PENKETH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1132809

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-11-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	38 Fairfield Road Widnes WA8 6SG
Phone	01514242494
Email	info@theolivetreecommunitycentre.co.uk
Website	www.theolivetreecommunitycentre.co.uk

Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsiduary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Regular public acts of worship to which all are welcome, whether or not Church members Smaller meetings (House Groups) enabling members and others to develop in their Christian faithProvision of support for specific groups within the church and local communityReaching out to the local community through (among others) the employment of a Children/Young Peoples worker and a Family worker

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Warrington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£93,440	£106,610	-	-
2024-08-31	£79,994	£84,000	-	-
2023-08-31	£78,455	£68,928	-	-
2022-08-31	£78,532	£92,954	-	-
2021-08-31	£56,815	£81,315	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRIAN POWNEY		
Barbara Creamer		2018-09-01
DAVID MICHAEL FRANKLAND		2024-09-01
Elizabeth Margaret Atkins		2018-09-01
Helen Ruth Porter		2025-10-23
IAN LESLIE RAYNER		
Jean Elizabeth Booth		2025-06-22
Joseph Whittaker		2015-11-12
KEITH WILLIAM GARDAM		2012-05-25
Lesley Jean Rodham		2025-06-22
Margaret Agnes Docherty		2020-09-01
Marjorie Ann Clare		2025-10-23
Pamela Rouse		2026-05-07
Patricia Rayner		2025-06-22
Rev Andrew Coombe Moffoot		2022-09-01
Rev Mark Harwood		2020-09-01
STEPHEN RICHARD NEIL DEVERS		2012-05-25
Susan Lesley Devers		2020-09-01
Suzanne Conterio		2025-06-22
Vivien Palmer		2024-09-01

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			To	Period end date		
From	01	Sep	2024		31	Aug	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	**Penketh Methodist Church**
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1132809
Charity's principal address	Chapel Road, Penketh, Warrington
Postcode	WA5 2NB

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	Rev Andy Moffoot	Circuit Superintendent Minister		Ex. officio
2	Rev Mark Harwood	Presbyter in pastoral charge		Circuit Meeting
3	Rev Linda Bishop	Presbyter		Circuit Meeting
4	David Frankland	Church Council Secretary		Church Council
5	Steve Devers	Church Management Steward Church Treasurer		General Church Meeting Church Council
6	Liz Atkins	Church Management Steward Communications		General Church Meeting Church Council
7	Keith Gardam	Church Management Steward Property Coordinator, including health and safety		General Church Meeting Church Council
8	Sue Devers	Church Management Steward Safeguarding officer		General Church Meeting Church Council
9	Doris Besford	Worship Group Coordinator		Church Council
10	Chris Frankland	Secretary of the Pastoral Committee		Church Council
11	Barbara Creamer	Baptismal Secretary		Church Council
12	Ian Rayner	General Church Meeting representative		General Church Meeting
13	Brian Powney	General Church Meeting representative		General Church Meeting
14	Joe Whittaker	General Church Meeting representative		General Church Meeting
15	Margaret Docherty	General Church Meeting representative		General Church Meeting
16	Tricia Rayner	General Church Meeting representative	01/06/2025 to 31/08/2025	General Church Meeting
17	Suzanne Conterio	General Church Meeting representative	01/06/2025 to 31/08/2025	General Church Meeting
18	Lesley Rodham	General Church Meeting representative	01/06/2025 to 31/08/2025	General Church Meeting
19	Marie Reeve	Circuit Steward	01/09/2024 to 27/02/2025	Circuit Stewards
20	Vivian Palmer	Circuit Steward	27/02/2025 to 31/08/2025	Circuit Stewards

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Graham Pegg	4 Fox Gardens, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 9EY

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Deed of Union 1932 and Methodist Church Act 1976
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are the members of the Church Council and are either ex-offiico, elected annually by the general church meeting or appointed annually by the Church Council.

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.

Penketh Methodist Church is part of the Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit

The Church Council sets the Charity's strategy and monitors results at periodic meetings.

The Church Council has established a Management Stewards Group that meets bi-monthly to focus on deploying and managing Church strategy and reviewing results.

The Church Council has appointed committees for the furtherance of the Charity's work in certain areas, i.e. Pastoral, Worship and Resources

The Church Council has appointed individuals to oversee Safeguarding and Health & Safety

The Church Council have developed a Mission & Growth Plan (Oct18-Oct23), which highlights a number of goals; for example, Mission, Fellowship, Worship, Children & Youth and Community

Section C Objectives and activities

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

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(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
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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)

Penketh Methodist Church has adopted the following Mission Statement:
"The calling of the Methodist church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

To that end, in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ the Church Council, through its staff and lay officers seeks to promote the work of God through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. "

When planning the church's activities for the year, the Church Council, in their capacity as managing Trustees, have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our main activities include:

- Regular acts of worship to which all are welcome, whether or not members of the Methodist Church
- Smaller meetings ('House Groups') enabling members and others to develop in their Christian faith
- Engaging with the local community through the work of those within the church community
- Making our premises available for community 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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

There is good attendance and involvement on a Sunday for morning worship and for Praise & Testimony services, which happen every month.

The Olive Branch café continues to successfully provide weekly lunches and support a number of events throughout the year.

We hold regular outreach activities covering mid-week worship / school relationship outreach / concerts / pantomimes and /coffee mornings.

We held a very successful CribFest festival in December, which was very well attended.

We also hold services in the residential homes – Green Park and Meadow View – which seem to be well received by the residents and their families.

Also, children's worship in the form of Little Angels pre-school worship and Tree House Kids on a Sunday.

There also remains an eclectic mix of users covering uniformed organisations, painting groups, gardening groups, Drop-In sessions for tea & coffee, yoga, keep fit, dance groups and fellowship groups within the Church.

The number of hirers continued to grow slowly, but we remain restricted by the small number of Ambassadors covering to open and close the building.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**General Funds** – There is no Reserves Policy for the General Fund as there are no reserves. All money collected and given is banked and closely managed to support the ongoing day to day work of the Church. Church Council will review the policy annually. **Restricted Funds** – All funds in the Restricted Funds are for Lay Workers only. The current incumbent will have been employed for 2 years in April 2026, therefore a sum of £3,000 is to be held as reserves for severance costs, based on statutory redundancy calculations). Church Council will review the policy annually..
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

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.

General Funds – Total General Funds at the end of August 2025 totalled £23,566, which represented a reduction of £11,162 from August 2024 total funds. Income received was higher than the previous year due to fundraising, increased donations, including a Gift Day and increased room hire fees. Payments also increased year on year due to repaying the Circuit Assessment underpayments from the previous year and increased operating and running costs The situation with the General Fund finances has got more precarious and remains a cause for concern and the future looks very difficult if we are to continue to pay all the necessary non-discretionary running costs and the full Circuit Assessment.

Restricted Funds – Total Ristricted Funds at the end of August 2025 totalled £22,245, which represented a redcution of £2,008 from August 2024 total funds. So funds are healthy couipled with monthly donations covering a good proportion of the Office Admin Lay Workers salary.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. Mark Harwood	Steve Devers
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	05/03/2026	05/03/2026

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Sankey Valley	Circuit	Circuit no	18/13

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Minister:

Reverend Mark Harwood

Church Management Stewards:

Keith Gardam	Steve Devers
Sue Devers	

Treasurer:

Mr Steve Devers

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Penketh Methodist Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year	
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note	£	£	£		£	
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		54,807	5,680	**60,487**		54,790	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		365	462	**827**		1,322	
a4	Lettings		16,979		**16,979**		16,545	
a5	Other receipts		15,147		**15,147**		7,337	
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**87,298**	**6,142**	**93,440**	(a7)	**79,994**	(5)
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b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		49,650		**49,650**		40,800	
b3	Donations		2,650		**2,650**		525	
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b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		16,896		**16,896**		15,320	
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b7	Other payments		7,087	8,150	**15,237**		8,053	
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**98,460**	**8,150**	**106,610**	(b9)	**84,000**	
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	**(11,162)**	**(2,008)**	**(13,170)**		**(4,006)**	
c2	**Total funds brought forward from last year**		**34,728**	**24,253**	**58,981**	(c6)	**62,988**	
Ste	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	23,566	22,245	**45,811**		**58,981**	
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c8)		
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**23,566**	**22,245**	**45,811**	(c7)	**58,981**	(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							
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d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID**	(d1+d2-d3)						

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e3	**Olive Tree Café**	18,628	17,678	950		14,132	15,082
e4	**Ladies Fellowship (Closed)**	434	470	(36)		36	
e5	**Mens Fellowship (Closed)**		71	(71)		71	
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	21,451.63	20,493.59	958.04		17,112.50 **(e11)**	18,070.54 **(e12)**
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**93,440** **(a7)**	**106,610** **(b9)**	**(13,170)**	**(c8)**	**58,981** **(c6)**	**45,811** **(c7)**
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**114,892**	**127,104**	**(12,212)**	**0**	**76,094** **(x)**	**63,882** **(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 2025	Sue Devers / Elizabeth Atkins	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f2	Bank Current Account		34,976		19,227	
f3	Bank Deposit Account					
f4	Central Finance Board		24,006		26,584	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes					
f6	Other funds					
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**		**58,982**	(c6)	**45,811**	(c7)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		**17,113**	(e11)	**18,071**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**		**76,094**	(x)	**63,882**	(y)

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	OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,441,339	3,530,826
g3	Other Assets	123,129	126,330
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g5	Other Liabilities		

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer	SRDevers.	Date	05/03/2026
Name	Steve Devers		
Address	3 Candleston Close, Callands, WARRINGTON, WA5 9UB		

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on 05/03/2026 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting	MHarwood.
Name of the Chair of the meeting	**Reverend Mark Harwood**
Date	05/03/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Penketh Methodist	**Church**

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August	2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Graham Pegg

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

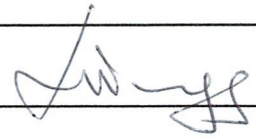
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

Name: Graham Pegg

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: FCMA CGMA

Address: 4 Fox Gardens, Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 9EY

Date: 10/3/26.

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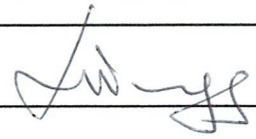
Signature: 

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PENKETH METHODIST CHURCH

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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From	01	Sep	2023	31	Aug	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Penketh Methodist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1132809
Charity's principal address	Chapel Road, Penketh, Warrington
Postcode	WA5 2NB

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	Rev Andrew Moffoot	Circuit Superintendent Minister		Ex-officio
2	Rev Mark Harwood	Presbyter		Selected
3	Rev Linda Bishop	Presbyter		Selected
4	John Thompson	Church Council Secretary		Ex-officio
5	Steve Devers	Church Treasurer / Property Steward / Church Steward		Ex-officio / Church Council / Ex-officio
6	Barbara Creamer	Pastoral Lay Worker		Church Council
7	Liz Atkins	Church Steward		Ex-officio
8	Keith Gardam	Church Steward / Health & Safety		Ex-officio / Church Council
9	Doris Besford	Worship Group Co-ordinator		Church Council
10	Emma Thompson	Communications		Church Council
11	Sue Devers	Church Safeguarding Officer		Church Council
12	Ian Rayner	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
13	Brian Powney	Secretary to the Pastoral Committee		Ex-officio
14	Joe Whittaker	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
15	Margaret Docherty	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
16	Marie Reeve	Circuit Steward		Appointed by the Circuit

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes act as Custodian Trustees for the Charity's property	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Graham Pegg	4 Fox Gardens, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 9EY

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union 1932 and Methodist Church Act 1976
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are the members of the Church Council and are either ex-offiico, elected annually by the general church meeting or appointed annually by the Church Council.

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.

Penketh Methodist Church is part of the Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit

The Church Council sets the Charity's strategy and monitors results at periodic meetings.

The Church Council has established a Management Stewards Group that meets bi-monthly to focus on deploying and managing Church strategy and reviewing results.

The Church Council has appointed committees for the furtherance of the Charity's work in certain areas, i.e. Pastoral, Worship and Resources

The Church Council has appointed individuals to oversee Safeguarding and Health & Safety

The Church Council have developed a Mission & Growth Plan (Oct18-Oct23), which highlights a number of goals; for example, Mission, Fellowship, Worship, Children & Youth and Community

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:-
(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
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(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church
(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church

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)

Penketh Methodist Church has adopted the following Mission Statement: "The calling of the Methodist church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

To that end, in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ the Church Council, through its staff and lay officers seeks to promote the work of God through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. "

When planning the church's activities for the year, the Church Council, in their capacity as managing Trustees, have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our main activities include:

- Regular acts of worship to which all are welcome, whether or not members of the Methodist Church
- Smaller meetings ('House Groups') enabling members and others to develop in their Christian faith
- Engaging with the local community through the work of those within the church community
- Making our premises available for community 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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The achievements and the performance of the Church in 2023/2024 has continued on from 2022/2023.

There remains a good attendance and involvement on a Sunday for morning worship and for Praise & Testimony services, which happen every month.

The Olive Branch café continues to successfully provide weekly lunches and support a number of events throughout the year.

We hold regular outreach activities covering mid-week worship / school relationship outreach / concerts / pantomimes and /coffee mornings. We also hold services in the residential homes – Green Park and Meadow View – which seem to be well received by the residents and their families. Also children's worship in the form of Little Angels pre-school worship and Tree House Kids on a Sunday.

There also remains an eclectic mix of users covering uniformed organisations, painting groups, gardening groups, Drop-In sessions for tea & coffee, yoga, keep fit, dance groups and fellowship groups within the Church.

The number of hirers grows steadily, but we remain restricted by the small number of Ambassadors covering to open and close the building.

We siccessfully recruited our Office Admin lay Wokrer with effect from April 2024. She has settled in very quickly and is doing a great job.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**General Funds** – To function adequately, year end funds for the General Fund should ideally not fall below £25,000 (or approximately c30% of total annual expenditure). The plan for 2024/2025, which includes full assessment payments of £40,900, was to have year end funds in August 2025 of £17,069 or 20% of total annual expenditure. Given this sum, there are no reserves. Church Council will review the policy annually. **Restricted Funds** – All funds in the Restricted Funds are for Lay Workers only. We currently have one Lay Worker who started April 2024. So no severance costs are necessary for two years from the start date. Over time, a sum for calculated period costs, including pension, and severance costs will be made. Church Council will review the policy annually.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. Mark Harwood	Steve Devers
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	27/02/2025	27/02/2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH

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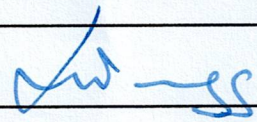
Signature	
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Date	27/02/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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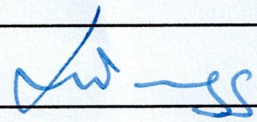
Signature	
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PENKETH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132809

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date		To	Period end date		
From	01	Sep	2022	31	Aug	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Penketh Methodist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1132809
Charity's principal address	Chapel Road, Penketh, Warrington
Postcode	WA5 2NB

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	Rev Andrew Moffoot	Circuit Superintendent Minister		Ex-officio
2	Rev Mark Harwood	Presbyter		Ex-officio
3	Rev Linda Bishop	Presbyter		Appointed by Circuit Meeting
4	John Thompson	Church Council Secretary		Ex-officio
5	Steve Devers	Church Treasurer / Property Steward		Ex-officio / Church Council
6	Barbara Creamer	Pastoral Lay Worker		Ex-officio
7	Liz Atkins	Church Steward		Ex-officio
8	Keith Gardam	Church Steward		Ex-officio / Church Council
9	Doris Besford	Worship Consultation Co-ordinator		Church Council
10	Emma Thompson	Communications		Church Council
11	Sue Devers	Safeguarding Secretary		General Church Meeting
12	Ian Rayner	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
13	Brian Powney	Secretary to the Pastoral Committee		Ex-officio
14	Joe Whittaker	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
15	Margaret Docherty	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
16	Marie Reeve	Circuit Steward		Appointed by the Circuit

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes act as Custodian Trustees for the Charity's property	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Graham Pegg	4 Fox Gardens, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 9EY

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union 1932 and Methodist Church Act 1976
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are the members of the Church Council and are either ex-offiico, elected annually by the general church meeting or appointed annually by the Church Council.

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.

Penketh Methodist Church is part of the Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit

The Church Council sets the Charity's strategy and monitors results at periodic meetings.

The Church Council has established a Management Stewards Group that meets bi-monthly to focus on deploying and managing Church strategy and reviewing results.

The Church Council has appointed committees for the furtherance of the Charity's work in certain areas, i.e. Pastoral, Worship and Resources

The Church Council has appointed individuals to oversee Safeguarding and Health & Safety

The Church Council have developed a Mission & Growth Plan (Oct18-Oct23), which highlights a number of goals; for example, Mission, Fellowship, Worship, Children & Youth and Community

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:-
(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church
(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church

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)

Penketh Methodist Church has adopted the following Mission Statement: "The calling of the Methodist church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

To that end, in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ the Church Council, through its staff and lay officers seeks to promote the work of God through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. "

When planning the church's activities for the year, the Church Council, in their capacity as managing Trustees, have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our main activities include:

- Regular acts of worship to which all are welcome, whether or not members of the Methodist Church
- Smaller meetings ('House Groups') enabling members and others to develop in their Christian faith
- Engaging with the local community through the work of those within the church community
- Making our premises available for community 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.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The achievements and the performance of the Church in 2022/2023 continued to reflect the return to normality for worship and use of the building following the pandemic.

There has been no significant increase in the number of hirers or users of the building as we remain restricted to a degree by Ambassadors covering to open and close the building. Although this is under review to determine if we can give keys and access codes to hirers.

There remains a good attendance and involvement on a Sunday for morning worship and for Praise & Testimony services, which happen every month.

The Olive Branch café continues to successfully provide weekly lunches and support a number of events throughout the year.

We hold regular outreach activities covering mid-week worship / school relationship outreach / concerts / pantomimes and /coffee mornings. We also hold services in the residential homes – Green Park and Meadow View – which seem to be well received by the residents and their families. Also children's worship in the form of Little Angels pre-school worship and Tree House Kids on a Sunday.

There also remains an eclectic mix of users covering uniformed organisations, painting groups, gardening groups, Drop-In sessions for tea & coffee, yoga, keep fit, dance groups and fellowship groups within the Church.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**General Funds** – To function adequately, year end funds for the General Fund should ideally not fall below £25,000 (or approximately c35% of total annual expenditure). The plan for 2023/2024, which includes full assessment payments of £40,500, is to have year end funds in August 2024 of £26,640, or 34% of total annual expenditure. Given this sum, there are no reserves. Church Council will review the policy annually. **Restricted Funds** – All funds in the Restricted Funds are for Lay Workers only. We currently (@Feb24) have no Lay Worker employees, so no severance costs if necessary for two years from when any start. Over time, a sum for calculated period costs, including pension, and severance costs will be made. Church Council will review the policy annually.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	M D Harwood	S A Devers
Full name(s)	Rev. Mark Harwood	Steve Devers
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	28/02/2024.	28024

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Penketh Methodist	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**43,937**	**19,051**	**62,988**	(c7)	**53,461** (c6)
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Penketh Methodist **Church**

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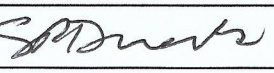
Signature of Treasurer		Date	28/02/2024
Name	Steve Devers		
Address	3 Candleston Close, Callands, WARRINGTON, WA5 9UB		

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

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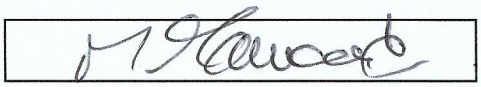
Signature of the Chair of the meeting	
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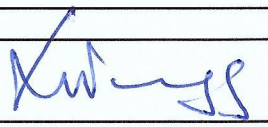
Signature: 

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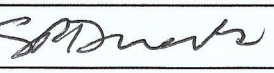
Signature of Treasurer		Date	28/02/2024
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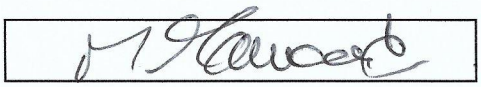
Signature of the Chair of the meeting	
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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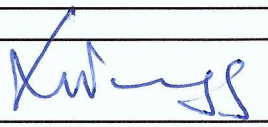
Signature: 

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PENKETH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132809

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date		To	Period end date		
From	01	Sep	2021	31	Aug	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Penketh Methodist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1132809
Charity's principal address	Chapel Road, Penketh, Warrington
Postcode	WA5 2NB

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	Rev David Easton	Circuit Superintendent Minister	Left Aug22	Ex-officio
2	Rev Mark Harwood	Presbyter		Ex-officio
3	Rev Linda Bishop	Presbyter		Appointed by Circuit Meeting
4	Lesley Rodham	Church Council Secretary		Ex-officio
5	Steve Devers	Church Treasurer / Property Steward		Ex-officio / Church Council
6	Barbara Creamer	Pastoral Lay Worker		Ex-officio
7	Liz Atkins	Church Steward		Ex-officio
8	Joe Royle	Church Steward		Ex-officio
9	Keith Gardam	Church Steward		Ex-officio / Church Council
10	Doris Besford	Worship Consultation Co-ordinator		Church Council
11	Emma Thompson	Communications		Church Council
12	Sue Devers	Safeguarding Secretary		General Church Meeting
13	Ian Rayner	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
14	Brian Powney	Secretary to the Pastoral Committee		Ex-officio
15	Joe Whittaker	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
16	John Buxton	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
17	Margaret Docherty	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
18	Graeme Blackie	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
19	Karen Royle	Church Steward		Ex-officio
20	Marie Reeve	Circuit Steward		Appointed by the Circuit

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes act as Custodian Trustees for the Charity's property	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Graham Pegg	4 Fox Gardens, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 9EY

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union 1932 and Methodist Church Act 1976
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are the members of the Church Council and are either ex-offiico, elected annually by the general church meeting or appointed annually by the Church Council.

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.

Penketh Methodist Church is part of the Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit

The Church Council sets the Charity's strategy and monitors results at periodic meetings.

The Church Council has established a Management Stewards Group that meets bi-monthly to focus on deploying and managing Church strategy and reviewing results.

The Church Council has appointed committees for the furtherance of the Charity's work in certain areas, i.e. Pastoral, Worship and Resources

The Church Council has appointed individuals to oversee Safeguarding and Health & Safety

The Church Council have developed a Mission & Growth Plan (Oct18-Oct23), which highlights a number of goals; for example, Mission, Fellowship, Worship, Children & Youth and Community

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:-
(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church
(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church

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)

Penketh Methodist Church has adopted the following Mission Statement: "The calling of the Methodist church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

To that end, in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ the Church Council, through its staff and lay officers seeks to promote the work of God through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. "

When planning the church's activities for the year, the Church Council, in their capacity as managing Trustees, have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our main activities include:

- Regular acts of worship to which all are welcome, whether or not members of the Methodist Church
- Smaller meetings ('House Groups') enabling members and others to develop in their Christian faith
- Engaging with the local community through the work of those within the church community
- Making our premises available for community 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.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The achievements and the performance of the Church in 2021/22 reflected a return to a degree of normality for worship and the general use of the building following the emergence out of the lockdown and restrictions throughout the year.

There has been no significant increase in the number of hirers or users of the building as we remain restricted to a degree by Ambassadors covering to open and close the building.

There is, though, an eclectic mix of users covering children's groups, *uniformed organisations*, *painting groups*, *gardening groups*, *Drop-In* sessions for tea & coffee, yoga, keep fit, dance groups and fellowship groups within the Church.

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Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**General Funds** - The reserves policy for the General Fund has been reviewed following the impact of COVID on the 2021-22 accounts and in determining how much, as a Church, Penketh can continue to contribute to Assessment payments to the Circuit in 2022-23. Church Council will review the policy annually. **Restricted Funds** – All funds in the Restricted Funds are for Lay Workers only. However, to meet any future severance costs in the event of needing to make Lay Workers redundant, the Restricted Fund reserves policy is calculated to cover (for all three Lay Workers) their three month notice period and redundancy costs (based on statutory redundancy calculations for each Lay Worker). For all Lay Workers the total notice period costs, including pension, and redundancy payments are c£10,000. Church Council will review the policy annually.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

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.	**General Funds** – Total General Funds at the end of August 2022 totalled £25,740, a £7,985 reduction versus funds at the end of August 2021. Whilst income was up £19,867 year on year this included a Circuit Grant of £7,500 and the balance was due to a combination of increased giving and room hire fees. Costs we also up year on year (around £10,000) where we had to cover significant costs for lift repairs, PAT testing and hiring cleaners. Finances remain very tight. **Restricted Funds** – All funds in the Restricted Funds are for Lay Workers only. For 2021-22 we again reported a deficit in paying out more in salaries than we received in donations. Total funds at the end of August totalled £27.722, a £6,457 reduction versus Aug21. Additional fund raising is being looked at, but the current outlook does not look good over 2 years out.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. Mark Harwood	Steve Devers
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	09/02/2023	09/02/2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Penketh Methodist	Church

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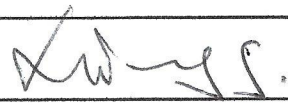
Signature	
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Penketh Methodist	**Church**

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Graham Pegg

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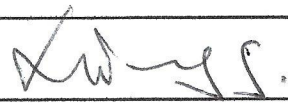
Signature	
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PENKETH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132809

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date		To	Period end date		
	01	Sep	2020	31	Aug	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Penketh Methodist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1132809
Charity's principal address	Chapel Road, Penketh, Warrington
Postcode	WA5 2NB

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	Rev David Easton	Circuit Superintendent Minister		Ex-officio
2	Rev Mark Harwood	Presbyter		Ex-officio
3	Rev Linda Bishop	Presbyter		Appointed by Circuit Meeting
4	Lesley Rodham	Church Council Secretary		Ex-officio
5	Steve Devers	Church Treasurer / Property Steward		Ex-officio / Church Council
6	Barbara Creamer	Pastoral Lay Worker		Ex-officio
7	Liz Atkins	Church Steward		Ex-officio
8	Joe Royle	Church Steward		Ex-officio
9	Keith Gardam	Church Steward / Resources Management Coordinator		Ex-officio / Church Council
10	Doris Besford	Worship Consultation Co-ordinator		Church Council
11	Emma Thompson	Communications		Church Council
12	Sue Devers	Safeguarding Secretary		General Church Meeting
13	Ian Rayner	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
14	Brian Powney	Secretary to the Pastoral Committee		Ex-officio
15	Joe Whittaker	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
16	John Buxton	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
17	Margaret Docherty	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
18	Graeme Blackie	Church Representative		General Church Meeting
19	Karen Royle	Church Steward		Ex-officio
20	Marie Reeve	Circuit Steward		Appointed by the Circuit

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes act as Custodian Trustees for the Charity's property	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Graham Pegg	4 Fox Gardens, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 9EY

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union 1932 and Methodist Church Act 1976
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are the members of the Church Council and are either ex-offiico, elected annually by the general church meeting or appointed annually by the Church Council.

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.

Penketh Methodist Church is part of the Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit

The Church Council sets the Charity's strategy and monitors results at periodic meetings.

The Church Council has established a Management Stewards Group that meets bi-monthly to focus on deploying and managing Church strategy and reviewing results.

The Church Council has appointed committees for the furtherance of the Charity's work in certain areas, i.e. Pastoral, Worship and Resources

The Church Council has appointed individuals to oversee Safeguarding and Health & Safety

The Church Council have developed a Mission & Growth Plan (Oct18-Oct23), which highlights a number of goals; for example, Mission, Fellowship, Worship, Children & Youth and Community

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:-
(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church
(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church

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)

Penketh Methodist Church has adopted the following Mission Statement: "The calling of the Methodist church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

To that end, in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ the Church Council, through its staff and lay officers seeks to promote the work of God through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. "

When planning the church's activities for the year, the Church Council, in their capacity as managing Trustees, have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our main activities include:

- Regular acts of worship to which all are welcome, whether or not members of the Methodist Church
- Smaller meetings ('House Groups') enabling members and others to develop in their Christian faith
- Engaging with the local community through the work of those within the church community
- Making our premises available for community 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.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The achievements and the performance of the Church in 2020/21 was significantly impacted by the Coronavirus and the necessity to keep the Church and the building closed for most of the year.

As a result of Government lockdown restrictions and The Methodist Church guidelines, the Church and the building was closed for Church face to face services and room hiring between September 2020 and May 2021.

During this time, Church services were produced and streamed 'live' via Zoom to members of the congregation and other Churches.

Between June 2021 and August 2021 and working within Government and The Methodist Church guidelines, plus our own COVID Risk Assessments, Church face to face services did recommence but were also streamed 'live' via Zoom for those who didn't feel safe venturing out to Church.

In addition, and again working with the over-arching restrictions and rules and completed Risk Assessments, we also accommodated three room hirers whose use the building for their business. No other hirers were ready to return in view of the restrictions in force at the time.

With effect from September 2021, the vast majority of pre-COVID room hirers have returned to using the building and all working within the restrictions in force at the time and completed Risk Assessments.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

General Funds - The reserves policy for the General Fund has been reviewed following the impact of COVID on the 2020-2021 accounts and in determining how much, as a Church, Penketh can continue to contribute to Assessment payments to the Circuit in 2021-2022. Although the guidance from the Methodist Church and The Charity Commission recommends holding six months (50%) total annual expenditure, new guidelines and requests from Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit has resulted in reserves at year end being no more than four and half months (37.5%) of total annual expenditure. This equates to £24,500 for Penketh. Church Council will review the policy annually.

Restricted Funds – All funds in the Restricted Funds are for Lay Workers only. However, to meet any future severance costs in the event of needing to make Lay Workers redundant, the Restricted Fund reserves policy is calculated to cover (for all three Lay Workers) their three month notice period and redundancy costs (based on statutory redundancy calculations for each Lay Worker). For all three Lay Workers the total notice period costs, including pension, and redundancy payments are c£10,000. Church Council will review the policy annually.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- 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.

Overall Unrestricted Funds (which cover the day to day running of the Church & Community Centre) totals £33.7k, a significant £16.8k (29%) reduction year on year. This deficit is solely due to the impact of COVID. Due to a big uptake in online giving, our regular giving totalled £35.4k, only a 4% drop year on year. However, our room lets income dropped by 72% year on year to £4.1k.

Total expenditure was £58.1k for the year, but only an 8% drop year on year (compared to 29% drop for income). Even though the building was closed, expenditure for utilities, insurance, H&S servicing and maintenance still needed to be incurred.

Overall Restricted Funds (which cover Lay Workers employed to deliver key Church objectives and outreach) total £34.2, which is a drop of 8.4k year on year. This total funds also includes a £3.3k Circuit grant to expand the work of the lay workers. The fund now is running in deficit, with expenditure higher than income and a fund raising programme is required to sustain the Lay Workers beyond a couple of years.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. Mark Harwood	Steve Devers
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	20/01/2022	20/01/2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Penketh Methodist	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Penketh Methodist Church

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a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**41,364**	**14,821**	**56,185**	(a7)	**73,177**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
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	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	**(16,775)**	**(8,354)**	**(25,130)**		**(9,444)**
c2	**Total funds brought forward from last year**		**50,480**	**42,533**	**93,013**	(c6)	**102,457**
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c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c8)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**33,705**	**34,179**	**67,883**	(c7)	**93,013** (c6)
	SECTION D						
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Penketh Methodist Church

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SECTION F

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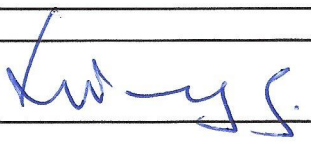
Signature	
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Penketh Methodist	**Church**

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August	2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Graham Pegg

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

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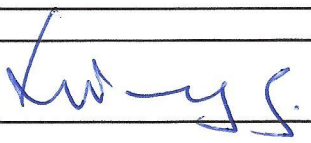
Signature	
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