

# **Fulwood Methodist Church**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **39<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Superintendent</b>	Revd. Jane Wild	2017
<b>Minister</b>	Revd Jane Wild	2017
<b>Youth Children &amp; Family Worker</b>	Mr Darren Arnold	2017
<b>Church Stewards</b>	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
<b>Church Treasurer</b>	Mr Ted Lowes	2013
<b>Secretary to Church Council</b> Squire 2020		Mrs Margaret
<b>Secretary to Pastoral Committee</b> 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	

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>Fulwood Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2022**

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>21/11</b>
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**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
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**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)
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	97,474		<b>97,474</b>	97,487
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	71		<b>71</b>	44
a4	Lettings	5,707		<b>5,707</b>	3,130
a5	Other receipts	37,426	3,819	<b>41,245</b>	18,146
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>140,678</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>144,497 (a7)</b>	<b>118,807</b>

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

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

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>0</b>



**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)	56,698 (c6)	56,595 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>144,497</b>	<b>144,600</b>	<b>(103)</b>	<b>56,698 (x)</b>	<b>56,595 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			

**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 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>56,698 (c6)</b>	<b>56,431 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>56,698 (x)</b>	<b>56,431 (y)</b>

**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

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Charity Number 1133929

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fulwood Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 2 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Name of Church: Fulwood Methodist Church. No: 1133929

### 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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner ..... 

Name of independent examiner JULIA SCOTT

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

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 12 Winkworth Drive, Brough .....

..... Preston ..... Post Code PR3 5JR

Date ..... 17/6/23 .....

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