

FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133929

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2010-02-01

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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 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.

Activities: The provision of a building for public worship and the activities of the Church, available to the local community. The organisation of Christian worship and activities which encourage the exploration, teaching and celebration of Christianity. The provision of activities which serve the needs of all ages in the local community and provide assistance to the most vulnerable in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£170,995	£160,652	-	-
2023-08-31	£144,497	£145,600	-	-
2022-08-31	£144,497	£144,600	-	-
2021-08-31	£118,807	£133,240	-	-
2020-08-31	£133,779	£157,871	-	-

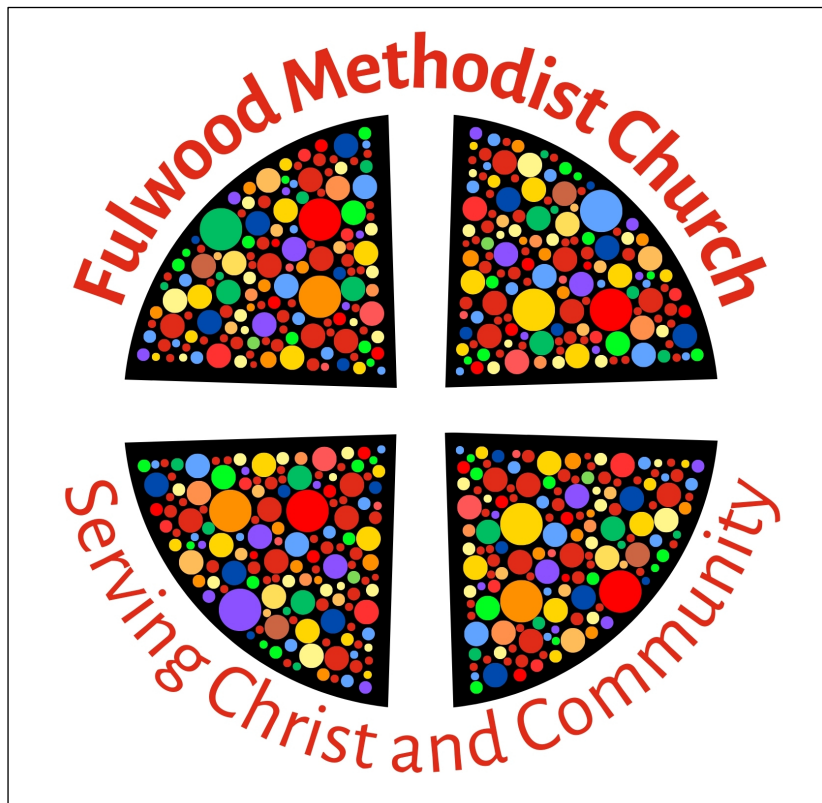
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMANDA ELIZABETH LATHAM BA, ACA		2011-06-27
Angela Dunnett		2023-08-18
Catherine Vesty		2023-09-01
Christine Elizabeth Oldham		2023-09-01
Elizabeth Stone		2021-07-23
Gill McGill		2015-06-14
Hilary Ann Banks BA		2014-05-11
JANET WALES MA MBE		
JANICE ASTLEY		2021-09-01
Joan Paulette Smith		2017-05-14
John Kenvyn Wales		2021-08-11
Judith Hodgson		2025-09-01
Karen Flynn		2023-09-01
Laura Ayles		2023-09-01
Liz Ellison		2015-06-14
MARGARET ALICE SQUIRE		
Mavis Fletcher		2024-09-01
Mike Ellis		2014-06-04
Oladipo Adepoju		2023-09-01
Sonia Phillips		2024-09-01
Sue Penrith		
Ted Lowes		2011-06-27
Veronica June Frost		2017-05-14

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Accounts



Fulwood Methodist Church
Annual Church Meeting
Sunday 27th April 2025
following Morning Worship

April 2025

Dear Friends

I am writing to invite all members of Fulwood Methodist Church to attend of the General Church Meeting (GCM) after worship on Sunday 27th April 2025. At this meeting we will appoint the Leadership Team Stewards, Sunday Stewards, members to the Church Council and representatives to the Circuit Meeting.

Our work as a church should be focussed on our Mission of spreading God's love throughout our community and we urge you to be part of that mission.

The Church Council and Leadership Team are pleased to present the following reports of the activities which make up the life of our church at this time. If you wish to see a copy of the end of year accounts for 2023/24 please contact me by email (margaretsquire@gmail.com).

Please read the reports and support the various groups in any way that you feel able. This could be by your prayers, volunteering to help with some of the activities on a regular or occasional basis, or joining a group to make new friends. We are always looking for new ways of reaching out to our community and if you have any suggestions please do bring them to us for consideration by the Church Council.

Margaret Squire
Leadership Steward for Governance

Church Activity Reports

Learning and Caring

Pastoral

The Pastoral Care of our Church family and the different groups who meet on our premises is very important. Each member of the Church family is part of the Pastoral Care Team who look after each other. The various groups within the church care for each other and each Sunday morning there are people who look out for people who are missing.

Those who are not able to worship or be part of groups get magazines, the leaflet 'A Month of Sundays' delivered, and are visited and get telephone messages where appropriate.

The church tries to support everyone through prayer, being welcoming, sending cards, texts, emails, making phone calls, making meals, giving lifts, sending flowers and cards, using the minibus, delivering of magazines and the 'Month of Sundays'.

Everyone is able to contact Rev Jane, Sue Penrith, Denise Johnson or Carolyn Hothersall (contact numbers are in the magazine) if they feel there is a need that should be addressed. We can only respond to these needs when we are told and always keeping confidentiality.

The church family list is looked at by the Minister, Pastoral Care Secretary and the Circuit Pastoral Care Worker to see if there is anyone who we feel needs more support.

We continue to care in many ways and thank everyone who plays their part in the caring of this community.

Sue Penrith,
Leadership Steward for Pastoral Care

Learning

In November a meeting was held with some of the Learning Group Leaders. Jane thanked everyone for the things they do for the church life and a general discussion was had around learning, identifying any barriers and gaps in learning. Some of the main points that came out of the discussion were as follows:

How the groups advertise their activities - do these need promoting again and do people really understand what they are about?

What is being learnt, who directs this learning and how this might fit in with worship?

Resources - could these be shared out to other groups so not duplicating work?

Gaps in learning - after Sunday Club what is the next stage?

What learning would people like to see - ask the congregation for their views and ideas?

These questions above will be the focus of my work that I will take forward in the coming months.

Laura Ayles,

Leadership Steward for Learning

Worship

In the Leadership team we discussed how we might broaden the scope of our worship trying to offer variety and awareness of other cultural backgrounds within our community whilst following an outline regular framework of services.

The first Sunday in the month usually includes Holy Communion and more traditional hymns whilst the second is All Together, so mixed ages and the format would reflect that, often with interactive elements and worship songs as well as hymns.

We are experimenting with Forest Church as a new experience for the Sunday Club but with a possibility of extending this to the wider congregation in the future.

Messy Church continues to attract families and is of course open to all ages and individuals in the church family. We meet, discuss, do activities and enjoy food and get to know each other better.

The Wednesday Morning service includes Holy Communion, prayers and discussion often based on a bible passage and is very much enjoyed by the small number of people who attend. You are encouraged to come and join in or just listen and be part of the fellowship from 10.30am–11.15am, and maybe have a coffee or one of our famous bacon rolls afterwards in Welcome Wednesday.

Music is an important part of worship. We vary the styles of hymns and songs and recently have included items from round the world as well as tunes from our home nations. The choir meet regularly on a Monday morning (11am–12noon) to learn new hymns and anthems. This is very much an open invitation for anyone to come and learn with us. We regularly introduce new tunes by the singers and on the organ before the service. When the band lead, they too will play before the service and introduce new songs. We have discovered some gems which we would love to share! We are fortunate to have the band to lead worship as well as two organists BUT we could do more with extra singers and players. We include other instruments to accompany the choir from time to time. Please share your talents.

We would like to include a children's song whilst we are together in church and are working towards this. We also plan to let the congregation select the hymns for a service from a prepared list as we did once before so watch out for the whiteboard! We would love ours to be a singing church with the confidence to try new songs and hymns.

We are indebted to the Rev Jane and all our worship leaders for their imaginative and inspirational work with us. We welcome ideas from all members of our community. It is our worship.

Mavis Fletcher,

Leadership Steward for Worship

Sunday Club

Our Sunday Club continues to thrive and there are currently 52 children on the register with 10 leaders; however, there is a weekly attendance of between 15-20. We divide into 4 groups – Seekers, Explorers, Pathfinders and PathfindersPlus and follow our curriculum at an appropriate level. In line with best safeguarding practice there are two leaders working with each group. The enthusiasm and commitment of the leaders are key to the success of the work, and we thank them for all they contribute.

Our themes from September 2024 have been ‘Getting to know you’ (mini theme), ‘How to live’, the Christmas story and currently ‘The life of Jesus’. The latter forms a major part of our work this church/academic year. Our theme in October/November not only allowed us to explore the Ten Commandments and Jesus’ commandments to love God and love our neighbours but also provided a structure to look at ‘The Methodist Way of Life’. The latter complemented work being done across the different sections of the church; it also enabled PathfindersPlus – our over 11s group – to follow the same theme as the rest of Sunday Club. All our sessions are organised to meet the needs of the different age groups, and we ensure that our sessions are activity based – games, crafts, drama, baking, discussions etc as well as reading/listening to stories and thinking about how we worship and relate to God.

Our Advent Celebration at the beginning of December was a huge success and over 100 people attended. It was good to see all the age groups in the church interacting and learning together as they explored the Christmas story in different ways. Our thanks go out all the many people who helped this to be such a positive experience.

Our plans for the rest of the year involve several sessions of Forest Church – always a popular event with families - and our final theme will be ‘The Living Church’, reminding us that the church is really the people who meet here and not just the building. We shall explore the different roles within our church family and also consider the building and the various services that are held here.

Our challenge continues to be how we can grow the provision for the pre-school children and how we facilitate continuity and coherence for the young people who may attend regularly but not every week. One way in which the Pathfinders group (7-11years) is dealing with this is to follow 2 weeks on a theme and then a workshop session, which enables us to cover material twice but always in different ways eg drama, baking, etc. The outcomes seem to be positive and will be evaluated more fully at the end of the year.

Our overall aim continues to enable children and young people to grow in faith and the knowledge that they are loved by God, they are lovable, and they can love and care for others, following the example of Jesus, our Saviour. Sunday Club is a vital part of the whole church and, as always, we rely on your prayers and support.

Janet Wales,
Sunday Club co-ordinator

Messy Church

Our overall theme for Messy Church 2025 has been the Methodist Way of Life programme. We began in January with ‘Flourish’, thinking God’s world need to grow. We followed this with ‘Tell’ where we explored ways of passing on the good news about God and Jesus. December saw us undertaking ‘Messy Nativity’ when we concentrated on ways of showing ‘Love at Christmas’ without spending lots of money. January’s theme was centred on thinking about how we live and how that ought to draw others to Jesus. Our February meeting was in half-term, so we did a film and pizza! March centred on ‘Prayer’ and our WOW prayers certainly lived up to our name of Messy Church!

Future meetings include 'Serve and Notice' plus a Forest Messy Church.

This year we have used lanyards for our name badges and for each session attended we get a badge of that name.

Our Good Friday session will be open to everyone in the Church Family and will take place early on Good Friday Afternoon.

We do appreciate the prayer support of the Church family. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

Delma Whitman,
Messy Church Leader

Alternative Church

We have met monthly throughout the year at the Black Bull Pub. There are usually around 10-14 people who meet together. We have a great meal and Jane always leads a thought-provoking reflection, which is often themed around art and relates to the present world. We have welcomed 2-3 new people who now attend regularly. We also have people who come occasionally and welcome anyone who would like their meal made for them and chat about their faith in an informal way. If you would like to know more, please speak to Wendy Bennett or Jane.

Wendy Bennett,
Coordinator

Children and Young People

Youth and Family Work

Escape has an attendance of 20/25 youngsters of mixed age (8-11years) most weeks, activities include craft, table tennis, games, pool, archery, darts, badminton, music room and Lego, plus access to food and tuck shop.

3generate - six youngsters attended the full weekend and four went on the Saturday for the 4-7 year-old session. A good time was had by all. Some quotes from the weekend – "fun", "tiring", "lots to do", "exciting", "good experience", "a must do", "recommend going", "best weekend ever", "a bucket list thing for children". Following on from this we held a circuit event at Fulwood called 'Unleashed' where we looked at what potential the youngsters have. With the help of Becca from 'All We Can', the weekend ended with the youngster's helping take the Circuit Service. This year's 3generate will be advertised very shortly.

Puppets – Lunchtime sessions have been run at Ribbleton Avenue on two occasions: Christmas and Easter – we usually have about 6 sessions with a group of 10 children to teach the basics of puppetry followed by an end of session assembly where they perform what they have practiced.

WLTD0 (Who Let The Dads Out) is going well, even though numbers are small. The importance of men getting together and talking is essential and one of the objectives of the group. We once again held an open Christmas social for all.

Connexions is usually the 1st Sunday of each month, it is open to all, and we take a bible passage chat about it, answer questions, and build with Lego whilst having coffee and pastries.

Toddler group is very busy and continues to serve the community, during holiday's it is always open as a coffee morning because we see the need for parents/carers to still get out.

Many thanks.

Darren Arnold,
Youth, Children's & Family Worker.

Uniformed Organisations

Fulwood Guide Group

Rainbows

As a result of a recent recruitment drive by Lisa Wright, my co-leader, we now have 14 Rainbows. This is more members than we have had at any one time since before the pandemic. We maintain a strong relationship with the Brownie leaders and the majority of our Rainbows go on to join the Brownie pack.

Olivia Parkinson, who joined us last year as a Young Leader, has shown great commitment and has worked hard to achieve the adult leadership qualification. She will be able to be counted as a leader when she turns 18 later in the year. She is a great asset to our team.

Over the past 12 months the girls have gained a number of badges and in doing so have learned about first aid, ocean life and the negative impact of rubbish as well as dealing with emergencies. We also celebrate Christmas, Mothers' and Fathers' Days. Rev Jane will be joining us at the beginning of April to help us engage with the message of Easter. We are grateful for her input and support. At Christmas we enjoyed taking part in Strictly Nativity with the church family.

We have spaces in September so we would welcome enquiries from families of girls aged between 3yrs and 6yrs who could do on our waiting list until then.

Jayne Myatt,
Rainbow Leader

Brownies

The Brownie Pack goes from strength to strength and has been full throughout the year. Spring term 2024 featured the Local History Badge with a guest presenter, followed by a noisy Burns night celebration (complete with a bagpiper). We had a circus themed sleepover at Fulwood Methodist Church, joint with another pack. The girls had a great time with the instructor, and we managed to give the church a sizeable donation. We have played lots of games, sung songs, had a science night and done plenty of crafts and activities during the term.

Summer 2024 saw some new starters and we were straight into preparations for our Pack Holiday at Waddecar Scout Camp at the beginning of May. Twenty-two girls from our pack had a great time doing archery, crate challenge and a number of water-based challenges to complete our "Under the Sea" theme. Back at our normal meetings we did more science, a dance challenge, a games night, a music night and completed the jobs badge (many thanks to the outside instructors who came in to share their expertise with the girls). In July we took part in a "Sporty Saturday" at UCLan Sports Arena with girls from across Preston North Division and we ended the term with a party.

A number of our girls moved up to Guides in the summer, but we also had several new starters in September so were still up to maximum numbers. The highlights of the autumn term were a visit from a representative of Lancashire Cricket Club who taught the girls some cricket skills, a Gold Award evening run by one of our senior Brownies, a visit to the Fire Station on Blackpool Road, the completion of 23 Christmas boxes for International Aid, a stall at the church Christmas Fair, a cinema trip to see 'Moana 2' and a disco with the Rainbows. These were in addition to our usual crafts, games and songs.

As of March 2025 we have 28 girls, 5 qualified leaders, 2 Unit helpers (who intend to become qualified leaders in due course), a Young Leader and a Brownie helper (a Guide who comes along to assist). We are very grateful to the volunteers who give up their time to make Brownies such an enjoyable experience for the girls.

Diane Bird,
Brownie Leader

Guides and Rangers

No report.

4th Fulwood Scout Group

Following on from the success of last year, it has been great to see each section continue to provide a fantastic and memorable experience for all our young people within the group. From section evenings to days and district/county events to camps, there has been lots of variety, which has provided an action-packed adventure.

This year we welcomed back our Family Camp which was held at Waddecar. The Camp was an action packed, fun filled weekend and all families who took part had a fantastic time. There was lots of activities and bases on offer and parents were also able to participate in all the activities on offer, such as: Archery, Canoeing, Kayaking and many more! The weather was also fantastic, which made the weekend even better! The camp was organised by Ketran, Section Leader with the Squirrels who did an excellent job of planning, organising the leading the camp and I'd like to thank Ketran from putting together such a memorable weekend.

Also returning this year, was Red Rose 2024. This was a special camp to celebrate 50 years of scouting within West Lancs. The weeklong camp, held at its usual location at Westmoreland Showground in Cumbria, hosted around 3,000 Scouts. We as a group were proud to take part, with 3 of our newly invested Scouts, who have only just moved up from Cubs attending for the full week, led by myself and the Preston district contingent. They had a fantastic and memorable experience taking part in all of what Red Rose had to offer, from adrenaline, aqua and culture trips out around the country. The Beavers and Cubs also joined us for a two-night mini's camp, participating in the Mission to Mars theme and getting involved in all the onsite activities. We were also joined by the Squirrels on the Wednesday to take part in all the fun!

The group currently has 75 young people, which is a slight increase from last year. It is fantastic to see the group growing and thriving providing the skills and opportunities for all our young people to enjoy. Our waiting list also is beginning to fill up with those awaiting their new adventure and we aim to provide a place as quickly as possible.

The Trustee Board has continued to meet and approve big expenditure as well as liaise with the Group Lead volunteer as to where support is needed within the group. We continue to give thanks to the Church for providing us with a safe environment for our sections to meet and are grateful for the storage space we can use too. The leaders of our group are all awesome volunteers. Some are around every week, some less, but we value and thank them for the time and effort they put in every week.

Communications

We have a new church logo, which has been approved by the Church Council and is being implemented across church. This new logo seeks to present a more up-to-date image of our church community than the previous logo, which was considered to be exclusive.

We are still working on finding a tool which will allow good communication across the different groups using church during the week. After a trial period with the Leadership Team using Slack, it was decided that we would instead try to use WhatsApp and begin to add additional groups to the Fulwood WhatsApp community.

A meeting has taken place with Sue and Beryl who put together the church notices each week. Their work is vital and our thanks go to them for their time and effort. Several matters were raised for further consideration.

A similar meeting with those involved in putting together the church magazine has been suggested to seek areas for growth.

The large notice board adjacent to the Cedar Room has been proposed as a potential place to display key information about all the different activities happening in church across the week to encourage participation and information sharing. We are negotiating how to move forward with the uniformed organisations who currently have exclusive use of this board.

Sonia Philips,
Leadership Steward for Communications

Outreach

The Outreach work in our church takes many forms and involves many volunteers. Some activities are the weekly, fortnightly or monthly events which take place throughout the year. Others are 'one off' fundraising or community involvement events. This year we have held an Orchestral Concert including a hot meal for over 130 people, the Christmas Fair, as well as providing the food for 100 people for the Advent Trail organized by Sunday Club. All of these events involved an enormous amount of time and effort from many people including, ticket sales stalls, and food preparation. Please consider offering your help when you hear of any of these types of events being organized. The more people who can help, even in small ways, makes it easier to make sure that a small amount of people do not experience 'burn out' or fatigue with all the extra responsibility.

We are pleased to say that throughout the winter months we have been part of the Lancashire County Council Warm Spaces initiative where people are welcome to come and share our warm space on all the days we are open. We were awarded two grants towards our fuel and food bills for taking part in the initiative.

A big thank you therefore to all those involved in bringing our church family and our local community together in this way. Some ideas for future projects would be an Art Club and using art as therapy, and a Games Evening as a family fundraising event. If you have any ideas for ways in which we could offer more activities for our church and community, please contact Karen Hunt.

Karen Hunt,
Leadership Steward for Outreach

Tuesday Coffee

Each Tuesday from 10am-12noon the Church is open for Coffee and biscuits. There is a regular Alzheimer support group which meets to enjoy chat, drink tea and coffee and a browse around the New to You stall. All are welcome for this quieter session than the bustle of Welcome Wednesday the following day.

Welcome Wednesday

Welcome Wednesday is still going strong. We are seeing new people use our facilities every week. However, this is not always easy with the limited number of volunteers. Having lost two of our cooks, Alison and Katie, we were in desperate need of someone to step in and help out. That help came from Maggie and Barbara who work as a team on the cooking side. Maggie also helps as a hostess with the 'New to You' staff, such is her commitment. Eva also has some new helpers on our 'New to You' stalls, and this makes a huge difference to their workload. We are so lucky and fortunate to have such good quality items donated to our Church. Of course it is teamwork that makes it all possible: to sort, display and sell at very, very low prices.

Welcome Wednesday refreshment side is still very popular with great homemade scones, soup, crumbles and breakfast style lunches. Margaret, Delma, Martin and Sue take care of all the buying and catering side of things. We continue to uphold our 5-star rating certificate which is awarded by Preston City Council Health and Safety Department. This is compulsory for all catering establishments. Keeping our kitchen fit for purpose is not an easy task. Our cooks must know and carry out all Food Hygiene regulations, so we must remember when using the kitchen to respect these regulations and leave our kitchen as you find it.

It is so important that we keep our doors open to everyone. Providing a safe and welcoming environment. Many people have little or no connection with our Church but have heard of Welcome Wednesday and come along to check us out. It's important that we listen to people if they want to talk and where we can offer help or suggest or guide a way that others may help.

So please keep us in your thought and prayers as we strive to welcome people into our Church premises.

Edna Armstrong
Coordinator

Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market continues to thrive on the 4th Saturday of every alternate month from January – November throughout each year. There are varying stalls of delicious foodstuffs, fairtrade goods, craft stalls, and our own New to You items are for sale too. Hot snacks and drinks are served from the kitchen and are always well received.

Interest Groups

WOW (Ladies group)

Wow is a source of support to the group. We don't meet too often but keep in touch through WhatsApp. We have had a couple of sad times during the year where members have lost members of their family. When we get together, we have a lovely time catching up and this is often round a table creating crafts or a having a drink.

Over the years we have become friends and share the good and the sad times. If anyone would like to join the group, please speak to Wendy Bennett or Amanda Latham.

Wendy Bennett
Coordinator

Friends at Fulwood

This group was originally made up of ladies from Women's Fellowship and Ladies After 8. First called Tuesdays at Two and now changed last year to our present Friends at Fulwood. This was to reflect that **all** are welcome.

This year we have had a few new members with 30 now on our register and average attendance of 19 at our meetings. Tuesday at 2pm until around 4pm, with tea or coffee and biscuits to round off our meetings.

Our speakers have been varied from within our own church family, sharing their work or life experiences. Also, we have had recommended speakers from different walks of life, i.e. Ribble Valley River Trust; Age UK and First Aid at Home delivered by Andrea; Living with an Indian saint by Helen Frost.

Our Christmas meal was at St Catherine's "The Mill Café" for Christmas Afternoon Tea. This was very well supported and an enjoyable outing. Jane drove the mini bus for us which helped enormously keeping the need for cars down to two. (However, we didn't have a sing-song on the way back home which I was looking forward to!)

We still have some interesting speakers to come this programme. Hospital Imam; John Kay - Hollywood Stars and WW1; Terry Kilgarriff from Gambling Harms Alliance; before our AGM on the 27th May.

Can I encourage and invite new members to join us, we are a friendly lot and our subs are only £2 per session.

Edna Armstrong,
Secretary

AM Club

The AM Club meet on alternative Tuesdays between September and May. We gather between 10am and 10:15am for tea and biscuits before listening to a speaker at 10:30am for about 40 minutes.

Recent sessions have included talks on different travel destinations, Photography, Memorabilia, PNE Community Trust and Health related issues.

The difficulties are getting speakers to give us their time (some charging up to £50) also finding a variety of interests from the speakers. Our membership is declining with a maximum number of 18 attending with a scarcity of "younger, semi-retired men. This is a major worry for the future of the AM Club.

Dave Topping,
Coordinator

Community Choir

We continued to meet every Wednesday evening from 7pm - 8:15pm.

Our range of songs is eclectic, varying in style of music ranging from Pop to music from the shows, interspersed with some country and folk songs. We do this to suit all our members from young to more senior.

Our attendance ranges from 10-20 although the winter nights do have an effect, 3 of our non-church members even come by taxi! We do encourage anyone who enjoys singing, (regardless of musical ability); sharing a smile or laughter is our priority.

Dave Topping
Co-ordinator

Flower Arrangers

We arrange the flowers in church every week and also on special occasions ie Easter, Christmas etc. Recently we have welcomed Ruth to the team, after an appeal in church. We said a big thank you and goodbye to Barry on his retirement after many years of service.

We continue to do our arrangements without the use of Oasis Flower Foam in accordance with our Eco Church values. We try to be as economical as possible with our arrangements especially for the major festivals and our creativity has flourished.

We welcome donations at any time and if you have a special occasion to celebrate, please contact one of the team.

Jan, Veronica, Janet, Delma, Ellen, and Ruth

Book Club

Our Church Book Club happily thrives:

Fun, books and buns help us survive.

A rich range of these

Meets most of our needs,

Even God seems sometimes surprised.

The Book Club meets in the Cedar Room at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome - just turn up for fun and fellowship (and bickies). Only small brains required!! Watch out for next year's programme, starting in September.

Ken Wales
Coordinator

Knitting Group

What a fantastic year for us. Lots of new members, old members returning and in general a very stable sociable and supportive group.

Our projects have included Minions, apples, Baptismal gifts, Christmas trees and ornaments and wait for it - Paddington Bears. We've made blankets which were donated to some Afghan Refugees. Over 300 poppies were crocheted and sold at Sharoe Green Post Office and Church so over £200 was sent to the Royal British Legion, the rest being donated to church funds. Items have continued to be made for and sold on our stall in Willow Grove. From all these activities, considerable sums have been raised as well as the profits from a very successful Christmas Afternoon Tea attended by many from our local community.

We have made specific donations to the following: General Church Funds, to 316 Band for specific equipment, Jean Dearnley's nephew Graham to sponsor his Benidorm and back car race in aid of MS and others.

Our latest joint project is to knit/crochet tea cosies to be given away for National Tea Drinking Day on Easter Monday. Of course, our members continue to make things for themselves, friends and families and have a lot of fun doing it.

If you ever want to pop in to see what we do, have a cuppa, a laugh and a natter then come to Knitwits on Thursdays at 2pm.

Veronica Frost and Jan Astley,
Coordinators

Property and Finance

Property Group

The Property Group continue to meet regularly to ensure our buildings are managed and maintained to ensure we have a safe environment for our numerous building users. Over the past 12 months our membership has remained the same with all members playing an active role in the various responsibilities that rest with the group.

Our main item of expenditure since the last AGM has been the replacement of sensors for the Willow Grove porch front doors. An annual maintenance contract has also been entered into to ensure the doors remain trouble free! Items highlighted on the 5 year quinquennial inspection are being addressed and the 5 year electrical installation test didn't throw up any significant issues. A programme of decoration work is being implemented and a number of volunteers have offered their time to help with these activities.

The insurance survey highlighted the need to regularly inspect all our ladders and stepladders and control their use. They have all been inspected, tagged and locked. If you need to use these items please contact any members of the Property Group or our Cleaner.

With new 2-year energy contracts in place, the costs are expected to fall from £19k in 2023/24 to about £17k for the year 2024/25 in spite of us using 2.6% more energy. That will still be £5.6k more than we paid in 2022/23. The building is being used more than last year with a number of new regular bookings.

The Group have also considered various ECO Church initiatives. A water butt has been installed and contact has been made with Community Energy Preston to consider the installation of photovoltaic panels. The firm are expanding into church work, but an installation would only be feasible if substantial grants were available.

The Group have also made contact with the Local Council as we are keen to work in partnership regarding the maintenance and use of the garden area at the crossroads.

A further area has been established in church to accommodate wheelchair and pram users and a further handrail has been fitted to assist with access to the chancel.

Thanks need to be expressed to our 'Monday morning' team who continue to keep our buildings in good order.

John Ferris
Chair of the Property Group

Report from the finance committee – July 2024

This report includes the following content:

1. 2023-24 – General Fund
2. Designated funds
3. Restricted funds
4. External funds

General Funds

The table shows the movement in General Funds between 1 September 2023 and 30 November 2023. It also shows the full year budget against the actuals for last year.

	2023-24	2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Bank balance b/f	21,035	33,961	21,003
Offerings and tax recovered	86,056	90,723	95,259
Gift aid	34,020	0	19,950
Interest	1,024	831	679
Lettings	6,515	7,001	7,351
Donations	12,624	7,957	8,355
Church Activities	25,320	26,398	27,718
Other receipts	537	763	802
Total income	166,094	133,674	160,113
Circuit assessment	-92,106	-90,500	-96,000
Grants and donations	-5,093	-3,265	-5,050
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water, Insurance)	-27,042	-19,934	-31,887
Repairs and Maintenance	-3,800	-14,881	-6,378
Worship resources	-2,292	-2,599	-2,760
Church Activities	-6,723	-5,564	-5,842
Minibus	-4,463	-2,444	-2,566
Hygiene and vermin services	-2,392	-2,467	-2,590
Wages and salaries	-11,878	-11,551	-12,129
Administration costs	-995	-1,125	-1,307
Other payments	-1,256	-1,228	-632
Total expenditure	-158,040	-155,558	-167,142
Transfers	-2,360	8,958	1,200
Movement in the year	5,694	-12,926	-5,829
Bank balance c/f	26,729	21,035	15,174

General Funds have increased by £5,694 since the start of the year. However, £19,053 of the Gift Aid related to 2022/23. If we adjust the figures for this Gift Aid, it would show that expenditure in 2023-24 actually exceeded income by £13,359

	2023-24	2022-23
Gen Fund b/f	40,088	33,961
Income	147,041	152,727
Expenditure	-158,040	-155,558
Tansfers	-2,360	8,958
Net change	-13,359	6,127
Gen Fund c/f	26,729	40,088

This adjusted deficit of £13,359 is less than we budgeted as the increase in utilities was not as bad as feared. Also, the level of spending on repairs and maintenance was minimised. These savings were partly offset by costly repairs to the minibus.

In 2024/25 we expect income to be higher than expenditure, helping us rebuild the General Fund. This is due to a reduced Circuit Assessment. Assessments across the Circuit were halved to enable us to deliver our Missions. We can now focus on plans for each area of Church rather than worrying about money in the short term.

Longer term, however, the issue of annual income not covering expenditure will continue to be an area of focus for the Church Council. It is also a key area of discussion at Circuit level as we are not the only church in this position.

Designated Funds

These are general funds that have been set aside for a designated purpose as decided by Church Council.

	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers from general fund	Balance c/f
Special Project fund	7,318	0	0	0	7,318
Repairs and Maintenance	1,511	0	-636	1,500	2,375

We currently have no plans for the Special Project Fund.

As agreed at last church council we have transferred £1500 into a fund to for repairs and maintenance. This will be an annual transfer from General Fund to help us to smooth the impact of non-routine expenditure. In 2023-24, we used the fund to pay for new microphones.

Restricted Funds

We hold a number of funds which are separate from the general funds as their use is “restricted”. This is because the money has been raised for a specific purpose – or it belongs to one of our internal groups. We can only spend this money on the purpose for which it is held.

The movements on these balances are set out below – for information only. We hold this money in our Church Bank Account.

	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers from general fund	Balance c/f
Benevolence fund	680	5	0	0	685
WOW	33	0	-20	0	13
Tuesdays at 2	562	935	-17	0	1,479
Youth club	2,818	150	-421	-300	2,246
Toddlers	218	0	0	0	218
Alphabites	50	0	-62	0	-12
Knitting club	1,164	2,426	-455	0	3,135
Building imp't fund	135	90	0	0	225
Church project fund	517	0	-1,000	1,457	974
Total	6,177	3,606	-1,976	1,157	8,964

10% of all net income from Church Activities is paid into the Church Project Fund. Every time the fund reaches £1000 we make a grant. In 2023-24 we made a grant to Cardiac Risk in the Young using the fund.

External Funds

We sometimes collect money on behalf of external organisations. We only hold the money temporarily until we pay it over to the external body. We pay funds over as soon as possible.

	Bal B/fwd	Income	Paymentts	Bal c/fwd
All We Can (formerly MRDF)	0	357	-357	0
MWiB	0	265	0	265
Action for children	0	197	-192	5
Total	153	1,225	-1,108	270

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a5	Other receipts	38,480	4,901	43,381	38,942
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SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	92,106		92,106	90,500
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SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	8,054	2,289	10,342	(20,554)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	21,035	15,006	36,040 (c6)	56,595	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	29,089	17,294	46,383	36,040
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(2,360)	2,360			
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	26,729	19,654	46,383 (c8)	36,040 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			153	604
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,832	3,205
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,373	3,656
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		1,612	153

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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	55	33
f2	11	18
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f4	7,641	6,703
f5	437	437
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Annual Church Meeting
Sunday 10 September 2023**

August 2023

Dear Friends

I am writing to invite all members of Fulwood Methodist Church to attend a short meeting of the General Church Meeting (GCM) after the morning service on **Sunday 10th September**. At this meeting we will bring the names of the new Stewards/Leadership Team for your approval of appointment. There will also be appointments of members to the Church Council and representatives to the Circuit Meeting. Once these appointments have been confirmed the new Leadership Team can begin the work of its wider remit which has been agreed by the Church Council in resolutions passed at their meeting in June. (If you want to know more please ask).

Attached to this letter is a brief personal statement and photo of those members who have agreed to have their names put forward for appointment to the Leadership Team.

It has not been possible to collate a full report of activities throughout the church for this meeting so I will try and give you a quick resumé of what has been happening throughout the church family over the past 16 months.

We hope that as we all settle into our new roles a comprehensive activities report will be available for the GCM in Spring 2024.

Over the past year most of our pre-Covid church activities have resumed and indeed are beginning to flourish with bigger attendances than in 2021-22. I hope it serves to remind us all just how much goes on at our church besides Sunday morning worship.

Youth, Children and Family work

Sunday Club is thriving and numbers seem to grow each week! Thanks to all the leaders who are constantly providing new challenges for the youngsters to explore the bible and understand more about our Christian faith.

The Sunday Group (formerly known as OMG) is being relaunched with a view to meeting for breakfast with perhaps a time for parents to meet for bible study and discussion.

A group of young people from Fulwood will join a wider group from the Circuit to go to **3Generate** in the autumn. This is a national event for all children and young people within Methodism to meet and enjoy music, drama, activities and time to talk of God over a weekend together.

Messy Church is an opportunity for families to meet together for craft activities, food and a bible message. If you've never been, now is the time to try it!

Toddlers Club has increased its numbers again and each Friday morning the Church Hall buzzes with the young children enjoying playing with the large toys whilst their parents and carers enjoy a cuppa and chat. I believe their toasted fruit loaf is in great demand!

The **Escape Club** for the 7-11year olds has also grown, the main limitation being the number of staff who are willing to help supervise the activities. It is hoped that after the summer holidays the older group will be able to restart but we do need some extra adult

help if this is to succeed. Please speak to Darren if you or someone in your family would like to help. We are one of the few churches in Preston where youngsters are able to meet in this way and there is a real need to provide this kind of activity for our community. All the **uniformed organisations** supporting our young people have been busy encouraging them to learn new skills and enjoying plenty of outdoor activities. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have been meeting regularly with lots of exciting activities for girls of all ages. The **Brownies** have now got a few vacancies as older girls progress to the guide group. However, as always there is a need for more helpers. Several leaders have now left to go to university this summer so, to allow them to cater for the same number of girls, there will need to be more helpers.

The **4th Fulwood Scout Group** celebrates it's 80th birthday this year and on 10th October there will be a special parade service to commemorate this anniversary. The newest part of the Scout Group is the **Squirrel Drey** which began in July, providing activities for 4-6year olds. Twelve boys and girls were enrolled in Junly and have enjoyed a range of activities already including a family day at Waddecar Scout Camp where they tried out all sorts of new adventures.

Church Life and Outreach

Sunday Worship each week is now regularly transmitted over Zoom to those who are unable to attend church for whatever reason, but most of our congregation have returned to face-to-face worship. There have been a wide variety of services offered both on Sunday morning and during the week. A regular **Communion service** is held on most Wednesday mornings and **Alternative Church** has been meeting every 6 weeks or so at the Black Bull pub where attendees enjoy a meal together and discuss matters of faith. We recently held a **Café All Together service** on Sunday morning and **Breakfast Church** meets several times a year. Because of the shortage of preachers we regularly have a 'Local Arrangement' which involves members of the church working together to present the morning worship. We have lots more people now offering to take part in worship by reading, drama, music and prayers and this is well received by the congregation. We enjoy a variety of **music** via the organ, clavino, choir, worship band and ad hoc contributions by other musicians. There is a wealth of talent out there so if you would like to be part of the music in the church in any way I'm sure Mavis Fletcher or the band group would love to hear from you.

We have seen many new families coming to our church and we welcome the diversity and enthusiasm they bring to our Church Family. If you see someone you don't know please speak to them and you will be surprised how wonderful it is to get to know new people! It is also lovely to see our regular visitors from the L'Arche community who also meet on a Thursday morning again for their Soup and Craft time.

Our regular weekday activities are welcoming many new visitors for **Tuesday morning coffee, and on Welcome Wednesday** friends are enjoying their bacon and sausage snacks as well as soup, brunches and home-made fruit crumbles and scones! The New to You Stall is open both mornings and many beautiful bargains are to be found. Thanks to all our regular team of helpers and cooks without whom we could not provide this community service. Throughout the winter months our church was one of the designated Warm Spaces by Lancashire County Council who provided a small grant so that we could help those in most need.

Regular church groups meet throughout the week, particularly in the winter months. These include the AM Club (men's group), Tuesday at Two (ladies group), Farmers'

Markets (bi-monthly), Book Club (monthly), Bible study groups, Community Choir (weekly) and the Knitting Group (weekly). This list is not exhaustive!! Please see the weekly notices either online, via email or hard copy from church each Sunday for up-to-date information. We hope there is something for everyone.

Property and Finance

Without these two important groups our church would not be able to function. We have a wonderful regular team of ladies and gentlemen who, along with our paid Cleaner, keep a close eye on all aspects of the structure, decoration and general maintenance of the building as well as cleaning throughout each week. Thanks to this dedicated group. The Church Finance Group meet regularly to make sure that we are making proper use of all our income and keeping a careful watch on our outgoings. They do long term planning so that major items can be funded as needed and the church is maintained and supported in the best way. A church the size of ours costs a lot of money to maintain, but we also have to support our ministers and lay workers financially within the Circuit. As a registered charity with the Charity Commission, all our finances must be clearly accounted and regularly audited. We are very fortunate to have some very skilled and experienced people working in this team and thank them for their hard work throughout the year to keep us solvent but also to support others in time of need.

I hope this letter provides a snapshot of all that we do in the name of Christ in our community and beyond. A big thank you to all who help us provide a major presence of the Church in action in our community. If you would like to become more involved and support any of our activities, please do not hesitate to speak up! If you think there are activities we should be doing but not providing at present, please let us know and we will see where we can be ever more active and engaging.

Thank you to everyone for being part of Fulwood Methodist Church and its mission amongst God's people everywhere.

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Treasurer:

Angela Dunnett

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	90,723		90,723	97,474
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	831		831	71
a4	Lettings	7,001		7,001	5,707
a5	Other receipts	35,119	3,823	38,942	41,245
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	133,674	3,823	137,497 (a7)	144,497

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	90,500		90,500	90,000
b3	Donations	3,265	2,198	5,463	5,625
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	14,881		14,881	4,227
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,934		19,934	16,786
b6					
b7	Other payments	26,978	295	27,273	27,962
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	155,558	2,493	158,051 (b9)	144,600

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(21,885)	1,330	(20,554)	(103)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	33,961	22,634	56,595 (c6)	56,698	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	12,077	23,964	36,040	56,595
c4	Transfers and adjustments	8,958	(8,958)		(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	21,035	15,006	36,040 (c8)	56,595 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			604	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,205	3,580
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,656	2,975
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		153	604

Name of Church No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer Date.....

Name and address of treasurer

..... Post Code.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Fulwood Methodist Church

Charity Number 1133929

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

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Signature of independent examiner *J Scott*

Name of independent examiner *JULIA SCOTT*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *MBA - AAT*

Name of firm (where appropriate) */*

Address *12 Wentworth Drive, Broughton*
..... *Preston* Post Code *PR3 5JR*

Date *24/5/24*

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church Fulwood Methodist No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 26/5/24

Name and address of treasurer Mrs ANGELA DUNNETT, 18 THE GLOSSOMS
Fulwood, Preston Post Code PR2 9RF

Presentation to the Church trustees

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting JANE WILD Date 27/6/24

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FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133929

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Fulwood Methodist Church

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 18th April 2021

Church Activities Report



Dear Friends

It seems a long time since we held a Church Annual General Meeting, in fact it was in May 2019. The one we will hold on Sunday 18th April 2021 following the Morning Worship will be a truncated meeting because of the need not to be in church for a long period under the current Covid 19 regulations.

As you all well know the church has been empty of activity for over a year now, but this does not mean that the church has not been active. Some of our regular community activities such as Welcome Wednesday, Tuesday coffee, and the Farmers Market have been impossible, (although the Farmers' Market has now resumed outside for two sessions in November and March).

Other activities have developed; the format of our work and meetings therefore has been very different but has still continued. When representatives from the various groups were asked in November what they had been doing the following list of activities was produced:

Craft activities, mapping, treasure hunts, virtual sleepovers, fitness training, Fairtrade activities, knitted nativity contributions, socially distanced walks, resource drop offs, Fulwood Church Challenge materials, Cake ministry, 'WhatsApp' groups, email and telephone contact and Zoom meetings. There are probably many others. The last four responses in the list being the most common.

The Fulwood Challenge, which was originally devised for the young people was broadened to become intergenerational and is now coming to the end of the 6th Challenge. This has provided inspiration to explore bible stories through all kinds of media, enabling everyone to learn more and have fun at the same time.

During the first lockdown it became obvious that with the church closed there would be no distribution of flowers to the church family. We did realise that our bakers were redundant so with a bit of organisation and some willing helpers we devised a way of distributing plates of cakes each week to the church family. Sometimes this has coincided with a birthday, a bereavement, illness or just a pleasant surprise to brighten the day. Hopefully we will continue our 'Cake Ministry' until we are able to meet again more socially at church. In May last year we emptied the church freezers and made up 30 three course meals for some of our older members. At Christmas a three course lunch (with extra goodies) were given to a number of people who were spending Christmas alone.

At Christmas the knitters were kept busy with decorating the outside of church with the Christmas Story and at Easter they knitted bunnies hats and chicks with a chocolate orange inside. At Easter too the church front doors were decorated with knitted and crafted hearts to show God's love. Many people were beavering away at home knitting and sewing hearts for the hospital which were given to patients and their loved ones who could not visit them. Some our ladies were sewing scrubs bags, and scrubs for the nurses and others were sewing reusable masks.

Contact by Zoom meetings has been a great enabler for people to joint together albeit from their own homes. The Book Club continued to meet by Zoom and apart from supplying their own biscuits joined in lively conversations about the books they had been reading. A Family Zoom quiz was held in Lent and paper quizzes compiled and distributed. Our services have been transmitted by Zoom and it has been good to meet to chat each week after the service with people we have not seen in person for many months. The Holy Week reflections and Good Friday service were imaginative and thoughtful. Church Council, Stewards and ministers have continued to meet over the internet to maintain the business and oversight of the church through these strange times.

Although some people have struggled with technology others have been able to embrace it (albeit reluctantly!) and our provision has become more creative and inclusive. Some groups have attracted new members and others have maintained their numbers. The challenge for everyone has been to maintain contact with members and the need to keep systematic records - it is too easy to lose track of when friends were contacted.

Whilst the church has been empty, the building has not been neglected. A big thank you must go to our Caretaker, Derek, who has continued to keep the building clean and tidy, running taps etc and making sure that the heating was working correctly. Sweeping, dusting, hoovering throughout the whole building. Thanks too, go to several members of the Property group have also spent time checking for repairs and keeping the garden tidy. The floors in the Oak Hall and Willow Grove have been cleaned and oiled ready for our return to the building too. The place is spotless!!

Our young people may not have been seen around the church, but the uniformed organisations have kept in contact with all their groups and many activities have been redesigned to keep the youngsters active and involved. Reports of some of their activities can be found below.

OMG, Messy Church and Breakfast Church have kept the children and young people busy with quizzes, games and baking, all by that miracle of technology Zoom! Thank you especially to Darren Arnold, Delma Whitman and Janet Wales for all their hard work.

Rainbows

After lockdown was announced we began Rainbows at Home on Zoom between April and July. We had about 4 girls attend each week. In September most of those girls moved up to Brownies. That left us with 4 Rainbows and 8 girls on our waiting list. When contacted by email only one of them was interested in attending virtual meetings so Rainbows has been paused since then. However there have been some virtual activities put on by Girlguiding and I have passed on the details to parents via email.

39th Preston Brownies

The last twelve months have been a learning curve for us. We have learned to adapt activities for virtual meetings, including the Guiding Programme (which

only came into force in September 2019 and was never intended for this type of meeting) and how to work with Zoom.

A number of girls have left us, having passed the age of 10 and decided to move on, some to Guides and some to take a break at least until we meet face to face again. We currently have a regular cohort of 12 girls on Zoom, with another 4 waiting to join us when we get back to meetings at Fulwood Methodist Church (we are aiming for 20th May, restrictions permitting).

We have worked to achieve many badges:- Virtual Camp, Skills for my future Theme (consisting of 3 badges), Virtual Brownie, Inventing, Chinese New Year, Express Myself Theme (again with 3 badges) and the girls have completed several badges at home (Baking, Painting, Performing, Thinking Day, Shimmer and Sing) and we have 4 girls who have completed their Bronze Award, 2 who have completed their Silver Award and 1 achieved Gold Award.

We have also had lots of fun playing games, favourites being treasure hunts, quizzes with a difference, Bingo, the number game, "Asteroid Antics", and "Strike a Pose". We have made Chinese lanterns, sock puppets, rockets on Bonfire Night, Minions out of empty loo rolls, to name a few. We also dressed up for World Book Day and had a Christmas Disco.

The leaders have been brilliant throughout the pandemic and we have never been short of someone to lead an activity. Our Young Leader, Hope, has completed her YL Award and already started her Adult Leadership award and our Leader in Training, Charlotte, is now a fully qualified leader (sporting the name Little Owl).

4th Fulwood Scout Group

The Scout Group, i.e. Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts are meeting regularly using Zoom. We are getting a pretty good turnout each week and we have quite a few of our young people who are taking this opportunity to meet up virtually with leaders and their friends. Yes, it is quite challenging for the leaders and I must say they are doing a really great job of keeping the young people interested in Scouting.

Activities have included autumn art with leaves, mapping, pumpkin carving, virtual sleepovers, Fairtrade evening, treasure hunt round the streets as a family, pioneering, fitness training and also contributing to the recorded Remembrance Service for our Church. Some of our members made hearts for the recent display and other activities have included cooking pizzas in mugs, disability awareness, astronomy, virtual visit to Alston Observatory, digital knowledge, photography and lots more.

Scouting is continuing in the group and we have even had new members join. We have also been able to award Bronze and Silver Awards to Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts, they are still achieving.

We are looking forward to meeting face to face when we can, although there will be risk assessments needed for every activity to help ensure the safety of leaders and young people against Covid, as much as possible.

The challenge now is to support those who have felt isolated by technology, maintain and widen our regular but varied contacts with all our church family and the community and remind ourselves and others that we are loved by God.

So, as we move into a new stage of reopening our activities and hopefully less need for social distancing etc we pray that God will guide us to work to build on what we have learned over the past year. It may be that we have to set aside some of the things we used to do but raise up new ideas and ways of working.

'Our Calling' to worship, to learn and care, to serve and to evangelise remains as vital as ever.

Margaret Squire
Church Council Secretary

Fulwood Methodist Church

Church Council Membership 21-22 updated after GCM 1.5.22

Superintendent	Revd. Jane Wild	2017
Minister	Revd Jane Wild	2017
Youth Children & Family Worker	Mr Darren Arnold	2017
Church Stewards	Mrs Wendy Bennett	2016
	Mr John Ferris	2016
	Mrs Amanda Latham	2010
	Mrs Sue Rennie	2019
	Mrs Hilary Banks	2019
	Mrs Cheryl Arnold	2021
	Mrs Carly Miller	2021
	Mrs Sue Salisbury	2021
Church Treasurer	Mr Ted Lowes	2013
Secretary to Church Council Squire 2020		Mrs Margaret
Secretary to Pastoral Committee 2001		Mrs Sue Penrith
	15 Elected Reps from GCM	
	Mrs Gill McGill	2015
	Mrs Gemma Roberts	2015
	Mrs Lindsay Walton	2015
	Mrs Mary Jackson	2016
	Mrs Veronica Frost	2017
	Mrs Mavis Fletcher	2018
	Miss Pauline Kirkham (Died Oct 21)	2017
	Mr Alan Smith (resigned Dec 2021)	2017

Mrs Judith Harvey (resigned Ap 2022	2018
Mrs Janice Astley	2021
Mrs Liz Ellison	2021
Mr Len Fletcher	2021
Mrs Chris Oldham	2021
Mrs Libby Stone	2021
Mr Ken Wales	2021
Mrs Joan Smith	2022

Co-ordinators or Representatives of Church Groups

Church Life	Mrs Janet Wales	2017
Church Outreach	Mrs Margaret Squire	
Finance	Mrs Amanda Latham	2013
Property	Mr Mike Ellis	2014

Co-opted members

Mrs Lesley Birkett (Safeguarding)	2011
Mrs Sharon Beck (Church Admin)	2021

Circuit Steward

Mr Ben Riley	2020
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Reps to Circuit Meeting

Mrs Lesley Birkett	
Mr Mike Ellis	
Mrs Margaret Squire	2021
Mr Ken Wales	2022
Mrs Veronica Frost	2022
Mrs Gemma Roberts	

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Circuit	Circuit no.	21/11
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133929

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
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Minister:

Rev Jane Wild

Church Stewards:

John Ferris	Amanda Latham
Hilary Banks	Susan Rennie
Sue Salisbury	Carly Miller
Cheryl Arnold	

Treasurer:

Angela Dunnett (Edward Lowes retired 31/1/2023)

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	97,474		97,474	97,487
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	71		71	44
a4	Lettings	5,707		5,707	3,130
a5	Other receipts	37,426	3,819	41,245	18,146
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	140,678	3,819	144,497 (a7)	118,807

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	90,000		90,000	87,250
b3	Donations	5,258	367	5,625	5,760
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,227		4,227	5,492
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,786		16,786	13,710
b6					
b7	Other payments	23,471	4,491	27,962	21,027
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	139,743	4,858	144,600 (b9)	133,240

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR				
	(a6-b8)	935	(1,039)	(103)	(14,433)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	25,287	31,412	56,698 (c6)	71,132
c3	Sub total	26,222 (c1+c2)	30,373	56,595	56,698
c4	Transfers and adjustments	7,739	(7,739)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	33,961 (c3+c4)	22,634	56,595 (c8)	56,698 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		148
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,580	1,416
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,975	1,564
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	604	0
	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	144,497 (a7)	144,600 (b9)	(103)	(c7)	56,698 (c6)	56,595 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	144,497	144,600	(103)		56,698 (x)	56,595 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	59	74
f2 Bank Current Account	(1,380)	(913)
f3 Bank Deposit Account	46,859	46,632
f4 Central Finance Board	10,758	10,235
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	402	404
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	56,698 (c6)	56,431 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	56,698 (x)	56,431 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES


	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	1,015	1,015
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,600,000	5,767,856
g3 Other Assets	81,074	81,074
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH No 1133929

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 include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 13/6/23.....
Name and address of treasurer MRS ANGELA DUNNETT 18 THE BLOSSOMS,
FULWOOD PRESTON Post Code PR2 9RF

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 27th February 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting  13/6/23.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: JANE WILD Date: 27/2/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1133929

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner *J. Scott*

Name of independent examiner JULIA SCOTT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ... *MBT / AAT*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *12 Warkworth Drive, Brough*

..... *Prescot* Post Code *P13 5JZ*

Date *17/6/23*

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Charity Number 1133929

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Signature of independent examiner *J. Scott*

Name of independent examiner JULIA SCOTT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ... *MBT / AAT*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *12 Warkworth Drive, Brough*

..... *Yorkshire* Post Code *PA3 5UR*

Date *17/6/23*

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England & Wales - Charity number 1133929

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Fulwood Methodist

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

PRESTON RIBBLE	Circuit	Circuit no	21
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

113

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are exempt from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Jane Wild

Church Stewards:

Treasurer:

Edward Lowes

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	97,487		97,487	96,233
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	44		44	340
a4	Lettings	3,130		3,130	8,192
a5	Other receipts	15,252	2,893	18,146	29,014
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	115,913	2,893	118,807 (a7)	133,779
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	87,250		87,250	85,625
b3	Donations	5,613	147	5,760	8,550
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,492		5,492	6,464
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	13,710		13,710	18,374
b6		19,674	1,353	21,027	38,858
b7	Other payments			0	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	131,740	1,500	133,240 (b9)	157,871
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)		(14,433)	(24,092)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	35,231	35,901	71,132 (c6)	95,224
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	19,405	56,698	71,132
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	19,405	37,294	56,698 (c8)
SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			148	693
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,416	1,973
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,564	2,518
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		0	148

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	118,807 (a7)	133,240 (b9)	(14,433)	71,132 (c6)	56,698 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	118,807	133,240	(14,433)	71,132 (x)	56,698 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	179	59
f2	Bank Current Account	(7,404)	(1,380)
f3	Bank Deposit Account	50,827	46,859
f4	Central Finance Board	27,127	10,758
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	402	402
f6	Other funds	0	0
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	71,132 (c6)	56,698 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	71,132 (x)	56,698 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021	
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	1,015	1,015
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,600,000	3,600,000
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church **FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH No 21/11**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 were prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the trustees.

Signature of treasurer Date.....

Name and address of treasurer

..... Post Code.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

.....Church

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Charity Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Name of Church **FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH No 21/11**

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause for concern in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination. No special attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees of the Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) as at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

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Date

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FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133929

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

FULWOOD METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

PRESTON RIBBLE

Circuit

Circuit no

21/11

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133929

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Jane Wild

Church Stewards:

John Ferris

Wendy Bennett

Amanda Latham

Sue Penrith

Hilary banks

Sue Rennie

Treasurer:

Edward Lowes