

ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH HINDLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1130237

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-06-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address 227 Alder Lane
Hindley Green
Wigan
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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: Providing religious services/activities to local people/groups etc.

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
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£42,012	£42,421	-	-
2024-08-31	£45,461	£48,025	-	-
2023-08-31	£42,696	£35,180	-	-
2022-08-31	£35,712	£34,409	-	-
2021-08-31	£20,921	£29,235	-	-
2020-08-31	£45,868	£47,805	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Wilfred Wilson Robinson	Chair	2021-09-01
Andrea Hodges		2022-11-01
DAVID CLAYWORTH		2012-06-19
HELEN PYE		
Hilary Unsworth		2015-05-13
JANET BARLOW CLAYWORTH		
JANET MAY JENNIONS		
JEAN MARGARET BROOKS		2012-06-19
James Ott		2023-02-07
Matthew Anthony Hodges		2022-11-01
Trevor Muskett		2019-11-01
Yvonne Owens		2022-09-20

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Accounts

St John's Methodist Church, Hindley

Trustees Annual Report

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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- Having a safeguarding co-ordinator who is a member of the Church Council and has access to advice from Circuit, District and the Connexion's professional Safeguarding Officers;
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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Other church run activities comprise of a weekly playgroup for pre-school children and a weekly fun night for youngsters and other family members. These are all run by church members and other volunteers. Unfortunately, the weekly coffee morning and a

monthly Friday Market alongside the coffee morning have stopped running this year because of the age of the volunteers.

In addition, St John's provides accommodation at fair rates for a community art club, a dance school offering a range of classes and a Morris dancing class.

God has blessed our Junior Church with several children and although small in number, they are growing. The older ones welcome the new little ones and the children and love the babies. The group continues to sing, pray and play together as they learn about God's love. They enjoy helping with special celebration services.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the year ending 31st August 2025 amounted to £42,012 and total payments amounted to £42,421 giving an operating deficit of just £409, which was better than the previous year by £2,155. The main sources of income were regular giving and gift aid tax credit, fund-raising events and lettings of church rooms. The main outgoings were the contribution to circuit assessment, utility payments, repairs and maintenance, and insurance.

Total funds amounted to £17,368 at the 31st August 2025. The Standard Form of Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement are appended to the report.

Even though new contracts had been negotiated in this financial year, for gas and electricity, the church council decided that the main Church Buildings would be closed again over the winter months until the weather becomes warmer. Church services were held in the school room, which is cheaper to heat, during the cold weather.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

St. John's, Hindley	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

Leigh and Hindley	Circuit	Circuit no.	01/19
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Minister:

Reverend W Robinson

Church Stewards:

Mr David Clayworth

Treasurer:

Mrs Yvonne Owens

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		12,729		12,729	16,808
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		115		115	126
a4	Lettings		12,330		12,330	13,848
a5	Other receipts		16,838		16,838	14,679
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		42,012		42,012 (a7)	45,461

	SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		16,850		16,850	16,661
b3	Donations					
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		8,254		8,254	9,660
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,518		15,518	19,791
b6						1,178
b7	Other payments		1,799		1,799	735
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		42,421		42,421 (b9)	48,025

	SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(409)		(409)	(2,564)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		17,776		17,776 (c6)	20,340
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	17,367		17,367	17,776
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	17,367		17,367 (c8)	17,776 (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			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		68	130
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			130
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	68	

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

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 UNITE	1,178	1,233	(55)		56	1
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,178	1,233	(55)		56 (e11)	1 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	42,012 (a7)	42,421 (b9)	(409)	(c7)	17,776 (c6)	17,367 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	43,190	43,654	(464)		17,832 (x)	17,368 (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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	15,227	14,703
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	2,086	2,180
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	463	484
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	17,776 (c6)	17,367 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	56 (e11)	1 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	17,832 (x)	17,368 (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)	9,624,223	9,912,972
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 .. St. John's, Hindley

No: 01/19

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 Y Owens Date 23rd October 2025

Name and address of treasurer YVONNE OWENS, 227 ALDER LANE,
HINDLEY GREEN, WILGAN Post Code WN2 4EU

Presentation to the Church trustees

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

* Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

* Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Wilfred Robinson Date 12th Nov. 25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... St. John's, Hindley Church

Charity Number 1130237

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St John's, Hindley Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church .. St. John's, Hindley

No: 01/19

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 .. RJ Hughes

Name of independent examiner .. PAMELA JANE HUGHES

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) .. N/A

Address .. 22 WOTTON DRIVE, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD

..... WIGAN

Post Code WN4 8XR

Date .. 3/11/25

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the year ending 31st August 2024 amounted to £45,461 and total payments amounted to £48,025 giving an operating deficit of £2,564. The main sources of income were regular giving and gift aid tax credit, fund-raising events and lettings of church rooms. The main outgoings were the contribution to circuit assessment, gas and electricity payments, building maintenance and repairs, insurance and water utilities. The deficit was due to needing a new boiler (£3,480) and having a sink hole and path repaired (£2,659.36).

Total funds amounted to £17,832 at the 31st August 2024. The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement are appended to the report.

Turning to the current financial year, the gas and electricity payments continue to be high, so the church council decided the main Church Buildings would be closed again over the winter months until the weather becomes warmer and church services would be held in the school room.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St. John's, Hindley	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Leigh and Hindley	Circuit	Circuit no.	06/07
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Minister:

Reverend W Robinson

Church Stewards:

Mr D Clayworth

Treasurer:

Mrs Y Owens

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	16,808		16,808	14,346
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	126		126	80
a4	Lettings	13,848		13,848	13,962
a5	Other receipts	14,679		14,679	14,308
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	45,461		45,461 (a7)	42,696

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	16,661		16,661	16,765
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	9,660		9,660	1,969
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,791		19,791	15,728
b6	Upstairs room refurbishment	1,178		1,178	
b7	Other payments	735		735	718
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	48,025		48,025 (b9)	35,180

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,564)	(2,564)	7,516
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	20,340		20,340 (c6)	12,824
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	17,776	17,776	20,340
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	17,776	17,776 (c8)	20,340 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
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d1	Balance brought forward from last year	55	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	75	55
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	130	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	55

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e1 U-NITE	923	936	(13)		69	56
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	923	936	(13)		69 (e11)	56 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	45,461 (a7)	48,025 (b9)	(2,564)	(c7)	20,340 (c6)	17,776 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	46,384	48,961	(2,577)		20,409 (x)	17,832 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	17,917	15,227
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	1,982	2,086
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	441	463
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	20,340 (c6)	17,776 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	69 (e11)	56 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
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g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer *U Owens* Date.....

Name and address of treasurer *YVONNE OWENS, 227 ALDER LANE, HINDLEY GREEN, WIGAN* Post Code. *WN2 4EU*

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *MHR*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rw. Wilfred Robinson* Date *18/02/25*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ... St.John's, Hindley..... No 06/07

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Signature of independent examiner PJ Hughes

Name of independent examiner PAMELA JANE HUGHES

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 22 Wotton Drive, Ashton in Makerfield
Wigan Post Code WN4 8AR

Date 28/11/24

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the year ending 31/08/2023 amounted to £42,696 and total payments amounted to £35,180 giving an operating credit of £7,516. The main sources of income were regular giving and gift aid tax credit, fund-raising events and lettings of church rooms. The main outgoings were the contribution to circuit assessment, gas and electricity payments, building maintenance and repairs, insurance and water utilities.

Total funds amounted to £20,409 at the 31st August 2023. The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement are appended to the report.

Turning to the current financial year, the gas and electricity payments continue to be high, so the church council decided the main Church Buildings would be closed again over the winter months until the weather became warmer and church services would be held in the school room.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

St John's Hindley	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

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

1130237

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 W Robinson

Church Stewards:

Mr D Clayworth

Treasurer:

Mrs Y Owens

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	14,346		14,346	19,739
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	80		80	9
a4	Lettings	13,962		13,962	8,070
a5	Other receipts	14,308		14,308	7,894
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	42,696		42,696 (a7)	35,712

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	16,765		16,765	16,633
b3	Donations				550
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	1,969		1,969	3,255
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,728		15,728	12,962
b6					
b7	Other payments	718		718	1,009
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	35,180		35,180 (b9)	34,409

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,516	7,516	1,303
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		12,824	12,824 (c6)	11,521
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	20,340	20,340	12,824
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	20,340	20,340 (c8)	12,824 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			55	462
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				462
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID			55	
	(d1+d2-d3)				

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

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Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 U-NITE	862	1,224	(362)		430	69
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	862	1,224	(362)		430 (e11)	69 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	42,696 (a7)	35,180 (b9)	7,516	(c7)	12,824 (c6)	20,340 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	43,558	36,404	7,154		13,254 (x)	20,409 (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		
f2 Bank Current Account	10,481	17,917
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	1,915	1,982
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	428	441
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	12,824 (c6)	20,340 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	430 (e11)	69 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	13,254 (x)	20,409 (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)	8,528,112	9,389,560
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)

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 Y Owens Date 9th October 2023

Name and address of treasurer Yvonne Owens

227 Alder Lane, Hindley Green, Wigan, WN2 4EU

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Welfred Robinson Date 19th Nov 23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St Johns, Hindley Church

Charity Number 1130237

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Johns Hindley Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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 PJ Hughes

Name of independent examiner PAMELA JANE HUGHES

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 22 WOTTON DRIVE, ASHTON IN MAKERFIELD

..... WIGAN Post Code WN4 8XR

Date 23/10/23

* delete or circle as appropriate

ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH HINDLEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1130237

Accounts

St John's Methodist Church, Hindley

Trustees Annual Report

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

St John's Methodist Church is part of the 'Methodist Church of Great Britain' whose governing documents, as a charity, are the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. St John's is part of the Leigh and Hindley Methodist Circuit, which in turn is part of the Bolton and Rochdale Methodist District. The Church Council, which currently comprises twelve trustees, including the Superintendent Minister, who has leadership and oversight of all aspects of the Church's work.

Risk Management

The Church buildings are used by both members and community groups, including a number of young people and vulnerable adults. Measures to manage safeguarding risks include:

- Application of the statutory procedures for the Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults;
- Annual updating of the Church's Safeguarding Policy, using the model recommended by the Methodist Church;
- Mandatory training sessions for those involved in work with young people;
- Having a safeguarding co-ordinator who is a member of the Church Council and has access to advice from Circuit, District and the Connexion's professional Safeguarding Officers;
- Mandatory safeguarding reporting to the trustees at every council meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local Methodist Church in the centre of Hindley, St John's aims to be a welcoming Christian family, where all ages are included and valued and can learn and experience more of God's love. The members of St John's are committed to strengthening their faith and commitment through prayer, Bible study and mutual support and encouragement. St John's is continually looking for new ways to reach out to the community.

Except when circuit services and joint services take place with Bamfurlong church, St John's provides a weekly Sunday morning act of worship, open to all and including a Sunday School. The Church also provides a weekly rehearsal space for the local Churches Together Choir.

Other church-run activities comprise: a weekly coffee morning; a monthly Friday Market alongside the coffee morning; a weekly playgroup for pre-school children and a weekly fun night for youngsters and other family members. These are all run by church members and other volunteers.

In addition, St John's provides accommodation at fair rates for a community art club, two young people's dance groups and a council-run support group for young people with specific needs.

God has blessed our Junior Church with several new little ones and although small in number, they are growing. The older ones welcome the new little ones and the children and love the babies. The group continues to sing, pray and play together as they learn about God's love. They enjoy helping with special celebration services.

Playgroup continues to meet on Thursday afternoons with a regular good number of young families and often grandparents enjoying fun and fellowship. The group benefits from a good team of helpers who enjoy it as much as the children. The playgroup is a good support network and, in some cases, the third generation of connection with our church family.

U-NITE is a family group that meets on Friday evenings. There are a good number of regulars, overlapping with Junior Church and Playgroup. The group play games, have art, craft activities, music, food and prayer time. There is a wide age range from babies to teenagers with their parents/carers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the year ending 31/08/2022 amounted to £35,712 and total payments amounted to £34,409, giving an operating credit of £1,303. The main sources of income were regular giving and gift aid tax credit, fund-raising events and lettings of church rooms. The main outgoings were the contribution to circuit assessment, building maintenance and repairs, insurance and utilities.

Total funds amounted to £12,824 at the 31st August 2022. The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement are appended to the report.

Turning to the current financial year, the financial position has not improved due to the increased cost of energy. At the church council it was decided the main Church Building would be closed until the weather became warmer and church services have been held in the school room over winter.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St John's, Hindley	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

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

1130237

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

06/11/2007

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Minister:

Rev W Robinson

Church Stewards:

Mr D Clayworth
Mr M Hodges
Mr J Ott

Treasurer:

Ms J MacKenzie

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	19,739		19,739	17,405
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	9		9	12
a4	Lettings	8,070		8,070	194
a5	Other receipts	7,894		7,894	3,310
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	35,712		35,712 (a7)	20,921

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	16,633		16,633	16,566
b3	Donations	550		550	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,255		3,255	4,159
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,962		12,962	8,093
b6					
b7	Other payments	925	84	1,009	417
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	34,325	84	34,409 (b9)	29,235

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(84)	1,303	(8,314)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	11,521		11,521 (c6)	19,835
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(84)	12,824	11,521
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	(84)	12,824 (c8)	11,521 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			462	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			462	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 U-NITE	734	766	(32)		462	430
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	734	766	(32)		462 (e11)	430 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	35,712 (a7)	34,409 (b9)	1,303	(c7)	11,521 (c6)	12,824 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	36,446	35,175	1,271		11,983 (x)	13,254 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,186	10,480
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	1,907	1,915
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	427	428
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	11,521 (c6)	12,824 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	462 (e11)	430 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	11,983 (x)	13,254 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	7,690,000	8,528,112
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 St John's Methodist, Hindley No...06/07..

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 *Janice MacKenzie* Date *1st Oct 2022*

Name and address of treasurer Janice MacKenzie
24 Dalkeith Road, Hindley Green, Wigan, WN2 4PD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *W. Wilfred*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rw'd Wilfred Robinson* Date *7th Feb 23*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St John's Methodist, Hindley
Charity Number *1130237*

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *St Johns, Hindley* Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages *1* to *5*. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church St Johns Methodist, Hindley No 06/07

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner PJ Hughes

Name of independent examiner PAMELA JANE HUGHES

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 22 WOTTON DRIVE, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD

WIGTAN Post Code WN4 8XR

Date 21/10/2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-22

ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH HINDLEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1130237

Accounts

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

St John's Hindley	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2020

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

1130237

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

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Minister:

Rev L Pereira

Church Stewards:

Mr D Clayworth	Mr M Hodges
Mr J Martin	Mr J Ott

Treasurer:

Ms J MacKenzie

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	18,600		18,600	21,415
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	70	6	76	100
a4	Lettings	2,034		2,034	5,563
a5	Other receipts	12,501	12,657	25,158	9,578
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	33,205	12,663	45,868 (a7)	36,656

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	16,566		16,566	16,228
b3	Donations	275		275	400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	1,841		1,841	6,644
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,104		12,104	13,252
b6	Renovations	2,491	14,346	16,837	4,545
b7	Other payments	182		182	603
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	33,459	14,346	47,805 (b9)	41,672

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(254)	(1,683)	(1,937)	(5,016)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	20,090	1,683	21,773 (c6)	26,789	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	19,835	19,835	21,773	
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	19,835	19,835 (c8)	21,773 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	270	243
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	270	243
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 UNITE	708	870	(162)		624	462
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	708	870	(162)		624 (e11)	462 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	45,868 (a7)	47,805 (b9)	(1,937)	(c7)	21,773 (c6)	19,835 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	46,576	48,675	(2,099)		22,396 (x)	20,297 (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 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,152	9,229
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	11,796	10,179
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	824	427
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	21,773 (c6)	19,835 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	624 (e11)	462 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	22,397 (x)	20,297 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,740,000	5,424,429
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 St John's Hindley No. 1130237

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 Janice MacKenzie Date 9th Jan 2021

Name and address of treasurer Ms J MacKenzie

26 DANKOSH RD, HINDLEY GROUND, WIGAN Post Code WN2 4PD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 12th January 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting L Pereira

Name of the Chair of the meeting Len PEREIRA Date 15/1/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St John's Hindley Church

Charity Number 1130237

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St John's Hindley Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 to 5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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Name of Church ST JOHN'S HINDLEY..... No 1130237

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have ~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner PJ Hughes.....

Name of independent examiner PAMELA JANE HUGHES.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A.....

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Date 7th DECEMBER 2020.....

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St John's Methodist Church, Hindley

Trustees Annual Report

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

St John's Methodist Church is part of the 'Methodist Church of Great Britain' whose governing documents, as a charity, are the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. St John's is part of the Leigh and Hindley Methodist Circuit, which in turn is part of the Bolton and Rochdale Methodist District. The Church Council, which currently comprises twelve trustees, including the Presbyter / Chair, has leadership and oversight of all aspects of the Church's work.

Risk Management

Prior to the onset of Covid-19, the Church buildings were used by both members and community groups, including a number of young people and vulnerable adults. Measures to manage safeguarding risks include:

- Application of the statutory procedures for the Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults;
- Annual updating of the Church's Safeguarding Policy, using the model recommended by the Methodist Church;
- Mandatory training sessions for those involved in work with young people;
- Appointment of a safeguarding co-ordinator who is a member of the Church Council and has access to advice from Circuit, District and the Connexion's professional Safeguarding Officers;
- Mandatory safeguarding reporting to the trustees at every council meeting.

This year, additional risk assessments have been completed and measures put in place to control the potential risks from Covid-19 associated with essential access to the Church buildings (for maintenance etc).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local Methodist Church in the centre of Hindley, St John's aims to be a welcoming Christian family, where all ages are included and valued and can learn and experience more of God's love. The members of St John's are committed to strengthening their faith and commitment through prayer, Bible study and mutual support and encouragement. St John's is continually looking for new ways to reach out to the community.

Although all activities are currently halted due to the Covid-19 outbreak, St John's normally provides a weekly Sunday morning act of worship, open to all and including a Sunday School. The Church also provides a weekly rehearsal space for the local Churches Together Choir.

Other church-run activities comprise: a weekly coffee morning; a fortnightly cake and crafts session; a weekly playgroup for pre-school children and a weekly fun night for older youngsters and other family members. These are all run by church members and other volunteers.

In addition, St John's provides accommodation at fair rates for a community art club, a young people's dance group and a council-run support group for young people with specific needs.

In the initial period following lockdown, St John's provided kitchen facilities for a community group preparing and delivering hot meals for vulnerable people in the local community.

Whilst unable to worship in church, St John's has offered a regular prayer meeting via Zoom and church members and friends have been able to access a circuit wide phone-in service and reflection podcasts. A monthly newsletter has been instigated and is to be distributed by hand or by email to members and friends to help us all keep up to date with the life of the fellowship.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the year ending 31/08/2020 amounted to £45,868 and total payments amounted to £47,805, giving an operating deficit of £1,937 which was met from reserves. The main sources of income were regular giving and gift aid tax credit, fund-raising events and lettings of church rooms. The main outgoings were the contribution to circuit assessment, building maintenance and repairs, insurance and utilities.

Total funds amounted to £19,835 at the 31st August 2020. The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement are appended to the report.