

# **TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH**

Wesleyan Row, Parson Lane, Clitheroe, BB7 2JY

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2023 – 2024**

### **Public Benefit**

Trinity Methodist Church, Clitheroe has the following mission statement:

‘By encouraging each other to grow in faith and make new disciples of Jesus Christ, we seek to re-vitalise our Christian witness in the Ribble Valley’.

To encourage its continued growth, the church – i.e. the body of people who meet regularly to worship and grow in faith so that they can ensure that their relationship with God is reflected in their everyday lives – continues to provide a base for many additional activities to the Sunday services.

Trinity Church, Clitheroe, provides a place for the public to use for weddings, baptisms and funerals as well as many other events as necessary. The church continues to grow with adults and children asking to become members. The church is open to the public and we make extra effort to invite the general public for the main Christian services such as Easter, Harvest and over Christmas. We see new faces at these services and often a few of these will continue to come throughout the year. The church was recently renovated which included glass front doors to make the church more welcoming and open to the general public.

There are many social activities held at the church such as:

Pizza the Action - an opportunity for teenagers in the area to come for a fun evening with organised game and a takeaway, this is also open to people who do not attend the church. This year the numbers attending have increased significantly, 20 – 24 attending with a mix of church going and non church going teenagers.

Treasure Seekers is the junior church with children from babies to teenagers meeting on a Sunday morning to enjoy age appropriate activities and time to share together and learn about Bible teaching and faith. The church has received the accolade of being ‘A Child Friendly Church’.

Other Children’s activities: At times the Church run a summer holiday club and there is a group called ‘Live Wire’ on a Friday afternoon. The church hall is used by the Girl Guiding Society and Scouts weekly.

Trinity Tots is a toddler group run weekly during term time and offers a 2hr 15 minute session of crafts, toys, games, songs, snacks and free play, as well as a brew for the parents. This is attended by over 30 children at each session and is run by volunteers. It is open to the general public and the majority of the users do not attend the church on a Sunday.

Drama Club: use the building to practise and perform shows at least once a year.

Community Hub and Toll House: Following development of our back buildings and attaching them to the church we have a lot of new opportunities. Creating the facilities in the first place represented an impressive achievement by the church. The concept, however, was never about a building itself, but what it could do for the church and its mission. Achieving the principal aim of the Hub will require a similar focus.

Over the last year the refurbishment of the Toll House has been completed, a new porch has been completed at the side of the main building and a review of car parking facilities is being undertaken.

Since the development there has been a significant increase in the number of lettings. Over 70 different organisations use the Church buildings and the Toll House each month. We have endeavoured to ensure the facilities are tailored to the needs of each group of users. The Team has focussed on ensuring that these developments are sustainable and viable. Examples of usage for the Hub are:

The Warm Hub – run on Tuesdays throughout the winter and spring offering a warm space of companionship and simple food. A team of volunteers are involved in running this and have taken up training opportunities, including Food Hygiene Levels 1 and 2 and First Aid.

Eco Garden – Volunteers plant and maintain the garden, expanding to maximise the space available, including a living plant wall, vegetable bed and a bug hotel.

Hub Gallery – Regular art displays from local art groups cover the walls in The Street area of the Hub.

Examples of regular room renters include – two banks as advice centres, cookery Club, Tai Chi, ballroom dancing, watercolour painting, bereavement support group, U3A, choirs, Cubs, Guides, veterans group, Ribble Valley Foodbank, The Olive Branch Café – offers advice from DWP, local council, debt advice and mental health help. There are many more.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>Trinity Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**Saturday, August 31, 2024**

<b>Clitheroe</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>1/9</b>
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Sue Yearing	Sue Isherwood
Cynthia Croydon	

**Treasurer:**

Robin Scappaticci

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	82,702		82,702	93,905
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	7,482		7,482	2,325
a4	Lettings	67,423		67,423	48,404
a5	Other receipts	178,766	24,110	202,876	10,518
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>336,373</b>	<b>24,110</b>	<b>360,483 (a7)</b>	<b>155,152</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	67,500		67,500	67,500
b3	Donations	521		521	895
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	94,161		94,161	7,713
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	32,825		32,825	20,875
b6					
b7	Other payments	56,911	27,036	83,947	83,597
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>251,918</b>	<b>27,036</b>	<b>278,954 (b9)</b>	<b>180,580</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>84,455 (2,926)</b>	<b>81,529</b>	<b>(25,428)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	76,145	27,404	103,549 (c6)	45,790
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>160,600 24,478</b>	<b>185,078</b>	<b>20,362</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	6,754	(6,706)	48 (c7)	83,187
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>167,354 17,772</b>	<b>185,126 (c8)</b>	<b>103,549 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	253	394
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,634	1,717
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**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E**

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e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	246	342	(96)	(48)	483 (e11)	339 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page - totals column)	360,483 (a7)	278,954 (b9)	81,529	48 (c7)	103,549 (c6)	185,126 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>360,729</b>	<b>279,296</b>	<b>81,433</b>		<b>104,032 (x)</b>	<b>185,465 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		40
f2 Bank Current Account	31,037	27,175
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	48,694	28,715
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of bookkeeper .....

*Spencer*

Date...

*10/12/24*

Name and address of bookkeeper .....

Tracey Spencer, Brook Farm, Longsight Road, Clayton-le-Dale, BB1 9EX

Signature of treasurer .....

*R Scappaticci*

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*ROBIN SCAPPATICCI*

*19 LANCASTER DRIVE, CLITHEROE*

Post Code...

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### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

*Rev Ian Huntley*

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### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Trinity Methodist Church

Charity Number 1129609

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trinity Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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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
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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.

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