

Cockerton Methodist Church, Darlington
Registered No: 1132763

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31/08/2022

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

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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 some of the church activities were curtailed. 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 and Teesdale Methodist Circuit, which includes Town and Rural churches in the Darlington and Teesdale 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 2022 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 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 Wesley Guild is a long-standing group that invites speakers on a fortnightly basis.

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 including Counselling Services, Council Ward Surgeries, Pilates classes, Council supervised "Family Contact" sessions 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 and Teesdale 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 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. To also support the Pastoral Missioners whose roles have changed to become community development workers.

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.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Darlington & Teesdale

Circuit

Circuit no.

13/1

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Mrs D. Pearson

Mrs G.Kane

Miss A. Hunter

Treasurer:

Mr B. Cooper

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
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a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		67	57	124	118
a4	Lettings		1,624		1,624	673
a5	Other receipts		13,897	25	13,922	2,943
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		63,747	82	63,829 (a7)	53,767

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		43,000		43,000	45,628
b3	Donations		1,500		1,500	1,500
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		2,678		2,678	3,301
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		5,503		5,503	4,729

b6						
b7	Other payments		6,665		6,665	7,840
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		59,346		59,346 (b9)	62,998

	SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	4,401	82	4,483	(9,231)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		60,165	33,587	93,752 (c6)	102,983
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	64,566	33,669	98,235	93,752
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	64,566	33,669	98,235 (c8)	93,752 (c6)

	SECTION D					
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			2,274		760
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,274		760
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)				

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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL										
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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments		Adjustments		Opening balances	Closing balances
Art Group			350		(350)				350	
Girls Brigade	10,642		11,884		(1,242)				3,278	2,036
Ladies Group	723		311		412				659	1,071
Ladies Group Choir	311		325		(14)				213	199
Lunch Club	1,542		1,636		(94)				290	196
Additional Sheet	947		913		34		(78)		285	241
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,165		15,419		(1,254)		(78)		5,075	(e11) 3,743
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	63,829	(a7)	59,346	(b9)	4,483			(c7)	93,752	(c6) 98,235
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	77,994		74,765		3,229		(78)		98,827	(x) 101,978
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
Cash in hand															
Bank Current Account									34,973						53,426
Bank Deposit Account															
Central Finance Board									27,761						13,734
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes									31,018						31,075
Other funds															
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts									93,752	(c6)					98,235
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)									5,075	(e11)					3,743
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SECTION G															
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES									At						At
Investments (include Endowments)									1 September 2021						31 August 2022
Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)									2,135,742						2,218,962
Other Assets															

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Cockerton Methodist Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer

Date.....

Brian Cooper

Name and address of treasurer

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Presentation to the Church trustees

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Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages
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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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