



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/09/22** Period start date To **31/08/23** 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>The purposes of The Methodist Church are, and shall have deemed to have been since the date of the union, the advancement of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist ChurchB) The charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist ChurchC) Any charitable purposes for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church <p>Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church</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">A) The provision of regular acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike with online services includedB) The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplationC) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups including zoom and telephoneD) Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved <p>The provision of young peoples' groups, senior citizens' groups etc with a Christian ethos</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have had regard to this guidance</p>

issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		
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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>A) The church held regular public services including Sunday morning worship and monthly lunchtime services. This includes streaming some of these services for those unable to attend in person</p> <p>Additional services are held during Christmas and Easter together with special services for some of the groups that use our premises e.g. parent and toddler service and lunchtime services</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 small house groups that meet regularly 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-member. We try to offer comfort and practical support including lifts to hospital appointments and help with shopping etc</p> <p>E) We run the following groups on a regular basis – young people discussion group, two parent and toddler groups, prayer group</p> <p>In addition we make our premises available to Boys' Brigade, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, AA and Self Help Anxiety group</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	The charity is considered to be financially stable and whilst reserves have reduced during the Covid pandemic they remain at an acceptable level although slightly below the desired level
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	To maintain a balance of £53,500 to cover 6 months expenditure
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£45,298
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	none
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	none

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	Members donations, room hire and car park letting.
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 (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing document issued by the Methodist Church
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Governing document issued by the Methodist Church
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	Elected by annual Church Council

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	Ian Roberts	Treasurer		
2	Pauline Roberts	Steward		
3	Lesley Entwistle	Steward		
4	Christine Hynes	Steward		
5	Don Hines			
6	Liz Harwood			
7	Rachel Miller			
8	Hugh Davies			
9	Catherine Merrell			
10	Carol Dodd			
11	Graham Jackson			
12	Matthew Davies			
13	Laura Grewer			
14	Dot Bretherton			
15	Fiona Pearson			
16	Ruth Brankin			
17	David Taylor			
18	Debbie Wadsworth			
19	Olga Wood			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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 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 generally sent to the relevant charity within 1 month of being collected

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

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ian Roberts	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	4/12/23	



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01/09/2022

To

31/08/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings and tax recovered	36,762	-	-	36,762	41,324
Bank and CFB interest	759	-	-	759	57
Lettings	61,879	-	-	61,879	52,950
Other income	14,373	1,050	-	15,423	7,309
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	113,773	1,050	-	114,823	101,640
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	113,773	1,050	-	114,823	101,640
A3 Payments					
Circuit assessment	61,145	-	-	61,145	67,578
Repairs and maintenance	9,167	-	-	9,167	9,439
Utilities	13,527	-	-	13,527	11,750
Other payments	34,938	1,040	-	35,978	41,391
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	118,777	1,040	-	119,817	130,158
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	118,777	1,040	-	119,817	130,158
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,004	10	-	- 4,994	- 28,518
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	50,292	-	-	50,292	78,809
Cash funds this year end	45,288	10	-	45,298	50,291

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	23,043	-	-
	TMCP	21,804	-	-
	CFB	451	-	-
	Total cash funds	45,298	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land and buildings		-	4,072,255
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	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	

Name of Church Altrincham Methodist

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

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

Signature of independent examiner *SUE HADDA*

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *ama*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *N/A*

Address *53, Prestbury Ave*

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Date *27/11/23*

* delete or circle as appropriate