p>special services for some of the groups that use our premises e.g. parent and toddler service, senior citizens lunch service, shoppers / office workers service when possible given lockdown restrictions</p> <p>B) In addition to the regular services we have a prayer chapel that is available for quiet prayer and contemplation with church members available for support if required</p> <p>C) Our services include regular Christian teaching in the form of sermons but we also run Bible study groups and prayer groups and have a number of small house groups that meet each month and are open to members and non-members alike</p> <p>D) Members of our church regularly visit and support people who are ill including non-members. We try to offer comfort and practical support including lifts to hospital and help with shopping etc</p> <p>E) We run the following groups on a regular basis – young people discussion group, weekly lunch and social group aimed at senior citizens but open to all ages, 2 parent and toddler groups, prayer group although many of these groups are currently unable to meet in person given lockdown restrictions</p> <p>In addition we make our premises available for Boys' Brigade, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, group working with adults with learning difficulties, anxiety group, AA as restrictions allow</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>The charity is considered to be financially stable although reserves will potentially reduce over the next 12 months due to a reduction in income from room and car park letting due to lockdown restrictions</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>To maintain a balance of £70,000 to meet 7 months Circuit assessment at £35,000 plus a further £35,000 to cover general expenditure</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£78,809</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/a</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>None</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None assuming coronavirus restrictions do not continue post then end of 2021</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Members donations, room hire and car parking although the latter two have been significantly reduced for the time being given the lockdown restrictions</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Governing document issued by The Methodist Church</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Governing document issued by The Methodist Church</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Elected by annual Church Council</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Altrincham Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1129558
Charity's principal address	Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 1HF

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev. Janet Aspey	Chair		
2	Ian Roberts	Treasurer		
3	Pauline Roberts	Steward		
4	Christine Hynes	Steward		
5	Don Hines			
6	Liz Harwood			
7	Judith Cichocki			
8	Rachel Miller			
9	Hugh Davies			
10	Catherine Merrell			
11	Carol Dodd			
12	Graham Jackson			
13	Matthew Davies			
14	Laura Grewer			
15	Leslie Entwistle	Steward		
16	Dot Bretherton			
17	Fiona Pearson	Secretary		
18	Ruth Brankin			
19	David Taylor			
20	Debbie Wadsworth			
21	Rose Buckley			
22	Kevin Jaquiss			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	From time to time funds are collected for other charities such as All We Can, Action For Children, Oxfam etc
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Funds are identified separately in accounts but are general sent to the relevant charity within 7 / 10 days of being collection

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Rev Janet Aspey	Ian Roberts
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	10/03/2022	



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2020		31/08/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings and tax recovered	48,031	-	-	48,031	51,415
Bank and CFB interest and investment income	42	-	-	42	207
Lettings	19,070	-	-	19,070	53,831
Other receipts	38,781	-	-	38,781	41,184
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>105,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,924</b>	<b>146,637</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>105,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,924</b>	<b>146,637</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Circuit Assessment	72,036	-	-	72,036	66,000
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
repairs and maintenance	5,812	-	-	5,812	5,435
Utilities	10,240	-	-	10,240	16,286
Other payments	32,260	-	-	32,260	39,644
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>120,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,348</b>	<b>127,365</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>120,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,348</b>	<b>127,365</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 14,424</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 14,424</b>	<b>19,272</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>93,233</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,233</b>	<b>73,960</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>78,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,809</b>	<b>93,232</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank c/a	47,304	-	-
	Central Finance Board	435	-	-
	TMCP	31,069	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>78,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land and buildings		-	4,072,255
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ian Roberts	10/10/2021	
		Rev Janet Aspey	25/01/2022	

Name of Church - Altrincham Methodist No .....

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
  - the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner ..... *S. Jackson* .....

Name of independent examiner ..... *Susan Jackson* .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... *Member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants* .....