

CULCHETH METHODIST CHURCH
Charity Number 1129901
Ellesmere Road, Warrington. WA3 4BS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
1st SEPTEMBER 2024 to 31st AUGUST 2025

TRUSTEES WHO MANAGED THE CHARITY DURING THE YEAR

| Trustee Name | Office(s) which relate to ex-officio membership | Dates acted (if not for whole year) | Name of body entitled to appoint trustee |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| Rev Wilfred Robinson | Superintendent Minister and Chair | | Ex- Officio |
| Thomas Martin | Circuit Steward Representative | | Ex-Officio |
| David Ogilvy | Steward | | Ex-Officio |
| Joyce McComb | Steward | | Ex-Officio |
| Ashley Hutchinson | | | Church Meeting |
| Janette Hutchinson | Secretary of the Pastoral Committee | | Ex-Officio |
| Roddy Marr | | | Church Meeting |
| Elizabeth Soehren | Steward | | Ex-Officio |
| Daphne Eastburn | | | Church Meeting |
| Amy Driver | Steward | | Ex-Officio |
| Christine Pathmarajah | | | Church Meeting |
| Julie Mainwaring | | | Church Meeting |
| Elizabeth Ann Marr | | | Church Meeting |
| Phil Harrison | | | Church Meeting |
| Joyce Daniels | | | Church Meeting |
| Susan Carol Sherratt | Treasurer | | Ex-Officio |
| Caroline Fillery | Steward | | Ex-Officio |
| Jon Purcell | Church Council Secretary | | Ex-Officio |

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF ADVISERS CONSULTED BY THE TRUSTEES

None were consulted during the year

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts;

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) and the charity is constituted by Act of Parliament. Some trustees are ex-officio, up to 15 are appointed by the existing trustees and up to 15 may be appointed by the General Church Meeting. The Circuit Meeting appoints a Circuit Steward to be an ex-officio member.

Induction and Training for Trustees

A range of guidance produced by the Charity Commission and the Methodist Connexion is issued to new trustees including the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' and they are offered the support of the Meeting Secretary. They also receive a copy of the previous year's audited accounts and key policies such as 'Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults'. They can seek the advice of the Chair or Council Secretary at any time and have the professional resources of the national church to call upon.

Structure.

The Church is part of the Leigh and Hindley Circuit which in turn is part of the North West England District and is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference. It is likely that the current Circuit structure will be reviewed by the District in the near future.

The Trustees of the Church work together in the Church Council which has leadership and oversight of all aspects of the Church's work and activities. The Council is chaired by the Presbyterian (Minister) with pastoral charge of the church

The Council appoints a Treasurer to advise it on financial matters and the members of the church, at the annual General Church Meeting, appoint stewards. There are five stewards who are part of the team working with the Presbyterian for giving leadership and help over the full range of the church's activities and to hold in unity the variety of concerns that are contained within the whole ministry of the church. This team also includes the Treasurer and the Pastoral Secretary.

From time to time specific responsibilities are delegated to the Stewards or other groups.

The ten churches of the Circuit work closely together within "hubs" which regularly share worship and fellowship activities. Increasingly hubs are looking to see if they can share any roles. Culcheth, together with Glazebury Methodist Church, forms the South Hub. Whilst the two churches remain independent organisations there are regular joint leadership team meetings which identify how the two churches can enhance their worship and missions by closer working and increase their fellowship. This year the two churches have combined their notice-sheets and worship in each building on alternate Sundays

Identification and Management of Risks

A major risk to the Church is its **Financial Viability**. This is because we have a reducing and aging membership so reliable regular giving is down and opportunities for fundraising have remained constrained by the availability of volunteers to manage them. While many in the congregation have given generously to compensate for this, the financial prospects of the church remain limited and unpredictable.

The Trustees have sought to reduce expenditure with limited spend on non-essential matters and recently cleaning costs were reduced by the redundancy of two part time cleaning posts with the work now being undertaken by Volunteers. In this year the church has started to feel the impact of this considerable reduction in costs

The key risk management actions during the year were the;

- continuation of the policy that no major expenditure should be made without the authority of the treasurer with prior Council awareness and, if required, discussion of the need for the expenditure.
- detailed financial reporting and projections to every Council Meeting
- reduction in non-essential expenditure and the requirement that any non-routine expenditure over £50 should be discussed with the treasurer beforehand
- Increased lettings fees to user groups
- The opening of a new bank account more appropriate to the church's needs and allows online access and more detailed management of the account.

A further risk is **Safeguarding** of children, young people and vulnerable adults who are members or use the church's facilities. The controls to manage any risk to them include:

- Application of the statutory procedures relating to churches for the Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults such as Disclosure and Barring checks
- Annual updating and audit of the church's safeguarding policy using the model recommended by the Methodist Church.
- Following the Procedures and Practices laid down by the Methodist Church
- Mandatory training sessions for those involved in work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- Equality Diversity and Inclusion awareness training for all role holders and trustees
- Appointment of a safeguarding coordinator who has access to the trustees and to advice from the District and Connexion's professional Safeguarding Officers.
- Mandatory Safeguarding reporting to the trustees at every Council meeting

Health and Safety (H&S) is a possible major area of risk for the church; Trustees' responsibilities are wide and extend to church members, worshippers and the many community groups which use the building. Risk management initiatives include;

- The routine annual inspection of the building and safety arrangements which includes the input of the church's Safeguarding Officer.
- A quinquennial building audit carried out by an independent body which took place the previous year
- The registration of the kitchen with Warrington Borough Council and attendance by volunteers at a Food Safety course
- The requirement that the leaders of all Church events and initiatives draw up a risk assessment for their activity which also includes a safeguarding risk assessment.

- Replacement of faulty Fire doors

The Church is subject to the requirements of the **General Data Protection Regulations** (GDPR). At the initiation of the new procedures Council agreed a policy and procedures in line with national Methodist model and significant work was undertaken to ensure that the requirements of the Act are being met. Risk management includes;

- The trustees' commitment to an annual review of the operation of the policy which is monitored by the District and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:

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.

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS.

- The church building is available for booking by community groups and for family parties etc. It is home to a Tuesday Tots gathering (which is supported by church volunteers) and a preschool Nursery both of which are much appreciated by the local community. It also hosts Scouts, Guides, Brownies and a yoga group. Recent lettings have been to the University of the Third Age offering an IT literacy course to the community and to a Baby Ballet class.
- The church's pastoral support system and activities have included members of the local community not just church members. Outreach in our local care home includes craft work, gardening as well as leading worship.
- The community garden continues to be successful as a source of; great pleasure for our neighbours and passers-by, our Uniformed Organisations participate in the upkeep, learning is provided for the pre-school children and produce is available for the community especially those living in retirement apartments close to the church who do not have a garden.
- The church's welcome area which is open to all when the building is open is well used. Activities attended by many in the community include;
 - A monthly Meeting Point gathering with invited speakers,
 - A Monday prayer group and coffee morning
 - Saturday Morning Coffee gatherings and seasonal 'Soup Meals' which are open to and used by the wider community.
 - Being used as a gathering place by families whose children attend events and the nursery in the church.

- The church and its community, continues to support the local Food Bank, the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal, Christian Aid week and Warrington Youth For Christ.
- The church is open to all for weddings, funerals and baptisms as, of course, is its worship and fellowship activities. Special services such as those for Mother's Day, an annual Memorial Service, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and the Carol Service are all well attended and appreciated by the wider community
- The church is the place of refuge for Twiss Green Primary School and hosts their annual carol service
- The church's Hearts & Hands craft Group is also open to everyone with some non-church young people attending.
- As in all Methodist Churches office holders have started to undertake mandatory awareness training in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) matters in a bid to make our community work and worship activities more affirming and supportive of all.
- In response to a request from the church the Parish Council has provided funding to assist in the relocation of the defibrillator (funded by the Scouts) to an outside wall to make it available to the whole community not just users of the building
- The church hosts various local groups for the village annual Christmas Fair
- The Council is actively seeking ways, in accord with the Charity's objectives, to utilise currently uncommitted funds raised for youth work.

Despite the challenges of reducing membership and funds the trustees confirm and demonstrate through these activities that they have taken account of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Accounts were approved at the Council's meeting on 28th October 2025 together with the Reserves Policy. These are appended.

LEGAL OBLIGATION

The Trustees confirm that they are aware of their obligations with regard to the reporting of critical incidents and that there have been no such incidents to report.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CHARITY'S TRUSTEES:

Wilfred Robinson

Reverend Wilfred Robinson
Chair

Dated: 11th June 2026

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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| CULCHETH | Church |
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

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| Leigh and Hindley | Circuit | Circuit no. | 06/07 |
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129901

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

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| Amy Driver |
| Elizabeth Soehren |
| Joyce McComb |
| Caroline Fillery-Brown |
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Treasurer:

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| Carol Sherratt |
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

CULCHETH Church

| SECTION A | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| a1 | RECEIPTS | Note | | | |
| a2 | Offerings and Tax recovered | 44,095 | | 44,095 | 60,662 |
| a3 | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 398 | 772 | 1,170 | 1,056 |
| a4 | Lettings | 20,892 | | 20,892 | 14,493 |
| a5 | Other receipts | 8,749 | | 8,749 | 6,116 |
| a6 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 74,134 | 772 | 74,906 (a7) | 82,327 |

| SECTION B | | | | | |
|-----------|---|--------|-----|-------------|--------|
| b1 | PAYMENTS | | | | |
| b2 | Circuit Assessment or Share | 43,786 | | 43,786 | 42,807 |
| b3 | Donations | 600 | 450 | 1,050 | 300 |
| b4 | Repairs and Maintenance | 6,827 | | 6,827 | 9,535 |
| b5 | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 10,388 | | 10,388 | 12,087 |
| b6 | Cleaning | 40 | | 40 | 7,435 |
| b7 | Other payments | 2,001 | | 2,001 | 4,592 |
| b8 | TOTAL PAYMENTS | 63,642 | 450 | 64,092 (b9) | 76,756 |

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| SECTION C | | | | | | | |
| c1 | NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR | (a6-b8) | 10,492 | 322 | 10,814 | | 5,571 |
| c2 | Total funds brought forward from last year | | 58,058 | 663 | 58,721 | (c6) | 53,150 |
| c3 | Sub total | (c1+c2) | 68,550 | 985 | 69,535 | | 58,721 |
| c4 | Transfers and adjustments | | | | | (c7) | |
| c5 | TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR | (c3+c4) | 68,550 | 985 | 69,535 | (c8) | 58,721 (c6) |

| SECTION D | | | |
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| FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS | | | |
| d | (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures | £ | £ |
| d1 | Balance brought forward from last year | | |
| d2 | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations | 1,036 | 768 |
| d3 | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations | 1,036 | 768 |

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS | Receipts | Payments | Net Receipts/ Payments | Adjustments | Opening balances | Closing balances |
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| e6 | | | | | | |
| e7 | | | | | | |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds | | | | | (e11) | (e12) |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 74,906 (a7) | 64,092 (b9) | 10,814 | (c7) | 58,721 (c6) | 69,535 (c8) |
| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH | 74,906 | 64,092 | 10,814 | | 58,721 (x) | 69,535 (y) |
| Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward | TOTAL RECEIPTS | TOTAL PAYMENTS | | | | |

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

| | OPENING BALANCES | CLOSING BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand | | |
| f2 Bank Current Account | 39,640 | 39,701 |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account | | |
| f4 Central Finance Board | 19,081 | 29,834 |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes | | |
| f6 Other funds | | |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts | 58,721 (c6) | 69,535 (c8) |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | (e11) | (e12) |
| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH | 58,721 (x) | 69,535 (y) |

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

| | At 1 September 2024 | At 31 August 2025 |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments) | | |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) | 2,724,801 | 2,724,801 |
| g3 Other Assets | | |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end | | |

Name of Church Culcheth

06/07

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer S C Sherratt Date 28.10.25

Name and address of treasurer SUSAN CAROL SHERRATT

85 ANDERSON CLOSE PADGATE WARRINGTON Post Code WAZ 0PD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting M J R

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rv. Welford Robinson Date 28th Oct 25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CULCHETH METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1129901

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CULCHETH METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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.

Name of Church Culcheth

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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 Thomas H McComb BAcc CA

Name of independent examiner THOMAS H McComb

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CA

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 31 Doxford Close, Culcheth, WARRINGTON

Post Code WA3 4DL

Date 21 October 2025

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RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

Culcheth

(*Church Council)

To

Leigh and Hindley

(*Circuit Meeting)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (i) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s

- (iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report

- (iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

- (v) Our Report is attached overleaf →

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The

*Circuit Meeting/District received the RESERVES POLICY of

*Church Council/Circuit Meeting/District

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees

YES ☐ / NO ☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

*Circuit/District

Signatures Date.....

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RESERVES POLICY of

Culcheth Methodist Church(*Church Council ☒/Circuit Meeting ☐/District ☐)

| | | |
|----|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. | General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/25 | £52,160 |
| 2. | Restricted Funds held " | £17,376 |
| 3. | Endowment Funds held " | £0 |

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

Reserves are needed to maintain cashflow throughout the year and cover risk. Our risks are ABC income and Quinquennial repairs. ABC are still adapting to their financial situation and if they were to close this would have a big impact on the church's income. There are still repairs to be undertaken from the 2024 Quinquennial report, but the main risk is the roof on the hall which could require replacement at any time in view of its age.

General funds held cover 82% of next year's forecast expenditure.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

Any grants received for specific purposes will only be used for those purposes.

Property Grant Fund The fund at the end of August 2025 was £1,720. This includes funds for the Community Garden.

Youth Work Fund The fund at the end of the year was £15,656. Church Council should consider how best to make use of these funds, which are growing with interest.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

CULCHETH METHODIST(*Church Council ☒/Circuit Meeting ☐/District ☐)

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Treasurer | Trustee |
| Full name Susan Carol Sherratt | Full Name Rev. Wilfred Robinson |
| Signature S. C Sherratt | Signature M. J. R. |

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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Signature of treasurer S C Sherratt Date 28.10.25

Name and address of treasurer SUSAN CAROL SHERRATT

85 ANDERSON CLOSE PADGATE WARRINGTON Post Code W A2 0PD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rw. Welford Robinson Date 28th Oct 25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CULCHETH METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1129901

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CULCHETH METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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.

Name of Church Culcheth

06/07

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 Thomas H McComb BAcc CA

Name of independent examiner THOMAS H McComb

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CA

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 31 Doxford Close, Culcheth, WARRINGTON

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Date 21 October 2025

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RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

Culcheth

(*Church Council)

To

Leigh and Hindley

(*Circuit Meeting)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (i) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s

(iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report

(iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

(v) Our Report is attached overleaf →

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The

*Circuit Meeting/District received the RESERVES POLICY of

*Church Council/Circuit Meeting/District

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees

YES ☐ / NO ☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

*Circuit/District

Signatures Date.....

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of

Culcheth Methodist Church(*Church Council ☒/Circuit Meeting ☐/District ☐)

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| 1. | General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/25 | £52,160 |
| 2. | Restricted Funds held " | £17,376 |
| 3. | Endowment Funds held " | £0 |

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

Reserves are needed to maintain cashflow throughout the year and cover risk. Our risks are ABC income and Quinquennial repairs. ABC are still adapting to their financial situation and if they were to close this would have a big impact on the church's income. There are still repairs to be undertaken from the 2024 Quinquennial report, but the main risk is the roof on the hall which could require replacement at any time in view of its age.

General funds held cover 82% of next year's forecast expenditure.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

Any grants received for specific purposes will only be used for those purposes.

Property Grant Fund The fund at the end of August 2025 was £1,720. This includes funds for the Community Garden.

Youth Work Fund The fund at the end of the year was £15,656. Church Council should consider how best to make use of these funds, which are growing with interest.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

CULCHETH METHODIST

(*Church Council ☒/Circuit Meeting ☐/District ☐)

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| Treasurer | Trustee |
| Full name Susan Carol Sherratt | Full Name Rev. Wilfred Robinson |
| Signature S. C Sherratt | Signature M. J. R. |