

Northallerton Methodist Church

Annual Report 2022-2023

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 2022-2023

Worship – Inclusive

All Sunday morning acts of worship include an all-age element. We have a monthly all age worship service and a weekly junior church for young people and a dedicated space at the back of the church for any young families that might be present.

Café style worship has moved from the church hall into the sanctuary. We are working hard to ensure an environment that is accessible to all. This style of worship provides an opportunity to share with each other and engage in a range of different activities during worship.

During the four Sundays in August, worship was built around the theme of 'Walking with Micah'.

We continue to hold monthly/bimonthly evening services at Osmotherley chapel. At Pentecost we held our first reflective walk in and around the Osmotherley area which ended with refreshments and evening worship at the chapel. Outdoor worship has also been held in the Secret Garden, Northallerton.

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. On Wednesday and Saturday mornings, the Coffee Pot is open providing regular customers, members of our own congregation and visitors with an opportunity to catch up with each other over a cup of coffee and toasted tea cake.

We welcome a variety of local groups to our premises each week; including Dementia forward who has a weekly booking in the Cottage meeting room. Where possible, we are working with these groups to help support their activities. 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.

Open church was once again 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.

A new notice board has been put up at the front of the church, which advertises church services and groups. We have built a permanent 'Micah tree' display which summarises the life of our church in and around the local community. Every three to four weeks the display is changed, so that within a 12 month period a range of different aspects of church life are depicted. The hope is that people using the building will look at the displays and learn more about who we are.

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 all of our local care homes in the town, and fortnightly in one care home.

4th Friday is youth night; an opportunity for the young people to come together for food, fun and fellowship.

Spiritual and financial growth

There are opportunities for regular spiritual growth through faith conversations in groups such as the Storytellers and Cameo. Café church is providing more opportunities for people to talk about their faith within a small groups during worship. A group from the church attended Flourish 23, a District event held in Scarborough offering opportunities for different styles of worship, study and discussion.

Seasonal bible study groups are offered at different time of the year.

For details of financial growth, please see the financial impacts section. A successful stewardship week was held in the late summer where people were encouraged 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

We are active members of the One Northallerton One Planet group.

We have signed up for Eco Church and are well on the way to achieving our bronze award.

The first priority for the carbon net zero project is to fit solar panel and batteries. We are now in the process of applying for grants to cover the cost.

Financial Impact

Accounts will be presented to the Trustees in July 2024

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

- The overall balance of funds is +£26.5K in comparison to the previous two years. This total includes a bequest of £20K.
- The offerings and tax recovery is broadly consistent with 2021-22
- The income from letting is starting to increase, following on from the covid years.
- Income from Coffee Pot has increased over the last twelve months.

Expenditure

- The circuit assessment slightly decreased this year due to a subsidy from the circuit.
- Utilities have decreased, in comparison to 2020-21.
- As reported at the previous church council, repairs and renewals have significantly increased to just over £7500.

Current actions

- Grant applications are being made as part of the Net-zero project. If successful, this will significantly future proof the building with the installation of solar panels, batteries, heat pumps and insulation leading to lower running and repair costs (e.g. cost of boiler replacement)

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. From September 2024, the

circuit will be losing a full time minister. A priority for the coming year will be to work with both churches within the circuit and members of our own congregation to find a way to move forward with decreased ministerial support.

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
- Develop All Age Worship – opportunities to share with other within worship e.g. Café style worship
- Explore outdoor worship as well as New Places for New People

Visible outreach and welcoming church

- Improve communications both within the church community and the outside community via web-based communications and newsletters.
- Maintain our Micah Tree dynamic display
- Strengthen links between members of the church and outside groups that use the premises e.g. tots group and Dementia Forward
- 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

- Explore ways to continue a similar level of pastoral support from September 2024, when the circuit will lose a minister.
- Encourage members to support our monthly care home services
- Build up our work with family's and young people

Spiritual and financial growth

- Further develop Café Style worship and look for other opportunities for people to share their faith.
- Encourage attendance at the next circuit weekend to be held at Cober Hill in March 2025.

Green /climate issues

- Achieve Eco church bronze award by 2024 and work towards silver status.
- Fit solar panels and batteries if and when grant applications are successful.
- Apply for grants to cover the cost of other work and items within the pathway to net zero report.

Dorothy Warren, Church Council Secretary, June 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Northallerton	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Thirsk and Northallerton	Circuit	Circuit no.	29/23
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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Minister:

Revd W Arthur Harbottle

Church Stewards:

Alana Barney	John Chamberlain
David Henderson	Erik Matthews
Jill Harker	Stephen Wood

Treasurer:

Dr Richard Warren

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	71,377		71,377	70,221
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,039		6,039	506
a4	Lettings	17,783		17,783	15,753
a5	Other receipts	39,378	6,650	46,028	30,587
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	134,577	6,650	141,227 (a7)	117,067

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	64,126		64,126	67,316
b3	Donations	895		895	12,408
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,559		7,559	5,009
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,228		11,228	15,753
b6					
b7	Other payments	21,596	6,650	28,246	34,107
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	105,404	6,650	112,054 (b9)	134,593

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	29,173	29,173	(17,526)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		234,531 (34,603)	199,928 (c6)	217,455
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	263,704 (34,603)	229,101	199,928
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	263,704 (34,603)	229,101 (c8)	199,928 (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	1,771	11,913
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,771	11,913
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	Cameo	690	773	(83)		249	166
e2	Tots Group	123	156	(33)		52	19
e3	Girls Brigade	280	2,875	(2,595)		2,596	1
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,093	3,804	(2,711)		2,897 (e11)	186 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	141,227 (a7)	112,054 (b9)	29,173	(c7)	199,928 (c6)	229,101 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	142,320	115,858	26,462		202,825 (x)	229,287 (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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		4
f2 Bank Current Account	25,651	8,205
f3 Bank Deposit Account	8,653	27,600
f4 Central Finance Board	82,443	85,308
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	83,180	107,984
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	199,927 (c6)	229,101 (c8)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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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 NORTHALLERTON No. 1130932

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 Richard Warren Date 17/4/24
Name and address of treasurer DR RICHARD WARREN, 69 WINTON ROAD,
NORTHALLERTON, DL6 1RG Post Code DL6 1RG

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 3-7-24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting W A Harbottle
Name of the Chair of the meeting W A HARBOTTLE Date 18/4/24

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 2023 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.

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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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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Signature of independent examiner 

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