

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 North West England 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 includes a Junior Church. The Church also provides a weekly rehearsal space for the local Churches Together Choir.

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.

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 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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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1130237
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If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number	
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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:
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				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	17,367	17,367	(c8)	17,776 (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			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**

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 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)
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		
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

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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 3/11/25

* delete or circle as appropriate