

SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1130095

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-06-10

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: RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Calderdale
- Kirklees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£89,261	£97,113	-	-
2024-08-31	£85,033	£97,169	-	-
2023-08-31	£134,206	£110,980	-	-
2022-08-31	£94,254	£98,555	-	-
2021-08-31	£78,714	£68,215	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Godfrey Chikaviro	Chair	2025-09-01
ANDREW STOPFORD		2014-10-16
Colin Lees		
Graham Seyit Alsancak		2022-11-06
JENNIFER ELIZABETH IREDALE		
James David Pickles		2016-02-22
John Alwyn Kershaw		2021-11-28
Keith Iredale		
Keren Wild		2022-09-01
Lesley Kershaw		2018-11-18
Margery Wilkinson		2018-11-18
Raymond Wilkinson		2018-11-18
Rev Nicholas Biggar		2025-09-01
WILMA MONCKTON PATON		2015-11-15

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Accounts

Southgate Methodist Church Calderdale Circuit



Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2025

Administrative Information

Charitable Status and Constitution:

Southgate Methodist Church is registered with The Charity Commission as a charity, registration number 1130095. It is constituted in accordance with The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of The Methodist Church, found at www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/governance/cpd/).

Correspondence Addresses:

Minister:

Rev Godfrey Chikaviro
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Church Council Secretary:

Mr Colin Lees
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Managing Trustees:

The Managing Trustees are the Church Council, which, as at the 31st August 2025 was constituted as follows:

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| i) Minister in Pastoral Charge
and Superintendent | Rev. Colin Sherwood
Rev. Vicky Atkins |
| ii) Lay Pastor | Mrs Pamela Hales |
| iii) The Church Stewards | Mrs Lesley Kershaw
Mr Alwyn Kershaw
Mrs Wilma Paton
Mrs Diane Sherwood |
| iv) Church Treasurer | Mr Andrew Stopford |
| v) Secretary of the Pastoral Committee | Mrs Jenny Iredale |
| vi) Secretary of the Church Council | Mr Colin Lees |
| vii) Representatives elected by the General Church Meeting: | |
| Mr Keith Iredale | Mr James Pickles |
| Mrs Glenys Wadsworth | Mr Ray Wilkinson |
| Mrs Margery Wilkinson | Mr Graham Alsancak |
| viii) 1 Circuit Steward | Mrs Keren Wild |

Number of Church Members: 40

Our Aim

To mission and minister to the community of Elland alongside the other Methodist Church in Elland, namely Bethesda Methodist church and our ecumenical partners.

Our Purpose

We operate as a local Methodist Church under the provisions of the Methodist Church act 1976 which states: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

- the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Our Objectives

We express our aims and purposes by attempting to translate into action the Priorities of the Methodist Church by seeking to proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the church-

- through the provision of public acts of worship to church members and non-members alike.
- the provision of sacred space for prayer and other forms of Christian spiritual contemplation
- the promotion of the Christian faith through Sunday Worship, courses and provision of small groups
- the provision of a Pastoral structure that seeks to offer help to the sick, the bereaved and a general caring environment as an expression of our Christian faith.
- the provision of different group activities that attempt that seek to meet the needs of all age groups.
- through these all age groups promoting the mission of the church and aiding wider social cohesion through activities for older people, parent and toddlers and other specific need groups.
- by supporting various charities both in the United Kingdom and overseas through financial and prayer support.

Church Stewards

At the start of the church year there were four stewards, Lesley and Alwyn, Wilma and Diane. Lesley was Senior Steward. Colin was elected as a steward at the church AGM in November. Diane left in August to go with Rev Colin to his new appointment in Peterborough. Our thanks go to Diane for all her hard work. We'll miss her. As the amount of work required was proving to be difficult it was decided to form a Leadership Team which included others who were willing to help. This team met for the first time in October. The team is currently:- the named church stewards Lesley, Alwyn, Colin and Wilma plus Keith and Jenny, Ray and Margery and Graham. Graham has agreed to be our safeguarding officer.

We celebrated Harvest in October when we collected items for the foodbank. We also brought toiletries and gifts for the foodbank during our gift service in December. Maria and her team do a wonderful job, Thank you for your support.

An All Souls' memorial service was held at the end of October when a stone cairn was built and candles lit to remember loved ones.

The church was decorated for Christmas and there was a 'Carols for All' service on Christmas Eve and a Christmas morning service. A Christingle service was held with the Boys' and Girls' Brigade during one of their December meetings.

Daffodils were distributed during the Mothering Sunday service and we added items to the cross during Lent. On Easter Sunday the cross was decorated with flowers and placed outside the Church.

In July we held a farewell lunch for Rev Colin and Diane after his last morning service. This was our 'Southgate 'goodbye. Colin was presented with gifts and mementoes of his time as our minister. A circuit farewell service was also held at Southgate. This was followed by a bring and share meal and was attended by other churches in the circuit.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to make these services a success.

A huge thank you to the Leadership team for all your hard work. It isn't always easy but we're working well together.

As you know, changes have been taking place in the Calderdale Circuit with the formation of the clusters and a review of how this is working will take place soon.

In Elland talks have been taking place between Southgate and Bethesda to try and find the best way forward together in the future. After a discussion at Southgate earlier in the year a further joint meeting for all members of both congregations took place at Bethesda in July. We were asked to think and talk

about our hopes and fears about joining together in the future. We were asked what we valued most about our own church and what we would be willing to let go. Not easy questions. The meeting was very well attended by members of both churches and we joined together in mixed groups to discuss this. It was decided to hold a day of prayer in both churches and this took place in August. Prayer stations were set up in both churches and prayer cards were available. There are still some left if you haven't already seen one. Here at Southgate at one of the prayer stations we were asked to plant a tiny seed and pray for growth. The seeds planted have grown. The shoots are tiny and not very strong but they **have** grown even though all that has been provided is water and sunshine. Perhaps this is a sign for us. From small beginnings great things can grow. We just need to trust in God.

The Leadership teams from both churches have met together and will continue to do so on a regular basis. We want to try and do more together so that the congregations at both churches can get to know each other better. We will be using members of both churches at our joint services and also for LA services. Other joint ventures will follow.

As I said before. Change is unsettling but it is inevitable. We must work together and with God's help we can come together as one Church and be stronger in the future..

'We will praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come'

Lesley

Treasurer

Annual Figures:-

Income 24-25	£ 89261 (23-24 £85033)
Expenditure 24-25	£ 97113 (23-24 £97168)

Funds Held:

	<u>31st August 2024</u>	<u>31st August 2025</u>
General Fund (combined)	£ 20556	£ 32071
Memoriam Fund	£ 1233	£ 1289
Property Reserve Fund	£ 1908	£ 1995
TMCP Investments	<u>£116050</u>	<u>£ 96050</u>
	£139747	£131405

Notes

1) Combined general fund is made up of:

General Account

Property Account

General & Property Fund Central Finance Board Deposit Accounts

2) Memoriam Fund, which receives interest and donations from the family & friends of lately deceased members/adherents.

3) TMCP Investments (use of which is subject to certain restrictions covering bequests & model trusts).

Treasurer's Report

The Standard Form of Accounts has been completed on a receipts & payments basis. There have been no serious incidents.

This has been another difficult year which has ended with a deficit of £7852. This deficit is less than anticipated which is welcome news, but it is still significant and unsustainable. The reduced deficit is all as a result of improvements to room hire income (see later in this report). There was an overall deficit on the previous year of £11562. I have previously reported to the F&P Committee and to the Church Council that we cannot continue with deficits of this scale. The Circuit Assessment has increased by its maximum permitted 10% during the year, from £33500 to £36400.

We have received all of our due Gift Aid refunds this year. The amount received was £5743, of which £215 was paid to the Boys/Girls Brigade Unit. Gift Aid is not 'extra income', but income we budget on receiving year to year. We continue to benefit from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). We have once again received several one-off or regular donations (some Gift Aided) from friends old and new, offering support, for which we are grateful. I repeat my reminder to members that it is essential that we ensure that all Gift Aid claims are accurate and verifiable. All providers of Gift Aid declarations have a personal legal responsibility to be certain that they pay sufficient income tax for Gift Aid donations to Southgate to be claimed. Colin Lees has again assisted me with the Gift Aid claim, and we both repeat our request for a volunteer to take on this responsibility.

Cashflow has, as always, been tight, but is helped enormously due to the number of people who pay their offering by standing order. I cannot stress too highly how important this regular income stream has been. Many members have once again managed to review and increase their weekly giving, which is much appreciated. We have lost a number of members over the year by death or transfer, which is reflected in the overall reducing income from offerings.

Lloyds Bank, having reviewed our accounts during last year, moved us from Business accounts to free of charge Charity accounts. This was extremely beneficial and we have had no bank charges this year. The bank has since thought better of itself, however, and has advised that a charge for charity accounts will be introduced in November 2025. These new charges are not dissimilar to the charges we previously paid.

Ongoing costs for utilities continue to be reviewed. Our energy (both gas and electricity) is supplied by British Gas. Worship activity is held in the Sykes Hall in winter months, which helps enormously with keeping costs down. Southgate's utility costs over the year amounted to £13528, as opposed to £13215 in the previous year, a marginal increase of under 2.5 %. We are now being charged business rates by the local authority on the unoccupied sandwich shop premises – this amounts to over £1600 for the year, for which we receive precisely nothing in return.

Our property is covered by Methodist Insurance, which provides a highly specialised service to Methodist organisations. We have had one claim this year following a damaging excursion onto the shop roofs by some local youths. The claim was promptly settled. The annual premium is due in June, and we now pay the premium in monthly instalments.

The suite of premises at Southgate is regularly inspected and cleaned, necessary to ensure the cleanliness and safety of our premises both for us, and our hirers. The costs of inspections and cleaning are met from the income we receive from our hirers and shop tenants, whose rent also contributes to the funds we maintain for repairs and other unexpected costs. Room hire is now in the hands of Wilma Paton and Sue Alsancak, who have worked very hard and increased our takings considerably – see below. We continue to host the Cross Hills Pantomime, which is a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Our parade of shops still provides a vital income. All our tenants have paid all the rent due. Rental income from the shops this year was £21301 (£22266 23/24). Income from room hires was £16685 (£10066 23/24), a combined total of £37986, a welcome overall increase of £5654 on the previous year, brought about entirely because of the increased room hire which has more than offset the reduced rental income.

Southgate holds a capital sum with TMCP in Manchester. We are grateful to those who choose to support Southgate with generous donations by way of legacies. We benefit from a proportion of the income generated by the funds held at TMCP, with TMCP taking an administration fee. Interest rates have drifted downwards during the year, as expected, and the amount of income we have received from TMCP is a reduced £4746, after a fee of £377 taken by TMCP. We are able to access the capital funds at TMCP for approved projects, and, if necessary, to support general income. During a particularly tight period

in February, I was finally forced to apply to TMCP for £20,000 from the capital to support the general account. This application was approved, but the result is that our total capital sum at TMCP now stands at £96050. This application had been previously approved by the Church Council in readiness for the day that I would need to make it.

Our CFB deposit accounts (general funds and property development) have similarly paid reducing interest this year. The Memoriam Fund, into which is paid funds given in memory of deceased members and friends, most usually in the form of funeral collections, has not made any grants this year, but is steadily accumulating again after contributions from two funerals were added during the year.

There have been several fundraising events this year, bringing in £1825, and we were glad also to receive £767.52 from the after-worship coffee bar, plus £3023 from Snackattack. A proportion of Snackattack's surplus is paid to Methodist Mission Charities, and to external charities chosen by the church.

Reserves, and the Reserves Policy continue to be reviewed. As a general rule, incoming resources should be used to meet general expenditure. It is for the Church Council, as Managing Trustees, to maintain and review strategies of building up reserves, and to ensure net income & expenditure are as close as possible. Managing Trustees are reminded of their legally binding obligations and requirements to exercise prudence and provide good governance at all times.

Thanks are due to Keith & Jenny for managing the Sunday collections, and to Alsancak for dealing with payroll & HMRC issues. The annual church accounts are being examined on a commercial basis by Messrs BM Howarth Ltd. This is a detailed and time consuming task, which has to be carried out before the accounts can be presented to the Church Council for acceptance and onward submission to the Circuit, the District, and the Connexion.

I am, as ever, grateful for the support and assistance I receive from so many people.

Count your many blessings, money cannot buy your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

Andrew

Finance and Property Committee

My thanks to Alwyn in particular and all other members who have volunteered over the year with odd jobs; gardening; and storage clearance. It is much appreciated.

All necessary and required checks; inspections; and servicing including the 5-yearly electrical inspections have been carried out to the required standards.

Shop Units. Church Council have agreed that our block of shop units should be sold off. A Designated Advisor's Report is being prepared by Walker Singleton and we are in discussion with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes [TMCP] as to the way forward. It is proving to be a relatively slow process and we are still incurring costs for business rates and standing charges on the empty unit. On the advice of TMCP we are at present unable to try and relet this unit. We also incurred further expense in clearing the empty unit when it was abandoned by the tenant. Other expense has been necessary on works when the Samaritans took over Unit 3 / 4. We sadly have also had another insurance claim following vandalism once again to the Samaritans shop roof.

Quinquennial Inspection. This was arranged by the Circuit and carried out by Abbey Hanson Rowe in mid-May. We are still awaiting the report.

The Zoom licence has not been renewed; foam fire extinguishers can no longer be replaced from the 1st October: suitable replacements will be found. During the year, as well as miscellaneous repairs, the following required repairing or replacing: church laptop computer; boiler pump; coffee bar water heater element; car park outside lights; some emergency lights. The gents' toilet water heater was removed rather than replaced. The upper hall kitchen fridge was replaced [the food bank contributed 50% cost]. Fly tipping was removed.

In line with our cleaning contract, costs increased from the 1st April. The Yamaha piano has been sold.

Maintenance of the church garden has become a major issue, as it had got into a jungle-like state because of the lack of time and volunteers to keep up to regular gardening. However, a gardening day held in mid-August did see a lot of work carried out with the appearance vastly improved, thanks to all the volunteers who turned out. I must also thank members of the Bailey family for the care and planting of the boxes filled with plants fixed to the church railings. Notwithstanding this, Church Council have agreed, subject to costings, that the planting in the garden be removed and replaced with a weed membrane and then covered with bark chippings.

The committee also considered the suitability of access and seating to and in the sanctuary following suggestions that it was proving very difficult for some members of the congregation. It was suggested that the only way these could be improved satisfactorily would be to concentrate worship in the Sykes Hall with only special services in the Sanctuary, perhaps making it into a "Mission Chapel" with some suitable alterations making it more worshipful. General agreement was reached by Church Council to the suggestion, but further discussions are necessary on services to still be held in the sanctuary and what if any modifications could be made to the Sykes Hall. A further paper on

this subject is being prepared for discussion generally and presentation to the October Church Council. [30th October]

Keith

Room Hire

Resource Administrator. Chris, our administrator, resigned from the post on the 31st December 2024. Thanks Chris for all the valuable work that you have done for us.

Bookings Team. Church Council decided not to fill the post of administrator, but to seek volunteers to carry out aspects of the role and the bookings team of Sue; Jenny; Wilma; David and Colin was set up. This has proved to be very successful and my thanks go to the team.

As is now standard practice, room hire rates were increased by the Finance & Property Committee from the 1st April 2025.

A room hire banner had been prepared by Chris and is now hung on the Church railings.

Room hirings have increased, partly because of the closure of the Savage Hall, with new regular bookings from the local Family Hub; Baby Ballet; Silver Band; Greetland Academy and a Dance show booked for December. The Cross Hills pantomime will also be playing in the Upper Hall once again in February 2026.

The former GB store room on the Upper Hall balcony is now hired to members of the Cross Hills technical team as a sound and lighting store.

Thanks again to anyone who has in any way assisted with the running of this vital income stream for the church.

Keith

Pastoral Committee

Another busy year with even less Pastoral Visitors to go around our 39 members.

Sadly we have lost 3 more members and continue to keep their family & friends in our prayers.

Now that Diane has moved away we only have 3 Pastoral Visitors left with no one coming forward SO we decided to put an invite in the notices asking would you like to be a Telephone Buddy/Friend. Success !!! we got 8 volunteers (Thank you all)

Rev Godfrey and I are getting our heads together and hopefully in the not too distant future we will have many more helpers.

We are aware there are quite a few members who have not got a Pastoral Visitor but we try our best to watch over you all. Membership cards will be given out soon but unfortunately I am unable to visit everyone, (as much as I'd like to)

We continue to have joint Re-Dedication Services with our Bethesda Friends and support each other.

We have recently completed a half day training course and updated our Safety/Safeguarding. Thank you all for your time with this.

Next April Rev Nick is holding a Pastoral Gathering day entitled 'Taking Church to People' and hopefully we will all be able to attend.

Finally I want to say THANKYOU SO MUCH to my small team who do a lot of work behind the scenes to keep the wheels turning. It really is appreciated.

Jenny

Mission

During this year money was raised for Missions through two envelope collections:

Advent Offering Collection for the work of the Methodist Church Mission in Britain Fund - £123.00 (including Gift Aid)

Easter Offerings Collection for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund - £192.50 - (including Gift Aid)

In addition to these envelope collections, additional donations have been given to Methodist Missions from the money raised by the SnackAttack coffee mornings. 20% of the money raised during the financial year 2023 – 2024 was distributed as follows:-

1. Methodist Women in Britain - £135.00
2. Mission in Britain Fund - £269.00
3. World Mission Fund - £269.00

Sincere thanks to everyone for your support.

Margery

The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

Elland Boys' and Girls' Brigade enjoyed another eventful and enjoyable session during 2024-25. We have a good group of young people who are a pleasure to work with each week.

Our Wednesday nights can certainly be lively, and we do have a lot of fun throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents

and guardians of our members who are extremely supportive and are brilliant at recommending us to their friends and family.

One of the things that we always enjoy celebrating are the achievements of our young people. Congratulations to Toby who was awarded the King's Badge this year. Toby was presented with his King's Badge by the Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire at Howden Minster. This is the highest award in the Brigade and Toby is the first from Elland to get the new King's Badge therefore becoming our first 'King's Man' for over 75 years.

It is great to see our young people getting involved in the community as part of their badge work and we are proud of the difference they make; our Senior group have been volunteering at SnackAttack as well as helping at Elland Carnival and other local events.

Our team of Officers and helpers do a fantastic job; I would like to thank all the Officers and helpers for their continued work with the Company and to everyone else that has lent a hand over the last year. On behalf of the Company, I would also like to thank David for fulfilling the role of treasurer once again this year.

Our annual residential weekend saw us visit another PGL site. This year, we headed to Newby Whiske near Thirsk where 12 of our young people enjoyed a brilliant weekend. Three of our members also enjoyed attending Battalion Camp in Torbay.

We said goodbye to our Chaplain, Rev. Colin at the end of the session. I would like to place on record my personal thanks for all the support over his years with us and we wish him well in his new posting. We also look forward to getting to know Rev. Godfrey over the coming months and years.

We were able to hold our regular Craft Fairs in 2024-25. As usual, we had to postpone our Christmas Craft Fair due to snow but we still managed to arrange two successful events during the session. Thanks to all of you who have supported these. Our fundraising has also been supplemented by our Easyfundraising account. If you shop online, you can go through their website and the retailer donates a small percentage of the transaction to the Company. All the major online retailers are on the website and it is free to both the shopper and the Company. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ellandboysgirlsbrigade> to find out more.

We continue to have a strong online presence through our Facebook page. This has been invaluable in keeping in touch with our members over the past year. Our Facebook page is great at raising awareness of the Brigade in Elland and we have seen plenty of our posts reach several hundred people. Our address is www.facebook.com/EllandBB. Feel free to follow/like our page.

Finally, thank you on behalf of the Company for all of your support throughout the year.

James

Prayer Meeting

We currently have an average of 9/10 people who meet together each week on Friday mornings in the Prayer Room. Three gentlemen and 6/7 ladies endeavour to be there every Friday if at all possible! Five members of the group, volunteer to take it in turn each week, to lead our time together! And we thank them for that!

We like to begin with a hymn! Sometimes we have a theme! Usually we share thoughts, concerns, joys, sadness, laughter etc. as we share good news and not so good news, about those who are currently on our Prayer List, or people who have appeared on the TV news, or for any who we feel are in need of prayer! We also discuss worldly happenings, the weather, our own church and all other churches, and whatever else that attracts our attention! Then we go into a time of spoken and unspoken prayers!

We praise and thank the Lord for all the blessings He bestows upon us! For His presence with us and for answered prayers!

We always begin at 10.30 a.m. We do our best to finish before 11 a.m.!!! And – constantly - we pray that others will come and join us - always - regularly - sometimes – whenever! Our door is always open and you would be very welcome! God Bless.

Maureen

Together Group

After our usual summer break the group began meeting again on alternate Thursday afternoons in September. We have once again had a successful year with old and new members enjoying various activities and speakers, followed by tea or coffee and a time to chat together.

Ray entertained us with a very enjoyable afternoon of piano music and Janet Revill taught us how to play a variety of drums and other percussion instruments. We've had a number of different games afternoons and a humorous talk about retirement. On other occasions members have brought in photographs or treasured items and have shared their stories. The afternoon when we're asked to imagine ourselves on a desert island and asked how we would cope brought some very interesting and very unexpected ideas. Carolyn told us about her life as a teacher.

We would be pleased to welcome any new members. There already members from other churches and the local community but we always have room for more.

Sadly, two of our very senior members have passed away. Betty and Anne will be missed by everyone. Their unfailing good humour and wonderful life experiences were a lesson to us all.

The group will recommence in September and a varied programme has been arranged with some old favourites and some new and different guests.

A huge thank you to the small group who work so hard to make our times together such a success.

Lesley

Gents' Gathering for Grub

We are a small group of men who meet for a meal at The Toby Carvery, Ainley Top on a Wednesday evening once a month in most months of a year. Numbers vary but average about 8. Rev Colin loved to join us whenever other commitments allowed him to. We said goodbye to him at our penultimate meal of the year in July and thanked him for being one of the instigators of the group.

Colin Lees

SnackAttack

This year has seen the continuation of SnackAttack with numbers of people continuing to swell and diversify. It is so heartwarming to hear the buzz of people chatting away and feeling at home in our Christian Centre.

We are busy bees for the length of time we are here and would love it if other people could step up and help. Thanks go to everyone who mans the coffee bar and helps in the kitchen, it really is appreciated. My special thanks goes to Emma, my mate in the kitchen.

We managed to give £3023.00 to the Church. Thanks to all for your continuing support and encouragement.

Wilma

Sunday Coffee Bar

Coffee bar after church continues to be a vital part of our church life where people can catch up and perhaps feel they belong to a community of like-minded people. This is so important as we travel through life.

Great to hear we made £767.52 for Church.

If anyone feels they wish to go on the rota for coffee bar, please let me know.
Thank you again for all your support.

Wilma

Table Tennis

We have 2 new members this year and numbers are up usually between 8 and 10.

We now have 3 tables; the extra one supplied free from Brighthouse U3A, collected and erected by chief engineer with labouring from yours truly.

After 2 months off we started by popular demand in August and had 11 members the second week.

Philip

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Southgate	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Calderdale	Circuit	Circuit no.		27/34
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1130095

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

(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:

The Rev Colin Sherwood

Church Stewards:

Lesley Kershaw	Alwyn Kershaw
Wilma Paton	Diane Sherwood
Colin Lees	

Treasurer:

Andrew Stopford

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	28,503		28,503	29,832
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,372		5,372	6,805
a4	Lettings	37,986		37,986	32,332
a5	Other receipts	17,399		17,399	16,064
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	89,261		89,261 (a7)	85,033

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,640		35,640	34,029
b3	Donations	2,323		2,323	2,001
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	19,094		19,094	26,840
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	22,332		22,332	15,388
b6					
b7	Other payments	17,725		17,725	18,911
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	97,113		97,113 (b9)	97,169

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(7,853)		(7,853)	(12,136)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	15,705	123,553	139,258 (c6)	151,394
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	7,852	123,553	131,405	139,258
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	7,852	123,553	131,405 (c8)	139,258 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	NIL	3
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	NIL	NIL

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
e1 Together Group	1,074	1,070	4		71	75.00
e2 Boys/Girls Brigade	5,383	6,585	(1,202)		8,741.00	7,539.04
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6,457	7,655	(1,198)		8,812 (e11)	7,614.04 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	89,261 (a7)	97,113 (b9)	(7,853)	(c7)	139,258 (c6)	131,405.36 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	95,718	104,769	(9,051)		148,070 (x)	139,019.40 (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	44.00	44.00
f2 Bank Current Account	4,598.00	19,375.17
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	18,567.00	15,937.19
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	116,049.00	96,049.00
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	139,258.00 (c6)	131,405.36 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	8,812.00 (e11)	7,614.04 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	148,070.00 (x)	139,019.40 (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)	10,147,258.00	10,502,267.00
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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: Southgate..... No: 27/34

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

Date.....

Name and address of treasurer: Andrew Stopford, 330 Wakefield Road, Bailiff Bridge, Brighouse, HD6 4DU

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 31/10/25.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Southgate Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130095

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southgate Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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

Name of Church Southgate No 27/34

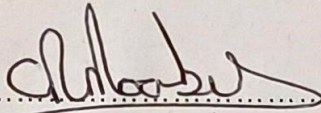
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 

Name of independent examiner CHARLES ROY MOORBY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) BM HOWARTH CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Address WEST HOUSE, KING CROSS ROAD

..... HALIFAX Post Code HX1 1EB

Date 28/10/2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130095

Accounts

Southgate Methodist Church Calderdale Circuit



Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2024

Administrative Information

Charitable Status and Constitution:

Southgate Methodist Church is registered with The Charity Commission as a charity, registration number 1130095. It is constituted in accordance with The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of The Methodist Church, found at www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/governance/cpd/).

Correspondence Addresses:

Minister:

Rev Colin Sherwood
1 Savile Road
Elland
HX5 0LA

Church Council Secretary:

Mr Colin Lees
6 Broomfield
Elland
HX5 0QX

Managing Trustees:

The Managing Trustees are the Church Council, which, as at the 31st August 2024 was constituted as follows:

- | | |
|---|---|
| i) Minister in Pastoral Charge
and Superintendent | Rev. Colin Sherwood
Rev. Vicky Atkins |
| ii) Lay Pastor | Mrs Pamela Hales |
| iii) The Church Stewards | Mrs Lesley Kershaw
Mr Alwyn Kershaw
Mrs Wilma Paton
Mrs Diane Sherwood |
| iv) Church Treasurer | Mr Andrew Stopford |
| v) Secretary of the Pastoral Committee | Mrs Jenny Iredale |
| vi) Secretary of the Church Council | Mr Colin Lees |
| vii) Representatives elected by the General Church Meeting: | |
| Mr Conrad Winterburn | Mr Keith Iredale |
| Mr Chris Partington | Mr James Pickles |
| Mrs Glenys Wadsworth | Mrs Christine Chadwick |
| Mr Ray Wilkinson | Mrs Margery Wilkinson |
| Mr Graham Alsancak | |
| viii) 1 Circuit Steward | Mrs Keren Wild |

Number of Church Members: 48

Our Aim

To mission and minister to the community of Elland alongside the other Methodist Church in Elland, namely Bethesda Methodist church and our ecumenical partners working through our membership of Churches Together in Elland.

Our Purpose

We operate as a local Methodist Church under the provisions of the Methodist Church act 1976 which states: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

- the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Our Objectives

We express our aims and purposes by attempting to translate into action the Priorities of the Methodist Church by seeking to proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the church-

- through the provision of public acts of worship to church members and non-members alike.
- the provision of sacred space for prayer and other forms of Christian spiritual contemplation
- the promotion of the Christian faith through Sunday Worship, courses and provision of small groups
- the provision of a Pastoral structure that seeks to offer help to the sick, the bereaved and a general caring environment as an expression of our Christian faith.
- the provision of different group activities that attempt that seek to meet the needs of all age groups.

- through these all age groups promoting the mission of the church and aiding wider social cohesion through activities for older people, parent and toddlers and other specific need groups.
- by supporting various charities both in the United Kingdom and overseas through financial and prayer support.

Minister

Dear Friends

I welcome you to Southgate's Annual report. It is a document that is filled with good things as well as challenging things. During the years that I have worked alongside you there have been so many special moments that I continue to hold dear.

There was a moment whilst singing the chorus "All good gifts around us" in the recent Harvest Festival that I suddenly seemed to hear a choir singing behind me and in what was an extremely emotional moment, remembered with joy the faces and voices that once filled our choir stalls as well as others that have lined our pews. Thank God for those who have travelled with us and who have now beheld Gods face in glory, we miss them.

As Bob Dylan reflected the times are a changing, and life moves on at a pace. In our Report we will read of clusters, and challenging conversations of how to reimagine our God given mission with a growing desire to seek conversation with our sister church Bethesda on how to do that. In the coming days the Circuit Stewards will be looking through the pages of the stationing directory as they consider staff changes in the lower valley cluster for next September. Please pray into that situation.

There is certainly a lot going on and I thank all those who have gone out of their way to make Southgate what it is today. We have much to be thankful for and so much to take pride in.

Earlier today, at snack attack a lady came in and asked to see the sanctuary for it was in our church back in 1962 that she had been baptised. As we stood in the church, she told me how it was such an emotional moment for her, and it was lovely to share that moment. It was in that moment that grace broke through, thank God for so many moments when grace has resounded in and throughout our building and travelled far beyond it.

God is good and Southgate continues to pay tribute to that. In Wesley's words, best of all that God is with us!

Every blessing

Colin

Church Stewards

At the start of the church year in September 2023 the stewards were Lesley and Alwyn, Wilma and Colin. Colin was senior steward.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival in the beginning of October. The service was led by Michael. The stewards organised a small display in church and the

congregation were asked to bring items suitable for distribution by the food bank.

A number of Local Arrangements services have been held over the year. These have been led by our Worship Leaders Kay and Diane. Members of the congregation have also taken part when required. Our thanks go to Kay and Diane for these services.

We have continued to hold All Age Worship services in the Sykes Hall on the 4th Sunday of each month. Sadly there have been only a very few children in attendance. However those that were there have enjoyed taking part as have the adult congregation

An All Souls memorial service was held at the end of October when a stone cairn was built and candles were lit to remember loved ones.

The Church was decorated for Christmas and looked beautiful. Thank you to everyone who helped with the decorations. A Christingle service was held with the Boys' and Girls' Brigade in the Sykes Hall. Gifts for distribution by the food bank were brought to a service in early December. A Carols for All service was held on Christmas Eve and a Christmas morning service when we were joined by our friends from Bethesda.

At the end of December Colin retired as a steward. I would like to thank Colin for all his hard work as a steward and all the work that he continues to do in various roles throughout the Church. I would also like to thank everyone who helps the stewards not just on Sunday mornings but on many other occasions when help is needed. The stewards are small in number and without your valuable assistance we would struggle.

Lesley, Alwyn and Wilma were appointed as stewards at the General Church meeting in November and were joined by Diane in January. Lesley took on the role of Senior Steward.

During Lent we included a lent Liturgy in the service and items were added to the cross each week. On Mothering Sunday daffodils were distributed. A service was held on Good Friday evening and on Easter Sunday there was early morning communion followed by breakfast in the coffee lounge. Our friends from Bethesda joined us for our Easter morning service when the cross was decorated with flowers before being placed outside the Church door.

We have had a number of very happy Baptismal services which have been very well attended and sometimes have been followed by tea and cake in the coffee lounge.

We were delighted when Kayn volunteered to be our new Baptismal secretary at the November Church meeting. Thank you, Kay.

Sadly we have also said a final goodbye to Michael Bailey, Christine Helliwell and Derek Hagreen, long serving faithful members of our congregation and also to Howard Pickles who was our Church Treasurer for many years.

There have been changes in the Calderdale Circuit in the last year. We have been split into 'Clusters'. We at Southgate are in the Lower Valley Cluster which also includes Bethesda, Cross Hills, St Matthews, Brighouse Central, Clifton and Christ Church. We are being encouraged to join together with other Churches in the cluster in joint events and worship. A joint Cluster Service was held the first Sunday in September, December, March and June.

We have attended these services firstly at Bethesda then Brighouse and Christ Church. The June service was held at Southgate when we welcomed members of the other Churches in our cluster and enjoyed a coffee and a chat afterwards.

I'm sure you are aware that many Churches are struggling both financially and in the number of people willing and able to do the various jobs needed. We will have to change and find new ways. Change is unsettling but it is inevitable. Clusters are the beginning and much more will be talked about in the coming months. We need to accept necessary changes as an exciting challenge and work together for success in the future.

Finally I would like to thank Wilma, Diane and Alwyn for their continued hard work and support over the year.

Lesley

Treasurer

Annual Figures:-

Income 23-24	£85606 (22-23 £108206 [nett])
Expenditure 23-24	£97168 (22-23 £110980)

Funds Held:

	<u>31st August 2023</u>	<u>31st August 2024</u>
General Fund (combined)	£ 30916	£ 20556
Memoriam Fund	£ 660	£ 1233
Property Reserve Fund	£ 3768	£ 1908
TMCP Investments	<u>£116050</u>	<u>£116050</u>
	£151394	£139747

Notes

1) Combined general fund is made up of:

General Account

Property Account

General & Property Fund Central Finance Board Deposit Accounts

2) Memoriam Fund, which receives interest and donations from the family & friends of lately deceased members/adherents.

3) TMCP Investments (use of which is subject to certain restrictions covering bequests & model trusts).

Treasurer's Report

The Standard Form of Accounts has been completed on a receipts & payments basis. There have been no serious incidents.

This has been a difficult year which has ended with a significant deficit of £11562. There was a deficit on the previous year of £2774 after taking legacy funds received out of the equation. I have reported to the F&P Committee and to the Church Council that we cannot continue with deficits of this scale, which are only going to increase. The Circuit Assessment alone is increasing by its maximum permitted 10% in the forthcoming year, from £33500 to £36400. Urgent action to boost income is required.

We have received all of our due Gift Aid refunds this year. The amount received was £6738, of which £426 was paid on to the Boys/Girls Brigade Unit. Gift Aid is not 'extra income', but income we budget on receiving year to year. We continue to benefit from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). We have once again received several one-off or regular donations (some Gift Aided) from friends old and new, offering support, for which we are grateful. I repeat my reminder to members that it is essential that we ensure that all Gift Aid claims are accurate and verifiable. All providers of Gift Aid declarations have a personal legal responsibility to be certain that they pay sufficient income tax for Gift Aid donations to Southgate to be claimed. I am grateful to Colin Lees who has assisted me with the Gift Aid claim this year, after Howard Pickles finally relinquished his position as Gift Aid Secretary. I do not wish to continue as Gift Aid Secretary for any longer than is necessary, and both Colin and I will be very glad to receive an offer to take on this duty.

Cashflow has been increasingly tight, and I have had to make transfers of funds from the church's deposit accounts at CFB to support the general account, totalling £18000. Cash flow has been helped enormously due to the number of people who pay their offering by standing order. I cannot stress too highly how important this regular income stream has been. Many members have once again managed to review and increase their weekly giving, which is much appreciated.

Lloyds Bank reviewed our accounts during the year, and moved us from Business accounts to Charity accounts. This has been beneficial in that we no longer have to pay bank charges, and we keep all the existing facilities of the accounts. Lloyds refunded almost twelve months worth of fees already paid plus interest after admitting that the review should have taken place earlier.

Ongoing costs for utilities continue to be reviewed. Our energy (both gas and electricity) is supplied by British Gas. Worship activity in the Sykes Hall in winter months is proving to be a financially prudent move, with significant savings being made. However, Southgate's utility costs over the year amounted to £13215, as opposed to £12329, in the previous year, an increase of almost 9%. We have paid, under protest and after a tiresome correspondence, a monthly standing charge for electricity at one of the shops which was empty for a period. This has now thankfully ceased as the shop has again been let.

Our property is covered by Methodist Insurance, which provides a highly specialised service to Methodist organisations. We have had no claims this year. The annual premium is due in June, and until this year, I have had sufficient funds to pay the premium in full at renewal. However, this year I have had to request payment by monthly instalments as there are insufficient easily accessible funds held in reserve. There is no extra charge for this easement.

The suite of premises at Southgate is regularly inspected and cleaned, necessary to ensure the cleanliness and safety of our premises both for us, and our hirers. The costs of inspections and cleaning are met from the income we receive from our hirers and shop tenants, whose rent also contributes to the funds we maintain for repairs and other unexpected costs. Chris Partington continues to work with regular and new hirers to generate income from the community's use of our premises. We continue to host the Cross Hills Pantomime, which is a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Our parade of shops still provides a vital income. All our tenants have paid all the rent due. We have had yet another changeover of tenants at one of the shops, and there has been a period where the shop has been empty, but we are grateful that we have again been able to let the premises. The 'new' tenant is Calderdale Samaritans, who have enlarged their existing footprint.

Income from our shops this year was £22266 (£25656 22/23), and room hires was £10066 (£14018 22/23), a combined total of £32332, a significant and serious reduction of £7342, over 20%, on the previous year.

Southgate holds a capital sum of £116,050 with TMCP in Manchester. We are grateful to those who choose to support Southgate with generous donations by way of legacies. We benefit from a proportion of the income generated by the funds held at TMCP, with TMCP taking an administration fee. Interest rates have held at around 5% during the year, and the amount of income we have

received from TMCP is a very much improved £5753, after a fee of £330.74 taken by TMCP. This is unlikely to be repeated in the year to come as interest rates have now begun to reduce. We are able to access the capital funds at TMCP for approved projects, and, if necessary, to support general income. It has not been necessary to access the funds to prop up the general account during the year, despite increasing worries that we will have to do so.

Our CFB deposit accounts (general funds and property development) have similarly paid much better interest this year. The Memoriam Fund, into which is paid funds given in memory of deceased members and friends, most usually in the form of funeral collections, has not made any grants this year, but is accumulating again after contributions from two funerals were added during the year.

There have again been few opportunities for fundraising this year, but we were glad to receive £859 from the after-worship coffee bar, and £3364 from Snackattack. A proportion of Snackattack's surplus is paid to Methodist Mission Charities, and to external charities chosen by the church.

Reserves, and the Reserves Policy continue to be reviewed. As a general rule, incoming resources should be used to meet general expenditure. It is for the Church Council, as Managing Trustees, to maintain and review strategies of building up reserves, and to ensure net income & expenditure are as close as possible. Managing Trustees are reminded of their legally binding obligations and requirements to exercise prudence and provide good governance at all times.

Thanks are due to Keith & Jenny for managing the Sunday collections, and to Sue for dealing with payroll & HMRC issues. The annual church accounts are being examined on a commercial basis by Messrs BM Howarth Ltd. This remains a detailed and time consuming task, which has to be carried out before the accounts can be presented to the Church Council for acceptance and onward submission to the Circuit, the District, and the Connexion.

I am, as ever, grateful for the support and assistance I receive from so many people. Tributes will have been paid elsewhere to Howard, who died during the year. I would like to add my own appreciation to Howard for his unflinching, generous and cheerful assistance to me as Treasurer in the ten years that I have held the position.

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, o Lord, from thee.

Andrew

Finance and Property Committee

Firstly, my thanks go to all and in particular to Alwyn who have helped in any way with the upkeep of our buildings during the last 12 months.

All the necessary inspections and servicing required before we can open our buildings for use have been carried out.

Following the resignation of our cleaner Mary last August, we entered into a contract with Carroll Cleaning Co for the regular cleaning of the buildings.

Our energy contract expired in January this year, and a new 3 year fixed contract was entered into with British Gas.

The part time contract for our Resources Administrator was also extended for a further 2 years from 1st March 2024

Room hire rates were increased from the 1st April 2024.

Banners have been purchased for display in the Sykes Hall and Sanctuary depicting the main festivals of the church. A banner has also been purchased advertising Snackattack and one is in the process of preparation for Room Hire.

After a long period out of use, the lift in the Sykes Hall was eventually repaired.

Our friends at Cross Hills completed their updating of the stage facilities, and we thank them for this valuable improvement.

Green chairs in the Prayer room have been disposed of and replaced with more comfortable chairs from the creche. The lighting was also made brighter, giving a more welcoming feel to the room.

The Upper Hall chair store has been sorted out making stores more accessible, and the additional church audio gear is now stored in what was the GB store on the balcony.

Major flooding along the Catherine street toilets was eventually resolved by jetting and then preventative works to hopefully resolve the issues.

A new hot water boiler has also been provided in the Coffee Lounge.

The 5 star Food Hygiene rating for the main kitchen has also been retained.

Room hirings have again been steady this year, but with the opening of the Elland Hub (formerly Cartwheel Club) competition for room usage in Elland is quite fierce and any help in increasing this would be appreciated.

All our shop units remain fully let, with the Samaritans taking over unit 3 / 4 and extending their existing use of unit 1 / 2 into the adjoining space. Prior to this we experienced a difficult period with tenants leaving after only short periods of occupation. This caused a loss of rental income, and also resulted in expense to provide additional ventilation to the rear of the unit 3 / 4, removing

the gas meter and sealing the external wall adjoining unit 6 to prevent water ingress. Since then, minor works have been carried out to strengthen the floors in both doorways from Southgate to the newly extended unit 1 / 4.

Keith

Room Bookings

There are a number of groups who have ceased to book Southgate since last year. Healthy Minds have gone to All Saints Church. They were constantly complaining about a variety of things with Southgate, primarily the Langdale Room being cold which was only cold when some of their members opened the doors and went outside for a cigarette, holding the doors open so they could get back in again. Trinity music exams have also ceased to use us as their numbers were reducing making it less viable. ASR Dental Surgeons were taken over by a chain who decided on a different strategy for training. Monday Yoga ceased meeting due to the group leader being unwell. RJS Ballet ceased meeting due to the numbers not being large enough to sustain the group. Little Kickers had been 'hit and miss' for a while. Their numbers diminished to the point where the group was no longer sustainable. The total invoiced from bookings during 2022-2023 was £13,481.75.

Healthy Minds continued to meet at Southgate until Christmas 2023. Desmond Diabetes started to use us again after a gap of a few years. Sam at Curious Motion has continued to use us for a variety of activities. These have been expanded over the last year with a few new groups being run at Southgate. Similarly, SureStart have increased the courses offered at Southgate, running a variety of ante-natal, toddler and pre-school activities. New users have been: Northern Broadsides Theatre, Greetland Academy for their end of year celebration and awards evening, Elland Silver Band for rehearsals and their Slow Melody Contest. The total invoiced from bookings during 2023-2024 was £12,315.50.

Neither of the year totals include the Cross Hills Pantomime which is booked separately and paid directly into the Bank by donation. This shows a decrease in income expected from invoices of £1166.25. Until fairly recently, there was no mechanism for checking whether invoices were paid or not, but a mechanism is now in place.

I have recently showed a number of people around Southgate with a view to possible bookings. The newly refurbished Elland Hub may well be providing some competition to us though we can't afford to run at a loss so it is pointless trying to undercut them. There are 2 or 3 potential new bookings to start in the new year.

Other work: I have started painting the Langdale Street doors but this needs completing during the next dry spell. Banners have been produced for the

Worship Areas for each of the Seasons. Two more have just been purchased for the Harvest to Remembrance season and then Advent to Epiphany. Another banner has been purchased to hang on the Church railings advertising the various rooms we have for hire. The website www.southgate-hub.org.uk is currently being reinstalled and will focus on room hire. The domain name and web space are owned by myself for which I make no charge to the Church – I am happy for this to continue for the time being. Other signage to improve user experience and information giving is in the process of being developed. Recent clashes in bookings have highlighted the need for a place where church traditions are written down so a booking is not taken that clashes with it. I plan to purchase a year planner which will be placed on the desk in the office for occasions such as ‘setting the church’ up for harvest to be written on. From that year planner the events will be put on the existing Google Calendar.

To my mind, the precarious position of the Church and the difficulties increasing bookings, make my continued employment as Resource Administrator untenable. The salary paid to me would be better used elsewhere. There are a number of tasks which I would like to complete before ceasing to work for Southgate so I am giving notice of my intention to resign effective 31st December 2024. I will make sure there are paper-based systems available to continue the work for whoever is employed or volunteers to do the work.

Chris Partington

Pastoral Committee

We have managed 2 successful meetings this year so our report is right up to date.

Our total membership is now 48 and we had a few minutes remembering those members

we have sadly lost this last year – Derek Hagreen, Christine Helliwell, Michael Bailey and Howard Pickles.

We continue to send love & prayers to their families and we keep them all in our thoughts as they come to terms with their sad loss.

At our last meeting, with our 2 new visitors Diane & Pamela on board, we managed to ‘juggle’ our lists around and am pleased to say we have a visitor for every member. This hasn’t happened since before Covid and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Colin, Kay, Christine, Barbara, Bernice, Diane, Pamela and Philip for their continuous help and support, it is very much appreciated.

We look forward to our annual re-dedication service and distributing our new membership tickets to you all.

As we go to press we have just got an update on our Pastoral Care Guidance, (it is only 16 pages !!) so plenty to read and keep me on my toes.
Again, my thanks to my team.

Jenny

Mission

During this year money was raised for Missions through two envelope collections:

Advent Offering Collection for the work of the Methodist Church Mission in Britain Fund - £151.50 (including Gift Aid)

Easter Offerings Collection for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund - £144.50 - (including Gift Aid)

In addition to these envelope collections, additional donations have been given to Methodist Missions from the money raised by the SnackAttack coffee mornings:

Methodist Women in Britain - £95.00

Mission in Britain Fund - £196.00

World Mission Fund - £196.00

Sincere thanks to everyone for your support.

Margery

Adopt a Child

We continue to support Astrid in her journey through life. Her letters, just to remind you, are in the frame at the coffee bar. Astrid is doing well and seems to be thriving.

I would just like to remind you about our teapot fund which contributes to the direct debit provided by the church on a monthly basis. This direct debit has unfortunately gone up due to high inflation in developing countries and so your spare change in the teapot holds even more importance than before.

Thank you for all the faith you show to Astrid despite having never met her.

Wilma

The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

Elland Boys' and Girls' Brigade enjoyed another eventful and enjoyable session during 2023-24. Our membership numbers remain strong and I'm pleased to say that we have a good group of young people who are a pleasure to work with each week. Our Senior age group is particularly strong, and we

were pleased to see Dylan gain his Queen's badge this year. Congratulations also to Gabriella and Leah who were awarded their President's badges and will join 2 of our other members in working towards their King's (formerly Queen's) award this year.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale joined us at our annual Presentation night to present these awards and the badges to all our members.

Our Wednesday nights can certainly be lively, and we do have a lot of fun throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and guardians of our members who are extremely supportive and are brilliant at recommending us to their friends and family.

Our team of Officers and helpers do a fantastic job; I would like to thank all the Officers and helpers for their continued work with the Company and to everyone else that has lent a hand over the last year. On behalf of the Company, I would also like to thank David Alsancak for fulfilling the role of treasurer once again this year.

Our annual residential weekend saw us visit another PGL site. This year, we headed to Newby Whiske near Thirsk where 12 of our young people enjoyed a brilliant weekend. It was an impressive site, activities included zip wire, archery, paddleboarding and climbing.

The Elland Stedfast Association took the tough decision to finish this year. We thank all who have been involved over the years and those who have supported their events. The legacy of the ESA lives on, and we will continue their work by keeping our activities as affordable as possible.

We were able to hold our regular Craft Fairs in 2023-24. Thanks to all of you who have supported these. Our fundraising has also been supplemented by our Easyfundraising account. If you shop online, you can go through their website and the retailer donates a small percentage of the transaction to the Company. All the major online retailers are on the website and it is free to both the shopper and the Company. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ellandboysgirlsbrigade> to find out more.

We continue to have a strong online presence through our Facebook page. This has been invaluable in keeping in touch with our members over the past year. Our Facebook page is great at raising awareness of the Brigade in Elland and we have seen plenty of our posts reach several hundred people. Our address is www.facebook.com/EllandBB, feel free to follow/like our page.

Finally, thank you on behalf of the Company for all of your support throughout the year.

James

Prayer Meeting

You may think – every Friday morning from 10.30 – 11.00 ish - every week – year in – year out – would become a toil of a pleasure!!! But it's really not like that at all! Those who come enjoy every minute! It's been happening now for a long number of years – and we pray that it will never end! We feel it is a very important part of our church life!

Are you aware that Southgate has a Prayer Room of its own? It's next to the room known as the Choir Vestry – come and have a look! During the last few months, it has been renovated by some kind person, and it's now cosy and comfortable with lovely easy chairs, a nice coffee table, extra lighting, and a warm feeling! We love it!

So, let me remind you what we do on a Friday morning! We are happy to chat and share our thoughts and concerns for those we know, and some we don't know, who need our prayers! We discuss any new prayer requests we have received! We ask for any up to date information on people we are regularly praying for! We share, and pray about any TV news items we have found disturbing! We give thanks to God for good things that have happened and are happening!

We usually begin with a hymn and close by blessing each other as we share the Grace together! And Friday morning is important to us! Please feel free to join us whenever you are able! You will be truly welcomed! And remember – *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer!*

Maureen

Bible Study

This group was led by Pamela Hales and during the period under view met fortnightly on Thursdays at 2 pm (then amended to 1.30pm to fit in with another group). We are a friendly group, currently from two churches, who just enjoy an hour or so of informal chat over coffee/tea whilst sharing an interesting way of looking at familiar bible passages. Each fortnightly session 'stands alone' so no commitment to coming every time. The group is small but we continue to enjoy meaningful conversations that I feel sure others would find interesting and helpful. It would be good if the group was better attended and I understand that a 'change of shape' to widen the scope is being considered for the future....

Kay

Together Group

After a break during the summer months our Together Group began meeting again in September 2023 on alternate Thursday afternoons throughout the winter and spring.

We have had another successful and enjoyable year and our numbers are still slowly growing. There can sometimes be as many as 30 ladies enjoying their time together. We still have room for more and would welcome anyone who would like to come along and enjoy various entertainment followed by coffee or tea and a chat.

We have once again had a variety of speakers to keep us entertained which have included a Mission Trip to Romania, Maurice Jagger Centre, Happy Days and Home Instead. We have heard about Life in the NHS, Memories of Christmas Past and been Totally Brassed Off. We had our usual Christmas and Easter celebrations which of course included food.

A varied programme is planned for the coming year which will again include something new along with some old favourites.

Thank you to everyone who supports this group and helps to make it such a success and a huge thank you to the small group who help to organise the activities and make the tea and coffee.

Lesley

Gents' Gathering for Grub

We are group who meet roughly monthly on Wednesday evenings for a meal at The Toby Carvery. There are 12 of us in total but never manage to have a full attendance. Most of us attend Southgate but the group includes gents from other churches and none. Sadly, one of our members, Derek Hagreen, passed into higher service during the year.

Colin

Song Group

This group initially met in the evening, fortnightly, on Thursdays. A re-think during the winter had us meeting at 3 pm instead, at which time it was hoped that those attending the bible study group at 1.30pm, same date, might be able join us. We also thought maybe others would be attracted by the idea of not venturing out on a winter's evening. Unfortunately attendance has not increased. Nevertheless, the gatherings are lively and most enjoyable as we look at newish songs and also good older things and 'seasonal' songs. Often we are in a position to have a bash at the hymns chosen for the coming Sunday service. Having taken some time off for the summer, it is planned that the

group will gather again at the start of the new 'Methodist' year in September 2024. Perhaps we will have more support in the future....

Kay

SnackAttack

Our Friday SnackAttack sessions continue to be quite well attended. As well as church members, we also have regular attendees from outside the church community. There seems to always be a bit of a buzz going on and a lot of friendly banter.

I would like to thank all the people behind the coffee bar and in the kitchen for their unstinting help and contributions. Both old and new. Thanks to Barbara and Emma, our new recruits, for joining the team.

Remember folks, we could always do with more help to keep this much appreciated social event ticking over.

I am pleased to say that £3362.62 has been handed over to church funds this year. 20% of this will again be going to Methodist Mission funds and 20% to deserving local charities.

Thanks again to everyone. Please keep supporting us in anyway you can and spread the news about SnackAttack!

Wilma

Sunday Coffee Bar

We continue to maintain fellowship in the coffee bar after services. £975.20 has been donated to church funds.

Thanks as usual to all our helpers who stock, run and clean up the coffee bar afterwards. You are all fantastic. Any more help would be greatly appreciated.

Wilma

Pensioners' Youth Club – Table Tennis

we are a friendly bunch who meet for a natter and cards as well as ping pong. We have tried indoor kurling too.

Sadly some members have had to hang up their bats but after Christmas we have had an influx of new people who have stayed with us, so much so that we started a month early in August.

Any new members are most welcome to join. We play every Tuesday 2 till 4 with a half time brew.

Thanks go to the heating man for keeping us warm during the winter.

Philip

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Southgate	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Calderdale	Circuit	Circuit no.	27/34
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1130095

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

(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:

The Rev Colin Sherwood

Church Stewards:

Alwyn Kershaw	Lesley Kershaw
Colin Lees	Diane Sherwood
Wilma Paton	

Treasurer:

Andrew Stopford

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	29,832		29,832	30,437
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,805		6,805	3,511
a4	Lettings	32,332		32,332	39,674
a5	Other receipts	16,064		16,064	60,584
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	85,033		85,033 (a7)	134,206

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	34,029		34,029	31,024
b3	Donations	2,001		2,001	2,307
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	26,840		26,840	29,128
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,388		15,388	21,130
b6					
b7	Other payments	18,911		18,911	27,392
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	97,169		97,169 (b9)	110,981

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(12,136)		(12,136)	23,225
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	27,841	123,553	151,394 (c6)	128,169
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	15,705	123,553	139,258	151,394
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	15,705	123,553	139,258 (c8)	151,394 (c6)

SECTION D			
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	3	3
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		248
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	3	248
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		3

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 2024 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
e1	Boys/Girls Brigade	11,338	6,844	4,494		4,247	8,741
e2	Together Group	800	766	34		37	71
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	12,138	7,610	4,528		4,284 (e11)	8,812 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	85,033 (a7)	97,169 (b9)	(12,136)	(c7)	151,394 (c6)	139,258 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	97,171	104,779	(7,608)		155,678 (x)	148,070 (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 2024		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	25	44
f2	Bank Current Account	7,075	4,598
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	20,942	18,567
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	116,049	116,049
f6	Other funds	7,303	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	151,394 (c6)	139,258 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,284 (e11)	8,812 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	155,678 (x)	148,070 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	9,657,378	10,147,258
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	500	
g5	Other Liabilities		

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: Southgate No: 27/34

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give us 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.

We 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.

We have 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 R. Harwood

Name of independent examiner ROSS HARWOOD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACA (ICAEW)

Name of firm (where appropriate) B. M. Harwood Ltd

Address West House, Kings Cross Road, Halifax

Post Code HX1 1EB

Date 25/02/2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130095

Accounts

Southgate Methodist Church Calderdale Circuit



Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2023

Administrative Information

Charitable Status and Constitution:

Southgate Methodist Church is registered with The Charity Commission as a charity, registration number 1130095. It is constituted in accordance with The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of The Methodist Church, found at www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/governance/cpd/).

Correspondence Addresses:

Minister:

Rev Colin Sherwood
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Elland
HX5 0LA

Church Council Secretary:

Mr Colin Lees
6 Broomfield
Elland
HX5 0QX

Managing Trustees:

The Managing Trustees are the Church Council, which, as at the 31st August 2023 was constituted as follows:

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| i) Minister in Pastoral Charge
and Superintendent | Rev. Colin Sherwood
Rev. Vicky Atkins |
| ii) Lay Pastor | Mrs Pamela Hales |
| iii) The Church Stewards | Mr Colin Lees
Mrs Wilma Paton
Mrs Lesley Kershaw
Mr Alwyn Kershaw |
| iv) Church Treasurer | Mr Andrew Stopford |
| v) Secretary of the Pastoral Committee | Mrs Jenny Iredale |
| vi) Secretary of the Church Council | Mr Colin Lees |
| vii) Representatives elected by the General Church Meeting: | |
| Mr Conrad Winterburn | Mr Keith Iredale |
| Mr Chris Partington | Mr James Pickles |
| Mrs Glenys Wadsworth | Mrs Christine Chadwick |
| Mr Ray Wilkinson | Mrs Margery Wilkinson |
| Mr Graham Alsancak | |
| viii) 1 Circuit Steward | Mrs Keren Wild |

Number of Church Members: 54

Our Aim

To mission and minister to the community of Elland alongside the other Methodist Church in Elland, namely Bethesda Methodist church and our ecumenical partners working through our membership of Churches Together in Elland.

Our Purpose

We operate as a local Methodist Church under the provisions of the Methodist Church act 1976 which states: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

- the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Our Objectives

We express our aims and purposes by attempting to translate into action the Priorities of the Methodist Church by seeking to proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the church-

- through the provision of public acts of worship to church members and non-members alike.
- the provision of sacred space for prayer and other forms of Christian spiritual contemplation
- the promotion of the Christian faith through Sunday Worship, courses and provision of small groups
- the provision of a Pastoral structure that seeks to offer help to the sick, the bereaved and a general caring environment as an expression of our Christian faith.
- the provision of different group activities that attempt that seek to meet the needs of all age groups.

- through these all age groups promoting the mission of the church and aiding wider social cohesion through activities for older people, parent and toddlers and other specific need groups.
- by supporting various charities both in the United Kingdom and overseas through financial and prayer support.

Minister

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the annual report of Southgate Methodist Church and a huge thank you to all those people who have contributed reports. As always it is a document that celebrates and challenges.

The Methodist church connexionally continues to task its members to work out their calling in multiple ways.

Firstly, it reminds us that we are called to worship. No surprise there and our report reminds us of the worshipping church which meets regularly on a Sunday and at times, during the week as we give glory to God. We are so grateful for our preachers and worship leaders who enable us to discern God's voice.

Secondly, we are called to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care. As a church we are grateful for our pastoral workers but also for the natural caring that happens within our fellowship. We are indebted to the growing prayer group, for the fellowship groups and the bible study which informs and enables us to live out our faith.

Thirdly we are called to service. The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice. We are thankful for the work of SnackAttack, the together group, the pensioners' youth group, and others who meet and offer encouragement to one another.

Finally, we have a call to evangelism as the Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ. It is no secret that the most effective way of sharing faith is on a one-to-one basis. Each of us have our own faith story and we need to ask God to give us the opportunities to share with those around us.

A massive thank you to those who work on the front line, whether it be stewarding, managing our property and bookings, finance, working with young people, hospitality and those who run our varied activities.

As ever we are in challenging times, in the church, circuit and in the wider world and yet, as our recent cluster service reminded us, we serve a faithful God whose faithfulness is new every morning.

Every blessing

Rev Colin

Church Stewards

At the start of the year in September 2022 the Church Stewards were Christine, Ray, Margery and myself.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October, which was conducted by Rev Colin. The stewards organised a small display and the congregation brought tinned food etc that was given to the Food bank to distribute.

There have been a few Local Arrangements services during the year. Our Worship Leader, Kay, has led most of them and we must thank her for doing this. One of them, on 30th October last year, was led by a team of volunteers and based on The Vine material for All Saints' Day.

For Christmas the Church was decorated and we held a Christingle Service, a Carol Service, Carols for All and Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve, and a service on Christmas morning. The Carol Service was held on a Sunday morning and was led by the Church Stewards and other volunteers, some who had to be recruited at the last minute due to illness.

At the end of the calendar year, Christine, Ray and Margery retired. I would like to thank them for the work they did in the capacity of Church Stewards. The General Church Meeting held in November had appointed Wilma, Lesley and Alwyn as new stewards to commence in January 2023, and at the same time, I took on the task of being Senior Steward again.

Between March and August we held experimental afternoon services at 4.00 p.m. in the Langdale Room. These have not been very well attended. At some of these services the Church Stewards had to use the new electronic hymnal due to the lack of a pianist.

During Lent we included a Lenten Liturgy in the services, daffodils were distributed on Mothering Sunday and a service was held on Good Friday evening. On Easter Sunday we held an early communion service, breakfast in the coffee lounge and the cross was decorated with flowers during the main service. The services were held in the Church.

In August we had a very lively Baptism service when 100 people attended in the Baptism party. Since Anne had resigned as Baptismal Secretary and has not been replaced this is another duty that has fallen on the Church Stewards and I was grateful that Lesley stepped in to act in this role at that Baptism.

We have continued to hold All Age Worship once a month in the Sykes Hall. It is a joy to welcome a few children each time. The Stewards invite preachers to lead these services.

During the year various special collections have been held. These have included the Advent Offering for Mission in Britain, the Easter Offering for

World Mission, Christian Aid Week, MHA Sunday and an appeal for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake.

I would like to thank Wilma, Lesley and Alwyn for their work during the year so far. I would also like to thank Kay, Keith, Jenny, Ray and Margery for assisting the official Church Stewards by officiating as Stewards on some Sundays.

Colin

Treasurer

Annual Figures:-

Income 22-23	£138,206
Expenditure 22-23	£110,980

Funds Held:

	<u>31st August 2022</u>	<u>31st August 2023</u>
General Fund (combined)	£38322	£30916
Memoriam Fund	£159	£660
Property Reserve Fund	£3641	£3768
TMCP Investments	<u>£86050</u>	<u>£116050</u>
	£128172	£151394

Notes

- 1) Combined general fund is made up of:
General Account
Property Account
General & Property Fund Central Finance Board Deposit Accounts
- 2) Memoriam Fund, which receives interest and donations from the family & friends of lately deceased members/adherents.
- 3) TMCP Investments (use of which is subject to certain restrictions covering bequests & model trusts).

Treasurer's Report

The Standard Form of Accounts has been completed on a receipts & payments basis. There have been no serious incidents.

Southgate has had a steady year, with shop rental and room hire income being significant contributors. The Finance & Property Committee continues to monitor all day to day finances.

Income of £138,206 is more than the previous year (£94,254). Expenditure of £110,980 is more than the previous year (£98,555). There is thus a surplus of £27,226 on the year. The surplus is the result of two legacies received during the year totalling £30,000, of which more later in this report. Therefore it can be seen that, without these legacies, there would have been a deficit on the year of £2,774. The legacy money has been deposited with TMCP, and there are restrictions on the use of it.

We have received all of our due Gift Aid refunds this year. The amount received was £5,013, and this amount continues to decline each year as gift aided contributions decline. Gift Aid is not 'extra income', but income we budget on receiving year to year. We continue to benefit from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). We have once again received several one-off or regular donations (some Gift Aided) from friends old and new, offering support, for which we are grateful. I repeat my reminder to members that it is essential that we ensure that all Gift Aid claims are accurate and verifiable. All providers of Gift Aid declarations have a personal legal responsibility to be certain that they pay sufficient income tax for Gift Aid donations to Southgate to be claimed. Howard has finally relinquished his position as Gift Aid Secretary, a position that I have reluctantly accepted, but with the very welcome assistance of Colin. The Church Council and I will be very glad to receive an offer to take on this duty.

The Memoriam Fund balance stands at £660, a little improved on last year's closing balance.

Cashflow has again occasionally been tight, and I have had to make transfers of funds from the church's deposit accounts at CFB to support the general account, totalling £4,000. Cash flow has been helped once again due to the number of people who pay their weekly collection by standing order. I cannot stress too highly how important this regular income stream has been. Many members have once again managed to review and increase their weekly giving, which is much appreciated.

Ongoing costs for utilities continue to be reviewed. Our energy (both gas and electricity) continues to be supplied by British Gas Lite (BGL), and matters appear to be fairly stable, although there remains a historic supply billing query which BGL continues to ignore. Our decision to move worship activity to the Sykes Hall in winter months was a financially prudent one, with savings of

almost £1000 being made. Southgate's utility costs over the year amounted to £12329, as opposed to £12766 in the previous year, a decrease of almost 4%.

We continue to be covered by Methodist Insurance, which provides a highly specialised service to Methodist organisations. We have had one claim this year, a significant one, which was promptly and sympathetically handled. The claim (for the theft of roof lead and the costs of putting it right) highlighted a potential but unforeseeable weakness in our cover, as the maximum payout on our costs of over £20,000 was only £5000. Methodist Insurance referred us to the Benefact Trust, a charitable organisation, which was able to make a very welcome grant of £2600 towards our costs. We have since reviewed our cover with Methodist Insurance – there is no extra charge on this year's premium, but an increase will apply on renewal in June 2024.

The suite of premises at Southgate is regularly inspected and cleaned, necessary to ensure the cleanliness and safety of our premises both for us, and our hirers. The costs of inspections and cleaning are met from the income we receive from our hirers and shop tenants, whose rent also contributes to the funds we maintain for repairs and other unexpected costs. Chris Partington continues to work hard with regular and new hirers to generate meaningful income from the community's use of our premises. The Cross Hills Pantomime is becoming well established at Southgate, and we have this year, with Cross Hills, contributed to the cost of improvements to the stage facilities in the upper hall to both Cross Hills and our benefit.

Our parade of shops still provides a vital income. All our tenants have paid all the rent due. We have had another changeover of tenants at one of the shops, but we are grateful that we are able to continue to let the premises.

Southgate's capital sum of £86,050 with TMCP in Manchester was added to by £5000 during the year by way of a legacy from the late Sylvia Wood. We are grateful to those who choose to support Southgate with generous donations in this way. We benefit from a proportion of the income generated by the total sum of £91,050, with TMCP taking an 'administration fee'. In last year's report I wrote disparagingly about the amount of this fee in relation to the total interest earned. Interest rates have risen significantly over the last twelve months (as we all cannot fail to know), and the amount of income we have received this year from TMCP is a much improved £2583, after a fee of £245 taken by TMCP. We are able to access the capital funds for approved projects, and, if necessary, to support general income. It has not been necessary to access the funds to prop up the general account during the year, despite continuing worries that we would have to do so. Very late in the year, we received notification of a legacy from the late Mabel Peel of £25,000. The terms of the legacy are that a trust fund is to be set up for the maintenance of the ministry at Southgate, from which Southgate will receive the investment income. The fund will be managed by TMCP. There may be circumstances in

which it is possible for Southgate to apply for some of the capital funds, but this is subject to ongoing enquiries. This is, however, a generous legacy indeed for which we are very grateful. Our total funds held at TMCP are now therefore £116050.

Our CFB deposit accounts (general funds and property development) have similarly paid much better interest this year. The Memoriam Fund, into which is paid funds given in memory of deceased members and friends, most usually in the form of funeral collections, has not made any grants this year as the fund remains at a low level after last year's expenditure on the sound system in the Sykes Hall.

There have again been few opportunities for fundraising this year, but we were glad to receive £906 from the after-worship coffee bar, and £2453 from Snackattack. A proportion of Snackattack's surplus is paid to Methodist Mission Charities, and to external charities chosen by the church.

Reserves, and the Reserves Policy continue to be reviewed. As a general rule, incoming resources should be used to meet general expenditure. It is for the Church Council, as Managing Trustees, to maintain and review strategies of building up reserves, and to ensure net income & expenditure are as close as possible. Managing Trustees are reminded of their legally binding obligations and requirements to exercise prudence and provide good governance at all times.

Thanks are due to Keith & Jenny for managing the Sunday collections, and to Sue for dealing with payroll & HMRC issues. The annual church accounts are being examined on a commercial basis by Messrs BM Howarth Ltd. This remains a detailed and time consuming task, which has to be carried out before the accounts can be presented to the Church Council for acceptance and onward submission to the Circuit, the District, and the Connexion.

I am, as ever, grateful for the support and assistance I receive from so many people.

For all that we will spend or save, invest or give away, is held in trust to be a means to follow in Christ's way. (Liz Delafield)

Andrew

Finance and Property Committee

Once again, I wish to thank all and especially Alwyn [repairs] and David [gardening], who have helped with the maintenance of our buildings during the last 12 months. It has been a very different period in many ways.

Mary our cleaner for the last 8 years unfortunately resigned on ill health grounds in August, and I must place on record the Church's thanks for her valuable work and friendship over that period.

It would also be very remiss of me not to record my thanks to the very small team who over the last 5 months have met every fortnight and kept the buildings very clean and tidy. Going forward, we are employing a contract cleaning company on a trial basis.

All the usual inspections and servicing has been carried out, so that our premises remain safe and fit for our users and ourselves. It is worth informing members that the annual cost of all this work, plus cleaning, energy and insurance cost the Church over £32,000.00, although we did save almost £1,000.00 by closing the Sanctuary during the main heating season.

Hirings remain steady with fees being increased from the 1st April, but we could do with more if possible, and Chris our Resources Administrator is investigating ways in which we may do this.

Cross Hills Church are continuing to use our premises for their annual pantomime, and our working together has increased with them contributing both financially and manually in updating our stage facilities. New curtains have been provided and installed, plus improvements made to the stage electrics, all of which we have contributed to financially.

A completely new ventilation system has been installed in the main kitchen, so that our 5 star rated kitchen could continue operating to its very high standard.

During the year we have purchased a Scaffold Tower so that we can carry out our own replacement of some of the higher located electric light bulbs and fittings. We also purchased an Electronic Hymnal as an alternative source of worship music for use anytime we have no organist / pianist.

On a disappointing note, we had last Oct / Nov very serious damage to our roof, caused by the theft of lead and vandalism. Unfortunately, the Insurance claim only paid out £5,000.00 due to an annual limit for metal theft in the policy. The total repair bill facing the Church is £26,000.00 which Council agreed should be paid from reserves if necessary. Work is now ongoing to complete the repairs before the winter. Since the insurance claim, we have received a grant from the Benefact Trust of £2,650.00 toward the repairs.

All the shops remain tenanted, with the rental income supporting the work of the Church in keeping open the Christian Centre building for use by ourselves and the community.

Over the next few weeks, it is intended that work will be carried out to rationalise all our storage areas and cupboards by getting rid of unwanted and unused items which have been acquired over the years.

Finally, we were pleased to welcome 2 new members when Sue and Jenny joined the Finance & Property Management team in May.

Keith

Room Bookings

The majority of groups who had used the premises pre-Covid came back into the premises. However, some of those groups have found their numbers dwindling and have regrettably had to stop meeting. RJS Ballet and Little Kickers both ceased to meet for this reason over the past year.

The Monday night yoga group has not met for most of this last year due to the illness and subsequent recovery of the teacher. It is hoped to restart the group in the not-too-distant future.

Some previous users such as Calderdale Council and Desmond Diabetes have recently come back into the premises with the promise of further bookings in the future.

A major boost to bookings over the year was the partnership forged with Cross Hills over the pantomime. The use of our premises has enabled them to refine their pantomime operations and they have significantly upgraded the stage area in the upper Hall as well as the audio-visual capabilities there. Further development work is planned by them before the next pantomime and we are co-ordinating with them in order to develop the use of some of their audio-visual infrastructure for other bookings in the Upper Hall. In short, the work undertaken there should make booking of the Upper Hall much more attractive to a number of groups.

Chris

Pastoral Committee

Here we are again, how time flies when you are having fun !!

We held a recent meeting here at Southgate so this year we can bring you an up to date report, much better than the previous few years.

Sadly once again we have lost members but we continue to send love & prayers to their families and keep them in our thoughts. and so our numbers

go down again, they now stand at 54 BUT by the time you read this we shall have welcomed Sue into our Church family so our numbers go Up to 55.

Really good news and a big Welcome Sue.

Jean has stepped down from being a visitor and I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for her contributions to our little team and members over the last few years, it really is appreciated.

On another note I am pleased to say I have hopefully found 2 new visitors for our team watch this space. At the moment we have 18 members who have not got a Pastoral Visitor but I hope this will be solved when our numbers increase from 5 to 7 and I do a bit of juggling !!

I would like to Thank Rev Colin and also Kay, Christine, Barbara, Bernice and Philip for the continued help and support they offer to me and our members. Without them I wouldn't have 'a job' (now there's a thought !!!)

Blessings,

Jenny

Mission

During this year money was raised for Missions through two envelope collections:

Advent Offering Collection for the work of the Methodist Church Mission in Britain Fund - £135.20 (including Gift Aid)

Easter Offerings Collection for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund - £156.25 - (including Gift Aid)

In addition to these envelope collections, additional donations have been given to Methodist Missions from the money raised by the SnackAttack coffee mornings. 20% of the money raised was donated as follows.

1. Methodist Women in Britain - £65.00
2. Mission in Britain Fund - £130.00
3. World Mission Fund - £130.00

Sincere thanks to everyone for your support.

Margery

Adopt a Child

Astrid is our sponsored child. She is being supported by both Southgate and Bethesda and we continue to maintain the Teapot Fund in both churches. A big thankyou to both congregations and church visitors/users of the church for their generous contributions.

Astrid sends letters periodically. These are kept on the coffee bar. Please have a read. The Brigade have sent drawings to Astrid and we're very much welcomed.

If anyone wishes to send Christmas greetings or money please inform me.

Thank you,

Wilma

The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

Elland Boys and Girls Brigade enjoyed another eventful and enjoyable session during 2022-23. Our membership numbers remain strong and I'm pleased to say that we have a good group of young people who are a pleasure to work with each week. They can be a lively bunch at times, but we do have a lot of fun on our Wednesday nights. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and guardians of our members who are extremely supportive and are brilliant at recommending us to their friends and family.

Our team of Officers and helpers do a fantastic job; I would like to thank all the Officers and helpers for their continued work with the Company and to everyone else that has lent a hand over the last year. On behalf of the Company, I would also like to thank David for fulfilling the role of treasurer once again this year.

Congratulations go to Oliver and Isaac who gained their Presidents badges this year and will now progress to their King's Badge along with the 3 other young people working towards this.

Our annual residential weekend saw us use a PGL site for the first time. We headed to Winmarleigh Hall near Preston where 15 of our young people enjoyed a brilliant weekend. It was an impressive site, activities included zip wire, fencing, abseiling and trapeze.

Thanks to the Elland Stedfast Association and all who have donated to us over the past year. This financial support, as well as the money we raise internally, allows us to keep our activities affordable to as many families in our community as possible.

We were able to hold our regular Craft Fairs in 2022-23. Thanks to all of you who have supported these. Our fundraising has also been supplemented by our Easyfundraising account. If you shop online, you can go through their website and the retailer donates a small percentage of the transaction to the Company. All the major online retailers are on the website and it is free to both the shopper and the Company. Go to

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ellandboysgirlsbrigade> to find out more.

We continue to have a strong online presence through our Facebook page. This has been invaluable in keeping in touch with our members over the past year. Our Facebook page is great at raising awareness of the Brigade in Elland and we have seen plenty of our posts reach several hundred people. Our address is below, feel free to follow/like our page.

Finally, thank you on behalf of the Company for all of your support throughout the year.

James

Prayer Meeting

Prayer Meeting! Can I ask a question? When you hear these 2 words – what are your thoughts? Do you think – Heck No – not for me! Do you think – I'm really too busy – I don't have the time! Or, do you think - OK , some time I might come – but not yet!

A few weeks ago now, one of our visiting preachers (who often comes to our Friday Prayer meetings when she's free, and often leads it for us too) told our congregation, how good and meaningful and happy our Friday Prayers "get together" is – and invited all to come to join us– 10.30a.m. - Choir Vestry - half an hour! Believe me – the following week – a friend from our congregation, decided to give it a go and has been 2/3 times since! So, **what do we do when we meet?** We discuss any new Prayer Requests we've received! We ask for any up to date information on people we are regularly praying for! We share TV news which we have found disturbing! We give thanks to God for good things that have happened and are happening! We always sing a hymn and we always close by blessing each other as we share the Grace together!

As I am writing this down, I have in front of me last year's report which was full of doom and gloom! We had fears of having to stop meeting due to having lost quite a few loved ones for one reason or another! But now – one year later – we have 10 – 15 friends who regularly join us, sat around the table on a Friday morning – and we know that the time will come when we will need to squeeze a few more chairs around the table!!! Thank you, Lord, for all answered Prayers! And Father God, we pray that you will continue to watch over all who belong, and serve in this church and keep us all in your care. Thank You Lord.

Maureen

Bible Study

The group is quite small and we welcome additional enquirers. We meet at 2 pm, fortnightly on Thursdays in the coffee lounge at Southgate (flexible if area required by others). Each study, lasting around an hour, usually 'stands alone' so there is no problem if one cannot commit to each and every session. Just 'popping in' is good!

We enjoy tea or coffee whilst sharing our observations on various bible passages, or just listening to others..... it is remarkable how the different interpretations sometimes offered by others can help your own understanding.

We are a friendly, informal group – one of our strengths is our openness to different approaches to 'study' and also a willingness to 'think outside the box' if something crops up in conversation that we feel a need to share and discuss. Come, taste and see.....

Kay

Together Group

After a break during the summer months our Together Group started meeting again in September 2022. We continued to meet on alternate Thursdays throughout the winter and spring.

We have had a variety of speakers and activities to keep us entertained. We've tried flower arranging, singing, origami and even a bit of gentle exercise. At Christmas instead of a meal at a restaurant we had our own celebrations with a quiz, sketches, carols and of course celebratory food. In the new year we had a very interesting visit from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and also from a representative from Guide Dogs for the Blind who brought along his dog. These are just a few of the afternoons we have enjoyed.

It has been a very successful year which has been appreciated by everyone. Our numbers have grown slightly and we now average about 25 ladies at our meetings but, we have room for more and would welcome any newcomers who would like to join us.

A varied programme with lots of new ideas and some old favourites has been arranged for the next few months. We're looking forward to having lots more fun, fellowship and food in the coming weeks,

Thank you to everyone who comes and supports this group and a special thank you to the small group who cheerfully help to organise all our activities

Lesley

Gents' Gathering for Grub

Following a long break for Covid, the gatherings only restarted in November 2022. It was perhaps appropriate that there was a long pause as both the two organisers were called to higher service as a result of Covid-19. So I decided to take on the task of organisation to get the gatherings going again.

We always meet at the Toby Carvery, Ainley Top and just have a meal and a general chat. After varying the day of week and the time, we have now settled on Wednesday evenings at 7.00 p.m. We try to meet once a month but sometimes months get missed.

Most of the group attend Southgate, but not all. We usually have one from Bethesda and one from Blackley Baptist, and sometimes have other visitors. The average number present is about 10.

Colin

Song Group

The song group meets once a fortnight throughout the year, 7 pm 'til 8 pm, Thursdays, in the choir vestry. We average between 8 and 10 attendees. In each session, with a short prayer, we offer our joyful praise noise to the Lord. We did have a bit of 'time out' during the early part of 2023 as our resourceful pianist was out of action.

The purpose of the group is simple - to enjoy a short time of singing together for pure pleasure. We try, however, try to introduce and learn newer worship songs so we have a 'confident few singers' when newer songs appear in our Sunday services. We are a friendly, welcoming group and would love to have more folks join us - the ability to sing is not a requirement – enjoying singing is! We just spend an hour, in a very informal setting, simply enjoying learning and singing lovely worship songs.

When we are in a position to know the hymns/songs chosen for the coming Sunday we sing those too, to make sure we are familiar with them. We are also blessed to have access to many items of music that the choir used in times gone by – we really enjoy singing those songs too.... trips down memory lane - very nostalgic.....

come, taste & see..... the Lord is good – and the singing ain't bad either!

Kay

SnackAttack

A very welcome £2454.72 was handed into the Church as profits for this past year. A welcome increase both for the church and the Charities who benefit from a percentage of the profits. This year Overgate and The Forget me not trust are benefitting. The Friday cafe continues to be well attended both by the church family and people coming off the street as well as family and friends.

The atmosphere is friendly and there is a general buzz about the place. We have recently got a banner for the railings and hope that this will bring more people in. Fingers crossed! Again we have welcomed new volunteers behind the counter and could do with more so if you wish to help please talk to our helpers.

A big big thankyou to Glenys and Christine for their help in the kitchen. On the busy days it is more than a one man person job and if it is to get busier we definitely will need more help. So, if you wish to help out in the kitchen or if you are a baker and fancy trying your hand, please let me know. This, I hope you will agree is a success story. Many people have walked through the doors and said they never knew about our premises and have been impressed. We need to continue to welcome them and make them feel valued.

Thankyou for all your support.

Wilma

Sunday Coffee Bar

The Sunday coffee bar continues to follow each Sunday service. The donations given go to restocking the coffee bar with various drinks including decaffeinated and ordinary beverages and more cups as necessary. Would you believe, we have "lost" 50% of the original number of large cups and so some may notice the good china is being used when we have larger numbers.

We have welcomed some new members to the rota and continue to be blessed by them and our faithful coffee bar mates.

Nothing could be done without them.

If you want any changes / additions please let me know.

If you feel you could be included in the rota, please have a word with any of the volunteers. Orientation will always be given. All profits are given back to the church to help sustain our community.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Wilma

Pensioners' Youth Club – Table Tennis

We will commence our new session on Tuesday 3rd October at 2pm. Sadly David and Jean have had to hang up their bats. They are welcome to watch and umpire. Otherwise subs will remain the same with a brew at half time. We are a happy band and natter away on many subjects apart from playing. Any new members are welcome.

Philip

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Southgate	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Calderdale	Circuit	Circuit no.	27/34
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		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	£ 30,436.97		£ 30,436.97	£ 31,142.42
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	£ 3,364.86	£ 146.07	£ 3,510.93	£ 249.30
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a5	Other receipts	£ 30,101.85	£ 30,482.00	£ 60,583.85	£ 26,227.57
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 103,577.93	£ 30,628.07	£ 134,206.00	(a7) £ 94,254.29

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	£ 31,024.25		£ 31,024.25	£ 31,434.25
b3	Donations	£ 2,306.70		£ 2,306.70	£ 502.20
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b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	£ 21,130.32		£ 21,130.32	£ 21,119.73
b6				£ -	£ 1,479.81
b7	Other payments	£ 27,391.88		£ 27,391.88	£ 29,534.68
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 110,980.80	£ -	£ 110,980.80	(b9) £ 98,855.16

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	-£ 7,402.87	£ 30,628.07	£ 23,225.20
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		£ 31,244.43	£ 96,924.58	£ 128,169.01
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	£ 23,841.56	£ 127,552.65	£ 151,394.21
c4	Transfers and adjustments		£ 4,000.00	-£ 4,000.00	£ -
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	£ 27,841.56	£ 123,552.65	£ 151,394.21
					(c8) £ 128,169.01 (c6)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
			£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		£ 2.91		£ 2.91
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d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	£ 2.91		£ 2.91

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

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e1	Boys/Girls Brigade	£ 5,046.99	£ 7,269.56	-£ 2,222.57		£ 6,469.66	£ 4,247.09
e2	Together Group	£ 695.50	£ 732.00	-£ 36.50		£ 73.12	£ 36.62
e3				£ -			£ -
e4				£ -			£ -
e5				£ -			£ -
e6				£ -			£ -
e7				£ -			£ -
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	£ 5,742.49	£ 8,001.56	-£ 2,259.07	£ -	£ 6,542.78 (e11)	£ 4,283.71 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	£ 134,206.00 (a7)	£ 110,980.80 (b9)	£ 23,225.20	£ - (c7)	£ 128,169.01 (c6)	£ 151,394.21 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	£ 139,948.49	£ 118,982.36	£ 20,966.13	£ -	£ 134,711.79 (x)	£ 155,677.92 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	£ 24.81	£ 24.81
f2	Bank Current Account	£ 17,325.59	£ 7,074.82
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	£ 18,093.76	£ 20,941.66
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£ 86,049.56	£ 116,049.56
f6	Other funds	£ 6,675.29	£ 7,303.36
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	£ 128,169.01 (c6)	£ 151,394.21 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	£ 6,542.78 (e11)	£ 4,283.71 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	£ 9,314,516.00	£ 9,657,378.00
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
g5	Other Liabilities		

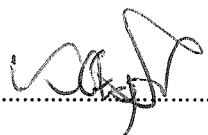
f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

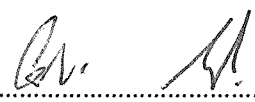
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 20/10/23

Name and address of treasurer Andrew Stopford, 330 Wakefield Road, Bailiff Bridge, Brighouse, HD6 4DU

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 ^{were} ~~were/will be~~* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19.10.2023 October 2023.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Colin Greenwood Date 1/11/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Southgate Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130095

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southgate Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: Southgate

No 27/34

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 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.



Name of firm: B M Howarth Ltd

Address : West House, King Cross Road, Halifax, HX1 1EB

Date: 25 October 2023

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e1	Boys/Girls Brigade	£ 5,046.99	£ 7,269.56	-£ 2,222.57		£ 6,469.66	£ 4,247.09
e2	Together Group	£ 695.50	£ 732.00	-£ 36.50		£ 73.12	£ 36.62
e3				£ -			£ -
e4				£ -			£ -
e5				£ -			£ -
e6				£ -			£ -
e7				£ -			£ -
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	£ 5,742.49	£ 8,001.56	-£ 2,259.07	£ -	£ 6,542.78 (e11)	£ 4,283.71 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	£ 134,206.00 (a7)	£ 110,980.80 (b9)	£ 23,225.20	£ - (c7)	£ 128,169.01 (c6)	£ 151,394.21 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	£ 139,948.49	£ 118,982.36	£ 20,966.13	£ -	£ 134,711.79 (x)	£ 155,677.92 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	£ 24.81	£ 24.81
f2	Bank Current Account	£ 17,325.59	£ 7,074.82
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	£ 18,093.76	£ 20,941.66
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£ 86,049.56	£ 116,049.56
f6	Other funds	£ 6,675.29	£ 7,303.36
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	£ 128,169.01 (c6)	£ 151,394.21 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	£ 6,542.78 (e11)	£ 4,283.71 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	£ 134,711.79 (x)	£ 155,677.92 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	£ 9,314,516.00	£ 9,657,378.00
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
g5	Other Liabilities		

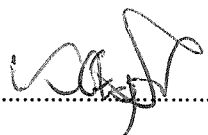
f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

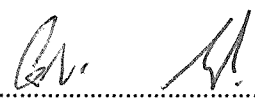
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 20/10/23

Name and address of treasurer Andrew Stopford, 330 Wakefield Road, Bailiff Bridge, Brighouse, HD6 4DU

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 ^{were} ~~were~~/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19.10.2023 ~~October~~ 2023.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Colin Melwood Date 1/11/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Southgate Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130095

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southgate Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: Southgate

No 27/34

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 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.



Name of firm: B M Howarth Ltd

Address : West House, King Cross Road, Halifax, HX1 1EB

Date: 25 October 2023

SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130095

Accounts

Southgate Methodist Church Calderdale Circuit



Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2022

Administrative Information

Charitable Status and Constitution:

Southgate Methodist Church is registered with The Charity Commission as a charity, registration number 1130095. It is constituted in accordance with The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of The Methodist Church, found at www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/governance/cpd/).

Correspondence Addresses:

Minister:

Rev Colin Sherwood
1 Savile Road
Elland
HX5 0LA

Church Council Secretary:

Mr Colin Lees
6 Broomfield
Elland
HX5 0QX

Managing Trustees:

The Managing Trustees are the Church Council, which, as at the 31st August 2022 was constituted as follows:

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| i) Minister in Pastoral Charge | Rev. Colin Sherwood |
| ii) The Church Stewards | Mrs Christine Chadwick
Mr Colin Lees
Mrs Margery Wilkinson
Mr Ray Wilkinson |
| iii) Church Treasurer | Mr Andrew Stopford |
| iv) Secretary of the Pastoral Committee | Mrs Jenny Iredale |
| v) Secretary of the Church Council | Mr Colin Lees |
| vi) Representatives elected by the General Church Meeting: | |
| Mr Peter Link | Mrs Wilma Paton |
| Mr Conrad Winterburn | Mrs Lesley Kershaw |
| Mr Alwyn Kershaw | |
| vii) Additional persons appointed by the Church Council: | |
| One Communion Steward | Mrs Christine Chadwick |
| Finance/Property secretary | Mr Keith Iredale |
| Gift Aid Secretary | Mr Andrew Stopford |
| 1 Local Preacher | Mr Chris Partington |
| Boys' & Girls' Brigade Representative | Mr James Pickles |
| Person to represent Missions | Mrs Margery Wilkinson |
| Person to represent MWiB | Mrs Glenys Wadsworth |
| viii) 1 Circuit Steward | Mrs Lesley Davenport |

Number of Church Members: 58

Our Aim

To mission and minister to the community of Elland alongside the other Methodist Church in Elland, namely Bethesda Methodist church and our ecumenical partners working through our membership of Churches Together in Elland.

Our Purpose

We operate as a local Methodist Church under the provisions of the Methodist Church act 1976 which states: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

- the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Our Objectives

We express our aims and purposes by attempting to translate into action the Priorities of the Methodist Church by seeking to proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the church-

- through the provision of public acts of worship to church members and non-members alike.
- the provision of sacred space for prayer and other forms of Christian spiritual contemplation
- the promotion of the Christian faith through Sunday Worship, courses and provision of small groups
- the provision of a Pastoral structure that seeks to offer help to the sick, the bereaved and a general caring environment as an expression of our Christian faith.
- the provision of different group activities that attempt that seek to meet the needs of all age groups.

- through these all age groups promoting the mission of the church and aiding wider social cohesion through activities for older people, parent and toddlers and other specific need groups.
- by supporting various charities both in the United Kingdom and overseas through financial and prayer support.

Achievements and Performance

Welcome to the annual church report, a helpful tool which causes us to reflect on what we have achieved over the year and challenges us to contemplate the future. A massive thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition. As well as providing reading material for our members, a copy will also find its way to the charity commission.

If I had been asked what was happening last September, I don't think I would have necessarily remembered that we were still under restrictions. Slowly but surely the reports tell of Southgate emerging from a very strange and extremely sad period, no doubt the most challenging period in our church's history. The 'new normal' takes some getting used to and yet, in times of distress the worldwide church has always led the way, for we have the Spirit of Christ among us, and our shared story is one of resurrection.

Within these pages we have cause for cautious rejoicing at what has been achieved, however, we also have a call to service for, from the family which we know as Southgate, there is a need for each of us to share the burden with one another. Great things can only be achieved when we work together to Gods glory, and as we step up, we can rely upon the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us.

May God continue to pour out his grace and blessing upon us, for Christs sake.

Colin

Church Stewards

At the start of the year in September 2021 the Church Stewards were Lesley, Christine and myself. We were still operating under Covid restrictions: seating in Church was socially-distanced and we were registering those attending for track and trace purposes. A lot has happened since then as we have worked out what the 'new normal' is.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October. The stewards, with other help, organised a small display and the congregation brought food that could be used by the food bank.

There have been a few Local Arrangements services during the year. Our Worship Leader, Kay has led most of them and we must thank her for doing

this. One of them was led by the Worship Leaders from Bethesda. On Remembrance Sunday last year, we used a service prepared by 'The Vine', which was read by the Church Stewards.

During Advent we used an Advent Liturgy. For Christmas the Church was decorated and we held a Christingle Service, a Carol Service, Carols for All and Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve, and a service on Christmas morning.

At the end of the year Lesley finally retired after serving an extra year as a steward due to Covid. I would like to thank Lesley for the work she did. The General Church Meeting held in November had appointed Ray and Margery as new stewards to commence in January 2022, but only for one year. At the same time, Christine took on the task of being Senior Steward.

At the beginning of January the Church Council agreed that Sunday morning services would be held in the Sykes Hall during the heating season due to the enormous increase in the cost of gas for heating the church. This meant extra work for the Church Stewards and other volunteers as the hall has to be set up with chairs and other furniture every week. At this point I would like to thank Lesley and Alwyn, Keith and Jenny and Kay who have undertaken the stewards duties at services and the team of other volunteers who have set up the Sykes Hall and cleared things away afterwards.

January also saw the re-introduction of All Age Worship once every month for the first time since February 2020 when they were suspended due to Covid. These are all held in the Sykes Hall, irrespective of the time of year and a few children along with their parents and/or grandparents usually attend. The stewards are inviting specific preachers for these services.

During Lent we included a Lenten Liturgy in the services, daffodils were distributed on Mothering Sunday and a service was held on Good Friday evening. On Easter Sunday we returned to worshipping in the Church with an early communion service, breakfast in the coffee lounge and the cross was decorated with flowers during the main service.

In June, Christine unfortunately suffered a stroke. Since then, I have been acting as Senior Steward again. We are pleased to see Christine back worshipping with us once again and I would like to thank her for the work she did.

Rev Colin had a sabbatical from July to September and during this period, in July, Rev Colin and Diane celebrated their wedding at Southgate. The service was conducted by Rev Mark. Members and friends from all Rev Colin's churches were invited and it was followed by a splendid bring and share meal in the Sykes Hall.

During the last year we have held a number of joint services with Bethesda. Recently there have been two of these at Southgate and two at Bethesda. Attendances at these have increased and most of each congregation are attending services at the other church.

The Church Council in March decided not to appoint a regular organist, so Ray is now co-ordinating a team of organists and pianists. I would like to thank Ray, Glenys and Hilda and also occasionally David, Peter and Diane for providing the accompaniment during services.

I would like to thank Ray and Margery for their work during the year so far and particularly for the extra work they have shared during the last 3 months.

Colin

Treasurer

Annual Figures:-

Income 21-22	£94254
Expenditure 21-22	£98555

Funds Held:

	<u>1 Sep 2021</u>	<u>31st Aug 2022</u>
General Fund (combined)	£ 38835	£ 38322
Memoriam Fund	£ 6257	£ 159
Property Reserve Fund	£ 1627	£ 3641
TMCP Investments	£ 86050	£ 86050
	<u>£132769</u>	<u>£128172</u>

Notes

1) Combined general fund is made up of:

General Account

Property Account

Office Account

General & Property Fund Central Finance Board Deposit Accounts

2) Memoriam Fund, which receives interest and donations from the family & friends of lately deceased members/adherents.

3) TMCP Investments (use of which is subject to certain restrictions covering bequests & model trusts).

Treasurer's Report

The Standard Form of Accounts has been completed on a receipts & payments basis. There have been no serious incidents.

Southgate has had a cautious but steady improvement in income throughout the Connexional year, with the pandemic limitations finally being lifted. The Finance & Property Committee sub-committee consisting of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Minister, have maintained tight control of all day to day finances. The Church Council has been kept fully informed, and both the F&P Committee and the Church Council continue to be involved in the actions we are taking to maintain a steady course. Southgate is very fortunate to have a diligent F&P team, and we were especially sorry to lose the services of Howard Pickles during the year. His help and support has been invaluable.

Income of £94254 is more than the previous year (£78714). Expenditure of £98555 is more than the previous year (£68215). There is thus a deficit of £4301 on the year. At this point last year, we were holding funds of £1479 from the recently closed Girls' Brigade unit. The Church Council determined that these funds should be passed to the new combined Boys'/Girls' Brigade Unit, and this was done early in the year.

We have received most of our due Gift Aid refunds this year. A small amount (approximately £500) remains outstanding and will hopefully be paid shortly. The amount received was £4867, and this amount continues to decline each year as gift aided contributions decline. Gift Aid is not 'extra income', but income we budget on receiving year to year. We continue to benefit from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). We have once again received several one-off or regular donations (some Gift Aided) from friends old and new, offering support, for which we are grateful. I repeat my reminder to members that it is essential that we ensure that all Gift Aid claims are accurate and verifiable. All providers of Gift Aid declarations have a personal legal responsibility to be certain that they pay sufficient income tax for Gift Aid donations to Southgate to be claimed.

We used most of the £6257 in the Memoriam Fund to pay for the installation of a new audio visual system in the Sykes Hall, which by all accounts is working well and is a much appreciated asset.

Cashflow has again occasionally been a little tight this year, and I have had to make a transfer of funds from the church's deposit accounts at CFB to support the general account, totalling £3000 (as opposed to £15,000 last year). Because of the improved situation with rental and room hire income, I have also been able to transfer £2000 from the current account to the Property Reserve Fund, which had been badly eroded during the worst days of the pandemic. Cash flow has been helped once again due to the number of people who pay their weekly collection by standing order. I cannot stress too highly

how important this regular income stream has been. Many members have once again managed to review and increase their weekly giving, which is much appreciated.

Ongoing costs for utilities continue to be reviewed. This time last year our energy provision was in a state of transition. After our previous supplier ceased trading, we were placed by OfGEM with British Gas, and we have since moved to British Gas Lite for both our gas and electricity supply. This has not been without its frustrations, but things appear to be settling down. During the year we have had to come to grips with what we now call the 'Cost of Living Crisis'. We took the drastic step of moving worship to the Sykes Hall over the winter to save money on heating. Although this was not appreciated by a number of members, we did save a significant amount, and we also turned down the thermostats by a degree or two to further assist. By the time this report is read by members, some decisions will have been made about what to do over the coming winter as regards the cost of heating our premises. Southgate's utility costs over the year amounted to £12766, as opposed to £7193 in the previous year, an increase of 56%.

We continue to be covered by Methodist Insurance, which provides a highly specialised service to Methodist organisations. We have had two claims this year, both of which were promptly and sympathetically handled.

The suite of premises at Southgate is regularly inspected and cleaned, necessary to ensure the cleanliness and safety of our premises both for us, and our hirers. The costs of inspections and cleaning are met from the income we receive from our hirers and shop tenants, whose rent also contributes to the funds we maintain for repairs and other unexpected costs. Chris has taken on the paid and snappily titled role of Resource Administrator, and is working hard with regular and new hirers to generate meaningful income from the community's use of our premises. We were glad to welcome friends from Cross Hills who presented their annual pantomime at Southgate, and are hopeful that this is to become a regular event.

Our parade of shops still provides a vital income. All our tenants have resumed trading and have paid all the rent due. We are sorry that one of our tenants is leaving, but glad to know that the business is to continue in new ownership.

Southgate holds a capital sum of £86,050 with TMCP in Manchester. We benefit from a proportion of the income generated by this sum, with TMCP taking a larger proportion, 61%, as an 'administration fee'. Specifically, our investment returned interest of £403.77 on the year, of which TMCP took £254.24 as an administration fee. I have contacted TMCP to ask for an explanation, but have not received any response. We are able to access the capital funds for approved projects, and, if necessary, to support general income. It has not been necessary to access the funds to prop up the general

account during the year, despite every forecast we made assuming that we would have to do so. The sum at TMCP is occasionally added to in the form of legacies from deceased members and friends, and we are grateful to those who choose to support Southgate with generous donations in this way. Southgate also maintains a modest Memoriam Fund, into which is paid funds given in memory of deceased members and friends, most usually in the form of funeral collections. These funds are used to pay for smaller scale projects, with the Church Council's approval. We installed a new sound system in the Sykes Hall this year using money from the fund., which, by all accounts, has been a great success.

There have been few opportunities for fundraising this year, but we were glad to receive £961.79 from the after-worship coffee bar, and a fabulous £1633.31 from Snackattack.

Reserves, and the Reserves Policy continue to be reviewed. As a general rule, incoming resources should be used to meet general expenditure. It is for the Church Council, as Managing Trustees, to maintain and review strategies of building up reserves, and to ensure net income & expenditure are as close as possible. Managing Trustees are reminded of their legally binding obligations and requirements to exercise prudence and provide good governance at all times.

Thanks are due to Keith & Jenny for managing the Sunday collections, to Sue for dealing with payroll & HMRC issues, and to Howard for looking after gift aid. Howard is also retiring from this role after a lengthy stint, and, in the absence of anyone else, I have agreed to take on this extra task, on a temporary basis, pending the appointment of a permanent replacement. Colin has kindly offered to assist me with gift aid work wherever possible. The annual church accounts are being examined on a commercial basis by Messrs BM Howarth Ltd. This remains a detailed and time consuming task, which has to be carried out before the accounts can be presented to the Church Council for acceptance and onward submission to the Circuit, the District, and the Connexion.

I am grateful for the support and assistance I receive from so many people, and look forward to a happy continuation of this in the year to come.

For all that we will spend or save, invest or give away, is held in trust to be a means to follow in Christ's way. (Liz Delafield)

Andrew

Finance and Property Committee

First my thanks to members of the committee for their ongoing support, and special thanks to Alwyn for the maintenance, to David for the gardening, and

Colin for managing the office facilities, also thanks to all who turned out for the tidy up of the gardens and church surrounds in June.

Also huge thanks to our paid staff, Mary (Cleaner) and Chris (Resource Administrator).

During the year Michael, Howard, Derek and David all left the committee, whilst David, Colin and Chris joined us.

As usual all the necessary inspections and servicing has been carried out to keep our buildings safe and legal for all our users. The kitchen cooker safety check revealed that there was not enough oxygen being drawn into the kitchen when the cookers were in use, which means that we are having to install an input fan to match the outgoing extractor fan.

Resource Administrator: One of the most important decisions taken by Church Council and the Committee was to appoint Chris as our paid part-time Resource Administrator. Chris is doing a sterling job managing the bookings and looking after many other matters. He does of course spend more time volunteering at Southgate than what we pay him for.

Energy Supply: As you are all aware the energy markets have been in chaos over the last 12 months, and our original supplier went “bust” last September. Thankfully we did secure a fixed 2 year contract in January, but at a much higher cost. This resulted in Church Council agreeing to hold worship in the Sykes Hall during the October to May heating season.

Room Hire: Hiring rates were increased by 20% from the 1st April, and will in future be reviewed annually. They had not previously been increased since 2009. Hiring of our rooms has also increased since the pandemic, leading to a generous and welcome increase in income. A very welcome addition to our room usage, was the decision by Cross Hills Church to hold their annual pantomime in our Upper Hall. This will happen again in February 2023.

Audio Visual Equipment Sykes Hall / Langdale Room: A major upgrade of our facilities in the two rooms has been carried out, and is appreciated by all our users, especially when used for worship.

Internet and Phone Line: We now have these all supplied by the same provider. This has saved money and made operation and communications easier. Indeed a refund of £2300 was received for a monthly overpayment going back over a number of years.

A new printer has also been purchased for use in the office.

Recently a new hot water boiler had to be installed in the coffee lounge.

During the summer we have also had the car park white lines re-formed. This has proved very effective in improving the standard of parking, and making the car park safer for both pedestrians and vehicles.

The broken monitor over the choir stalls in the church has been repaired and restored to correct working order.

Copyright licences have been adjusted, so that we now get better value for money.

The no longer used old stage lighting has now been removed from the balcony store room.

We still have a problem with water ingress in the Catherine Street corridor with an ongoing investigation by Crawshaw's.

Shop Units:

Samaritans: Once again we have had vandals causing damage to the pan tile roof over the shop.

Crafty Owl Studio: There was a small fire to the front of the shop, luckily noticed by a passer by and quickly put out by the Fire Brigade

In both of the above instances our Insurance Company paid out our claim, minus of course the £100 excess in each case.

The Crafty Owl Studio tenants gave notice over the summer, and whilst expecting extreme difficulty in re-letting the unit, we have been very fortunate that someone came along at the last minute, and purchased the business, and is taking out a new lease from the 1st September.

Keith

Room Bookings

I took over the room bookings on a voluntary basis August/September 2021 on the untimely death of David Akroyd. At the time we were still very much in the midst of the Covid pandemic and tentatively opening up our buildings again for use in very controlled and managed ways. In March of 2022 I was appointed to the position of Resources Administrator and so have been more formally responsible for the bookings at Southgate.

The Food Bank continue to use the Upper Room and Kitchen for their preparation work on Fridays and Saturdays. Their booking has been extended to include the Upper Hall and the charges increased accordingly. Whilst this booking remains heavily discounted it provides a good regular income to Southgate whilst allowing the very valuable work of the Food Bank to continue from our premises.

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides continue to use the Upper Hall and Sykes Hall on Tuesday evenings.

Elland Children's Centre have used us for a number of groups, including preparation for starting school and a Baby Pilates Group that met for a couple of 5 week blocks.

Little Kickers use the Sykes Hall on Saturdays between 10am and 11am

Samantha's various groups (Dance for Wellbeing/Brews and Grooves/Rhythm and Brews) have continued to use us in regular blocks of 5 to 6 weeks and she has also started a monthly 'Happiness Lab Workshop' with plans to pull these together into a one-off performance in July.

Healthy Minds continue to use the Premises on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month with occasional additional bookings. They are now paying for the additional use of the Coffee Lounge.

Yoga use our Upper Hall on Mondays for an hour. This started in the Emmaus Room but the number of attendees grew to the point where a bigger room was needed.

RJS Ballet is a new booking beginning with us in November 2021. The bookings are from 4.15pm to 7pm on Thursdays with the potential to expand if the uptake improves.

A new dancercise group 'Broadway Boogie' started using our Upper Hall and Stage during the Spring of 2022 but the ill health of the session leader meant it was curtailed after 3 weeks. There is a possibility it may start again at some point in the future.

The Trinity Music Examinations did not take place at Southgate over the Pandemic due to it being impossible to meet their ventilation requirements for the Sanctuary, Choir Vestry and Prayer Room. They returned during the Summer 2022 examination season but the increased energy costs we face and the stringent requirements of the exam board regarding heating and ventilation going into the winter months have meant that the charge we would have to levy to make sure we didn't make a loss would be too great for them to use the premises in Winter.

Occasional bookings are made by the dentists on Southgate, the Pennine and Bingley Goat Society, the Calderdale Organ Society and there have been a couple of parties.

The Greetland Churches Pantomime used our premises during March 2022 with preparation time in February. They are planning to return in 2023 for a Pantomime during the February half-term. This has been a mutually beneficial arrangement – Southgate was 'buzzing' during the performance and also provided the Church with a useful income.

Generally I feel we have done well, picking up most, if not all, of our pre-Covid bookings and attracting some new ones due to the closure or increased costs of other venues. Even when we put up the rates for bookings in April, all of our

existing users continued to use us. The Church website and the Southgate Hub have been updated with clearer details on the rooms available and better use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter to advertise our rooms and resources is being planned for 2023 to see if we can bring in more users to the premises.

Chris

Pastoral Committee

Another year and what has gone on ? Well sadly we have lost some more members and our thoughts, love and prayers go out to their families and friends – we miss them all.

At the time of ‘going to press’ we had not managed to have a meeting (had one since ... but that’s for the next report !!) but our Pastoral Visitors are doing a sterling job trying their best to keep in touch with their members. If you know of anyone who is ill and would appreciate a visit/phone call please let me know and we will do our best to help in any way we can.

We have all recently been on a Safeguarding Course and I am pleased to report we ALL passed Yay!!! Well done us.

Our membership stands at 58 and this is very worrying as the ‘jobs’ still need doing, whatever the number is! We need to help out wherever we can – all of us. If anyone would like to be a visitor, please think and pray about it, you would be made very welcome. I would like to take this opportunity to THANK VERY MUCH our small team of visitors for the work they do ‘behind the scenes’ it really is appreciated.

Jenny

Mission

During this year all the money raised for Missions has been from envelope collections.

The Advent Offering Collection for the work of the Methodist Church Mission in Britain Fund: £137.50.

The Easter Offerings Collection for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund: £174.50

Methodist Homes for the Aged: £114.50

Christian Aid: £83.00

All we Can and the Methodist Church Ukraine Emergency Appeal: £699.02

Sincere thanks to everyone for supporting these collections through the year,

Baptismal Roll

There have been two baptisms this year, the first being held on Sunday 26th September 2021 where we welcomed Aria Elizabeth and her family. The baptism was conducted by Rev Colin.

On the 17th October 2021 we welcomed Theo George with his parents Samantha and Michael. This baptism was conducted by Chris.

A book of Bible stories was given to each child and the Godparents were each given a certificate to remind them of their commitment to their respective Godchildren.

Anne

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade

Elland Boys' and Girls' Brigade enjoyed another eventful session during 2021-22. The session represented a return to normality after government interventions had interrupted our last 2 years.

2021-22 was also the first year of what is officially titled the 5th Halifax (Elland) Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association after Elland Girls' Brigade merged with us in the summer of 2021. I'm pleased to report that the merger went smoothly, and it is great that we have given all young people in our local area the opportunity to join us on a Wednesday. I believe this has been a positive change which has enriched the Company- there is a fantastic atmosphere on a Wednesday night and a real buzz about the place.

As a result of the merger and our recruiting efforts, our membership numbers remain strong. I'm pleased to say that we have a good group of young people who are a pleasure to work with each week. They can be a lively bunch at times, but we do have a lot of fun on our Wednesday nights. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and guardians of our members who are extremely supportive and are brilliant at recommending us to their friends and family.

Our team of Officers and helpers do a fantastic job; I would like to thank all the Officers and helpers for their continued work with the Company and to everyone else that has lent a hand over the last year. On behalf of the Company, I would also like to thank David for fulfilling the role of treasurer once again this year.

The return to normality saw the return of our Enrolment Service, which we held on a Wednesday evening for the first time, our Presentation evening and our annual residential. During the Enrolment Service, we presented Benjamin with

his Queen's Award- although we didn't know it at the time, Benjamin is the last member of our Company to have his certificate signed by Queen Elizabeth II. Congratulations also to Toby and Jason who gained their President's badges this year. Our annual residential weekend saw us return to Kirkham where we enjoyed a brilliant weekend which included a visit to Blackpool Zoo, Laser Tag, Archery, Escape Rooms and much more. Our Anchors also enjoyed a trip to Cannon Hall Farm at the end of the session.

Five of our members also attended the Battalion leadership weekend; we look forward to these young people implementing the skills they learned within the Company and beyond. Thanks to the Elland Stedfast Association for financially supporting our young people on the leadership weekend and for their continued support of the Company. We were saddened to hear of the passing of the treasurer of Elland Stedfast Association, John and the President, John, who was also a former Captain of the 5th and a big supporter of the Company. They will be greatly missed. We thank God for their service to both the Brigade movement and the Stedfast Association.

We were able to hold our regular Craft Fairs in 2021-22. Thanks to all of you who have supported these. Our fundraising has been supplemented by our Easyfundraising account. If you shop online, you can go through their website and the retailer donates a small percentage of the transaction to the Company. All the major online retailers are on the website and it is free to both the shopper and the Company. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ellandboysgirlsbrigade> to find out more.

We continue to have a strong online presence through our Facebook and Twitter pages. This has been invaluable in keeping in touch with our members over the past year. Our Facebook page is great at raising awareness of the Brigade in Elland and we have seen plenty of our posts reach several hundred people. Our addresses are below, feel free to follow/like our pages...

www.facebook.com/EllandBB

www.twitter.com/5thHalifaxBB

Finally, thank you on behalf of the Company for all of your support throughout the year.

James

Prayer Meeting

There has been a very well attended weekly prayer meeting at Southgate Church since sometime in the 1980's! However, when all the churches had to respond to the Covid-19 closure period, the Prayer Meeting also ceased to meet. It was not until Friday 15th October 2021 that once again members felt

ready to come together and continue meeting to pray as we had in the past. Sadly, during the Covid time, for one reason or another, we lost several of our former members, and those of the original group who were left, struggled to come as often as they would like to. So an appeal was made to the rest of the church outlining our problem and thankfully the response was wonderful! What had got down to a mere 3/4/5 members attending each week has now become a regular number of 10–15 - and it's a bonus when friends just pop in to join us when they can! We meet in the Choir Vestry at 10.30 on a Friday morning. The prayers are led by different people each week – and our prayer time lasts for about half an hour. We sing! We share thoughts and concerns! We allow time for spoken and unspoken prayer and the door remains open to welcome anyone who cares to come! And they do! Yes, God is Good! Thank You!

Maureen

Bible Study

This Thursday afternoon group meets fortnightly at 2pm in the Coffee Lounge and is led, in the main, by Pamela, our lay pastor.

As background, I think I can safely say this particular group was born, after lockdown, out of the already established, well attended, fortnightly Tuesday morning group also now led mainly by Pamela at Bethesda. Having said that, the study style of the two groups is quite dissimilar.

The Southgate group is small but therein lies one of its strengths; new seekers are, of course, always most welcome. We have a brief time of prayer and then our study is usually of the 'stand-alone' type – so no worries about missing a session. We feel comfortable and able to share views confidently with each other, perhaps because of our small size. Going forward, it would be good to welcome others to join us in an opportunity to learn more about being a Christian in today's world, in an informal, welcoming setting

Kay

Together Group

Before the Covid pandemic two ladies' groups were meeting at Southgate: The Ladies' Guild which met on alternate Thursday afternoons and the Tuesday group which met monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. After Covid, as life was beginning to return to normal a joint meeting was held in September 2021 to discuss the best way forward for these groups.

As it was becoming difficult for some ladies to come in an evening it was decided to have just one meeting in the afternoon on alternate Thursdays. The two groups would amalgamate and be known as the Together Group.

Our first meeting was held in October 2021 when Rev Colin told us about his passion for bee keeping. Since then, we have had various speakers who have entertained us with their memories and made us laugh reciting monologues. We've held quizzes and beetle drives. We had a very enjoyable visit from Stainland Community choir and enjoyed a Christmas meal together amongst many other happy afternoons.

We have also been joined by some ladies from Bethesda and from the local community. Around 20 has been our average attendance and we seem to be slowly growing in numbers as word spreads.

It has been a very successful and enjoyable first year and we are looking forward to starting meeting again in September after a short summer break.

I would like to thank all the ladies who come to our meetings for helping to make it a success and for joining in and trying out some new ideas.

I would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to the small group (you know who you are) who help to organise the meetings and find speakers etc. A fantastic team!

Lesley

Song Group

Although this idea of a fun time of learning and singing newish worship songs was 'on the table' in 2021 we did not actually meet to sing until July 2022. We now gather for just over an hour, fortnightly, on Thursday evenings, 7pm, in the Langdale Room. The original intention was – and indeed still is - simply to enjoy learning and singing 'new to us' songs – if the 'spin off' is that we can sometimes introduce newer/different stuff into our Sunday worship time that is wonderful – a small group leading, who already 'know the song' – what's not to like? Also, a plus, in my view, is that some folk from Cross Hills have joined us and I know one or two from Bethesda are interested. All are welcome - turn up and just praise & sing.... you might even like it!!

Blessings,

Kay

Snack Attack

This year has seen a settling down of this service to our church family, both those attending church and those who support us.

Covid robbed us of many of our friends and loved ones. It robbed many of their health and significantly has affected many people's mental health. It robbed us of helpers, funds and long cherished clubs and institutions within the church.

I like many others no doubt would love to go back to those glory days but, wither we like it or not they are gone and God seems to be saying change must happen.

I guess that is what Snack Attack is to me and I think it is the same for those who help. We needed to continue the wonderful work of the Friday coffee morning and the Friday lunches. We needed to bring people back. We needed to welcome old and new friends into our space ----- we needed to raise funds to help keep our worship space alive!

Our weekly contributions have gradually grown from a few butties to scones, butties of various types and the odd other baked goods as and when the cook has time! We now sell out of scones in double quick time and we have added regular as well as casual new friends to our space. They are all welcome.

I do wish we could do more and advertise our goods to a wider audience but word of mouth needs to be acceptable for the present. All our endeavours in the kitchen are accomplished by a very small team. Glenys, myself and until lately Christine who we miss a lot. You can imagine therefore that when any of us need to be absent, baked goods can be the first to disappear and at times the butties. Which leads me to the other part of the team. The "front of house". This small team do an amazing job serving tea and coffees, running up and down to get butties and stopping any fights over the last few scones. They are there to set up, clean down and most importantly talk to people and welcome them into our space.

They are getting really good at it but sometimes need a helping hand from other church-goers ----.

Two or three times this year we have welcomed friends from our local community choir and of course love seeing our friends from Bethesda. Thank you all for supporting us.

I personally would love to be able to offer a larger variety of products especially in this climate of increasing food and energy costs. Could we be a warm space? Could we supply newspapers for example??? Could we use the ovens to batch cook while they are on for the scones? Do we need a quiet corner??

We have ideas but frankly need more volunteers to step up and make a difference, so can you help in the kitchen by baking? Can you help in the Coffee bar? Have you any ideas for the future?

Any of our team would love to know. The ideas box didn't work so just grab someone.

As to income, I think we have done well: £1633.31 was handed to the church treasurer.

Please keep supporting us. Please consider helping us if you can. Please give us ideas, however wild.

In the meantime, thank you and God bless.

Wilma

Sunday Coffee Bar

We continue to hold our coffee bar after the services at Southgate. Thanks to all who support us and come back for a natter after church. It has been wonderful to see our Bethesda friends after joint services and we do hope they feel welcome. We are part of each other.

The sum of £961.79 was raised in donations during the year.

As usual we have an ever-decreasing band of Marthas. Could you help?

Thanks to all who serve.

Wilma

Pensioners' Youth Club – Table Tennis

We enjoy each week showing people how to serve and the novices are improving. Our numbers are on average 10 to 12 and we have players from Brighouse and Stones. We might have a go at indoor curling this winter. We have a friendly atmosphere and the tea break tends to get a bit longer as the years go by. Come and join in - we will provide a spare bat.

Philip

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SECTION C						
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c4	Transfers and adjustments		(6,200.00)	6,200.00	(c7)	(5,000.00)
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SECTION D					
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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	£ 9,123.84		£ 9,028.80		£ 95.04	£ -		£ 6,447.74	(e11)	£ 6,542.78	(e12)
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TOTAL RECEIPTS			TOTAL PAYMENTS								

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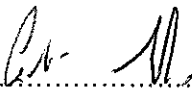
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Southgate Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130095

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southgate Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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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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 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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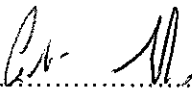
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Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev COLIN THOMPSON Date 1/12/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Southgate Methodist Church

Charity Number 1130095

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southgate Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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

Name of Church: Southgate

No 27/34

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 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.



B M Howarth Ltd
Chartered Accountants
West House
King Cross Road
Halifax
HX1 1EB

Name of firm: B M Howarth Ltd

Address : West House, King Cross Road, Halifax, HX1 1EB

Date: 1 December 2022

SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130095

Accounts

Southgate Methodist Church Calderdale Circuit



Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2021

Administrative Information

Charitable Status and Constitution:

Southgate Methodist Church is registered with The Charity Commission as a charity, registration number 1130095. It is constituted in accordance with The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of The Methodist Church, found at www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/governance/cpd/).

Correspondence Addresses:

Minister:

Rev Colin Sherwood
1 Savile Road
Elland
HX5 0LA

Church Council Secretary:

Mr Colin Lees
6 Broomfield
Elland
HX5 0QX

Managing Trustees:

The Managing Trustees are the Church Council, which, as at the 31st August 2021 was constituted as follows:

- | | |
|---|---|
| i) Minister in Pastoral Charge
and Superintendent Minister | Rev. Colin Sherwood
Rev. Terry Keen |
| ii) The Church Stewards | Mr Colin Lees
Mrs Lesley Kershaw
Mrs Christine Chadwick |
| iii) Church Treasurer | Mr Andrew Stopford |
| iv) Secretary of the Pastoral Committee | Mrs Jenny Iredale |
| v) Secretary of the Church Council | Mr Colin Lees |
| vi) Representatives elected by the General Church Meeting: | |
| Mr Derek Hagreen | Mr Peter Link |
| Mr Philip Wilkinson | Mrs Wilma Paton |
| Mr Ray Wilkinson | Mrs Margery Wilkinson |
| Mr Conrad Winterburn | |
| vii) Additional persons appointed by the Church Council: | |
| One Communion Steward | Mrs Christine Chadwick |
| Property Steward | Mr Michael Bailey |
| Finance/Property secretary | Mr Keith Iredale |
| Gift Aid Secretary | Mr Howard Pickles |
| 2 Local Preachers | Mr Andrew Jacobs |
| | Mr Chris Partington |
| Boys' Brigade Representative | Mr James Pickles |

Person to represent Missions
Person to represent MWiB

Mrs Margery Wilkinson
Mrs Glenys Wadsworth

viii)1 Circuit Steward

Mrs Lesley Davenport

Number of Church Members: 61

Our Aim

To mission and minister to the community of Elland alongside the other Methodist Church in Elland, namely Bethesda Methodist church and our ecumenical partners working through our membership of Churches Together in Elland.

Our Purpose

We operate as a local Methodist Church under the provisions of the Methodist Church act 1976 which states: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

- the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Our Objectives

We express our aims and purposes by attempting to translate into action the Priorities of the Methodist Church by seeking to proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the church-

- through the provision of public acts of worship to church members and non-members alike.
- the provision of sacred space for prayer and other forms of Christian spiritual contemplation
- the promotion of the Christian faith through Sunday Worship, courses and provision of small groups
- the provision of a Pastoral structure that seeks to offer help to the sick, the bereaved and a general caring environment as an expression of our Christian faith.

- the provision of different group activities that attempt that seek to meet the needs of all age groups.
- through these all age groups promoting the mission of the church and aiding wider social cohesion through activities for older people, parent and toddlers and other specific need groups.
- by supporting various charities both in the United Kingdom and overseas through financial and prayer support.

Achievements and Performance

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this year's annual report, we are indebted to Colin for bringing it all together and a thank you to all those who have submitted reports. I can't help but feel that if this report was to be rediscovered in fifty years' time, the reader might understand its historical importance. Southgate Methodist Church in the throws of a pandemic. This report tears at my heart strings as I personally remember those who have been promoted to glory. It also reflects the chaotic stopping and starting of our activities as government guidelines changed.

As ever, there are challenges before us, property, finance, mission and evangelism and we will continue to grapple with those things over the coming weeks and months ahead.

This is a historic document but within its pages we find the story of the church re-emerging. It has been lovely to see members of the congregation returning to worship, slowly but surely. Confidence is building and once again we are starting to see people and organisations coming through our doors, some of them for the first time. There are some things that are changing, some things that we cannot do any more and yet, that is nothing to beat ourselves up over.

It was lovely to be in the building a couple of weeks ago and to hear boys and girls enjoying their activities together in the Brigade. It has been lovely to come into the new Snackatak and see new people walking in and enjoying good company along with a very tasty menu.

It is right that somethings change, however God's love never does, it is constant. I pray that this coming year may be a blessed one and that each of us might experience times of joy and resurrection within our lives and the life of our Church.

Rev Colin

Church Stewards

We started the year at the beginning of September 2020 by holding our first service in Church since March, due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Services were shorter and rather different to usual with social distancing, no singing, masks needing to be worn, a retiring collection and no readers from the congregation. So the job of the stewards had changed: there were some things we didn't need to do but instead we have had to prop all the doors open, disinfect all touch points and record who was present for track and trace purposes. We had an average attendance of about 20 at these services.

At the beginning of October, we were able to celebrate our Harvest Festival. Goods suitable for the food bank were donated and a small display was organised by the Stewards. At the beginning of November, we welcomed Chris Partington as a fully-accredited local preacher at a service that was held at St Andrews, Hebden Royd and Southgate simultaneously using Zoom. We also had an All Souls Service that evening. Then the government imposed another lockdown so that we couldn't hold any services on the last 4 Sundays in November.

Services re-started in December when we were already into Advent. The Stewards decorated the Church for Christmas with a few willing helpers. We were unable to hold all our usual Christmas services, but as a new venture we held an open-air carol service outside Bethesda on Christmas Eve which was quite successful. A midnight communion was held, as was a service on Christmas Day morning.

At the end of 2020, three of our Stewards, Anne, Howard and David completed their 3-year term of office and we thank them for their work as Stewards. As we hadn't had a General Church Meeting, and in the circumstances, it would have been very difficult to approach people as replacements, no new Stewards were appointed which would have left Christine and I as the only two stewards. However, I am very grateful that Lesley agreed to continue as a Steward initially for 6 months and then for a full year. I assumed the mantle of Senior Steward. So the three of us are the Church Stewards for the current calendar year. To fill the rota of stewards for services we are very grateful to Keith and Jenny, Kay, Alwyn and Ray and Margery for acting as our assistants.

Following the first Sunday in January, the government imposed another lockdown. This time churches were allowed to continue to hold services, but we along with most others decided that it was prudent not to do so.

We decided to restart services again on Easter Sunday at the beginning of April, when we resumed our usual practice of decorating the cross with flowers at the start of the service and then displaying it outside the front door afterwards.

As from the 25th July, following removal of most government restrictions, we allowed the congregation to remove their masks whilst seated and we resumed singing. The coffee lounge was re-opened after Sunday morning worship on 8th August. It was hoped that allowing singing and re-opening the coffee lounge would cause more people to attend worship. This didn't happen initially but numbers started to increase during September.

Throughout the periods when we were unable to hold services in Church and periods when not everyone felt able to attend due to the pandemic, Online Services were recorded each week and posted on the Southgate Hub and/or YouTube. The last of these was for Sunday, 25th July. It was decided to cease producing them as less people were viewing them and because as other activities were re-commencing, the team were unable to commit the time needed to produce them. I would like to give a huge thank you to the team of Rev Colin, Andrew and Chris and occasional visitors who not only led the services but recorded and edited them and provided the music.

I would like to thank Lesley and Christine for their support during a year that has been quite different to normal.

Colin Lees

Treasurer

Annual Figures:

Income	£ 78,714
Expenditure	£ 68,215

Funds Held:

	<u>1 Sep 2020</u>	<u>31st August 2021</u>
General Fund (combined)	£ 28534	£ 38835
Memoriam Fund	£ 6249	£ 6257
Property Reserve Fund	£ 6618	£ 1627
TMCP Investments	<u>£ 86050</u>	<u>£ 86050</u>
	£127271	£ 132769

Notes

1) Combined general fund is made up of:

General Account

Property Account

Office Account

General & Property Fund Central Finance Board Deposit Accounts

2) Memoriam Fund, which receives interest and donations from the family & friends of lately deceased members/adherents.

3) TMCP Investments (use of which is subject to certain restrictions covering bequests & model trusts).

Treasurer's Report

The Standard Form of Accounts has been completed on a receipts & payments basis. There have been no serious incidents.

Southgate has continued to function throughout the Connexional year, although with much disruption caused by the continuing pandemic crisis, and with income streams badly affected. The Finance & Property Committee appointed a small sub-committee consisting of the Treasurer, the F&P Chairman and Secretary, and the Minister, to take tight control of all day to day finances, and to robustly examine all expenditure. The Church Council has been kept fully informed, and both the F&P Committee and the Church Council continue to be involved in the actions we are taking to maintain a steady course. Southgate is very fortunate to have a diligent F&P team, and I repeat without apology my sincere thanks to Howard Pickles for his invaluable support and assistance, given freely. As Treasurer I have been greatly supported by Howard, and, indeed the other sub-committee members in the challenging situations we have faced this year.

Income of £78714 is less than the previous year (£82,658). Expenditure of £68215 is less than the previous year (£124,672). Although, on the face of it, this is an encouraging result, it needs to be pointed out that £1479 of the income figure is the Girls' Brigade's closing funds, which are being held by Southgate pending onward transmission to a nominated cause. We also owe O&C Crawshaw's several thousand pounds for work carried out on our premises which has not yet been invoiced.

We have received all our due Gift Aid refunds promptly this year. Gift Aid is not 'extra income', but income we budget on receiving year to year. We continue

to benefit from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). We have once again received several one-off or regular donations (some Gift Aided) from friends old and new, offering support, for which we are grateful. I repeat my reminder to members that it is essential that we ensure that all Gift Aid claims are accurate and verifiable. All providers of Gift Aid declarations have a personal legal responsibility to be certain that they pay sufficient income tax for Gift Aid donations to Southgate to be claimed.

Cashflow has been somewhat affected this year, and I have once again had to make transfers of funds from the church's deposit accounts at CFB to support the general account, totalling £15,000. Cash flow has been helped once again due to the number of people who pay their weekly collection by standing order. I cannot stress too highly how important this regular income stream has been. Many members have once again managed to review and increase their weekly giving, which is much appreciated.

Ongoing costs for utilities continue to be reviewed. We remain part of the Circuit's 'buying group' scheme, which secures cheaper prices for gas & electricity than if we negotiated our own tariffs. This is important, given the size and normal usage of our premises. This time last year I reported on a dispute about utility costs following a changeover in suppliers. This dispute was ultimately resolved at no cost to Southgate, and with all additional costs refunded. Thanks are due to Keith for his diligence in making sure the matter got resolved. Unfortunately, in a recent development, our new supplier has ceased trading, and we have now been placed by OFGEM with British Gas for our energy. At the time of writing it is not known how this will impact on the price we pay for our energy.

We continue to be covered by Methodist Insurance, which provides a highly specialised service to Methodist organisations. We have had two claims this year following repeated vandalism by young people getting onto the roofs of our shop premises. Both claims were promptly and sympathetically handled.

The suite of premises at Southgate is regularly inspected and cleaned, necessary to ensure the cleanliness and safety of our premises both for us, and our hirers. The costs of inspections and cleaning are met from the income we receive from our hirers and shop tenants, whose rent also contributes to the funds we maintain for repairs and other unexpected costs. This income has, of course, been badly affected during the year. David efficiently managed the task of booking and invoicing our hirers, and we were sorry to learn of his death just after the end of the Connexional year. David will be much missed. Southgate has been supported throughout the year by HM Government's Job Retention Scheme to help with the cleaner's wage costs. We have topped up the cleaner's wage to her usual amount whilst she has been furloughed.

Our parade of shops still provides a vital income. We again had to allow a holiday in rents during the second lockdown period, but income from the shops has now resumed. We benefited in July from a grant of £4000 via Calderdale Council from a government fund to assist voluntary groups/places of worship which lost out financially because of the effects of the pandemic.

Southgate continues to hold a capital sum of £86,050 with TMCP in Manchester. We benefit from the income generated by this sum. We are able to access the capital funds for approved projects, and, if necessary, to support general income. It is a sign of the cautious and close eye that we have kept on finances that we have not needed to access the funds to prop up the general account during the year, despite every forecast we made assuming that we would have to do so. The sum at TMCP is occasionally added to in the form of legacies from deceased members and friends, and we are grateful to those who choose to support Southgate with generous donations in this way. Southgate also maintains a modest Memoriam Fund, into which is paid funds given in memory of deceased members and friends, most usually in the form of funeral collections. These funds are used to pay for smaller scale projects, with the Church Council's approval.

There have been few opportunities for fundraising this year, but we were glad to receive £125.68 from the re-opened after worship coffee bar.

Reserves, and the Reserves Policy continue to be reviewed. As a general rule, incoming resources should be used to meet general expenditure. It is for the Church Council, as Managing Trustees, to maintain and review strategies of building up reserves, and to ensure net income & expenditure are as close as possible. Managing Trustees are reminded of their legally binding obligations and requirements to exercise prudence and provide good governance at all times.

Thanks are due to Keith & Jenny for managing the Sunday collections, to Sue for dealing with the payroll & HMRC Job Retention work, and to Anne & Howard for looking after the envelope scheme and gift aid. Since the sad death of John last year, the annual church accounts are now being examined on a commercial basis by Messrs BM Howarth Ltd. This remains a detailed and time consuming task, which has to be carried out before the accounts can be presented to the Church Council for acceptance and onward submission to the Circuit, the District, and the Connexion. Both Howard and I were grateful to Heather at Howarth's for her assistance last year at very short notice, and for the suggestions she made which have improved the presentation of the accounts going forward.

I too am grateful for the support and assistance I receive from so many people. The work of the Treasurer continues to be a challenge, and the help I receive is quite invaluable.

All good gifts around us are sent from Heav'n above.

Andrew

Finance and Property Committee

Another strange year to report upon.

Once again thanks to all who in any way have helped to keep our buildings clean, tidy, repair free and even at times open.

All the usual and required inspections / services have been carried out, again without any major problems. Even when buildings were empty it was necessary to do this, to keep them safe and legally able to be occupied and used when open.

The only major works carried out have been two repairs to shop roofs following vandalism and a blown pipe in the boiler room.

The roof repairs were covered by Insurance claims, and the Police were involved when good images of the vandals were found on our CCTV cameras.

Room hire again took a big hit, as did the income from the shops when tenants were granted rent holidays whilst being forced to close

However, things are now beginning to return to some form of normality, with bookings increasing, and church organisations re-opening.

Unit 6 and Unit 7 tenants have renewed their leases for a further three years, and all the shops are back open and again paying full rent.

Thanks once again to everyone involved.

Keith

Pastoral Committee

Can't believe I am writing another Annual Report when we haven't had a meeting for 2 years, where has that time gone !!!!

Well for starters I must say a big THANK YOU to our Pastoral Visitors for doing as best they can to keep in touch with all our members, which at times has not been easy. Also to the "Bulletin Team" whether producing it or printing off copies and delivering to people who don't have internet access, you haven't gone unnoticed THANK YOU ALL.

Sadly we have lost some members since Covid began and our thoughts, love and prayers go out to all their families who are grieving in very strange and difficult times. Our members and friends - Godfrey, Irene, Maude, Jim, Helen, Harry, Graham, Stuart, Clifford & David

There is to be a Re-dedication Service on the 7th November and then hopefully we can arrange to have a meeting to discuss our way forward.

Finally THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed in any way to keeping Southgate "Together" in the last 12 months, you know who you are, no names necessary, "Just doing God's Work".

Jenny

Mission

For many years David has looked after our fund raising for missions and also the distribution of the funds raised. Earlier this year David resigned from this position and on behalf of the church I would like to express our thanks to him for all the hard work he has put in looking after this important part of our ministry.

As we all know things have not been the same this year. In previous years money has been raised through Friday Coffee Mornings, Donations, Easter Offerings and the Advent Offering. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, the only fund raising during the last Church Year was through the Easter Offerings 2021 when £161.88 was raised for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund.

Margery

Operation Christian Welcome

There is little to say except the project has been on hold for 18 months but we are hoping to re-start our monthly Friday evening again soon. Further details will be in the weekly bulletin as and when there is more information.

Andrew

Baptismal Roll

We have only been able to hold one baptism this year and it took place after Sunday Service where we welcomed Ruby Rose and her family. The baptism of Ruby was conducted by Reverend Colin. Along with the Baptism Certificate a book of bible stories was given to Ruby.

Anne

The Boys' Brigade

The 5th Halifax (Elland) Boys' Brigade enjoyed another eventful session, despite the circumstances, during 2020-21. We met in person whenever the

government allowed which meant we could meet for the majority but not the full session.

The retention of our members has been pleasing in the circumstances and shows that the programme of activities we provide is appealing to our young people. We didn't actively recruit during 20-21 due to the restrictions placed on us however, some new members did join us during the session. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and guardians of our members who are extremely supportive and are brilliant at recommending us to their friends and family. We particularly appreciate their patience and support over the past year as we've adapted to a different way of working.

The Boys Brigade nationally have been excellent this year in bringing out guidance and new resources to help Companies return to face-to-face meetings within the guidelines set out by the Youth Council and the government. Resources have been brought out on a monthly basis and have been suitable for both face-to-face and virtual meetings. During the period where we couldn't meet in person, we did a few virtual meetings. The most successful of these was led by Bricktopia (formally Bricks4Kidz) who ran a Lego based evening for our Anchors and Juniors. Ultimately, virtual sessions are a pale imitation of our usual Wednesday night experience and as a staff group, we felt this wasn't for us. Therefore, we limited these to a handful of evenings.

I'm pleased to say that we have a good group of young people who are a pleasure to work with each week. They can be a lively bunch at times but we do have a lot of fun on our Wednesday nights. Unfortunately, we were once again unable to go on our annual residential trip. We hope to return to Kirkham in 2022.

Our team of Officers and helpers do a fantastic job; I would like to thank all the Officers and helpers for their continued work with the Company and to everyone else that has lent a hand over the last year. On behalf of the Company, I would also like to thank David for fulfilling the role of treasurer once again this year.

We are always looking for help to staff our Wednesday night sessions. If you feel like this could be for you, get in touch with me using the details below and we can arrange to have an informal chat.

Thanks go to the Elland Stedfast Association for their continued support of the Company. I would encourage any former BB members to join the Association if they haven't done so already, see John, Sheila or myself for details. The Association usually runs several events throughout the year, hopefully this will resume in 2021/22. Please keep a look out for details and support if you can.

Our fundraising has been limited during the past year for obvious reasons. We have plans to resume our regular Table Top Sales/ Craft Fairs in 2021/22 and

have our first sale planned for October 2021. Our fundraising has been supplemented by our Easyfundraising account which we are hoping to build on in 2021/22. If you shop online, you can go through their website and the retailer donates a small percentage of the transaction to the Company. All the major online retailers are on the website and it is free to both the shopper and the Company. To find out more go to:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ellandboysgirlsbrigade>

We continue to have a strong online presence through our Facebook and Twitter pages and our company website. This has been invaluable in keeping in touch with our members over the past year. Our Facebook page is great at raising awareness of the BB in Elland and we have seen plenty of our posts reach several hundred people. Our addresses are below, feel free to follow/like our pages...

www.5th-halifaxbb.org.uk

www.facebook.com/EllandBB

www.twitter.com/5thHalifaxBB

We have had an exciting summer period during which Elland Girls Brigade have merged with us. We are pleased to welcome both Amy and Cath as members of staff as well as the former GB members who have joined us. We are excited to be able to provide activities to all the young people in Elland (and beyond) for the first time in our history.

In planning for the new session, we have aimed to combine the best of the Boys Brigade and the best of the Girls Brigade so we can offer something truly special to the young people in our community. It promises to be an exciting year full of new opportunities for our members, the organisation and the Church.

Finally, thank you on behalf of the Company for all of your support throughout the year.

James

The Girls' Brigade

In January 2021 it was the 60th anniversary of 1st Elland Girls' Brigade. Over these years GB has welcomed hundreds of girls and provided numerous opportunities, enjoyment and fellowship. We give thanks for all the good times we have had, and the many happy memories made. We remember the camps, the theme park trips, Blackpool Rallies, pantomime & cinema trips, outdoor activity adventures, playing tambourines (not just at Southgate but at the Albert Hall!), carnival floats, parades, Parents & Friends evenings, the list goes on..... We give thanks to our former Captains, Leaders & Helpers who made all this possible.

Sadly, we were not meeting in January to mark this special occasion, but we did open our doors back in June and after a year of being away we welcomed back 21 girls. Unfortunately, due to people isolating we never actually managed to get everyone together on the same night and whilst thinking of activities to do while socially distancing was tricky, we did manage to have fun and it was wonderful to have the girls back at Southgate.

This summer has seen several leaders tender their resignations. Dawn & Vickie resigned as leaders and I resigned as team leader. With no one able to take on the team leader role and a serious shortage of leaders this meant that 1st Elland GB would struggle to continue in September. After contacting our Chaplain, we were extremely grateful to James and the BB leaders for providing an opportunity for the girls to join them on a Wednesday evening.

At our AGM it was decided that 1st Elland GB would officially close and that GB members would be invited to join with the BB on a Wednesday. Glen is already a BB leader and Amy will be joining as a leader along with Cath as a welcome steward. I wish the leaders, boys and girls all the very best for the future in this exciting new venture.

Helen

Social & Drama Group

The pandemic, as with everything else, brought any thought of stage production to a standstill. This year also brought the loss of many stalwarts of pantomime and musicals as well as plays. In particular I refer to Maude, Graham, Helen and Jim. We weep for their loss but give thanks for their lives and the great joy every one of them gave to hundreds of people through their work both on and off stage. The future of the Social and drama group is unknown. All in God's hands. Please pray for the best way forward.

Wilma

Southgate Caterers

The coronavirus pandemic effectively shut down all our operations around provision of food at Southgate and to date has not been re-established. This is also due to the sad loss of so many of our church members and friends because of covid and other illnesses and I would like to pay tribute to them all.

They are so so missed and have left a huge hole in our hearts that can never be filled. It will be difficult to carry on but carry on we must. They would have wanted it. With that in mind and to honour their contributions each one gave to the Southgate caterers and Philia lunches, a small group of us are starting up coffee bar on a Friday. Sadly we are aware we do not have the capacity to

bring back Shoppers lunch or Philia lunches but we intend to bring slightly different aspects to Friday mornings.

Please watch this space for the future of catering at Southgate.

Thanks to everyone in the past who gave such dedicated service. And with all the saints and God's help we go forward into the future.

Wilma

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Southgate	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

Calderdale	Circuit	Circuit no	27/34
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1130095
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If not a registered charity Her 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 Colin Sherwood

Church Stewards:
Colin Lees
Lesley Kershaw
Christine Chadwick

Treasurer:
Andrew Stopford

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		31,207.77	31,207.77	34,514.83
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		140.92	17.51	158.43
a4	Lettings		21,517.00	21,517.00	22,690.00
a5	Other receipts		24,351.34	1,479.81	25,831.15
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		77,217.03	1,497.32	78,714.35 (a7)
					82,658.31

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		30,357.50	30,357.50	35,087.75
b3	Donations		365.00	365.00	487.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		17,788.85	17,788.85	52,710.70
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		14,734.90	14,734.90	16,937.80
b6					
b7	Other payments		4,968.31	4,968.31	19,448.96
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		68,214.56	68,214.56 (b9)	124,672.21

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	9,002.47	1,497.32	10,499.79
					(42,013.90)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		28,353.74	98,916.35	127,270.09 (c6)
					173,283.99
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	37,356.21	100,413.67	137,769.88
					131,270.09
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(5,000.00)	5,000.00	(c7)
					(4,000.00)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	32,356.21	105,413.67	137,769.88 (c8)
					127,270.09 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		2.91		22.00
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		161.83		562.30
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		161.83		587.21
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	2.91		(2.91)

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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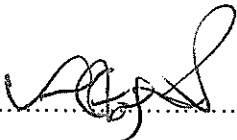
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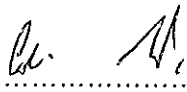
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Signature of treasurer  Date... 3/2/22

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Name of the Chair of the meeting CAVIN SHERWOOD Date ... 3/3/22

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southgate Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 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.

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Name of Church: Southgate Charity No: 1130095

Independent Examiner's Statement

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Southgate	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Calderdale	Circuit	Circuit no	27/34
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1130095
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If not a registered charity Her 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 Colin Sherwood

Church Stewards:
Colin Lees
Lesley Kershaw
Christine Chadwick

Treasurer:
Andrew Stopford

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		31,207.77	31,207.77	34,514.83
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		140.92	17.51	158.43
a4	Lettings		21,517.00		21,517.00
a5	Other receipts		24,351.34	1,479.81	25,831.15
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		77,217.03	1,497.32	78,714.35 (a7)
					82,658.31

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		30,357.50	30,357.50	35,087.75
b3	Donations		365.00	365.00	487.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		17,788.85	17,788.85	52,710.70
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		14,734.90	14,734.90	16,937.80
b6					
b7	Other payments		4,968.31	4,968.31	19,448.96
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		68,214.56	68,214.56 (b9)	124,672.21

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	9,002.47	1,497.32	10,499.79
					(42,013.90)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		28,353.74	98,916.35	127,270.09 (c6)
					173,283.99
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	37,356.21	100,413.67	137,769.88
					131,270.09
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(5,000.00)	5,000.00	
					(c7)
					(4,000.00)
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SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		2.91		22.00
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		161.83		562.30
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		161.83		587.21
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	2.91		(2.91)

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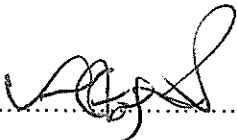
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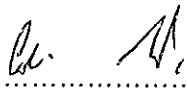
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