

Cockerton Methodist Church, Darlington
Registered No: 1132763

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31/08/2021

Address: Cockerton Green, Darlington, County Durham, DL3 9EG

Phone: Circuit Office: 01325 282491

Independent Examiner: Jan Sams

Public benefit:

Cockerton Methodist Church has a seven-day a week Christian ministry to the West and North West Darlington neighbourhoods. The premises are used intensively for a wide range of activities with all ages. All activities are open to the whole community.

Overview of the year:

Because of Covid 19 restrictions many of the church activities were curtailed. There was no Sunday worship from November and worship recommenced 23rd May 2021 and there were no user groups using the premises during the same time period. Girls Brigade recommenced May 2021. Singing in worship recommenced 25 July 2021. The Pastoral and Leadership team kept in touch with members and friends and helped in many ways including shopping, getting medicines and offering listening and prayer support.

Structures:

Cockerton Methodist Church is part of Darlington Methodist Circuit, which includes Town and Rural churches in the Darlington area plus a house group. It is governed by a Church Council meeting three times per year, plus a General Church Meeting at which church members are eligible to vote and all others may attend. Representatives of our Church Council also attend the Circuit Meetings which convene three times per year.

Detailed work on property and finance is carried out by the relevant committees which report to the Church Council. The day-to-day running of the church is through the regular Steward and Leadership Teams meetings which reports to the Church Council.

This is the established pattern set out in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, approved by the annual Methodist Conference, under the Deed of Union, 1932.

Trustees of the registered charity from the date of registration to 31st August 2020

Trustees are appointed by the General Church Meeting and the Church Council. On induction, new trustees receive a copy of the booklet "The Essential Trustee – An Introduction" and the latest Church Council minutes, plus verbal instruction as necessary. They sign a declaration of eligibility.

Decisions are made by the Church Council as the managing trustees, on the basis of a majority vote and as defined in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

Activities:

Our premises are a valued resource for the wider Methodist Circuit and District. Cockerton Methodist Church supports all ages with various groups for friendship, support, fellowship and instruction, meeting on a weekly or fortnightly basis including house-group fellowships catering for the needs of family and friends

Our work with pre-school children and parents/carers is carried out one day a week. This provides the children, parents/carers with social interaction. The premises are also used by the PCT (Primary Care Trust) for a Baby Clinic which dovetails into our work with pre-school children.

Girls Brigades groups 5+ meet one evening a week on the site. The Girls' Brigade is particularly numerous.

The church supports a Ladies Group, a Ladies Fellowship and the Wesley Guild. The Ladies Group meets weekly and on alternate weeks becomes the Cockerton Ladies' Choir. The choir has a good reputation in the region and performs many times a year in various venues. The Ladies Fellowship meets weekly. The Wesley Guild is a long-standing group that invites speakers on a fortnightly basis.

In addition we have an Art Group which meets weekly providing an opportunity for creative work.

On a monthly basis the church provides a lunch for elderly local residents. This is proving to be a time of great fellowship for those who come as well as those church volunteers who prepare, serve and wash up.

The church has a variety of worship services which cater for various preferences and age groups. Baptisms, weddings and funerals are part of the ministry of the church to the wider community. External groups that use our premises for their meetings include Weightwatchers, Counselling Services, Diabetes Prevention and the PCT. The Cockerton Silver Band usually holds a concert annually in the church, raising funds for church-identified charities, the Band's own funds and for the church. These are highly popular, drawing people from the town and beyond.

Our pastoral system engages Pastoral Visitors and group leaders who are responsible for coming alongside the membership of the church, some of whom are infirm and in residential care homes.

Performance / achievements over the last year:

Cockerton Methodist Church continues its work alongside Presbyters, Circuit Staff and Pastoral Missioners to meet the needs of its members and wider community. Closer links to the rest of the Darlington Methodist Circuit continue to be fostered.

The Pastoral Missioners continue to work closely with our own pastoral team to ensure best practice and provide services to Care Homes and home communions. Cockerton continue to support Circuit and Darlington Area Churches' Youth Ministry.

Cockerton Methodist has continued to provide valuable outreach to the local community through weddings, funerals and baptisms.

The church family enjoyed sharing events such as harvest thanksgiving and our Anniversary. Christmas services were also enjoyed by the community as well as ecumenical Lent and Easter gatherings.

A team continues to supply catering for the funerals of church members and this is very much appreciated.

Church members continue to support special appeals both locally and abroad and members continue to supply food for the Food Bank operated from St Mary's Church hall as ecumenical outreach. They also help with the distributing the goods.

Aims and objectives for the coming year

To continue to offer support to our members and friends during Covid 19 and beyond and to continue to evaluate what we are doing to meet the needs of our church and wider community.

To continue to support the Presbyters and Pastoral Missioners in their changing roles.

To provide varied, relevant and inclusive worship.

To continue to develop our work with young people and their families.

To encourage deeper discipleship of the members of the church.

To continue active support of the wider Circuit and of voluntary and charitable work around the UK and beyond.

To nurture and encourage new Christians.

To ensure that our pastoral care is as effective as possible.

To support the Circuit Vision initiative including merging with another local circuit and to welcome and support new clergy in our church community.

To seek appropriate ways to engage with our community.

To support the Leadership Team who are working to uphold the day-to-day running of the church.

Safeguarding Policy

The Safeguarding Policy is made known to all group leaders and helpers and user groups. It is displayed on the notice boards and kept up to date.

The list of DBS-checked helpers is kept constantly updated as are the safeguarding records.

GDPR

The GDPR policies that Cockerton Methodist Church adheres to are overseen by the Leadership Team and the Church Council and are made available for public viewing.

Health and Safety

The premises are regularly checked for Health and Safety purposes by our own Health and Safety Officer. Additionally they have been inspected by the Local Authority responsible officer and all recommendations have been acted upon.

Finance

The audited accounts are submitted with this Annual Report.

As part of our comprehensive insurance policy, insurance is in place and is considered adequate to cover the range of known risks. In line with Charity Commission and Methodist Connexion guidelines we have a Reserve Policy and hold a Reserve Fund.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

COCKERTON METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Circuit

Circuit no

13/1

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift**

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

**COCKERTON
METHODIST**

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SECTION A						
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		50,033		50,033	49,807
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		76	42	118	325
a4	Lettings		673		673	5,366
a5	Other receipts		2,770	173	2,943	3,446
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		53,552	215	53,767	58,944

(a7)

	SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		45,628		45,628	46,567
b3	Donations		1,500		1,500	1,519
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		3,301		3,301	2,028
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		4,729		4,729	5,694
b6						
b7	Other payments		7,840		7,840	5,185
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		62,998		62,998 (b9)	60,993

	SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(9,446)	215	(9,231)	(2,049)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		69,611	33,372	102,983 (c6)	105,032
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	60,165	33,587	93,752	102,983
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	60,165	33,587	93,752 (c8)	102,983 (c6)

	SECTION D					
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
	(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	760		1,728
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	760		1,728
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			

Summary of Organisations

Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH

6,400	(e11)
109,383	(x)

5,075	(e12)
98,827	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

Investments (include Endowments)
Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)
Other Assets
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end
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