

Trustees Annual Report

Dates: 01st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

Charity Details

Charity Name: Northfield Methodist Church

Charity Registration Number: 1129902

Charity Address: Chatham Road, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 2PH

Trustees During the Year:

Rev Cleopas Sibanda (Appointed
1/9/2021)

Joyce Yates

Dr Laura-Stella Enonchong

Precious Nyagumbo (Appointed
1/7/2022)

Christine Graham

Colin Capell

Josie Cardall

Andrew Coldrick

Dianne Charles

Sheila Whitehouse

Pamela Banks

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of Charity's trusts

Type of Governing Document:	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act (1976) Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.
How is the Charity Constituted:	Northfield Methodist Church forms part of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, a registered charity (1132208). The Church Council members serve as Managing Trustees for the church under the Methodist Church Act 1976 and Standing Orders. The property is held on trust by the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP), who act as the custodian trustees.
Trustee Selection Methods:	Usually at Church Council Meeting or Annual General Church Meeting.

Objectives and Activities:

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

The purposes of Northfield Methodist Church are those set out for all Methodist churches in the *Deed of Union (1932)*, the *Methodist Church Act 1976*, and the *Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church*. In accordance with these governing documents, the church exists primarily for the advancement of the Christian faith through worship, prayer, teaching, pastoral care, evangelism, and the nurture of Christian discipleship. The charity also supports any charitable purpose undertaken by the Methodist Church, including the work of the local church, the Circuit, the District and the wider Connexion.

The governing documents further provide that the property and assets of the church are held on trust to be used in furtherance of, or incidental to, these purposes. This includes the use of church premises for community, educational, social, and missional activities that express the Methodist commitment to serving the wider public. All activities of Northfield Methodist Church are therefore carried out within the doctrinal standards, discipline, and organisational framework of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, ensuring that the church's mission, teaching and service continue the historic Methodist witness to the Gospel.

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.

During the year, Northfield Methodist Church continued to pursue its charitable purposes and to provide clear public benefit through a wide range of worship, pastoral, and community activities. In all its work, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

A central part of the church's mission is the provision of regular acts of worship, open to both members and non-members, enabling people of all ages and backgrounds to explore faith, find spiritual support, and participate in the Christian community. Alongside Sunday worship, the church offered opportunities for prayer, quiet reflection, Bible study, and fellowship, including small groups that support spiritual growth and nurture.

The church also provided activities for children, young people, their carers, and for older members of the community, all delivered within a Christian ethos that promotes care, dignity, and belonging. These activities contribute to social inclusion, emotional wellbeing, and intergenerational connection.

In promoting the wider mission of the Methodist Church, the congregation supported circuit and connexional initiatives, outreach work, and mission-focused events. The church's commitment to practical Christian compassion was expressed through support for social projects and community initiatives, as well as through a small Benevolent Fund which offers timely assistance to individuals facing hardship.

To further serve the local community, the church made its premises available for a broad range of community activities, including regular orchestra rehearsals, dance classes, coffee mornings, and private bookings for family celebrations and life events. These activities ensure that the building remains a valued and accessible resource for the neighbourhood.

Through these combined acts of worship, service, hospitality, and outreach, Northfield Methodist Church continues to deliver meaningful public benefit and to embody its Christian mission within the local community.

Statement on Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning, reviewing, and carrying out the activities of Northfield Methodist Church. The trustees are satisfied that the church's aims, activities, and use of resources during the year have continued to provide identifiable public benefit in accordance with its charitable purposes.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, Northfield Methodist Church made a significant and positive contribution to the wellbeing of its congregation and the wider community. Regular worship services, fellowship gatherings, and pastoral support continued to nurture the spiritual and emotional health of attendees, providing stability, comfort and encouragement. Small groups for prayer, reflection and Bible study strengthened personal faith and offered supportive relationships that reduce loneliness and promote resilience.

A particular achievement this year was the church's sustained care for members who continue to feel the long-term impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Several individuals who suffered profound losses during Covid – including bereavements, financial difficulties and emotional trauma – found renewed hope, companionship and spiritual reassurance through the ongoing pastoral support, prayerful community, and compassionate presence of the church. This ministry has been a vital source of healing and restoration.

The church's activities for children, young people, carers and older members fostered social inclusion, confidence and intergenerational connection, delivered in a Christian ethos that emphasises dignity, encouragement and belonging. Through mission initiatives, charitable giving and the operation of a small Benevolent Fund, the church was able to respond to practical needs and support individuals and families facing hardship.

The church premises continued to function as a valued community hub, hosting orchestra rehearsals, dance classes, coffee mornings and private family celebrations. These activities provide accessible space for social, cultural and educational engagement, enriching community life and strengthening local relationships.

Together, these achievements demonstrate the church's ongoing commitment to spiritual growth, compassionate care, and community service, bringing meaningful benefits to individuals and contributing to the wellbeing of the wider society.

Financial Review

Review of the Charity's Financial Position at the End of the Period

At the end of the financial year, the charity held total funds of £49,168, an increase from £38,396 in the previous year. This improvement reflects higher income from offerings (£27,874), room hire (£22,728), and investment income, alongside overall controlled expenditure. The church maintained no outstanding liabilities at year-end, and all financial obligations were met in full. The financial position therefore remains stable, supported by prudent management of income and expenditure and good stewardship of resources.

Statement Explaining the Policy for Holding Reserves

The trustees aim to hold reserves to ensure that Northfield Methodist Church can continue to operate effectively, meet unexpected costs, and maintain financial stability during fluctuations in income. Reserves also ensure that worship, pastoral care, and community activities can continue uninterrupted, even in periods of reduced giving or increased expenditure. This is in line with the church's responsibility to act prudently and to safeguard the continuation of its charitable mission.

Reserves Held

- **General Fund (Unrestricted):** £44,358
- **Restricted Funds:** £4,810
- **Total Reserves:** £49,168

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

No funds were in deficit at the year end. Both the General Fund and the restricted funds held positive balances (General Fund £44,358; Restricted £4,810)

Explanation of Any Uncertainties About the Charity Continuing as a Going Concern

There are no identified uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The accounts show a year-end surplus of £11,477, strong cash balances, no liabilities, and steady income streams from offerings and room hire. These factors indicate that the charity is financially stable and well-positioned to continue its activities in the coming year.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees at Northfield Methodist Church

B. Jangan

Boaz Jangan (Treasurer)

Northfield Methodist Church

Registered Charity No. 1129902

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for the year ended

31st August 2022

Molly Langston MAAT

Kings Norton

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Bankers	Lloyds Bank
Examiner	Molly Langston MAAT 20 Marbury Close Kings Norton Birmingham B38 8YX
Reg. Charity No.	1129902

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Independent Examiners Report For the year ended 31st August 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

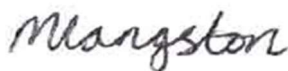
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



11/12/2025

Molly Langston

MAAT AAT Licensed Accountant

20 Marbury Close, B38 8YX

Northfield Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st August 2022

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	Restricted Funds	General Funds	Total for year	Total for year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Offerings and tax recovered	-	27,874	27,874	24,079
Room Hire	-	22,728	22,728	6,282
Investment income receipts	20	116	136	52
Other Receipts	-	50	50	4,805
	20	50,768	50,788	35,218
Payments				
Circuit Assessment/Share	-	20,000	20,000	20,799
Donations	-	453	453	220
Repairs and Maintenance	-	10,885	10,885	12,204
Utilities	-	3,692	3,692	5216
Thursday Fellowship	-	502	502	630
Junior Church	-	27	27	112
Printing	-	3,131	3,131	-
Other	-	1,326	1,326	826
	-	40,016	40,016	40,007
Transfer between funds	(3,705)	3,705	-	-
Net Receipts/Payments	(3,685)	14,457	10,772	(4789)
Balance brought forward as at 1 st September 2021	8,495	29,901	38,396	43,184
Balance carried forward at 31 st August 2022	4,810	44,358	49,168	38,396

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities For the year ended 31st August 2022

	2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS		
Current Asset Investments		
CFB	26,751	25337
Cash at Bank and in Hand		
TSB – Main	20,912	8764
TSB – Thursday Fellowship	1,130	191
TSB – Junior Church	369	396
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	-	3705
Cash – Thursday Fellowship	6	3
	<u>22,417</u>	<u>13,059</u>
	<u>49,168</u>	<u>38,396</u>
Representing Balances on the following Accounts:		
Unrestricted and Designated Funds:		
General Fund	44,358	29901
Restricted Funds:		
Legacy Fund	4810	4,790
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TOTAL FUNDS		
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Non-Monetary Assets:

Property - Purchase price £3,231,184

LIABILITIES

There are no outstanding liabilities.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on: 21 October 2025

Signed on their behalf by: Cleopas Sibanda



Position: Chairperson

Date: 09/12/25

Northfield Methodist Church

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31st August 2022

1) Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

2) Trading

The Church has not had a trading activity in pursuit of its charitable objects.

3) Status

Northfield Methodist Church is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission (number 1129902.)

4) Donations made

	2022
NCP	210
Action for Children	243
Action Aid (from Thursday Fellowship)	30
School in Bethlehem (from Thursday Fellowship)	40
Ukraine Appeal (from Thursday Fellowship)	100
If Kara Bakery (from Thursday Fellowship)	50
Fistula Hospital (from Thursday Fellowship)	65
Church news (from Thursday Fellowship)	55
Food Bank (from Thursday Fellowship)	40
Kings Norton Hand Bells (from Thursday Fellowship)	40
St Mary's Hospice (from Thursday Fellowship)	80
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5) Restricted Funds

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening Balance	Income	Expense	Transfer	Closing Balance
Legacies	4790	20			4810
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	3705		3705		-
	<u>8495</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>3705</u>		<u>4810</u>

6) Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

None of the Trustees were remunerated. No trustees (or members of their family) were reimbursed for expenses incurred by them.

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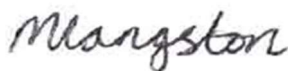
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