

# LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134083

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2010-02-04

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 93 St. Michael Road  
Lichfield  
WS13 6SN

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## Activities

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**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 Church is part of a quarterly preaching plan (produced by the Circuit of which Lichfield Methodist Church is part) which ensures regular acts of worship take place - open free of charge to anyone who wishes to attend. The Church runs a coffee shop, fellowship groups and a youth club - also open to everyone. The trustees have had regard to Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

## Classification

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

## Geography

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

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£194,422	£160,546	-	-
2024-08-31	£172,070	£154,661	-	-
2023-08-31	£176,146	£169,232	-	-
2022-08-31	£156,553	£146,322	-	-
2021-08-31	£139,607	£157,164	-	-
2020-08-31	£175,446	£139,048	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Mark Colin Stennett</b>	Chair	2025-09-01
ALISON JANE STATHAM		2025-02-26
ANDREW JAMES PHILIP POOLE		2026-05-17
ANNE WARDEN BROWN		2025-05-18
ANNE WESTOBY		2025-10-21
ANNETTE PHILLIPS		2025-05-18
ANTHEA JOAN HOCKNEY		2025-05-18
BARBARA ANN BARKER		2025-05-18
CAROLE MARY HICKS		2025-05-18
CATHERINE ACKROYD		2026-05-17
CHRISTINE ANN HAYES		2026-05-17
CHRISTINE MCDERMOTT		2025-05-18
DAVID SHAW		2025-05-18
David Keith WATTERSON		2025-05-18
GILLIAN MARGARET WOOLF		2025-02-26
HOWARD WILLIS		2026-02-24
JENNIFER ANN YATES		2025-05-18
JOHN YATES		2025-02-26
JONATHAN MARK WOOLF		2026-05-17
MARK RICHARD HAMBLY		2025-10-21
NIGEL BRIAN HARDING		2026-05-17
PAUL MCDERMOTT		2023-10-09
Rev Joanna Lois Thornton		2024-09-01
Rev Kenneth Graham Howcroft		2025-05-18
Rev Susan Smith		2025-05-18
SALLY HOGAN		2026-05-17
SUSAN ELLEN HAMBLY		2025-05-18

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SUSAN PATRICIA COLEY		2026-02-24

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
<b>From</b>	1	9	2024	<b>To</b>	31	8	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Lichfield Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1134083

**Charity's principal address**

Backcester Lane  
 Lichfield  
 Staffordshire  
**Postcode** WS13 6JH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Wendy Walker	Minister	Sept 2024	Ex-officio
2	Rev Joanna Thornton	Superintendent Minister (chair)		Ex Officio
3	Cathy Ackroyd	Steward		General Church Meeting
4	Tina Hayes	Steward		General Church Meeting
5	Jon Woolf	Steward		General Church Meeting
6	Nigel Harding	Steward		General Church Meeting
7	Sally Hogan	Steward		General Church Meeting
8	Andrew Poole	Steward		General Church Meeting
9	Howard Willis	Church Treasurer		Church Council
10	David Barton	CC Secretary		Extra-Church Council
11	Sue Coley	Pastoral Cttee Sec		Church Council
12	Paul McDermott	Circuit Steward Rep		Circuit Leadership Team
13	Mark Hambly	Safeguarding Adults		Church Council
14	Anne Westoby	Safeguarding – Youth		Church Council
15	Richard Coleman	Church Cashier		Church Council
16	Matthew Bates	Finance & Property Committee		Church Council
17	Alison Statham	Pastoral Committee Methodist Cafe		Church Council Church Council
18	John Yates	Tamworth House Treasurer		Church Council
19	Gill Woolf	Worship Consultation		Church Council
20	Anthea Hockney	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting

21	David Shaw	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
22	Jane Parker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
23	Susan Hambly	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
24	Jenny Yates	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
25	Christine McDermott	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
26	Rev Sue Smith	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
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28	Carole Hicks	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
29	Anne Brown	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
30	Annette Phillips	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
31	Ellen Gibbon	GCM Rep	01.09.2024 – 18.5.2025	General Church Meeting
32	Barbara Barker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
33	Keith Watterson	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. Trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. Trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. Appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Council / General Church Meeting / some ex-officio

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

#### **Training**

- Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion available to all trustees on line
- Charity Commission Guidance including CC3 'The Essential Trustee' given to each existing trustee (Dec 2015) and to be given as a matter of course to new trustees

#### **Structure**

- Part of Tamworth & Lichfield Circuit
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

#### **Risks**

- Discussed by Church Council
- Take professional advice as required
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy

## **Section C**

## **Objectives and activities**

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

Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976

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The Church is part of a Circuit quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place. These are open to all people, without charge.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Local Churches, Circuits and Districts are not defined as (external) grantmaking bodies

The main part of our church activities is undertaken by lay persons (volunteers)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our appointed Minister was on maternity leave during the previous year (2023-2024) and at the end of September decided to move on to pastures new. A new Minister has been appointed and will commence his appointment in Sept 2025. In the meantime our Circuit Superintendent Minister oversaw proceedings of the church.

Sunday Morning Worship continues with diverse worship styles. The breakfast Service RISE! continues at the earliest Sunday morning Service, alternating each week with a more traditional form of worship. Mid-morning a 'blended' form of Service takes place, mixing different styles of worship. A monthly 'Take Time' meditation is held via Zoom.

The Church continues with an extensive pastoral system. Newcomers' teas are held to welcome people new to the church. This is a dementia friendly church. The church operates a Coffee Shop (open to the public and accepting vouchers from clients of the Foodbank and a local women's refuge scheme).

A new logo, mantra & mission statement continue to be followed

Mantra: Open to God, Open to All

Mission Statement: An accepting and nurturing church, changing lives through faith in Christ. A new church website has been set up to improve communication etc. Use of social media has been used to promote the church's activities and presence in Lichfield.

Emphasis is placed on being a justice seeking church. The church promotes eco-friendly initiatives and has a Fair Trade Policy. As part of our commitment to being a justice seeking church we are continuing to stock and sell fairtrade and eco goods on church premises.

The church continues to be one of 6 churches in Lichfield city which have been recognised as Faith Places of Sanctuary

The church has a Safeguarding Policy and Safeguarding Training Courses were held for those working with children and vulnerable people. Stewards and office holders have attended Equality, Diversity & Inclusive Training.

Ongoing Church Activities have continued including:

Boys Brigade (unfortunately discontinued during the year after 47 years association with the church. A Celebration Service was held attended by many men and boys who were former members of the Brigade). Brownie Groups, Tiddlers Toddlers, various Bible Study Groups, MWiB (Women's Network), Ladies Lunch Club, Men's Lunch Club, Music Group and Causeway, a fellowship group for adults with additional needs, continue. A Men's Bible Study & Breakfast is held on a number of Saturdays for those who work.

Youth Fellowship (7-13 years) continues in its activities. An event similar to the 'Big Youth Lichfield' held in Dec 2023 was held again in February 2024.

In Autumn 2024 our young people attended 3Generate and in Spring 2025 attended Amplify – a District residential event held at a pioneer centre in Shropshire.

Our Family Worker has been active in many of the church groups and regularly visits local schools to lead worship and assemblies and assist at lunchtime clubs. Some of this contact has been in collaboration with the Lichfield Urban Saints team and 'Open the Book': a project that goes into schools to share Bible stories. This has enabled her to forge links with the wider community, inviting people to explore more of the church's activities and worship. Various family centred events have been organised: Teddy Praise, Woodland Crunch, Christingle and Holiday Club. The initiative, 'Wonderfully Made' continues, in collaboration with the local Baptist Church, to offer a welcoming space to support parents and carers who care for children with additional needs. During the year the church council decided to extend her contract for another 3 years.

Fund raising for the support of the church has taken place including some proceeds from the coffee shop and stalls selling cakes & other goods. The appeal at Christmastime for Shoeboxes to be sent to children overseas was again well supported. The Macmillan coffee morning was also well supported as have appeals for support / donations for world disasters.

**Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Funds are retained to meet the annual assessment costs, premises costs and employment costs.  
 Fundraising events are organised.  
 Finance Committee meets in the year and reports to Church Council.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Source of Funds:-**

Weekly offerings, tax recoveries, donations, fundraising events, rental income from property owned by the Methodist Church.

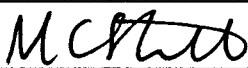

**Section F****Other optional information**

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**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Rev Mark Stennett	David M C Barton
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chairperson	Church Council Secretary

**Date**

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lichfield Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Tamworth and Lichfield

Circuit

Circuit no.

05/09

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Treasurer:

Howard Willis

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		100,989		<b>100,989</b>	98,857
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,906		<b>6,906</b>	6,681
a4	Lettings		63,845		<b>63,845</b>	55,805
a5	Other receipts		12,682	10,000	<b>22,682</b>	10,727
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>184,422</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>194,422 (a7)</b>	<b>172,070</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		86,566		<b>86,566</b>	89,642
b3	Donations		2,109		<b>2,109</b>	1,134
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		22,818		<b>22,818</b>	19,387
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,383		<b>15,383</b>	18,934
b6	Lay Worker		24,761		<b>24,761</b>	22,121
b7	Other payments		4,753	4,156	<b>8,909</b>	3,443
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>156,390</b>	<b>4,156</b>	<b>160,546 (b9)</b>	<b>154,661</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	28,032	5,844	<b>33,876</b>	17,409
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		167,813		<b>167,813 (c6)</b>	150,404
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	195,845	5,844	<b>201,689</b>	<b>167,813</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>195,845</b>	<b>5,844</b>	<b>201,689 (c8)</b>	<b>167,813 (c6)</b>

SECTION D					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,955	1,025
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,955	1,025
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</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 2025 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 <b>Toddlers</b>	1,028	1,089	(61)		94	33
e2 <b>Catering</b>	595		595		6,662	7,257
e3 <b>Wesley Guild</b>	150	150			1	1
e4 <b>Methodist Women in Britain</b>	108	100	8		392	400
e5 <b>Youth Club</b>	246	300	(54)		187	133
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,127	1,639	488		7,336 (e11)	7,824 (e12)
e9 <b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	194,422 (a7)	160,546 (b9)	33,876	(c7)	167,813 (c6)	201,689 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>196,549</b>	<b>162,185</b>	<b>34,364</b>		<b>175,149 (x)</b>	<b>209,513 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2025	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	36	36
f2 Bank Current Account	12,303	20,909
f3 Bank Deposit Account	26,941	17,454
f4 Central Finance Board	100,036	133,526
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	28,497	29,764
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>167,813 (c6)</b>	<b>201,689 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>7,336 (e11)</b>	<b>7,824 (e12)</b>
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,580,298	5,909,736
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)

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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                      Howard Willis

134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield    Post Code WS13 6JZ

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 21 October 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting    Revd Mark Stennett    Date .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Lichfield Methodist Church

**Charity Number 1134083**

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lichfield Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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 Lichfield Methodist No 05/09

**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 to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not 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 K H Goldsworthy

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FFA Incorporated Financial Accountant

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

Address 30 Fotherley Road, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0NJ

Date .....

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e4	<b>Methodist Women in Britain</b>	108	100	8		392	400
e5	<b>Youth Club</b>	246	300	(54)		187	133
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,127	1,639	488		7,336 (e11)	7,824 (e12)
e9	<b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	194,422 (a7)	160,546 (b9)	33,876	(c7)	167,813 (c6)	201,689 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>196,549</b>	<b>162,185</b>	<b>34,364</b>		<b>175,149 (x)</b>	<b>209,513 (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 2025		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand		36		36
f2	Bank Current Account		12,303		20,909
f3	Bank Deposit Account		26,941		17,454
f4	Central Finance Board		100,036		133,526
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		28,497		29,764
f6	Other funds				
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>		<b>167,813 (c6)</b>		<b>201,689 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		<b>7,336 (e11)</b>		<b>7,824 (e12)</b>
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,580,298	5,909,736
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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                      Howard Willis

134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield    Post Code WS13 6JZ

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 21 October 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting    Revd Mark Stennett    Date .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Lichfield Methodist Church

**Charity Number 1134083**

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lichfield Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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').

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner K H Goldsworthy

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FFA Incorporated Financial Accountant

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

Address 30 Fotherley Road, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0NJ

Date .....

**LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134083

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
<b>From</b>	1	9	2023	<b>To</b>	31	8	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Lichfield Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1134083

**Charity's principal address**

Backcester Lane	
Lichfield	
Staffordshire	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>WS13 6JH</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Wendy Walker	Probationary / Minister (chair)		Ex-officio On maternity leave January 2024 – end September 2024
2	Barbara Barker	Steward	Aug 2023- June 2024	General Church Meeting
3	Cathy Ackroyd	Steward		General Church Meeting
4	Tina Hayes	Steward		General Church Meeting
5	Jon Woolf	Steward		General Church Meeting
6	Nigel Harding	Steward		General Church Meeting
7	Sally Hogan	Steward		General Church Meeting
8	Andrew Poole	Steward		General Church Meeting
9	Howard Willis	Church Treasurer	26.03.2024–31.08.2024	Church Council
10	David Barton	CC Secretary		Extra Church Council
11	Sue Coley	Pastoral Cttee Sec		Church Council
12	Paul McDermott	Circuit Steward Rep		Circuit Leadership Team
13	Mark Hambly	Safeguarding Adults		Extra Church Council 2023
14	Anne Westoby	Safeguarding – Youth		Extra Church Council 2023
15	Richard Coleman	F & P Committee		Church Council
16	Matthew Bates	Finance & Property Committee		Church Council
17	Alison Statham	Pastoral Committee Methodist Cafe		Church Council Church Council
18	John Yates	Tamworth House Treasurer		Church Council
19	Gill Woolf	Worship Consultation		Church Council
20	Keith Watterson	Booking Secretary		Church Council

21	Peter Walker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
22	Anthea Hockney	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
23	David Shaw	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
24	Jane Parker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
25	Susan Hambly	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
26	Jenny Yates	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
27	Christine McDermott	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
28	Rev Sue Smith	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
29	Rev Ken Howcroft	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
30	Carole Hicks	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
31	Anne Brown	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
32	Annette Phillips	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
33	Ellen Gibbon	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

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

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## **Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. Trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. Trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. Appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Council / General Church Meeting / some ex-officio

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

#### **Training**

- Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion available to all trustees on line
- Charity Commission Guidance CC3 'The Essential Trustee' given to each existing trustee (Dec 2015) and to be given as a matter of course to new trustees

#### **Structure**

- Part of Tamworth & Lichfield Circuit
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

#### **Risks**

- Discussed by Church Council
- Take professional advice as required
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy

## **Section C**

## **Objectives and activities**

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

Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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.

The Church is part of a Circuit quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place. These are open to all people, without charge.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Local Churches, Circuits and Districts are not defined as (external) grantmaking bodies

The main part of our church activities is undertaken by lay persons (volunteers)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our probationary minister was ordained during 2024. She was on maternity leave during this time until the end of sept 2024. However, a decision was taken for her to take another path due to family reasons and she left LMC in August 2024. A new minister is being sought from Sept 2025

Sunday Morning Worship continues with diverse worship styles. The breakfast Service RISE! continues at the earliest Sunday morning Service, alternating each week with a more traditional form of worship. Mid-morning a 'Blended' form of Service takes place, mixing different styles of worship.

The Church continues with an extensive pastoral system. Newcomers' teas are held to welcome people new to the church. This is a dementia friendly church signed up to the Dementia Action Alliance. The church operates a Coffee Shop (open to the public and accepting vouchers from clients of the Foodbank and a local women's refuge scheme).

A planning day was held in September 2023 to share ideas and discern a vision to ensure that the church continues to survive & grow. Following this planning day the leadership structure was re-organised. The Mission of the church was organised into Ministry Clusters to facilitate communication between different groups and working together as a church body. The JUMP Team (joined up mission planning) was set up to enhance the leadership role and responsibilities of the managing trustees and stewards.

A new logo, mantra & mission statement was adopted.

Mantra: Open to God, Open to All

Mission Statement: An accepting and nurturing church, changing lives through faith in Christ. A new church website was set up to improve communication etc. Use of social media has been used to promote the church's activities and presence in Lichfield.

More emphasis was placed on being a justice seeking church. The church promotes eco-friendly initiatives and has a Fair Trade Policy. As part of our commitment to being a justice seeking church we are continuing to stock and sell fairtrade and eco goods in church.

The 'Plenty' short course was held: developed by Green Christian, as part of their Joy in Enough campaign which advocates for a fair and green economy.

The church has a safeguarding policy and Foundation Safeguarding Training Courses were held for those working with children and vulnerable people. Stewards and office holders attended Equality, Diversity & Inclusive Training.

Ongoing Church Activities have continued including:

Boys Brigade, Brownie Groups, Tiddlers Toddlers, various Bible Study Groups, MWiB (Womens Network), Ladies Lunch Club, Wesley Guild, Craft Group, Music Group and Men's Lunch Club. A Mens Breakfast is held on a number of Saturdays for those who work. Causeway, a fellowship group for adults with additional needs, that has been meeting on the premises for several years, was brought under the responsibility of Church Council as a ministry of Lichfield Methodist Church. With regret, because of falling numbers, it was decided to discontinue the BBs after 47 years of its presence in LMC. In 2024 the Brigade's Leader was presented with the Maundy Money at Worcester Cathedral. There is also insufficient support for Wesley Guild to continue beyond the church year.

Youth Fellowship (7–13 years). In December 2023, we hosted 'Big Youth Lichfield' when around 35 young people from across Lichfield came together for games, fellowship and lots of hot chocolate! A similar event was held in February 2024.

PARTICIPATE! – a (non-denominational) club for all aged 4-12 years continued to share food, have fun, explore the Bible, join in with activities, crafts and discussions with a focus of discipleship. In Autumn 2023 members of the group attended 3Generate and in Spring 2024 attended Amplify – a District residential event held at a pioneer centre in Shropshire. The club will not continue beyond the church year due to insufficient numbers in this age group.

Our new Family Worker has been active in many of the church groups and regularly visits local schools to lead worship and assemblies and assist at lunchtime clubs. Some of this contact has been in collaboration with the Lichfield Urban Saints team and 'Open the Book': a project that goes into schools to share Bible stories. This has enabled her to forge links with the wider community, inviting people to explore more of the church's activities and worship. Various family centred events have been organised: Teddy Praise, Woodland Crunch, Christingle, Holiday Club and an Easter craft morning. An initiative, 'Wonderfully Made', has been set up in collaboration with the local Baptist Church, on their site, to offer a welcoming space to support parents and carers who

care for children with additional needs. At the end of November, she took part in 'Schools Week' run by the Lichfield Schools Trust and includes churches from across Lichfield. Schools are invited to come and experience the Christmas story and it was a special way of sharing what Christmas is all about.

Fund raising for the support of the church has taken place including; some proceeds from the coffee shop, stalls selling cakes & other goods, various meals and musical entertainments. The appeal at Christmastime for Shoeboxes to be sent to children overseas was again well supported. The Macmillan coffee morning was also well supported.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Funds are retained to meet the annual assessment costs, premises costs and employment costs.  
Fundraising events are organised.  
Finance Committee meets in the year and reports to Church Council.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

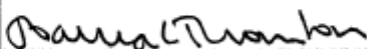
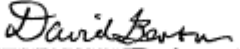
Source of Funds:-  
Weekly offerings, tax recoveries, donations, fundraising events, rental income from property owned by the Methodist Church.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev Joanna Thornton	David M C Barton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Church Council Secretary

Date

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

**Lichfield Methodist**

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

<b>Tamworth and Lichfield</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>05/09</b>
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Howard Willis

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	98,857		<b>98,857</b>	98,021
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,681		<b>6,681</b>	3,705
a4	Lettings	55,805		<b>55,805</b>	61,563
a5	Other receipts	10,727		<b>10,727</b>	12,857
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>172,070</b>		<b>172,070</b> (a7)	<b>176,146</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		89,642	<b>89,642</b>	96,610
b3	Donations		1,134	<b>1,134</b>	1,148
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		19,387	<b>19,387</b>	29,920
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		18,934	<b>18,934</b>	14,442
b6	Lay Worker		22,121	<b>22,121</b>	18,234
b7	Other payments		3,443	<b>3,443</b>	8,878
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>154,661</b>	<b>154,661</b> (b9)	<b>169,232</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	17,409	<b>17,409</b>	6,914
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		150,404	<b>150,404</b> (c6)	143,490
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	167,813	<b>167,813</b>	<b>150,404</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>167,813</b>	<b>167,813</b> (c8)	<b>150,404</b> (c6)

SECTION D					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,025	1,328
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,025	1,328
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</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 2024 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 Boys Brigade	417	2,199	(1,782)		1,782	
e2 Toddlers	1,633	1,630	3		91	94
e3 Catering	11,183	9,628	1,555		5,107	6,662
e4 Wesley Guild	1,299	1,363	(64)		65	1
e5 Methodist Women in Britain	1,603	1,553	50		342	392
e6 Youth Club					187	187
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	16,135	16,373	(238)		7,574 (e11)	7,336 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	172,070 (a7)	154,661 (b9)	17,409	(c7)	150,404 (c6)	167,813 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	188,205	171,034	17,171		157,978 (x)	175,149 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	36	36
f2 Bank Current Account	32,778	12,303
f3 Bank Deposit Account	14,309	26,941
f4 Central Finance Board	76,171	100,036
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	27,110	28,497
f6 Other funds		
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
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Signature of treasurer ..... Date 16 April 2025

Name and address of treasurer Howard Willis

134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield WS13 6JZ

### Presentation to the Church trustees

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Jo Thornton

Date 7 June 2025

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FFA Incorporated Financial Accountant.

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

Address 30 Fotherley Road, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0NJ

Date 16 April 2025



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c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	167,813	<b>167,813</b>	<b>150,404</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>167,813</b>	<b>167,813</b> (c8)	<b>150,404</b> (c6)

SECTION D					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,025	1,328
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,025	1,328
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>				
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>				

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Boys Brigade	417	2,199	(1,782)		1,782	
e2	Toddlers	1,633	1,630	3		91	94
e3	Catering	11,183	9,628	1,555		5,107	6,662
e4	Wesley Guild	1,299	1,363	(64)		65	1
e5	Methodist Women in Britain	1,603	1,553	50		342	392
e6	Youth Club					187	187
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	16,135	16,373	(238)		7,574 (e11)	7,336 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	172,070 (a7)	154,661 (b9)	17,409	(c7)	150,404 (c6)	167,813 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>188,205</b>	<b>171,034</b>	<b>17,171</b>		<b>157,978 (x)</b>	<b>175,149 (y)</b>
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand		36		36
f2	Bank Current Account		32,778		12,303
f3	Bank Deposit Account		14,309		26,941
f4	Central Finance Board		76,171		100,036
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		27,110		28,497
f6	Other funds				
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>		<b>150,404 (c6)</b>		<b>167,813 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		<b>7,574 (e11)</b>		<b>7,336 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>		<b>157,978 (x)</b>		<b>175,149 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,459,893	5,580,298
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

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Name of Church Lichfield Methodist No 05/09

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 16 April 2025

Name and address of treasurer Howard Willis

134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield WS13 6JZ

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 23 October 2024.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Jo Thornton

Date 7 June 2025

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Lichfield Methodist Church

Charity Number 1134083

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lichfield Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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.

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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 to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner K H Goldsworthy

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FFA Incorporated Financial Accountant.

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

Address 30 Fotherley Road, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0NJ

Date 16 April 2025



**LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
<b>From</b>	1	9	2022	<b>To</b>	31	8	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Lichfield Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1134083

**Charity's principal address**

Backcester Lane  
 Lichfield  
 Staffordshire  
**Postcode** WS13 6JH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Wendy Walker	Probationary Minister (chair)		Ex-officio
2	Barbara Barker	Steward		General Church Meeting
3	Cathy Ackroyd	Steward		General Church Meeting
4	Tina Hayes	Steward		General Church Meeting
5	Jon Woolf	Steward Outreach & Mission Group Co-ordinator		General Church Meeting Church Council
6	David Parker	Steward	01.09.2022–18.12.2022	General Church Meeting
7	Nigel Harding	Steward GCM Rep to CC	18.05.2023–31.08.2023 01.09.2022-18.05.2023	General Church Meeting General Church Meeting
8	Sally Hogan	Steward	18.05.2023- 31.08.2023	General Church Meeting
9	Andrew Poole	Steward	18.05.2023- 31.08.2023	General Church Meeting
10	Howard Willis	Church Treasurer		General Church Meeting Extra Church Council
11	Ellen Gibbon	CC Secretary	01.09.2022–26.02.2023	General Church Meeting
12	David Barton	CC Secretary	25.05.2023–31.08.2023	Extra Church Council
13	Anne Brown	Pastoral Cttee Sec	01.09.2022–17.10.2022	Church Council
14	Sue Coley	Pastoral Cttee Sec	17.10.2022 –1.08.2023	Church Council
15	David Gowdy	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
16	Mark Hambly	Safeguarding-Adults	25.05.2023 – 1.08.2023	Extra Church Council
17	Carole Hicks	Safeguarding-Adults	01.09.2022 – 8.02.2023	Church Council
18	Richard Coleman	F & P Committee		Church Council
	vacancy	MHA rep to Circuit		Church Council
19	Matthew Bates	Finance & Property Committee		Feb 2022 Church Council

20	Alison Statham	Pastoral Committee Methodist Cafe		Church Council Church Council
21	John Yates	Tamworth House Treasurer		Church Council
22	Anne Westoby	Safeguarding – Youth Supt Trailblazers	Sept 2022 – April 2023	Church Council Church Council
23	Gill Woolf	Worship Consultation		Church Council
24	Diana Pearson	Ecumenical Affairs		Church Council
25	Keith Watterson	Booking Secretary		Church Council
26	Peter Walker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
27	Paul McDermott	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
28	Gill Silverwood	GCM Rep	01.09.2022–22.10.2022	General Church Meeting
29	Anthea Hockney	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
30	Michael Newell	GCM Rep	01.09.2022–27.11.2022	General Church Meeting
31	David Shaw	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
32	Jane Parker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
33	Susan Hambly	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
34	Jenny Yates	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. Trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. Trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. Appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Council / General Church Meeting / some ex-officio

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

#### Training

- Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion available to all trustees on line
- Charity Commission Guidance CC3 'The Essential Trustee' given to each existing trustee (Dec 2015) and to be given as a matter of course to new trustees

#### Structure

- Part of Tamworth & Lichfield Circuit
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

#### Risks

- Discussed by Church Council
- Take professional advice as required
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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.

The Church is part of a Circuit quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place. These are open to all people, without charge.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Local Churches, Circuits and Districts are not defined as (external) grantmaking bodies

The main part of our church activities is undertaken by lay persons (volunteers)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

# Achievements and performance

## Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church membership welcomed a new probationary Minister and a new Family Worker at the start of the year, both of whom have brought new ideas and enthusiasm into the church.

Sunday Morning Worship continues with diverse worship styles. A new breakfast Service RISE! has been introduced at the earliest Sunday morning Service, alternating each week with a more traditional form of worship. Mid-morning a 'Blended' form of Service takes place, mixing different styles of worship. Sermons have frequently been planned according to themed series, such as "What Makes a Methodist," "Journey with John through Lent," and "A Different Kind of Kingdom."

Ongoing Church Activities have continued including Youth Fellowship, Boys Brigade, Brownie Groups, Tiddlers Toddlers, various Bible Study Groups, MWiB (Womens Network), Ladies Lunch Club, Wesley Guild, Music Group and Men's Lunch Club. A Mens Breakfast is held on a number of Saturdays for those who work, especially those with younger families. **(I wasn't aware of this emphasis)**. Causeway, a fellowship group for adults with additional needs, that has been meeting on the premises for several years, was brought under the responsibility of Church Council as a ministry of Lichfield Methodist Church, with the minister frequently in attendance.

PARTICIPATE! – a (non-denominational) club for all aged 4-12 years continues to share food, have fun, explore the Bible, join in with activities, crafts and discussions with a focus of discipleship every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month during term time. In Autumn 2022 members of the group attended 3Generate and in Spring 2023 attended Amplify – a District residential event held at a pioneer centre in Shropshire.

Our new Family Worker has been active in many of the church groups and ~~has visited~~ regularly visits local schools to lead worship and assemblies and assist at lunchtime clubs. Some of this contact has been in collaboration with the Lichfield Urban Saints team and 'Open the Book': a project that goes into schools to share Bible stories. This has enabled her to forge links with the wider community, inviting people to explore more of the church's activities and worship. Various family centred events have been organised: Woodland Crunch, Christingle, Holiday Club and an Easter craft morning. An initiative, 'Wonderfully Made', has been set up in collaboration with, the local Baptist Church, on their site, to offer a welcoming space to support parents and carers who care for children with additional needs.

The Church continues with an extensive pastoral system. The minister sometimes takes Communion to the homes of those who are house-bound. Newcomers' teas are held to welcome people new to the church. This is a dementia friendly church signed up to the Dementia Action Alliance.

The Outreach & Mission Co-ordinating Group continued to encourage and facilitate the whole church to engage in mission and make new disciples. This is done by supporting the established Groups and the activities of the Coffee Shop (open to the public and accepting vouchers from clients of the Foodbank and a local women's refuge scheme). Additionally, it considers new forms of outreach eg the promotion of eco-friendly initiatives. The church has a FairTrade Policy.

In the latter months of the church year the Mission of the church was organised into Ministry Clusters to facilitate communication between different groups and working together as a church body. As a consequence the Mission and Outreach Co-ord Group has been dissolved and its remit incorporated into the new set up.

Use of social media has been used to promote the church's activities and presence in the City.

In September 2022 the Eco-church Action Group ran a successful event in conjunction with Transition Lichfield at the beginning of the national Great Big Green Week. A special eco-centred service took place the following day.

In June 2023 the church was awarded recognition as a Faith Place of Sanctuary, an initiative affiliated with City of Sanctuary UK which is a movement of welcome and support for refugees. The church hosted a Tent of Nations event in 2023. (The organisation seeks to support the Palestinian non-violent struggle for justice and freedom from Israeli Occupation.)

Members of the church through Churches Together in Lichfield continue to be involved in helping at a foodbank in the city and with Late Night Listeners????, a Saturday night initiative in Lichfield City Centre.

Fund raising for the support of the church has taken place including; some proceeds from the coffee shop, stalls selling cakes & other goods, musical entertainments & afternoon teas. Fundraising for local and national charities has also taken place. The appeal at Christmastime for Shoeboxes to be sent to children overseas was again well supported.

**Section E**

**Financial review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Funds are retained to meet the annual assessment costs, premises costs and employment costs.  
Fundraising events are organised.  
Finance Committee meets in the year and reports to Church Council.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Source of Funds:-  
Weekly offerings, tax recoveries, donations, fundraising events, rental income from property owned by the Methodist Church.

**Section F**

**Other optional information**

[Empty box for other optional information]

**Section G**

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Joanna Thornon</i>	<i>A.J. Hockney</i>
Full name(s)	JOANNA LOIS THORNON	ANTHERA JEAN HOCKNEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	AUTHORISED TRUSTEE
Date	9/6/24	

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Church

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Treasurer:

Howard Willis

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		98,021		<b>98,021</b>	94,246
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,705		<b>3,705</b>	505
a4	Lettings		61,563		<b>61,563</b>	52,115
a5	Other receipts		12,857		<b>12,857</b>	9,687
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>176,146</b>		<b>176,146</b> (a7)	<b>156,553</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		96,610		<b>96,610</b>	95,086
b3	Donations		1,148		<b>1,148</b>	6,924
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		29,920		<b>29,920</b>	26,056
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		14,442		<b>14,442</b>	11,707
b6	Lay Worker		18,234		<b>18,234</b>	
b7	Other payments		8,878		<b>8,878</b>	6,549
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>169,232</b>		<b>169,232</b> (b9)	<b>146,322</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	6,914		<b>6,914</b>	10,231
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		143,490		<b>143,490</b> (c6)	133,259
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	150,404		<b>150,404</b>	<b>143,490</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>150,404</b>		<b>150,404</b> (c8)	<b>143,490</b> (c6)

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d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			248
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,328	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,328	248
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>			
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>			

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e3	Catering	10,287	10,013	274		4,833	5,107
e4	Wesley Guild	924	902	22		43	65
e5	Methodist Women in Britain	1,609	1,717	(108)		450	342
e6	Youth Club		40	(40)		227	187
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,356	14,157	199		7,375 (e11)	7,574 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	176,146 (a7)	169,232 (b9)	6,914	(c7)	143,490 (c6)	150,404 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>190,502</b>	<b>183,389</b>	<b>7,113</b>		<b>150,865 (x)</b>	<b>157,978 (y)</b>
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	42	36
f2	Bank Current Account	22,663	32,778
f3	Bank Deposit Account	9,062	14,309
f4	Central Finance Board	75,488	76,171
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	36,235	27,110
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>143,490 (c6)</b>	<b>150,404 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>7,375 (e11)</b>	<b>7,574 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>150,865 (x)</b>	<b>157,978 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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Signature of treasurer ..... Date.....

Name and address of treasurer    Howard Willis

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### 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 .....

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner K H Goldsworthy

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FFA Incorporated Financial Accountants

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

Address 30 Fotherley Road, Shenstone, Lichfield, Staffs. WS14 0NT

Date 1 March 2024

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Treasurer:

Howard Willis

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		98,021		<b>98,021</b>	94,246
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,705		<b>3,705</b>	505
a4	Lettings		61,563		<b>61,563</b>	52,115
a5	Other receipts		12,857		<b>12,857</b>	9,687
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>176,146</b>		<b>176,146</b> (a7)	<b>156,553</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		96,610		<b>96,610</b>	95,086
b3	Donations		1,148		<b>1,148</b>	6,924
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		29,920		<b>29,920</b>	26,056
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		14,442		<b>14,442</b>	11,707
b6	Lay Worker		18,234		<b>18,234</b>	
b7	Other payments		8,878		<b>8,878</b>	6,549
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>169,232</b>		<b>169,232</b> (b9)	<b>146,322</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	6,914		<b>6,914</b>	10,231
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		143,490		<b>143,490</b> (c6)	133,259
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	150,404		<b>150,404</b>	<b>143,490</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>150,404</b>		<b>150,404</b> (c8)	<b>143,490</b> (c6)

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			248
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,328	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,328	248
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>			
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</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 2023 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	Boys Brigade	685	685			1,782	1,782
e2	Toddlers	851	800	51		40	91
e3	Catering	10,287	10,013	274		4,833	5,107
e4	Wesley Guild	924	902	22		43	65
e5	Methodist Women in Britain	1,609	1,717	(108)		450	342
e6	Youth Club		40	(40)		227	187
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,356	14,157	199		7,375 (e11)	7,574 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	176,146 (a7)	169,232 (b9)	6,914	(c7)	143,490 (c6)	150,404 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>190,502</b>	<b>183,389</b>	<b>7,113</b>		<b>150,865 (x)</b>	<b>157,978 (y)</b>
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2023		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	42	36
f2	Bank Current Account	22,663	32,778
f3	Bank Deposit Account	9,062	14,309
f4	Central Finance Board	75,488	76,171
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	36,235	27,110
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>143,490 (c6)</b>	<b>150,404 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>7,375 (e11)</b>	<b>7,574 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>150,865 (x)</b>	<b>157,978 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,317,699	5,459,893
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

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

## 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    Howard Willis

134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street Lichfield    Post Code WS13 6JZ

### 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

### Lichfield Methodist Church

Charity Number 1134083

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lichfield Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 Lichfield Methodist No 05/09

**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 to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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I have not 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 K H Goldsworthy

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FFA Incorporated Financial Accountants

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

Address 30 Fotherley Road, Shenstone, Lichfield, Staffs. WS14 0NT

Date 1 March 2024

**LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134083

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	1	9	2021	<b>To</b>	31	8	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Lichfield Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1134083

**Charity's principal address** Backcester Lane

Lichfield

Staffordshire

**Postcode**

**WS13 6JH**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roger Baker	Minister (chair)		Ex-officio
2	Gill Woolf	Lay Worker Worship Consultation		Ex-officio Church Council Church Council
3	Barbara Barker	Steward		General Church Meeting
4	Cathy Ackroyd	Steward		General Church Meeting
5	Tina Hayes	Steward		General Church Meeting
6	Jon Woolf	Steward Outreach & Mission Group Co-ordinator		General Church Meeting Church Council
7	David Parker	Steward		Stewards Team Church Council oct 2021 General Church Meeting may 2022
8	Howard Willis	Church Treasurer		GCM 2021
9	Chris McDermott	CC Secretary	September – October 2021	Church Council
10	Ellen Gibbon	CC Secretary	19 May 2022 – 31 August	General Church Meeting
11	Kesiamecwe Lesolle (Pat Lobelo)	Pastoral Cttee Secretary	Sept 2021 – January 2022	Church Council
12	Anne Brown	Pastoral Cttee Secretary GCM Rep	7 January – 31 August 2022 Aug 2021 – 7 February 2022	Pastoral Committee Feb Church Council General Church Meeting

13	David Gowdy	Circuit Steward	From October 2021	Circuit Meeting
14	Carole Hicks	Safeguarding- Adults		Church Council
15	Richard Coleman	F & P Committee		Church Council
17	Mathew Bates	Finance & Property Committee		Church Council
18	Alison Statham	Pastoral Committee Methodist Cafe		Church Council Church Council
19	John Yates	Tamworth House Treasurer		Church Council
20	Anne Westoby	Safeguarding – Youth Supt Trailblazers		Church Council
21	Diana Pearson	Ecumenical Affairs		Church Council
22	Keith Watterson	Booking Secretary		Church Council
23	Peter Walker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
24	Nigel Harding	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
25	Paul McDermott	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
26	Gill Silverwood	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
27	Anthea Hockney	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
28	Michael Newell	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
29	David Shaw	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
30	Jane Parker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
31	Susan Hambly	GCM Rep	7 Feb – 31 Aug 2022 Ratified GCM 19 May	Feb Church Council General Church Meeting

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. Trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. Trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. Appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Council / General Church Meeting / some ex-officio

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

#### Training

- Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion available to all trustees on line
- Charity Commission Guidance CC3 'The Essential Trustee' given to each existing trustee (Dec 2015) and to be given as a matter of course to new trustees

#### Structure

- Part of Tamworth & Lichfield Circuit
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

#### Risks

- Discussed by Church Council
- Take professional advice as required
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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.

The Church is part of a Circuit quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place. These are open to all people, without charge.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Local Churches, Circuits and Districts are not defined as (external) grantmaking bodies

The main part of our church activities is undertaken by lay persons (volunteers)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Sunday Worship with diverse worship styles, group activities and the use of the building by outside hirers resumed a more normal pattern following the disruption in previous years due to the lockdowns & social distancing required by the Govt in association with the Covid 19 corona virus pandemic. However, the use continued of various social media sites, the internet and platforms like Zoom to present virtual Acts of Worship.

Ongoing Church Activities that have been resumed include Trailblazers, Youth Fellowship, Boys Brigade, Brownie Groups, Tiddlers Toddlers, various Bible Study Groups, MWiB (Womens Network), Ladies Lunch Club, Wesley Guild, Music Group and Men's Lunch Club. A Mens Breakfast is held on a number of Saturdays for those who work, especially those with younger families.

PARTICIPATE! – a (non-denominational) club for all 9-14year olds continues to share food, have fun and find out more about Jesus through games, music, video clips, bible studies and discussions every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month during term time. In Nov 2021 members of the group attended 3Generate and in Spring 2022 attended Amplify at a pioneer centre in Cleobury Mortimer. Members of the Youth Fellowship attend a monthly youth event at Whitemore Lakes.

The Church continues with an extensive pastoral system.

Newcomers' teas are held to welcome people new to the church.

A new position of a family/youth worker is expected to be active in the life of the church from September 2022.

This is a dementia friendly church signed up to the Dementia Action Alliance.

There is an organised Mission Outreach programme including the Coffee Shop which has re-opened for use by the public.

The Outreach & Mission Co-ordinating Group continues to encourage and facilitate the whole church to engage in mission and make new disciples by supporting the established Groups, the activities of the Coffee Shop and to consider new forms of outreach eg the promotion of eco-friendly initiatives.

The Church Council on 8th February 2021 agreed to publicly recognise a Climate and Environmental Emergency and to commit the whole church to seek change. In September 2021 the Eco-church Action Group ran a successful event in conjunction with Transition Lichfield at the beginning of the national Great Big Green Week. A special eco-centred service took place the following day.

The Eco-Church Action Group completed their latest self-audit survey in April 2022. On 19 May 2022 LMC was awarded a silver award certificate.

Fund raising for the support of the church has taken place including; a mini Christmas Fayre open to the public in 2021, proceeds from the coffee shop and the sale of cakes etc..

Fundraising for charities has been reduced due to the limitations caused by the pandemic although some of the profit from the coffee shop may be used to support local and national charities

Members of the church through Churches Together in Lichfield continue to be involved in helping at a foodbank in the city and with Late Night Listeners, a Saturday night initiative in Lichfield City centre.

**Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Funds are retained to meet the annual assessment costs, premises costs and employment costs.  
 Fundraising events are organised.  
 Finance Committee meets in the year and reports to Church Council.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Source of Funds:-

Weekly offerings, tax recoveries, donations, fundraising events, rental income from property owned by the Methodist Church.

**Section F****Other optional information**

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**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Joanna Louise Thornton</i>	<i>Anthea J. Hockney</i>	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	JOANNA LOUISE THORNTON	ANTHEA JOAN HOCKNEY	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Tamworth & Lichfield Circuit Superintendent Minister	Lichfield MC Authorised Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	5/6/23		

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lichfield Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Tamworth & Lichfield	Circuit	Circuit no.	5/9
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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Jon Woolf

Treasurer:

Howard Willis

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		94,246		<b>94,246</b>	97,906
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		505		<b>505</b>	47
a4	Lettings		52,115		<b>52,115</b>	36,012
a5	Other receipts		9,687		<b>9,687</b>	3,785
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>156,553</b>		<b>156,553</b> (a7)	<b>137,750</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		95,086		<b>95,086</b>	102,655
b3	Donations		6,924		<b>6,924</b>	1,461
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		26,056		<b>26,056</b>	32,326
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		11,707		<b>11,707</b>	10,401
b6						
b7	Other payments		6,549		<b>6,549</b>	6,389
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>146,322</b>		<b>146,322</b> (b9)	<b>153,232</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	10,231		<b>10,231</b>	(15,482)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		133,259		<b>133,259</b> (c6)	148,741
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	143,490		<b>143,490</b>	<b>133,259</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>143,490</b>		<b>143,490</b> (c8)	<b>133,259</b> (c6)

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		£ 248	£ 248
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		£ 248	
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		<b>248</b>

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e2 <b>Toddlers</b>	1,030	1,050	(20)		60	40
e3 <b>Catering</b>	16,932	17,098	(166)		4,999	4,833
e4 <b>Wesley Guild</b>	809	772	37		6	43
e5 <b>Methodist Women in Britian</b>	1,324	1,624	(300)		750	450
e6 <b>Youth Club</b>		19	(19)		246	227
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	20,827	21,368	(541)		7,916 (e11)	7,375 (e12)
e9 <b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	156,553 (a7)	146,322 (b9)	10,231	(c7)	133,259 (c6)	143,490 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>177,380</b>	<b>167,690</b>	<b>9,690</b>		<b>141,175 (x)</b>	<b>150,865 (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	42	42
f2 Bank Current Account	73,287	22,663
f3 Bank Deposit Account	18,238	9,062
f4 Central Finance Board	600	75,488
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	41,092	36,235
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>133,259 (c6)</b>	<b>143,490 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>7,916 (e11)</b>	<b>7,375 (e12)</b>
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>141,175 (x)</b>	<b>150,865 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,624,086	5,317,699
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 Lichfield Methodist      No 05/09

## 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..... 17-Oct-22

Name and address of treasurer Howard Willis, 134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street  
Lichfield, Staffs. WS13 6JZ

### 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 17 October 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd. Wendy Walker      Date 25 May 2023

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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**Charity Number 1134083**

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner K H Goldsworthy FFA FIPA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner - Institute of Financial Accountants

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

Address 30 Fotherley Road, Shenstone, Lichfield, Staffs. WS14 0NJ

Date 8 May 2023

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

**Lichfield Methodist**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Tamworth & Lichfield	Circuit	Circuit no.	5
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

113

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and  
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**CHURCH  
PAYMENTS  
COUNTS**

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SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		94,246		<b>94,246</b>	97,906
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		505		<b>505</b>	47
a4	Lettings		52,115		<b>52,115</b>	36,012
a5	Other receipts		9,687		<b>9,687</b>	3,785
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>156,553</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>156,553 (a7)</b>	<b>137,750</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		95,086		<b>95,086</b>	102,655
b3	Donations		6,924		<b>6,924</b>	1,461
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		26,056		<b>26,056</b>	32,326
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		11,707		<b>11,707</b>	10,401
b6					<b>0</b>	
b7	Other payments		6,549		<b>6,549</b>	6,389
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>146,322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146,322 (b9)</b>	<b>153,232</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	10,231	0	<b>10,231</b>	(15,482)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		133,259		<b>133,259 (c6)</b>	148,741
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	143,490	0	<b>143,490</b>	<b>133,259</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>0 (c7)</b>	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>143,490</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>143,490 (c8)</b>	<b>133,259 (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 above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			248	248
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			248	
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>248</b>

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

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	<b>Boys Brigade</b>	732	805	(73)		1,855	1,782
e2	<b>Toddlers</b>	1,030	1,050	(20)		60	40
e3	<b>Catering</b>	16,932	17,098	(166)		4,999	4,833
e4	<b>Wesley Guild</b>	809	772	37		6	43
e5	<b>Methodist Women in Britian</b>	1,324	1,624	(300)		750	450
e6	<b>Youth Club</b>		19	(19)		246	227
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	20,827	21,368	(541)	0	7,916 (e11)	7,375 (e12)
e9	<b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	<b>156,553 (a7)</b>	<b>146,322 (b9)</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>(c7)</b>	<b>133,259 (c6)</b>	<b>143,490 (c8)</b>
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>177,380</b>	<b>167,690</b>	<b>9,690</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>141,175 (x)</b>	<b>150,865 (y)</b>
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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	42	42
f2	Bank Current Account	73,287	22,663
f3	Bank Deposit Account	18,238	9,062
f4	Central Finance Board	600	75,488
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	41,092	36,235
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>133,259 (c6)</b>	<b>143,490 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>7,916 (e11)</b>	<b>7,375 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>141,175 (x)</b>	<b>150,865 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022	
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,624,086	5,317,699
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 Lichfield Methodist      No 05/09

## **Declarations and Scrutiny**

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

Signature of treasurer ..... Date..... 17-Oct-22

Name and address of treasurer Howard Willis, 134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford  
Lichfield, Staffs.    WS13 6JZ

### **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 17 October 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd. Wendy Walker      Date 25 May 2023

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**

### **Lichfield Methodist Church**

**Charity Number 1134083**

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lichfield Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 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 2006.

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 Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Name of Church Lichfield Methodist No 05/09

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I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Missionary Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the 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 K H Goldsworthy FFA FIPA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner - Institute of Financial Accountants

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

Address 30 Fotherley Road, Shenstone, Lichfield, Staffs. WS14 0NJ

Date 8 May 2023

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**LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134083

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	1	9	2020	<b>To</b>	31	8	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Lichfield Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1134083

**Charity's principal address** Backcester Lane

Lichfield

Staffordshire

**Postcode**

**WS13 6JH**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roger Baker	Minister (chair)		Ex-officio
2	Gill Woolf	Lay Worker		Ex-officio Church Council
3	Barbara Barker	Steward		General Church Meeting
4	Annette Phillips	Steward		General Church Meeting
5	Cathy Ackroyd	Steward		General Church Meeting
6	Tina Hayes	Steward		General Church Meeting
7	Jon Woolf	Steward Outreach & Mission Group Co-ordinator		General Church Meeting Church Council
8	David Parker	Steward  GCM Rep	August 2021	Stewards Team & Church Council General Church Meeting
9	Jean Oliphant	Treasurer		Church Council
10	Chris McDermott	CC Secretary		Church Council
11	Kesiamecwe Lesolle (Pat Lobelo)	Pastoral Secretary		Church Council
12	Carole Hicks	Safeguarding		Church Council
13	Richard Coleman	F & P Committee		Church Council
14	Elaine Hooper	Circuit MHRA rep		Church Council
15	Mathew Bates	Finance & Property Committee		Church Council
16	Alison Statham	Pastoral Committee Coffee Shop		Church Council Church Council
17	John Yates	Tamworth House Treasurer		Church Council
18	Anne Westoby	Supt Trailblazers		Church Council

19	Susan Hambly	Worship Consultation		Church Council
20	Keith Watterson	Booking Secretary		General Church Meeting Church Council
21	Peter Walker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
22	Nigel Harding	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
23	Paul McDermott	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
24	Gill Silverwood	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
25	Anthea Hockney	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
26	Michael Newell	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
27	Diana Pearson	GCM Rep Ecumenical Affairs		General Church Meeting General Church Meeting
28	David Shaw	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
29	Anne Brown	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
30	Jane Parker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. Trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. Trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament

Trustee selection methods (eg. Appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Council / General Church Meeting / some ex-officio
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**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

**Training**

- Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion available to all trustees on line
- Charity Commission Guidance CC3 ‘The Essential Trustee’ given to each existing trustee (Dec 2015) and to be given as a matter of course to new trustees

**Structure**

- Part of Tamworth & Lichfield Circuit
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

**Risks**

- Discussed by Church Council
- Take professional advice as required
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy

**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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.

The Church is part of a Circuit quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place. These are open to all people, without charge.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Local Churches, Circuits and Districts are not defined as (external) grantmaking bodies

The main part of our church activities is undertaken by lay persons (volunteers)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The church's activities were disrupted 2020-2021 due to the lockdowns & social distancing required by the Govt in association with the Covid 19 corona virus pandemic. Worship in the church building ceased, except for a short period of time in between lockdowns 2 & 3 - autumn 2020, as did all group activities and the use of the building by outside hirers.

The church re-opened to recommence the 10am 'Reflections' Sunday services from Sunday 2nd May 2021.

Use was made of various social media sites, the internet and platforms like Zoom to present virtual Acts of Worship, Sunday Youth Activities (Participate & Trailblazers), TLC – a new monthly presentation for younger children, Mens' Breakfast meeting, activities for Boys Brigade

The church's extensive pastoral system was particularly of benefit during the pandemic to keep in touch with people associated with the church but unfortunately the church's coffee shop (a means of outreach) had to close during the pandemic. Knitted Christmas angels were distributed to a number of residential homes during December in the 2020 Christmas period.

Members of the church through Churches Together in Lichfield continue to be involved in helping at a foodbank in the city

The Church Council on 8th February 2021 agreed to publicly recognise a Climate and Environmental Emergency and to commit the whole church to seek change. Members of the church community were asked to consider what they can do as individuals to make changes for the benefit of the environment. The full statement can be seen on the church website. An online Circuit Service was held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021, focussing on Climate Change. It was led by the LMC Church Eco Team and involved the younger people in the church and circuit.

**Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Funds are retained to meet the annual assessment costs and premises costs along with employment costs.  
 Organise regular fundraising events  
 Finance Committee meets in the year and reports to Church Council

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sources of Funds:-  
 Weekly offerings, Tax Recoveries, Donations, Fundraising Events  
 Rental income from property owned by the church

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Roger A. Baker</i>	<i>Anthea J. Hockney</i>
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Rev Roger Allan Baker	Mrs Anthea Joan Hockney
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Authorised Trustee
<b>Date</b>	19/05/2022	

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lichfield Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Tamworth and Lichfield	Circuit	Circuit no	5/9
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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		Note	£	£	£	£
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a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		47		<b>47</b>	398
a4	Lettings		36,012		<b>36,012</b>	47,803
a5	Other receipts		3,785		<b>3,785</b>	20,674
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>137,750</b>		<b>137,750</b> (a7)	<b>175,446</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		102,655		<b>102,655</b>	96,566
b3	Donations		1,461		<b>1,461</b>	3,067
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		32,326		<b>32,326</b>	16,359
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		10,401		<b>10,401</b>	14,343
b6						
b7	Other payments		6,389		<b>6,389</b>	8,713
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>153,232</b>		<b>153,232</b> (b9)	<b>139,048</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a6-b8)	(15,482)		<b>(15,482)</b>	36,398
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		148,741		<b>148,741</b> (c6)	112,343
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	133,259		<b>133,259</b>	<b>148,741</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	<b>133,259</b>		<b>133,259</b> (c8)	<b>148,741</b> (c6)

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 above)			
			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		248	208
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,551
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,511
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	(d1+d2-d3)	<b>248</b>	<b>248</b>

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

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e2 Toddlers					60	60
e3 Catering	35	1,297	(1,262)		6,261	4,999
e4 Wesley Guild		300	(300)		306	6
e5 Methodist Women in Britain	825	1,395	(570)		1,320	750
e6 Youth Club		220	(220)		466	246
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,857	3,932	(2,075)		9,991 (e11)	7,916 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	137,750 (a7)	153,232 (b9)	(15,482)	(c7)	148,741 (c6)	133,259 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	139,607	157,164	(17,557)		158,732 (x)	141,175 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	42	42
f2 Bank Current Account	67,628	73,287
f3 Bank Deposit Account	38,731	18,238
f4 Central Finance Board	1,226	600
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	41,114	41,092
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	148,741 (c6)	133,259 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	9,991 (e11)	7,916 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	158,732 (x)	141,175 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,309,463	4,624,086
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 May 2022

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Jean Oliphant 29 Mary Slater Road, Lichfield, WS13 6FG

### 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 12 October 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Roger Baker..... Date 16 May 2022

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Lichfield Methodist Church

Charity Number 1134083

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lichfield Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 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').

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examinern J H Willis

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield WS13 6JZ

Date 13 May 2022

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

**Lichfield Methodist**

**Church**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2021**

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b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		102,655		<b>102,655</b>	96,566
b3	Donations		1,461		<b>1,461</b>	3,067
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		32,326		<b>32,326</b>	16,359
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		10,401		<b>10,401</b>	14,343
b6						
b7	Other payments		6,389		<b>6,389</b>	8,713
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>153,232</b>		<b>153,232</b> (b9)	<b>139,048</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a6-b8)	(15,482)		<b>(15,482)</b>	36,398
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		148,741		<b>148,741</b> (c6)	112,343
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	133,259		<b>133,259</b>	<b>148,741</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	<b>133,259</b>		<b>133,259</b> (c8)	<b>148,741</b> (c6)

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 above)				£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				248	208
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					3,551
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					3,511
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>				<b>248</b>	<b>248</b>
	(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**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Boys Brigade	997	720	277		1,578	1,855
e2 Toddlers					60	60
e3 Catering	35	1,297	(1,262)		6,261	4,999
e4 Wesley Guild		300	(300)		306	6
e5 Methodist Women in Britain	825	1,395	(570)		1,320	750
e6 Youth Club		220	(220)		466	246
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,857	3,932	(2,075)		9,991 (e11)	7,916 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	137,750 (a7)	153,232 (b9)	(15,482)	(c7)	148,741 (c6)	133,259 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	139,607	157,164	(17,557)		158,732 (x)	141,175 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	42	42
f2 Bank Current Account	67,628	73,287
f3 Bank Deposit Account	38,731	18,238
f4 Central Finance Board	1,226	600
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	41,114	41,092
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	148,741 (c6)	133,259 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	9,991 (e11)	7,916 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	158,732 (x)	141,175 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,309,463	4,624,086
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)

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 May 2022

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Jean Oliphant 29 Mary Slater Road, Lichfield, WS13 6FG

### 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 12 October 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Roger Baker..... Date 16 May 2022

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Lichfield Methodist Church

Charity Number 1134083

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lichfield Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 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.

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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:

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examinern J H Willis

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield WS13 6JZ

Date 13 May 2022

**LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134083

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	1	9	2019	<b>To</b>	31	8	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Lichfield Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1134083

**Charity's principal address**

Backcester Lane  
Lichfield  
Staffordshire  
**Postcode** WS13 6JH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roger Baker	Minister (chair)		Ex-officio
2	Gill Woolf	Lay Worker		Ex-officio Church Council
3	Barbara Barker	Steward		General Church Meeting
4	Annette Phillips	Steward		General Church Meeting
5	Ann Newell	Steward	Sept 2019 - 31.3.2020	General Church Meeting
6	Howard Thompson	Steward	Sept – Nov 2019	General Church Meeting
7	Cathy Ackroyd	Steward		General Church Meeting
8	Tina Hayes	Steward		General Church Meeting
9	Jon Woolf	Steward Outreach & Mission Group Co-ordinator		General Church Meeting Church Council
10	Rene Lamisere	Steward	Sept 2019 - 31.3.2020	Stewards Team/Church Council
11	Jean Oliphant	Treasurer		Church Council
12	Chris McDermott	CC Secretary		Church Council
13	Sue Coley	Pastoral Secretary	Sept - 17 Oct 2019	Church Council
14	Kesiamecwe Lesolle (Pat Lobelo)	Pastoral Secretary	17.10.2019 –31.8.2020	Church Council
15	Kath Leckey	Circuit Steward		Ex-officio
16	Carole Hicks	Safeguarding		Church Council
17	Kath Peat	Catering Committee		Church Council
18	Richard Coleman	F & P Committee		Church Council
19	Elaine Hooper	Circuit MHRA rep		Church Council
20	Don Male	Family Committee	Sept –17.10.2019	Church Council
21	Mathew Bates	Finance & Property Committee		Church Council

22	Alison Statham	Pastoral Committee		Church Council
23	John Yates	Tamworth House Treasurer		Church Council
24	Anne Westoby	Supt Trailblazers		Church Council
25	Susan Hambly	Worship Consultation		Church Council
26	Keith Watterson	Booking Secretary		General Church Meeting Church Council
27	Peter Walker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
28	Nigel Harding	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
29	Paul McDermott	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
30	David Parker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
31	Gill Silverwood	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
32	Anthea Hockney	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
33	Michael Newell	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
34	Diana Pearson	GCM Rep Ecumenical Affairs		General Church Meeting General Church Meeting
35	David Shaw	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
36	Anne Brown	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting
37	Jane Parker	GCM Rep		General Church Meeting

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Council / General Church Meeting / some ex-officio

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

### Training

- Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion available to all trustees on line
- Charity Commission Guidance CC3 'The Essential Trustee' given to each existing trustee (Dec 2015) and to be given as a matter of course to new trustees

### Structure

- Part of Tamworth & Lichfield Circuit
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

### Risks

- Discussed by Church Council
- Take professional advice as required
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976

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 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.

The Church is part of a Circuit quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place. These are open to all people, without charge.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Local Churches, Circuits and Districts are not defined as (external) grantmaking bodies

The main part of our church activities is undertaken by lay persons (volunteers)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

NB The church's activities were disrupted March 2020 onwards due to the lockdown & social distancing required by the Govt in association with the Covid 19 virus pandemic. Worship in the church building ceased as did all group activities and the use of the building by outside hirers. Use was made of various social media sites, the internet and platforms like Zoom to present virtual Acts of Worship, Men's Breakfast meeting, activities for Sunday Youth (Participate & Youth Fellowship), Boys Brigade and other groups.

Up until March 2020 the following activities took place

Ongoing Church Activities – the Church continues to run numerous groups including Trailblazers, Youth Fellowship, Boys Brigade, Brownie Groups, Tiddlers Toddlers, various Bible Study Groups, MWiB (Womens Network), Ladies Lunch Club, Wesley Guild, Music Group, Men's Lunch Club and Focus Group. A Mens Breakfast is held on a number of Saturdays for those who work, especially those with younger families.

PARTICIPATE! – a (non-denominational) club for all set up in June 2015 for 9-14year olds continues to share food, have fun and find out more about Jesus through games, music, video clips, bible studies and discussions every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month during term time. In Nov 2019 members of the group attended 3Generate. Members of the Youth Fellowship attend a monthly youth event at Whitemore Lakes.

Lighthouse – was started at the beginning of 2020 but put on hold due to the pandemic. A new venture to provide a family friendly session with a biblical theme especially for families with young children at the same time as the 10.30 church service.

Church members continue to assist with Late Night Listeners, a local initiative to provide care and support to City revellers on Friday and Saturday evenings by providing hot drinks, flip flops and a listening ear. Members of the church through Churches Together in Lichfield continue to be involved in helping at a foodbank in the city.

The Church has a vibrant and thriving congregation with diverse worship styles and an extensive pastoral system. Some services are recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend the church personally.

Newcomers' teas are held to welcome people new to the church.

This is a dementia friendly church signed up to the Dementia Action Alliance.

The church now hosts a weekly Memory Café run by the organisation Home Instead.

Following on from the Church Health Review it has been decided to concentrate on developing the prayer life of the church; improvements in the way of welcoming new people; continuing work with the bible study / house groups. The appointment of a family/youth worker is still under review.

There is an organised Mission Outreach programme including the Coffee Shop. The Church considered issues connected with the Circuit's project of establishing a Policy for Mission & Growth. In 2017 A new Outreach & Mission Co-ordinating Group was set up to encourage and facilitate the whole church to engage in mission and make new disciples by supporting the established Groups, the activities of the Coffee Shop and to consider new forms of outreach. A prayer tent was located in Lichfield shopping centre over a weekend in September 2019 as part of the Church Without Walls initiative. An organised litter pick by members of the church was carried out in various parts of the City.

Funds have been raised for Methodist World Mission, Mission in Britain Fund, JMA & various other charities including throughout the year.

Some of the profits from the coffee shop are used to support local and national charities. A MacMillan Coffee Morning was held in Sept 2019. Members of the church contributed shoeboxes to the annual Christmas Appeal by Team4U.

Fund raising has taken place through the 2019 Christmas Fayre open to public.

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## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Funds are retained to meet the annual assessment costs and premises costs along with employment costs.  
Organise regular fundraising events  
Finance Committee meets in the year and reports to Church Council

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sources of Funds:-  
Weekly offerings, Tax Recoveries, Donations, Fundraising Events  
Rental income from property owned by the church

## Section F Other optional information

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## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Rev Roger Allan Baker	Mrs Anthea Joan Hockney
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Authorised Trustee
<b>Date</b>	23/05/2021	

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>Lichfield Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

Tamworth & Lichfield	Circuit	Circuit no	5/9
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134083

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:

Revd Roger Baker
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Church Stewards:

Barbara Barker
Annette Phillips
Cathy Ackroyd
Tina Hayes
Jon Woolf

Treasurer:

Jean Oliphant
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Lichfield Methodist Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	106,571		106,571	105,944
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	398		398	375
a4	Lettings	47,803		47,803	56,211
a5	Other receipts	20,674		20,674	15,952
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>175,446</b>		<b>175,446 (a7)</b>	<b>178,482</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	96,566		96,566	92,522
b3	Donations	3,067		3,067	5,851
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,359		16,359	54,997
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	14,343		14,343	16,925
b6					
b7	Other payments	8,713		8,713	13,207
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>139,048</b>		<b>139,048 (b9)</b>	<b>183,502</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a6-b8)	36,398	36,398	(5,020)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	112,343		112,343 (c6)	117,363
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	148,741	148,741	112,343
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	148,741	148,741 (c8)	112,343 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
<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 above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			208	1,393
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,551	3,102
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,511	4,287
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	(d1+d2-d3)		248	208

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

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e3 Catering	9,336	10,240	(904)		7,165	6,261
e4 Wesley Guild	381	440	(59)		365	306
e5 Women's Fellowship	1,954	1,662	292		1,028	1,320
e6 Youth Club					466	466
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,094	14,799	(705)		10,696 (e11)	9,991 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	175,446 (a7)	139,048 (b9)	36,398	(c7)	112,343 (c6)	148,741 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	189,540	153,847	35,693		123,039 (x)	158,732 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2020	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	71	42
f2 Bank Current Account	38,551	67,628
f3 Bank Deposit Account	31,264	38,731
f4 Central Finance Board	1,613	1,226
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	40,844	41,114
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	112,343 (c6)	148,741 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	10,696 (e11)	9,991 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	123,039 (x)	158,732 (y)

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
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g3 Other Assets		
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Name of Church Lichfield Methodist Church..... No 05/09.....

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I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 ..... *J S Oliphant* ..... Date..... *05.03.21* .....

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Jean Oliphant, 29 Mary Slater Road, Lichfield, WS13 6FG

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 8 October 2020

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Roger W. Baker* .....  
Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Roger Baker..... Date *6/3/21* .....

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Signature of independent examiner .....



Name of independent examiner J H Willis

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 134 Beacon Park Village, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield WS13 6JZ

Date .....

5/3/2021

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