

THORNTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1129988

Details

Other names	TMC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-06-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 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 the 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.

Activities: The provision of facilities for Christian Worship and fellowship.To share Faith and Understanding of Christianity.To provide outreach services for the local community.To provide rooms for smaller charitable organisations to use for their own purposes.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£60,646	£67,096	-	-
2024-08-31	£92,374	£93,820	-	-
2023-08-31	£70,376	£73,933	-	-
2022-08-31	£65,453	£57,677	-	-
2021-08-31	£91,389	£82,810	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN MIDDLETON		2017-12-01
BRIAN ANTHONY ROBBINS BA MED		2012-07-20
BRIAN MICHAEL WATKINS		
Geraldine Bernice Smith		2014-07-22
Ian Bedford		2018-10-01
JEAN CASSON		2011-06-07
PATRICIA ANN GREGORY		2011-11-17
Paul Thomas Schofield		2024-10-21
Peter James Wilson		2021-05-02
Rev Katie Leonowicz		2021-02-01
Sara Hughes Wilson		2021-05-02
Sharon Ann Webb		2023-10-01
Wendy Reeds		2024-11-05

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

THORNTON METHODIST Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Sunday 31 August 2025

Circuit	Circuit no.	21/15
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129988

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

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev. Katie Leonowicz

Church Stewards:

Paul Schofield	Ian Bedford
Peter Wilson	Sara Wilson

Treasurer:

Sharon Webb

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
1	RECEIPTS				
2	Offerings and Tax recovered	31,755	0	31,755	31,481
3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,680	0	1,680	2,543
4	Lettings	13,072	0	13,072	15,365
5	Other receipts	2,748	11,391	14,139	42,985
6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	49,255	11,391	60,646 (a7)	92,374

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
1	PAYMENTS				
2	Circuit Assessment or Share	38,000	0	38,000	38,000
3	Donations	216	0	216	216
4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,760	0	6,760	5,351
5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,173	0	12,173	12,325
6		0	0	0	0
7	Other payments	1,611	8,335	9,947	37,929
8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	58,760	8,335	67,096 (b9)	93,820

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(9,505) (a6-b8)	3,056	(6,450)	(1,447)
2	Total funds brought forward from last year	44,414	14,458	58,872 (c6)	60,319
3	Sub total	34,909 (c1+c2)	17,514	52,423	58,872
4	Transfers and adjustments	6,500	(6,500)	0 (c7)	0
5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	41,409 (c3+c4)	11,014	52,423 (c8)	58,872 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)					
1	Balance brought forward from last year	0	0	0	0
2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	213	0	213	360
3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	213	0	213	360
4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	0 (d1+d2-d3)	0	0	0

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
Cameo	87.00	82.05	4.95		228.82	233.77
Cameo streetlife		110.00	(110.00)			(110.00)
Cameo church		120.00	(120.00)			(120.00)
Cameo church		3.77	(3.77)			(3.77)
			0.00			0.00
			0.00			0.00
			0.00			0.00
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	87	316	(229)	0	229 (e11)	(0) (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	60,646 (a7)	67,096 (b9)	(6,450)	(c7)	58,872 (c6)	52,423 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	60,733	67,412	(6,678)	0	59,101 (x)	52,423 (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
Cash in hand	120	120
Bank Current Account	12,777	10,148
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	45,975	42,155
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	0	0
Other funds	0	0
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	58,872 (c6)	52,423 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	229 (e11)	(0) (e12)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	59,101 (x)	52,423 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
Investments (include Endowments)	0	0
Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,921,533	6,075,513
Other Assets	96,981	99,503
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
Other Liabilities	0	0

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church Thornton Methodist Church No 21/15

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 Sharon Webb Date 25/09/25

Name and address of treasurer Sharon Webb c/o Thornton Methodist Church

60 Victoria Rd East, Thornton Cleveleys. Post Code FY5 5HQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 21/10/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *K A Leonowicz*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rev K A LEONOWICZ* Date *21/10/2025*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Thornton Methodist Church

Charity Number 1129988

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Thornton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages ... to 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.

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Name of Church Thornton Methodist No 21/15

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.

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Signature of independent

David Hughes

Name of independent exa

David Hughes



Relevant professional qualification of independent ex

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Date 19-Oct-25

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Everyone
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Annual Report of Thornton Methodist Church 1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025

Over the past year, we have been exploring how we can be a Church that welcomes all – and when we say all, we mean all! This is why we've added the 'all' to our strapline and committed to work together as TEAM TMC, a place where Together Everyone Accomplishes More. We know in the life of our Church, we have a TEAM of people working hard in serving Jesus and the community, so it felt the right time to affirm this chapter of TEAM TMC in the life of our Church.

We continue to give thanks for the many activities in the life of our Church, such as Bible Study, the Coffee Stop, Craft Group, Sensory Stay and Play, Mid-week and Contemporary Worship, and for the community groups that regularly use our premises. Our worshipping life each week that underpins all that we do at TMC, not only on a Sunday but through supporting bereaved families, celebrating Baptisms and the love we offer to all members of our community. All this and so much more make up a range of aspects of the life of the Church that we continue in our journey as disciples of Jesus.

We continue to build our links with and support our local community of Thornton, through our local Care Homes and Schools, engaging with community groups and being a part of Churches Together in Thornton. We continue to value being part of the North Fylde Circuit, enjoying worshipping and learning together as a Circuit, especially as the life of our Circuit continues to develop and change.

As the Minister, as always, I want to give thanks to all at TMC who offer their time, talents, gifts, and resources in service to the Church and to God's mission, through whom we can continue 'Loving God and Loving **All** People'

Rev'd Katie Leonowicz, Minister of TMC, January 2026.

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner David Hughes

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Following the reopening of activities, we have continued to build up and support all that is happening in our Church, and continue to support and serve the community of Thornton across this past year. In this past year, we celebrate that God has been at work through the weekly 'normal' activities of our Church and as we have travelled through the seasons of the Church year. We give thanks for the regular activities such as our Coffee Stop which also served as a Warm Hub over the winter months, for our monthly coffee mornings, our Craft and Chat group on Wednesday Evenings, and I Love Thursday with Worship and Boardmates and the growing regular use of our Community Hall by local groups and organisations.

In amongst what now feels like our normal pattern of life at TMC, we give thanks especially for:

- Our Community events and celebrations aimed at local families where we have enjoyed events such as a Pancake Party, Easter Party and a Coronation Picnic.
- Our new Sensory Toddler Group 'Sensory Stay and Play' which opened in January 2023 on Tuesday mornings in term time. We were especially grateful for a grant from our local council to enable us to buy the sensory equipment.
- Our continued relationship with JT Byrne, including hosting their annual memorial service at Christmas, giving local bereaved families a space to remember loved ones.
- Our developing our continuing relationship with our local Schools and nursery, including a new link with Red Marsh Special School. We also loved hosting Millfield School for their 6 carol services in 3 days at the end of the Christmas Term.
- Our newly launched Bible Study groups during the day and evening.
- Our 24 hours of prayer for Pentecost, which culminated in a Café Church and Taizé Prayer evening to celebrate Pentecost itself where the Holy Spirit was at work!
- Our growing links and relationships as the whole of North Fylde Methodist Circuit, as we worshipped together throughout Lent as we explored the Methodist Way of Life and launched Circuit Morning Services when we have worshipped together – including through workshops and celebrating the Ordination of Rev'd Sarah Lamb.
- We have seen a growth in attendance at our midweek Worship on a Thursday morning.
- And our continued exploration of different styles of worship and setting into a new worshipping pattern as a congregation of all ages and traditions on a Sunday morning, where we have found a firm favourite with our Sunday morning congregation is Café Church!

These are just the things I can remember! Along with the cycle of the year we experience in the life of the Church through celebrating Christmas and Easter, and in the offering of our pastoral care to our community not only in supporting bereaved families, and celebrating with them in Baptisms but the love we offer to all members of our community. All this and so much more makes up a range of aspects of the life of the Church that we continue in our journey as followers of Jesus.

As the Minister I particularly want to give thanks to all at TMC who offer their time, talents, gifts, and resources in service to the Church and to God's mission, through whom makes it possible for us to continue 'Loving God and Loving People'

Rev'd Katie Leonowicz, Minister of TMC, January 2024.



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		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	39,842		39,842	40,408
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,729		1,729	204
a4	Lettings	11,751		11,751	9,737
a5	Other receipts	4,593	12,461	17,054	15,104
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	57,915	12,461	70,376 (a7)	65,453

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,000		35,000	33,437
b3	Donations	566		566	466
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,353		7,353	4,973
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,725		11,725	11,920
b6					
b7	Other payments	3,248	16,041	19,289	6,881
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	57,893	16,041	73,933 (b9)	57,677

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	23 (a6-b8)	(3,580)	(3,557)	7,775
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	44,349	19,526	63,875 (c6)	56,100
c3	Sub total	44,372 (c1+c2)	15,946	60,318	63,875
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	44,372 (c3+c4)	15,946	60,318 (c8)	63,875 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
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d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	342	446
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	342	446
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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2022

On 1st September 2021 I was welcomed as the new Minister of Thornton Methodist Church, and my first 12 months have flown by. It has been an interesting year as we have settled into new patterns of worship with both congregations now worshipping together at 10:30am, and as we have restarted activities face-to-face activities in the life of the Church and continued to build relationships with our local community. This has not been an easy year with Covid restrictions and guidance being resumed over the Winter months, and as we have continued to re-build the life of the Church following lockdown.

Despite the difficulties we give thanks for how God is at work in our community and for the new shoots we are beginning to see emerging.

In this past year we give thanks especially that...

- Our 'Coffee Stop' continues to flourish, and our monthly coffee mornings continue to grow in attendance, by both we are meeting new people from our Community.
- We have run several successful events for children, young people and families including a Pizza and Pancake Party, and a Summer Fun Day at the end of August.
- We have restarted our evening service of alternative worship called 'Connect', encouraging us to connect with God and each other in different ways.
- We welcomed Rainbow House Nursery to make Christingles, and they celebrated their Carol Service and end of year Graduation in Church.
- We welcomed the whole of Millfield School for their 6 carol services in 3 days at the end of term.
- We worked with JT Byrne for their annual memorial service at Christmas, giving local bereaved families a space to remember loved ones.
- We have hosted prayer days during Advent and Holy Week and run study groups through Lent and Advent.
- Our crafters have made 'Prayer Squares' for anyone to take to help them to pray.
- We welcomed Cliff College as part of their Trek across the Lancashire Methodist District, and they led worship encouraging us to give thanks for our past, pray for the present and dream for the future.
- For our new Community Choir 'Just Sing' that we run together with Fleetwood Methodist Church.
- For this new chapter in the life of TMC and for the adventures that this next year, as with every year, will hold.

And these are just the things I can remember! Along with the cycle of the year we experience in the life of the Church through celebrating Christmas and Easter, and in the offering of our pastoral care to our community not only in supporting bereaved families, and celebrating with them in Baptisms but the love we offer to all members of our community. All this and so much more makes up a range of aspects of the life of the Church that we continue in our rhythm and pattern of being a follower of Jesus.



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Rev'd Katie Leonowicz, Minister of TMC,

October 2022

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Date 4-10-2022

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THORNTON METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY MARCH 11TH at 7.30 p.m.

Rev Stephen Dunn led worship at the start of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Anthony Woodhouse.

Present:

Chris Albury, Pat Gregory, Gillian Mathews, Esther Mathews, Julie Marsh, Eileen Harper, Jean Casson, Rob Singleton, Bernice Smith, Brian and Anne Robbins, Stephen Breese, Viv Johnston and Rev Stephen Dunn.

It was noted that – as the new safeguarding officer – Jacqui Bailey is now a member of Church Council and will be forwarded a copy of the minutes from this meeting.

Rev Stephen expressed the sadness of Church Council at our loss of Lesley Butterworth and also acknowledged the very many ways in which she quietly worked to keep everything running smoothly.

Correspondence

We have received a CCLI (broadcast license) which permits us to broadcast media such as worship songs, and for which we pay an annual fee.

Minutes of the meeting held on Oct 5th 2020 were approved, with one correction noted.

Matters Arising

Wifi – This is now up and running in the building and will allow things such as Facebook Live sessions and the streaming of worship. It will also be very helpful for youth work, enabling leaders to quickly access Bible passages and videos from the internet. The provider is Vodaphone, although Rev Stephen pointed out that the wifi is intended for organisational – rather than personal – use.

Church Council Membership – Stephen Breese will ask Geoff Roberts if he would be interested in serving on Church Council.

GDPR

GDPR is a privacy law designed to protect the personal data of individuals.

Rev Stephen asked that all correspondence sent out by the church secretary should be addressed to him, with all other email addresses included as 'BCC' in order to keep them private. Stephen Breese pointed out that 'CC' is permissible for members who agreed.

This led to a discussion about permission, with Rev Stephen stating he has received a 10 point checklist asking us to review our procedures. In effect, we need to 'cleanse' data, destroying any

information we have about individuals that we no longer require. We need to make sure that all contact information we hold is correct and review current consents.

Eileen said that Geoff Bottomley has offered to assist in understanding and implementing whatever is necessary. Rev Stephen said that we need someone to take charge of this and that it is something that should be reviewed annually, but should only take a few hours.

It was noted that GDPR was something that had been handled in the past by Lesley, and Julie said that Lesley had previously created a form just for TMC. This form might be on Lesley's laptop, so Julie will ask Lesley's family to check. If the form is available, it was agreed that the quickest solution would be to have everyone to fill it in again, rather than review old forms.

Safeguarding

There are no updates on this at present and the safeguarding policy won't need renewing until October.

Circuit Stewards Report

This was circulated prior to the meeting and is attached to the official minutes.

As stated in the report, there have been discussions regarding a potential merger between the North Fylde, South Fylde and Blackpool circuits, amalgamating at least two or possibly all three. This is being put to the vote in an upcoming circuit meeting.

Welcoming Katie

Our new Reverend Katie Leonowicz will be arriving in the summer, with a welcoming service on 5th September at 6.30 pm. Rev Stephen believes this will be held in Pilling. This service will also welcome Sarah Lamb, who is joining the circuit as a probationer and will be living in Pilling. It is unclear at this point whether Katie will live in Rev Stephen's former home, or in Anchorsholme.

It was agreed by Church Council that Rev Katie should be made an Authorised Person to conduct weddings.

Rev Stephen said that it would be nice to send a few emails welcoming Katie and asking if she would need any help with her move – Viv agreed to contact her in this regard.

Bernice asked about Rev Stephen's leaving service – this will be held in conjunction with Ruth's in Fleetwood, on 18th July at 6 pm, although it was noted that we could do something locally too. The date of Rev Stephen's move to the Great Eccleston Free Methodist Church has yet to be confirmed, but if there is a gap before Rev Katie arrives, it will be short.

Finance and Property

Stephen Breese said that the tradesmen appointed to do the work highlighted in the risk assessment were waiting for the go ahead. It was agreed that this should be given and Stephen said he would contact them immediately.

He also pointed out that – although the contracts for the utilities are not due for renewal until next year - he has negotiated new terms to avoid the upcoming price hikes on gas and is currently negotiating in order to keep the electricity bills down too.

It has been noted that the bank we use to deposit cash and cheques in Cleveleys is closing down. There was a short discussion about the idea of opening an account with a different bank in Cleveleys for the purpose of making the deposits, then electronically transferring funds to our original account. Rev Stephen said that it would be a good idea for Church Council to give the Finance team permission to explore banking options. This was agreed.

Rev Stephen stated that circuit has reduced church contributions by 50%, but that we are asking for a much greater reduction on a permanent basis as we have a deficit.

Stephen B noted that we have the quinquennial report coming up, but that the regular checks and proactive approach used to date should mean there are no unexpected problems.

Rev Stephen said that Will Hunter will be meeting with all church treasurers and ministers to discuss the current financial difficulties everyone is experiencing and to assist with working out solutions.

Children and Youth

Because of the pandemic, children haven't been able to meet for worship. The weekly Zoom meeting was well supported for some time but is now receiving fewer and fewer participants. Activities for families have been included on the weekly worship sheet.

It was noted that – whilst church is reopening this Sunday – the children's groups will probably not be restarting until after Easter.

Mission

Circumstances have meant that the opportunities for mission have been quite limited. The sewing of scrubs, bags, caps etc for the Vic continued for some time. Donations of food were made which Rev Stephen passed to the food bank and food parcels were delivered to the needy. People are still doing grocery shopping for those who are shielding and worship sheets have been delivered by Gillian, Esther and Pat. Rev Stephen said that – whilst these have been useful – it is now important to note that it is safe for church to reopen and that people should be encouraged to return when they feel ready.

Prior to the meeting, Gillian came up with the idea of getting the Easter gospel message into schools along with a chocolate gift. Stephen Breese confirmed that there is money in the mission fund for this.

No membership cards have been given out for some time as most pastoral carers are shielding. There was a short discussion about how we should go about delivering them – there were a couple of volunteers and Sarah Dunn will put out a plea for more help.

Future Church Councils – The next meeting is to be held in the week commencing (but not including) 13th September 2021. Viv will

contact Rev Katie to see when she will be available, so an exact date that week can be set

The meeting closed with prayers at 8.45 p.m.

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	47,755		47,755	59,531
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	52		52	325
a4	Lettings	3,987		3,987	8,610
a5	Other receipts	5,579	34,016	39,595	26,474
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	57,373	34,016	91,389 (a7)	94,940

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	33,437		33,437	53,500
b3	Donations	916		916	1,666
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,448		6,448	18,070
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,242		9,242	10,493
b6					
b7	Other payments	2,997	29,770	32,767	29,005
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	53,040	29,770	82,810 (b9)	112,734

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	4,333	4,246	8,579	(17,794)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		39,146	8,375	47,521 (c6)	65,315
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	43,479	12,621	56,100	47,521
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	43,479	12,621	56,100 (c8)	47,521 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
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				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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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.

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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 B. M. Watkins

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