

**WEST KIRBY METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CHARITY NO. 1134134**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION**  
**FOR THE YEAR 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023**

We began the year by welcoming Rev Jackie Bellfield, a presbyter in the Wirral Circuit, who will have overall pastoral care of the congregation at West Kirby together with St. Luke's, Hoylake for coming year.

On the first Sunday of the month we hold a more informal café style worship in the Church Hall commencing at 10 a.m. with tea, coffee, juice plus fruit and bacon butties.

We have letting rooms available to groups like flower arrangers, pilates. Rooms are also used by uniformed organisations

Our Community Development Worker continues as Chair of Churches Together in West Kirby and has helped organise events and activities involving other churches around West Kirby e.g. a prayer walk, prayers at churches in West Kirby for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and carol singing outside the train station and supermarket over the Christmas period.

Our church hosted a Holiday@ Home event over two days in September for those elderly people who are not able to get out and about. Transport was provided to bring people to church to take part in activities including singing, a quiz and crafts as well as sharing food and fellowship. The event ended with a short service on the Sunday afternoon.

Also in September, along with many others around the country, we held a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This was very well supported.

In November we held a thanksgiving dinner which included a traditional thanksgiving meal of turkey and pumpkin pie plus entertainment and crafts.

Along with other churches in West Kirby our church extended its usual Friday coffee morning to offer a warm welcoming space to anyone wishing to come in for a drink, toast and soup during the winter months.

Each year we hold a Christmas gift service with donated items going to young people between the ages of 10 & 19 years who have been in care and are helped by "Response" which is part of the local authority.

Our church's Craft Group is very active in making items for the Christmas shoebox appeal which sends boxes to children in deprived parts of the world. Members of the congregation help fill them with items suitable to children aged from 4-14. This year the boxes went to Romania and the Ukrainian border.

Each month we run Techy Coffee when IT experts from Age UK Wirral come to our church and are on hand to help people who are having problems with their ipads, iphones & laptops.

Regular church activities continue to run successfully and include Little Lambs (pre-school toddler group), shared reading group, craft group, social dancing, Lego club, carers soup 'n' support, Thursday Afternoon Fellowship, Spectrum ladies group plus a prayer group which meets in the home of a church member.

The year ended with a farewell service for Rev Jackie Bellfield who was leaving to become Superintendent Minister in another Circuit.

Treasurer:	Erica Rimmer
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## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

## West Kirby Methodist

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovery	1	47,862.43	51,606.18	55,785.25
	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2	6,335.85	6,490.91	5,631.27
a4	Lettings	3	5,940.00	5,940.00	371.87
a5	Other receipts	4	20,589.75	20,589.75	3,065.13
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		80,728.03	84,626.84 (a7)	64,853.52
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	5	53,289.00	53,289.00	50,483.00
b3	Donations	6	604.73	604.73	7,105.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7	9,346.90	9,346.90	10,659.77
	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8	13,724.50	13,724.50	9,396.95
b6	Outreach	9	22,258.39	26,002.14	22,850.54
b7	Other payments	10	15,277.13	15,277.13	
b7a	sale costs	11	13,116.20	13,116.20	14,092.60
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		127,616.85	131,360.60 (b9)	114,587.86
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/ PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(46,888.82)	(46,733.76) (46,733.76)	(49,734.34)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		38,304.92	40,636.85 (c6)	40,371.19
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(10,583.90)	(5,096.91)	(9,363.15)
c4	Transfers and adjustments	12	50,500.00	49,933.85 (c7)	50,000.00
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF	(c3+c4)	39,916.10	43,836.94 (c8)	40,636.85 (c6)
SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			63.03	54.73
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	13		1,546.52	3,139.75
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	14		1,220.82	3,131.45
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1-d2-d3)			388.73	63.03

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c5 totals	TRUE
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**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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	Carers Group	15	0	341	(341)	341	Now closed	0	
e2	Womens Fellowship	16	0	118	(118)	130		12	Cash in hand
e3	Benevolent Fund	17	1,500	758	742	558	Previously in RF	1,300	
e4				0	0			0	
e5				0	0			0	
e6				0	0			0	
e7				0	0			0	
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,500	1,218	284	0	1,028	(e11)	1,312	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	84,627	131,361	(46,734)	49,934	40,637	(c6)	43,837	(c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>86,127</b>	<b>132,577</b>	<b>(46,450)</b>	<b>49,934</b>	<b>41,665</b>	(x)	<b>45,149</b>	(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 2023				OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand					12	
f2	Bank Current Account - HSBC			7,428		29,354	
f3	Bank Deposit Account			33,286		16,171	
f4	Central Finance Board						
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes						
f6	Other funds	Note 18	collection for others	(63)		(1,688)	
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>			<b>40,629</b>	(c6)	<b>43,849</b>	(c8)
f8	(e12)			<b>1,028</b>	(e11)	<b>1,300</b>	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	Note 20		<b>41,656</b>	(x)	<b>45,149</b>	(y)

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

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	250,476	165,053
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,983,204	5,774,339
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Recoverable sale costs		
g5	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g6	Other Liabilities		
			13,116

Note 22 Insurance valuation

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)

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## 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 E. Rimmer Date 1.12.23  
Name and address of treasurer 6 Redhouse Bank Erica Rimmer  
West Kirby Post Code CH48 5EH

### 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 30.11.24.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Noel Sharp  
Name of the Chair of the meeting NOEL SHARP Date 18.12.23

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

#### West Kirby Methodist Church

Charity Number .....

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the West Kirby Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 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.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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### 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
- 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 ~~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 ..... *I.H. Hall*

Name of independent examiner ..... *IAN MARTIN HALL*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... *C.I.P.F.A.*

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

Address ..... *49 Hill Hill Road, Irbay, Wrexham*

..... *Measeyide* Post Code *CH61 4XA*

Date ..... *24/11/2023*

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Signature of independent examiner I. Hall

Name of independent examiner IAN MARTIN HALL

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