

Northallerton Methodist Church

Annual Report 2021-2022

Structure, governance, and management of the local church:

We are governed according to the "Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church". Within the Methodist Church we belong to the Thirsk and Northallerton Methodist Circuit in the Yorkshire North & East District.

Our governing body is the Church Council, which meets at least three times a year usually in October, March and the summer. Trustees are specified office holders, representatives from the General Church Meeting (which meets annually in the Spring), with others to ensure all areas of church life are represented. There are committees to oversee Finance and Property, Worship and Pastoral issues.

We have policies in place regarding Safeguarding (children and vulnerable adults), reserves and GDPR (Privacy policy) which are reviewed annually and available on request.

Aims and objectives:

Our objectives are in line with those of the Methodist Church which are: -

Worship - The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

Learning & Caring - The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.

Service - The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

Evangelism - The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement

The calling of Northallerton Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

Vision

This vision of the church is summarised by our five areas of priority which are as follows:

- Worship – Inclusive
- Visible outreach and welcoming church
- Pastoral care of all ages
- Spiritual and financial growth
- Green /climate issues

Progress towards vision during 2021-2022

Worship – Inclusive

The congregation is starting to build up again following the impact of the COVID pandemic. Weekly, face to face services are now taking place as are other church groups including the choir and music

group. All Sunday morning acts of worship include an all-age element; building on lessons learnt during streaming and online worship. We have a monthly all age worship service and a weekly junior church for young people.

During the four Sundays in August, worship was built around celebrating the work of our Methodist charities including children and young people, the elderly, mission partners working abroad and within the UK. An integral part of the worship was the start of our 'Walking with Micah Tree', which summaries the life of our church in and around the local community.

Following the Covid pandemic, we re-opened Osmotherley chapel in April, with a well-attended Songs of Praise. Weekly Wednesday morning communion services held jointly with All Saints, C. of E. have now resumed. Once a quarter we hold a united service with the URC.

Visible outreach and welcoming church

All members of the congregation; both regular worshippers and those attending for the first time are invited to join us for refreshments following Sunday worship. Following Covid, the Coffee Pot has re-opened and regular customers are retuning.

We welcome a variety of local groups to our premises each week. Members of the congregation work with a number of local charities including the Living Rooms, Hambleton Food Share, Syrian Refugee group and volunteer in charity shops.

We hosted the knitted bible exhibition, which brought in a lot of visitors, including children from several local primary schools into the church.

Open church was held at Osmotherley chapel on Sunday afternoons during the summer holidays. During this time we were able to welcomed both locals and holiday makers into the chapel.

Pastoral care of all ages

Through the pastoral visitor system, we stay connected with active church members. The focus is on those who are no longer able to get to church. We work closely with the circuit Pastoral and Development lay worker with older people. Monthly services are now held in two of our local care homes – Mount Vale and Rivendale.

Spiritual and financial growth

There are opportunities for regular spiritual growth through faith conversations in groups such as the Storytellers and Cameo. The church family weekend at Cober Hill in March, provided a time to come together for worship, learning and fellowship as we explored 'New Horizons'

Seasonal bible study groups are offered at different time of the year. For details of financial growth, please see the financial impacts section.

Green/climate issues

In September 2021, we signed up to the local Climate Emergency Declaration. This was followed up with 'God's Good Earth' a service of worship in preparation for the COP26 Climate Change conference in Glasgow, prepared by the Wild Goose Resource Group. Since then, regular eco tips encouraging individuals to do their bit have appeared in Sunday notices and the circuit magazine. We are active members of the One Northallerton One Planet group.

We have commissioned a complete Pathway to net-zero survey of the church premises and have made grant applications to cover the costs of solar panels.

Financial Impact

Report to Trustees - October 2022

Statement of income and expenditure from the last financial year (see attachment) with comments from the treasurer below.

- There is a small but welcome increase in collections.
- The rent received is picking up after COVID and now is at about the same level as in 2019- 2020.
- Income from Coffee Pot has increased and hopefully this will develop further.

Expenditure

- The circuit assessment rose by just over £2500 but this was countered by a reduction in lay worker costs.
- Other major costs include gas which has increased by a significant amount over the year in comparison to 2019-20.
- As reported at the previous church council, repairs and renewals have significantly increased to just over £5000.

Current actions

- Necessary repairs are being made to our heating system which we hope will help to make it more efficient, easier to control and thus help keep the energy as low as possible.
- We have reviewed our room charges, increasing some of the fees within the limits of what is a competitive market.

Future plans

Looking forward to the coming year, here are a few things that we hope to do and /or achieve as we prayerfully continue to make progress towards our vision priorities.

Worship – Inclusive

- Look for new opportunities to develop worship within the life of the church. It's so much more than just on a Sunday morning
- Move café church from the hall; into church
- Develop All Age Worship – opportunities to share with other within worship
- Explore outdoor worship as well as New Places for New People
- Establish a monthly service in Osmotherley

Visible outreach and welcoming church

- Improve communications both within the church community and the outside community via new and improved notice boards, and via web-based communications and newsletters.
- Develop a permanent Walking with Micah dynamic display

- Strengthen links between members of the church and outside groups that use the premises e.g. tots group
- Explore opportunities to further develop our outreach in Osmotherley
- To continue to work closely with other denominations within the town.

Pastoral care of all ages

- Expand monthly care home services to all homes within the town
- Build up our work with family's and young people

Spiritual and financial growth

- Provide more opportunities for people to talk about their faith within a small groups and worship
- Encourage attendance at Flourish 2023
- To hold a stewardship week to encourage people to consider what they can offer to the church both in terms of time, talent and service as well as financial giving

Green /climate issues

- Sign up to Eco church, and work towards achieving the bronze award by 2024
- Agree next steps and priorities for carbon net zero following the publication of the pathway to net zero report.

Dorothy Warren, Church Council Secretary, May 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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Sandra Larden

Treasurer:

Dr Richard Warren

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		70,221		70,221	67,039
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		346	160	506	305
a4	Lettings		15,753		15,753	2,400
a5	Other receipts		18,674	11,913	30,587	25,689
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		104,994	12,073	117,067 (a7)	95,433

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		67,316		67,316	64,798
b3	Donations		900	11,508	12,408	2,513
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b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,753		15,753	10,572
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b7	Other payments		8,815	25,292	34,107	34,523
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		97,793	36,800	134,593 (b9)	116,195

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c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	234,532	(34,603)	199,929	217,455
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	234,532	(34,603)	199,929 (c8)	217,455 (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			(140)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		11,913	1,515
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		11,913	1,375
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	-	-

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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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 2022**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	14,827	25,651
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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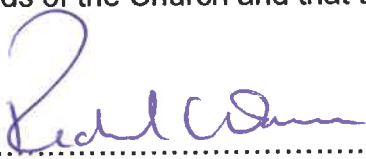
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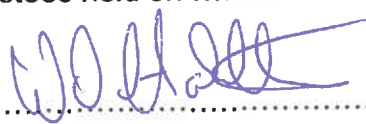
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Signature of treasurer  Date..... 11-10-22

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NORTHALLERTON Post Code..... DL6 1RG

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 11-10-22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev V A Harbottle Date 11-10-22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Northallerton Church

Charity Number : 1130932

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Northallerton Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 2. to 3.. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

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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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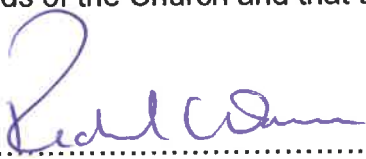
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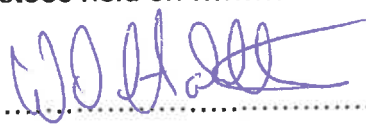
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