

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		To	Period end date		
01	Sep	2023	31	Aug	2024
From					

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)

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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

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.

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 successfully recruited our Office Admin lay Worker 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)

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 2024 totalled £34,729, which represented a reduction of £9,208 from August 2023 total funds. Income received was broadly the same year on year, but our costs increased in 2023/2024 versus 2022/2023. The situation with the General Fund finances continues to be 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 Restricted Funds at the end of August 2024 totalled £24,253, which represented an increase of £5,202 from August 2023 total funds. This is mainly due to not having any Lay Workers with effect from April 2023 and only successfully recruiting a new Lay Worker from April 2024. Monthly income to date is nearly covering the Office Admin Lay Workers salary.

Section F

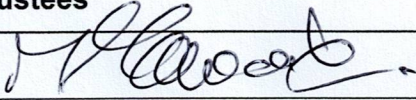
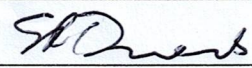
Other optional information

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	27/02/2025	27/02/2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Penketh Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Sankey Valley	Circuit	Circuit no	18/13
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Church Management Stewards:

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Steve Devers	

Treasurer:

Mr Steve Devers

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		48,251	6,539	54,790	58,491
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		679	643	1,322	829
a4	Lettings		16,545		16,545	14,697
a5	Other receipts		7,337		7,337	4,437
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		72,812	7,182	79,994 (a7)	78,455 (5)

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		40,800		40,800	23,000
b3	Donations		525		525	245
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		19,302		19,302	12,492
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,320		15,320	10,879
b6	Building Fund Payments					
b7	Other payments		6,073	1,980	8,053	22,312
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		82,020	1,980	84,000 (b9)	68,928

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(9,208)	5,202	(4,006)	9,527
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		43,937	19,051	62,988 (c6)	53,461
Keith Gardam						
Ste Sub total		(c1+c2)	34,729	24,253	58,982	62,988
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c8)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	34,729	24,253	58,982 (c7)	62,988 (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			1,330		2,233
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,330		2,233
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)				

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 745 Ladies Group	919	1,686	(767)		942	175
e2 Drama Group	4	112	(108)		2,806	2,698
e3 Olive Tree Café	15,199	11,456	3,744		10,388	14,132
e4 Ladies Fellowship	482	479	3		34	36
e5 Mens Fellowship					71	71
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	16,604	13,732	2,872		14,241 (e11)	17,112 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	79,994 (a7)	84,000 (b9)	(4,006)	(c8)	62,988 (c6)	58,982 (c7)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	96,598	97,732	(1,134)	0	77,229 (x)	76,094 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Key	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	Sue Devers	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Stev	Cash in hand	Elizabeth Atkins		
f2	Bank Current Account		33,575	34,976
f3	Bank Deposit Account			
f4	Central Finance Board		29,413	24,006
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes			
f6	Other funds			
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts		62,988 (c6)	58,982 (c7)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		14,241 (e11)	17,112 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH		77,229 (x)	76,094 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,341,108	3,441,339
g3 Other Assets	117,743	123,129
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

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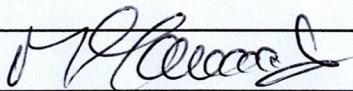
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The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination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

Graham Pegg

It is my responsibility to:

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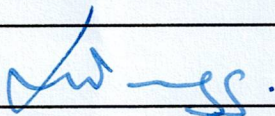
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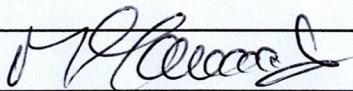
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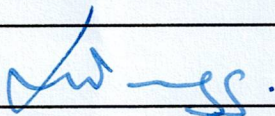
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