

WEST KIRBY METHODIST CHURCH
CHARITY NO. 1134134
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR THE YEAR 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

Sam Hepworth our Church & Community Development Lay Worker has continued to be a great asset in the day to day running of the Church and has succeeded in increasing room bookings and is a friendly face when people come into the church building.

The congregation at West Kirby comprises mainly older retired people with approximately 45 attending Sunday morning worship. However, during the week in addition to the premises being used by a variety of church groups they are used by a number of outside organisations e.g. uniformed organisations, a flower arranging group and a pilates class.

We continue to support Asylum Link in Liverpool with church members volunteering to help out at the centre by repairing bikes, donating clothing and household items as well as giving English lessons to the asylum seekers.

Ecumenically, the church is involved with all the other churches in West Kirby in supporting Churches Together activities such as carol singing outside the local supermarket, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Lent Courses.

Occasionally we either attend a joint service with another Methodist Church or host a joint service.

In September all funds raised at our regular Friday Coffee Morning went to support the work of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our harvest donations went to the Women's Refuge, a Wirral based charity and the Wirral Food Bank.

In November we welcomed the Liverpool Harmonic Gospel Choir with all proceeds for the church's new initiative "Make Lunch" starting after Christmas supporting families in the community who often rely on their children receiving free school meals during term time.

We held a course entitled "Discipleship & Spirituality" with four sessions in January and February being held covering reading, reflection, sharing and praying together.

One of our church members is a talented pianist and in January she and her friend performed a piano recital at church to raise fund for the British Red Cross.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Little Lambs – A pre-school group for children and their carers held weekly during term time. Sessions begin in the church with singing and a bible story following by playtime in the hall and ending with drinks and toast.

Shared Reading – Weekly meetings when those attending read together and discuss a story and/or a poem.

Craft Group – Weekly meetings with those attending making various items for inclusion in the Christmas Shoeboxes which are sent to children in countries like Georgia, Romania, Ukraine Serbia.

Strictly Methodance - Monthly "tea dance" offering not just dancing but fellowship and conversation over a cup of tea.

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship – Monthly meetings usually with an invited speaker followed by refreshments.

Friday Coffee Morning – Held weekly open to all with Age UK attending each month offering help and advice with laptops, iphones and ipads.

SECTION E Please Sign the Guidance letter to complete this report

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisation according to the Church Council Standing Orders and the Church's financial regulations. The summary must include:

- a) A statement of the Church's income and expenditure for the year.
- b) A statement of the Church's assets and liabilities at the end of the year.
- c) A statement of the Church's reserves and funds at the end of the year.
- d) A statement of the Church's staffing levels and costs for the year.
- e) A statement of the Church's compliance with the relevant legislation and standards.

The summary must be signed by the Minister of the Gospel and the Chairperson of the Church Council. It must also be countersigned by the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Church Council. The summary must be submitted to the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol by 31 October 2026.

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SECTION F		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD AT 31 August 2023					
1	Cash in hand		3		
2	Saver Current Account		18,598	54,407	
3	Bank Deposit Account				
4	Central Finance Board		26,619	22,598	
5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				
6	Other Funds		(1,225)	(507)	
7	£008 TOTAL - Church accounts		58,093	657	
8	Balance total (from above) p(12)		2,516	3,783	
9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH		58,093	67	
SECTION G		At 31 September 2024		At 31 August 2023	
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
1	Investments (Include Endowment)		157,454	132,256	
2	Insurance value		5,976,505	6,155,556	
3					
4	Other Assets				
5	Liabilities - whose amount outstanding at year end				
6	Other Liabilities				

It includes only funds held at the Central Finance Board
It includes only funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
It includes any other investments from the cash element of TMOF funds accounts this is included in line 25

Name of Church ... West Kirby MC

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. M. Hall*

Name of independent examiner *I. M. Hall*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *C186A*

Name of firm (where appropriate) */*

Address

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Date

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