



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day
1

Month
Sept

Year
2020

To

Period end date

Day
31

Month
Aug

Year
2021

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Central Methodist Church

Other names charity is known by

Lune Street Methodist Church

Registered charity number (if any)

1131157

Charity's principal address

Lune Street

Preston

Postcode PR1 2NL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Barbara Pettitt	Minister/Chair		
2 David Hinchliffe			General Church Meeting
3 Ruth Millward-Hopkins	Church Steward		General Church Meeting
4 Julia Blackett	Church Steward		General Church Meeting
5 Susan Higham	Church Steward		General Church Meeting
6 Olwen Swindlehurst	Pastoral Secretary		General Church Meeting
7 Paul Blackett	Treasurer		General Church Meeting
8 Peter Johnstone			General Church Meeting
9 Maureen Abson	Safeguarding Officer Resources chair		General Church Meeting
10 Peter Abson			General Church Meeting
11 Ronald Bosworth			General Church Meeting
12 Richard Billingham			General Church Meeting
13 Sheena Rhodes			General Church Meeting
14 Naseerah Patel	Secretary		General Church Meeting
15 Valerie Waterhouse	Secretary		General Church Meeting
16 Ann Curtis	Safeguarding Officer		General Church Meeting
17 Rachel Rackley			General Church Meeting
18 Sarah Steele	Safeguarding Officer		General Church Meeting
19			General Church Meeting
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Deed of Union 1932
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed annually by the General Church Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Central Methodist Church forms part of the Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit, which falls under the governance of the Lancashire Methodist District. Nationally Central Methodist Church is part of the Methodist Connexion.

The church was governed by the church council which consisted of 18 elected members from across the life of the church. The Church Council met 4 times in the year via zoom.

A resources committee was responsible for overseeing the property and finance with recommendations made to the church council for approval. Separate committees via phone, zoom and email met to oversee church life, mission and the pastoral care of the congregation and adherents.

Church stewards are appointed annually at the General Church Meeting to have oversight with the minister of the whole life and mission of the church.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

‘Loving God, Serving People, Changing Lives’.

Loving God

- We offer public Christian worship on Sundays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 1pm which is inclusive and diverse and aims to engage a wide range of different people. Other public worship is offered during the Christian seasons such as Holy Week and Christmas
- We are also involved with our ecumenical partners in offering worship in the city centre on Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Good Friday
- We provide opportunities for prayer, Bible study and learning
- We are open 7 days a week when possible, offering opportunities to share the love of God with others throughout the week, including through the community coffee shop.

Serving People

- Our building serves the local community in a number of ways – the Olive Grove Community Coffee Shop is open 6 days a week (covid restrictions permitting), offering a space for friendship, support and inclusion. The continued employment of our Coffee Shop Project Manager by the Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit ensures that the building is available to community groups such as the Preston Macular Society, Preston Friendship Group, Peer Talk (mental health support group) and others.
- The One2One Listening space project has been suspended for most of the year due to covid restrictions and volunteer availability.
- We continue to build good relationships with the local shops and businesses, through visits, church newsletters and offering prayer and support.
- We also serve the congregation, the coffee shop customers and the local community through social media, our website and various publications.

Changing Lives

- We support one sponsored child in Mexico
- We remain committed to recruiting, training and supporting volunteers across the whole range of the charity’s activities

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The church, Olive Grove Coffee Shop and One2One Listening are staffed almost entirely by volunteers. During the year there were between 45-65 people volunteering across the range of the church's life and ministry. Volunteers undergo interviews and DBS checks as required for the role and have safeguarding training.

The minister and the Olive Grove Project Manager received remuneration from Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievements in 20/21 were:

- Continued our support of Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Junior School through the Chaplain. The church continues to raise funds for vulnerable families at the school. This link continued via electronic means though we are now managing some face to face support.
- Christmas 'shoe boxes' filled with gifts for children and young people in poorer countries were provided and delivered by the International Aid Trust charity.
- With the help of our Project Manager, we have increased the use of our building to the local community/charities and visiting groups. This was obviously curtailed during the lockdown.
- Continuation of the good work we do with the Olive Grove Community Coffee Shop and providing a service in the city centre.
- Opening of the church as 'Night Church via facebook.
- We continued to be good stewards of the building to ensure that the life and mission of the church would continue into the future.
- During the pandemic we were able to provide worship online via zoom and facebook. Many returned to face to face worship when able.
- Pastoral care for all volunteers and members was continued via phone, email and post with some face to face.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In the absence of any income, the sum identified to pay necessary assessments, insurances and utilities payments over a 6 month period has been identified as £45,000. This reserve will be sufficient to enable Central Methodist Church to maintain an effective city-centre ministry in the heart of Preston during times of financial stress.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Income is gained through two principal sources, a surplus from the operation of the Olive Grove Coffee Shop and the direct giving of the membership and adherents.

The expenditure supports the mission statement of the church through the 'circuit assessment payments' to Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit, maintenance and ongoing utility payments required for the upkeep of the premises.

We have received Covid business interruption grants from Preston City Council in the year.

The church currently holds general funds in the current account and further funds are on call at the Central Finance Board.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 6th June 2022

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**Signature(s)**

B Pettitt

Full name(s)

Barbara Pettitt

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

6/6/22

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Preston Central Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Preston Ribble	Circuit	Circuit no	21/11
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1131157

**If not a registered charity Her 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:

Revd Barbara Pettitt

Church Stewards:

Ruth Millward-Hopkins

Susan Burgess

Julia Blackett

Treasurer:

Paul Blackett

SECTION A

Unrestricted
FundsRestricted
FundsTotals this
yearTotals last
year

		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	20,874		20,874	22,782
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	113		113	543
a4	Lettings	13,004		13,004	6,727
a5	Other receipts	35,036	2,717	37,753	70,374
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	69,027	2,717	71,744 (a7)	100,426

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	49,657		49,657	47,231
b3	Donations	750		750	806
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	19,386		19,386	5,375
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,488		17,488	24,808
b6					
b7	Other payments	3,700	2,757	6,457	19,849
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	90,981	2,757	93,738 (b9)	98,069

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(21,954)	(40)	(21,994)	2,356
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		73,969	3,124	77,093 (c6)	74,737
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	52,015	3,084	55,099	77,093
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	52,015	3,084	55,099 (c8)	77,093 (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)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	420	475
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	420	475
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

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	71,744 (a7)	93,738 (b9)	(21,994)	(c7)	77,093 (c6)	55,099 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	71,744	93,738	(21,994)		77,093 (x)	55,099 (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 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	55,955	24,614
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	21,138	30,485
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	77,093 (c6)	55,099 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	77,093 (x)	55,099 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	39,607	39,846
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,460,278	5,828,100
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 2021 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 Paul Blackett Date 20/11/21

Name and address of treasurer PAUL BLACKETT

60 Station Road, New Longton, Preston PR4 4ZD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees 26th January 2022

16TH FEB

Signature of the Chair of the meeting B. Pettitt

Name of the Chair of the meeting Barbara Pettitt Date 16-2-22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Preston Central Methodist Church

Charity Number 1131157

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Preston Central Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to 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 Hazel Clare Ovenden

Name of independent examiner HAZEL CLARE OVENDEN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MICB

Name of firm (where appropriate) HCA BOOKKEEPING

Address 4 ROYALTY GARDENS

..... NEW LONGTON Post Code PR4 4SW

Date 22/1/22

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