

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/).

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Minister:

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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

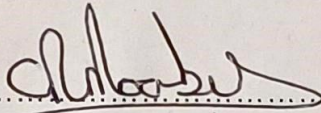
Independent Examiner's Statement

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