

## **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, 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.

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<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1130237

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:

Reverend W Robinson
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Church Stewards:

Mr D Clayworth

Treasurer:

Mrs Y Owens
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	16,808		<b>16,808</b>	14,346
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	126		<b>126</b>	80
a4	Lettings	13,848		<b>13,848</b>	13,962
a5	Other receipts	14,679		<b>14,679</b>	14,308
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>45,461</b>		<b>45,461 (a7)</b>	<b>42,696</b>
SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	16,661		<b>16,661</b>	16,765
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	9,660		<b>9,660</b>	1,969
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,791		<b>19,791</b>	15,728
b6	Upstairs room refurbishment	1,178		<b>1,178</b>	
b7	Other payments	735		<b>735</b>	718
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>48,025</b>		<b>48,025 (b9)</b>	<b>35,180</b>
SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(2,564)</b>	<b>(2,564)</b>	7,516
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	20,340		<b>20,340 (c6)</b>	12,824
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>17,776</b>	<b>17,776</b>	<b>20,340</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>17,776</b>	<b>17,776 (c8)</b>	<b>20,340 (c6)</b>
SECTION D					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>			<b>55</b>

**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 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 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>46,384</b>	<b>48,961</b>	<b>(2,577)</b>		<b>20,409 (x)</b>	<b>17,832 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**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 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>20,340 (c6)</b>	<b>17,776 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>69 (e11)</b>	<b>56 (e12)</b>
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>20,409 (x)</b>	<b>17,832 (y)</b>

**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)	9,389,560	9,624,223
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)

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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 ..... 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 ..... M L R .....  
Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Rw. Wilfred Robinson ..... Date ..... 18/02/25

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### St. John's Methodist 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 2024 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



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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/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

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Date 28/11/24

\* delete or circle as appropriate