

LINACRE METHODIST MISSION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1134158

Details

Other names LINACRE MISSION

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-02-05

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

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

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Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£85,648	£88,744	-	-
2024-08-31	£104,043	£171,490	-	-
2023-08-31	£178,570	£95,437	-	-
2022-08-31	£66,619	£57,844	-	-
2021-08-31	£438,148	£444,474	-	-
2020-08-31	£819,492	£816,193	£2,096,587	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Langton		2025-05-01
JEAN BARNES		
JOAN CUMMING		
JOHN LANGTON		2014-02-18
Joyce Langton		2025-05-01
Kim Margaret Bell		2024-09-17
MARGARET EDNA WHEELER		2012-07-29
MARGARET ELAINE LANGTON		2012-07-29
Nigel Harrison		2018-09-01
Norma Evans		2025-05-01
Susan Edwards		2022-09-20
Timothy Bell		2024-09-17
VALERIE ANNE GEE		
VIVIANNE MARRIOTT		

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			To	Period end date		
From	01	09		2023	31	08

Section A Reference and administration details

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Other names charity is known by

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Charity's principal address

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Risks

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- Take professional advice as required.
- Regular review process.
- Adopted the following policies: Confidentiality, Conflict of interest, Data Protection, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Lone Worker, Safeguarding, Volunteering, Reserves.

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We have not had any serious incidents which require reporting to the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
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- contribution made by volunteers.

Linacre Methodist Mission is a faith-based organisation, managing a Grade II Listed Building that has stood at the heart of the neighbourhood, known locally as Linacre, for over 100 years. The Main Worship Hall's architecture was revolutionary in style, when it was built in 1905, resulting in a building that was regarded as one of the most striking in the North of England. The interior is arranged in amphitheatre style to seat 1,250 people and has a large platform with seating for 100 in the choir. Although the Hall has been modernised, much of the original structure remains.

The spaciousness of the Hall, the magnificent mosaic text above the choir created by Italian craftsmen and the richly decorated ceiling can still be admired.

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The geographical area of Litherland is an area with a high level of social deprivation, above average mortality rates for both male and female and a higher percentage of persons with below average mental wellbeing in comparison with the rest of the Borough of

Sefton. Therefore, in addition to our faith activity, Linacre Mission is fully committed to serving and supporting the local community, to tackle its general needs and enhance its quality of life. At present the building delivers activities for older people, children and young people and family-based activities. This facility is vast, with over 1,600 sq.m² of floor space distributed throughout a diverse series of community rooms and large halls. The building has been identified as an important landmark in the area.

It is the vision of Linacre Mission, in partnership with the local community and other key stakeholders, to be a 'beacon' for local community engagement and support, as well as a strategic facility providing wider benefits to the surrounding South Sefton environs and engaging in local social and economic regeneration in this key focus of multiple deprivation in Merseyside. All activities within Linacre are carried out by volunteers. We have a regular core group of approximately 10 volunteers supported by a less regular group of approximately 10 people.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

September 2023 saw the formation of the new North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit (NL&SS) headed by Revd Ian Hu.

We began with our regular programme with Harvest Festival which this year was an 'own arrangement' service. In October we celebrated our Church Anniversary as we were led in worship by Rev Sue Edwards. In December we commenced our Christmas celebrations with our Carols by Candlelight. This is always well attended by the local community and users of our building. In January we held our annual Covenant Service when we re dedicated ourselves to the work of God..

During Advent we looked at the film, 'It's a wonderful life,' as part of our Bible study programme. In Lent we looked at 'The prayers of Jesus,' and as part of Bible Month we studied the Book of Genesis. We held our annual General Church Meeting in June to appoint our Church Stewards and to look back and celebrate the past year.

Sadly, In June we lost one of our regular members, but we were able to celebrate her life with her family.

We continue to host the Liverpool Peniel Christian Church, an Indian Church, who now worship in the Albert Walker Hall every Sunday, and the Divine Ministries Nigerian Church also on Sunday mornings.

Neighbourhood Centre Review

We are registered as a Place of Welcome/Warm Space and continue to manage to obtain funding to purchase food. We offer free meals to anyone who wishes to attend along with the opportunity to make friends and enjoy a warm environment. The numbers attending grow weekly. We feed approximately 60+ people on a regular basis. At the same time as Place of Welcome, a Community Pantry is held on our premises giving local people the opportunity to purchase food more cheaply.

Our **Community Bingo** continues to be extremely popular on a monthly basis and is self-funding. We give prizes, including vouchers for Tesco or Asda. The Bingo engages with a wide range of people, from 90-year-olds to young children. We are able to pay for the hire of the room and to donate money to the Church. The atmosphere is always one of enjoyment and excitement. Numbers regularly achieve between 55 to 60.

Hampers. Grants have enabled us to purchase food to provide hampers at Christmas for needy families identified through our local schools. Each 'hamper' consists of 4 large shopping bags containing food and household items.

The Neighbourhood Centre continues to be a very busy distribution centre for the Trussell Trust **Food bank** every Friday. Food Bank regularly feeds around 17 to 25 families weekly.

Tiny Steps our preschool group, continues to meet regularly on a Wednesday. Parents, Grandparents and Child Minders bring pre-school children to play together and develop their social skills. This is also an opportunity to work with parents in helping them to play with their children and to develop the child's language skills through communicating together.

Rainbows continue to have a full complement and a waiting list.

Youth Club run by Sefton Youth Services meet on Tuesday nights. The young people attending continue to have a safe place to meet and to receive a variety of activities, training, and opportunities.

Sefton Youth Services run The Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Numbers continue to grow and about 25 children currently attend the centre.

Feelgood Drop in. This group meets on a Friday morning and is open to anyone with mental health issues. Volunteers are able to assist with form filling or to signpost to other assistance.

St. John Ambulance continue to meet weekly to train people in First Aid.

Child and Family Connect offer supervised contact for children and parents in a safe environment.

Cake & Catch Up. Every Wednesday we offer a social group for older people when we play games, eat cake and generally enjoy two hours of social interaction.

Many organisations continue to book our premises for meetings and conferences such as Sefton Council and Sefton CVS.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Aims

- (1) To secure and sustain the church's viability and future.
- (2) To give reassurance to the general public that the church, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

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.

Financial plans

Linacre Mission building is over 100 years old and had a major upgrade in 2010/2011. The building has many areas requiring attention and there will always be a need for maintenance in such a big building.

The fire alarm, security alarm and lifts also continue to cause a strain on our finances. On a Grade II listed building of this size, the cost of any repairs is high and therefore contingency finance has to be in place. Increasing costs of ministry are likely to result in increased assessments being paid to the Circuit. The aim is to generate income from Gift Aid and through increased rental income and to be able to put aside donations that are given to the church.

General Fund (Unrestricted)

The reserves policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand. Based on the proposed budget these reserves are believed to be reasonable, and a balanced budget is proposed.

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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**

Signature(s)

Rev.S. Edwards

J.Langton

Full name(s)

Susan Edwards

John Langton

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

Vice Chair

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Date

June 2025

June 2025

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 23-24	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£			
Tangible fixed assets							
Land and buildings		2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment investments				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total fixed assets		2,000,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,002,000.00	2,002,000.00	2,002,000.00
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	20					0.00	0.00
Cash in Bank and in hand	21	2,215.67	13,308.27		15,523.94	27,534.88	56,992.60
Central finance Board deposits		57,576.14			57,576.14	113,011.57	421.38
Total current assets		59,791.81	13,308.27	0.00	73,100.08	140,546.45	57,413.98
Creditors and accruals (due in under 1 year)						0.00	
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		59,791.81	13,308.27	0.00	73,100.08	140,546.45	57,413.98
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,059,791.81	13,308.27	2,000.00	2,075,100.08	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net Assets		2,059,791.81	13,308.27	2,000.00	2,075,100.08	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98
Funds of the church							
Unrestricted funds		2,059,791.81				2,075,288.46	2,045,305.83
Restricted funds			13,308.27			65,257.99	12,108.15
Endowment funds				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Total funds		2,059,791.81	13,308.27	2,000.00	2,075,100.08	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98

**Linacre Methodist Mission and Neighbourhood Centre
Notes to the Accounts For The Year Ended 31 August 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of LMMNC, named above

LMMNC's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 present a true and fair view of LMMNC's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) 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.....

E Caldwell

Name of independent examiner ... Elizabeth Caldwell.....

Date..... 3/3/25

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
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Section A

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In September 2022 we welcomed two ministers, Rev Ian Hu and Rev Karen Beecham who jointly fulfilled the role of Circuit Superintendent. Our previous Superintendent had decided the role was not for him and had moved on after only one year. Due to falling membership and closure of churches within the Circuit, the Liverpool North Circuit, Liverpool North Central and Crosby Districts were looking to amalgamate. 2022 has involved a lot of work for all members of the three Circuits to create a new and viable Circuit for September 2023.

Despite the difficulties within the Circuit, as a church we continued with our regular programme and activities. In October we celebrated our Church Anniversary as we were led in worship by Rev Sue Edwards. In December we commenced our Christmas celebrations with our Carols by

Candlelight. This is always well attended by the local community and users of our building. In January we held our annual Covenant Service when we re dedicated ourselves to the work of God. Rev Simon Edwards led us in worship in August. Simon grew up at Linacre and trained here as a Local Preacher before candidating for the Ministry.

During Advent we looked at the film, 'It's a wonderful life,' as part of our Bible study programme. In Lent we looked at 'the prayers of Jesus,' and as part of Bible Month we studied the Book of Revelation.

In February Linacre hosted the Circuit Ash Wednesday service and we also hosted the welcome services for Rev Ian Hu and Rev Karen Beecham. Both services were attended by representatives of the other churches within the circuit.

We held our annual General Church Meeting in June to appoint our Church Stewards and to look back and celebrate the past year.

Sadly, in November we lost one of our regular members, but we were able to celebrate her life with her family.

Following the closure of one of our churches, we opened our doors to the Liverpool Peniel Church, an Indian Church, who now worship in the Albert Walker Hall every Sunday. We continue to host the Divine Ministries Nigerian Church also on Sunday mornings.

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We are registered as a Place of Welcome and continue to manage to obtain funding to purchase food. We offer free meals to anyone who wishes to attend along with the opportunity to make friends and enjoy a warm environment. The numbers attending grow weekly. At the same time as Place of Welcome, a Community Pantry is held on our premises giving local people the opportunity to purchase food more cheaply.

Many organisations continue to use the premises for conferences and training days, and we are a registered centre for Sefton Council. Examples of organisations are Sefton One Vision Housing; Sefton CVS; Safeguarding children and adults training.

Our Community Bingo continues to be extremely popular on a monthly basis and self-funding. Prizes are mostly donated but we also offer vouchers for Tesco and a local butcher. The Bingo engages with a wide range of people, from 90-year-olds to young children. We are able to pay for the hire of the room and to donate money to the Church. The atmosphere is always one of enjoyment and excitement. Numbers are regularly between 35 to 40.

Grants have enabled us to purchase food to provide hampers for needy families identified through our local

schools. Each 'hamper' consists of 4 large shopping bags containing food and household items. In July we were able to provide 85 families with food.

The Neighbourhood Centre continues to be a very busy distribution centre for the Food bank and is in fact the second busiest in the South Sefton area. This project is run in partnership with the Trussell Trust charity.

Tiny Steps continues to meet regularly on a Wednesday and Thursday morning. Parents, Grandparents and Child Minders bring pre-school children to play together and develop their social skills. This is also an opportunity to work with parents in helping them to play with their children and to develop the child's language skills through communicating together.

Rainbows continued to have a full complement and a waiting list. Several girls have progressed to Brownies with new girls joining Rainbows.

Youth Club run by Sefton Youth Services has restarted following lockdown, on Tuesday nights. The young people attending continue to have a safe place to meet and to receive a variety of activities, training, and opportunities. Sefton Youth Services run The Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

Feelgood Drop in. This group meets on a Friday morning and is open to anyone with mental health issues. Volunteers are able to assist with form filling or to signpost to other assistance.

Reach men's group. This is a drop-in group which meets on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings for men with mental health issues. They have access to table tennis, pool and darts. Approximately 14 men attend each session regularly. Counselling is also offered to the men. Many of them attend Place of Welcome prior to their meeting.

Party Troopers. This is a small business producing balloon sculptures for parties which hires one of our rooms.

St. John Ambulance. This year we welcome St. John Ambulance to our premises on a weekly basis.

Section E Financial review	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Aims (1) To secure and sustain the church's viability and future. (2) To give reassurance to the general public that the church, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.
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Further financial review details (Optional information)	
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additional information, where relevant about:

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General Fund (Unrestricted)

The reserves policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand. Based on the proposed budget these reserves are believed to be reasonable and a balanced budget is proposed.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Rev.S. Edwards	J. Langton
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Full name(s)

Susan Edwards	John Langton
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	Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice Chair	
			Sec
	Date		
		July 2024	July 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£			
Tangible fixed assets							
Land and buildings		2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment							
investments				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total fixed assets		2,000,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,002,000.00	2,002,000.00	2,002,000.00
Current Assets					0.00	0.00	
Debtors and prepayments	20						£
Cash in Bank and in hand	21	15,288.46	12,246.42	0.00	27,534.88	56,992.60	42,550.00
Central finance Board deposits		60,000.00	53,011.57		113,011.57	421.38	48,910.00
Total current assets		75,288.46	65,257.99	0.00	140,546.45	57,413.98	91,540.00
Creditors and accruals (due in under 1 year)					0.00	0.00	3,200.00
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		75,288.46	65,257.99	0.00	140,546.45	57,413.98	88,260.00
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,075,288.46	65,257.99	2,000.00	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98	2,090,260.00
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net Assets		2,075,288.46	65,257.99	2,000.00	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98	2,090,260.00
Funds of the church							
Unrestricted funds		2,075,288.46			2,075,288.46	2,045,305.83	2,033,000.00
Restricted funds			65,257.99		65,257.99	12,108.15	55,200.00
Endowment funds				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total funds		2,075,288.46	65,257.99	2,000.00	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98	2,090,260.00

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ending 31st August 2023			LINACRE METHODIST MISSION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE						
		Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022	Total 2021	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and Endowments from :	3								
Donations and legacies									
Collections and tax credit			36360.46	6543.75		42904.21	30677.37	21986.08	
Donations			3686.55	2311.00		5997.55	3569.94	10923.30	
Legacies			48000.00			48000.00	0.00	550.00	
Charitable activities									
Fundraising			128.26			128.26	1907.95	5863.51	
Grants			3486.00	51704.94		55190.94	45499.55	373666.99	
Other Trading activities	4								
Lettings			17580.00			17580.00	33265.00	23045.00	
Miscellaneous			420.73			420.73	527.34	610.63	
Investments	5			2890.19	59.91	2950.10	4.46	18.52	
Other	6								
Internal organisations				5397.78		5397.78	1718.77	1484.46	
Miscellaneous									
TOTAL			109662.00	68847.66	59.91	178569.57	117170.38	438148.49	
Expenditure on:									
Salaries and associated costs	9		5504.74			5504.74	4719.86	15407.50	
Circuit Assessment			15000.00			15000.00	15000.00	13200.00	
Maintenance on church Building	10		10997.24	15258.00		26255.24	50345.35	376208.80	
Office Expenses	11		1503.21			1503.21	1620.54	645.53	
Utilities (insurance, heat, light water etc.)	12		33294.07			33294.07	25907.17	17479.41	
Depreciation									
Internal organisations	13			3044.89		3044.89	1613.88	1015.24	
Other expenditure	14			10834.93		10834.93	52012.74	20517.71	
Total			66299.26	29137.82	0.00	95437.08	151219.54	444474.19	
Net income (expenditure)			43362.74	39709.84	59.91	83132.49	-34035.16	-6325.70	
Transfers between funds	16		1619.91	-1560.00	-59.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	
						0.00	0.00		
Gains on investment assets			44982.65	38149.84	0.00	83132.49	-34035.16	-6325.70	
Net movement in funds			44982.65	38149.84	0.00	83132.49	-34035.16	-6325.70	
Reconciliation of funds									
Total funds brought forward			2045305.83	12108.15	2000.00	2059413.98	2095463.14	2096587.96	
Total funds carried forward			2090288.48	50257.99	2000.00	2142546.47	2061427.98	2090262.26	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			To	Period end date		
From	01	09		2021	31	08

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Linacre Methodist Mission & Neighbourhood Centre

Other names charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

1134158

Charity's principal address

123-129 Linacre Road

Litherland

Liverpool

Postcode

L21 8NS

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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We are part of the Liverpool North Circuit which is part of the Liverpool Methodist District which is in turn accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Related Parties We do not use a professional fundraiser or work with a commercial participator,

Risks

- Considered by the Church Council.
- Take professional advice as required.
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The trustees are committed to making every effort to ensure that all members of the community have an equal opportunity to join in activities and events in the Church and Neighbourhood Centre, avoiding any unlawful discrimination.

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**Summary of the objects
of the charity set out in
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- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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)

- ☐ To carry out religious activities.
- ☐ To provide premises for use by a wide range of community groups and activities.
- ☐ To carry out youth work, uniformed and non-uniformed.

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

We have not had any serious incidents which require reporting to the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Linacre Methodist Mission is a faith-based organisation, managing a Grade II Listed Building that has stood at the heart of the neighbourhood, known locally as Linacre, for over 100 years. The Main Worship Hall's architecture was revolutionary in style, when it was built in 1905, resulting in a building that was regarded as one of the most striking in the North of England. The interior was arranged in amphitheatre style to seat 1,250 people and had a large platform with seating for 100 in the choir. Although the Hall has been modernised, much of the original structure remains.

The spaciousness of the Hall, the magnificent mosaic text above the choir created by Italian craftsmen and the richly decorated ceiling can still be admired.

We believe that in Jesus, God showed us how life could be lived to the full. Christianity is not about some dour, dull, and repressed lifestyle, but about delighting in the world that God has made, rejoicing in the friendships he gives and celebrating the joy that comes through knowing Jesus. Our programme here at Linacre seeks to reflect the 'fullness of life' that Jesus wants us to know. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

The geographical area of Litherland is an area with a high level of social deprivation, above average mortality rates for both male and female and a higher percentage of persons with below average mental wellbeing in comparison with the rest of the Borough of Sefton. Therefore, in addition to our faith activity, Linacre Mission is fully committed to serving and supporting the local community, to tackle its general needs and enhance its quality of life. At present the building delivers activities for older people, children and young people and family-based activities. This facility is vast, with over 1,600 sq.m² of floor space distributed throughout a diverse series of community rooms and large halls. The building has been identified as an important landmark in the area.

It is the vision of Linacre Mission, in partnership with the local community and other key stakeholders, to be a 'beacon' for local community engagement and support, as well as a strategic facility providing wider benefits to the surrounding South Sefton environs and engaging in local social and economic regeneration in this key focus of multiple deprivation in Merseyside. All activities within Linacre are carried out by volunteers. We have a regular core group of approximately 8 volunteers supported by a less regular group of approximately 6 people.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In September we welcomed a new Superintendent Minister, the Revd John Hayes and his wife Irene who is a Local Preacher. On the 4th of September we held a Circuit service at Linacre to welcome John & Irene and on 18th September we met as a Circuit at their home for fellowship and cake.

In October we celebrated the Church Anniversary and were blest by the ministry of Revd Liz Wills on Anniversary Sunday. As part of the Anniversary celebrations, we formally opened the newly refurbished Albert Walker Hall on the Saturday. This was very appropriate as the project had been conceived & started by Mary Cotton & Linda Wills (sister-in-law of Revd Liz Wills.) Both these ladies had died unexpectedly within months of each other. We were also privileged to have a talk from the project architect on the restoration of the hall and its place in history.

In December we were able to celebrate the birth of Christ at our Candlelit Carol Service. This is always well attended by those who use our building as well as by Church attendees.

It was good to be able to celebrate Christmas and Easter after the disruption of Covid and also our annual Covenant Service.

As a Church we continued to participate in Bible Study, looking at the book of Isaiah as part of Bible Month and during Lent we looked at Rembrandt's painting, The Prodigal Son and related it to our understanding of the parable.

A number of us undertook pastoral training in December. Sadly, Revd John Hayes decided to curtail his appointment and with heavy hearts we held a farewell service for him and Irene at the beginning of August.

Sadly, over the year, 4 of our congregation passed away. We were able to celebrate their lives and dedication. On a happier note we also celebrated the Baptism of a baby.

Neighbourhood Centre Review

Throughout difficult pandemic period, the Neighbourhood Centre had continued to do as much as it could to support the community. It was wonderful to be able to restart activities such as the community bingo and Place of Welcome. Both activities are well attended and continue to grow in number. Food Bank also continues with a reduced number of volunteers as established during the pandemic. Sadly, Food Bank continues to be busy. As a church we also keep a stock of food provided through monetary donations to provide food for those who cannot access food vouchers.

We continue to access grants which enabled us to provide food hampers during school holidays. These were targeted at families in need, identified by our local schools. The hampers were distributed for school holidays to offset the

lack of provision of school meals. We gave in excess of 100 hampers at Christmas. We were also able to send a number of shoe boxes through Samaritans Purse to Eastern Europe at Christmas time.

REACH men's group continued to meet on our premises until December when they were able to rent their own premises. We continue to have ties with Reach as a number of their member attend Place of Welcome. The Feelgood mental health drop-in group and Child & Family Connect continue to use our premises. The NHS prostate support group continues to meet monthly, and we hosted a 6 week Weigh Forward course looking at healthy eating and lifestyle. Rainbow Guides continues to meet weekly and is flourishing. Party Troopers, a private enterprise, also continues to rent space from us.

In February, the local Higher education college, Hugh Baird held their graduation ceremony in our Main Hall. It was amazing to see the main hall filled to capacity.

In September we welcomed St. John Ambulance onto our premises as a regular rental.

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Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Revd Ian Hu	John Langton
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Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc).

Chair	Sec
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Date

21st Feb 2023

21st Feb 2023

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335-339 Stanley Rd,
Boothle
L20 3EB
Central Finance Board of the
Methodist Church
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Investment managers and custodian trustees

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Central Buildings
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M1 1JQ

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Independent Examiner
Mrs Elizabeth Caldwell

Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the Church Council on
Signed on behalf of the Church Council, as authorised:

S. Edwards
Pr Rev Ian Hu.

(signed)

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Rev Ian Hu
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Date: 20th June 2022

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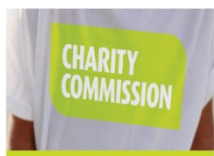
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- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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)

- ☐ To carry out religious activities.
- ☐ To provide premises for use by a wide range of community groups and activities.
- ☐ To carry out youth work, uniformed and non-uniformed.

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

We have not had any serious incidents which require reporting to the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Linacre Methodist Mission is a faith-based organisation, managing a Grade II Listed Building that has stood at the heart of the neighbourhood, known locally as Linacre, for over 100 years. The Main Worship Hall's architecture was revolutionary in style, when it was built in 1905, resulting in a building that was regarded as one of the most striking in the North of England. The interior was arranged in amphitheatre style to seat 1,250 people and had a large platform with seating for 100 in the choir. Although the Hall has been modernised, much of the original structure remains.

The spaciousness of the Hall, the magnificent mosaic text above the choir created by Italian craftsmen and the richly decorated ceiling can still be admired.

We believe that in Jesus, God showed us how life could be lived to the full. Christianity is not about some dour, dull, and repressed lifestyle, but about delighting in the world that God has made, rejoicing in the friendships he gives and celebrating the joy that comes through knowing Jesus. Our programme here at Linacre seeks to reflect the 'fullness of life' that Jesus wants us to know. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

The geographical area of Litherland is an area with a high level of social deprivation, above average mortality rates for both male and female and a higher percentage of persons with below average mental wellbeing in comparison with the rest of the Borough of Sefton. Therefore, in addition to our faith activity, Linacre Mission is fully committed to serving and supporting the local community, to tackle its general needs and enhance its quality of life. At present the building delivers activities for older people, children and young people and family-based activities. This facility is vast, with over 1,600 sq.m² of floor space distributed throughout a diverse series of community rooms and large halls. The building has been identified as an important landmark in the area.

It is the vision of Linacre Mission, in partnership with the local community and other key stakeholders, to be a 'beacon' for local community engagement and support, as well as a strategic facility providing wider benefits to the surrounding South Sefton environs and engaging in local social and economic regeneration in this key focus of multiple deprivation in Merseyside. All activities within Linacre are carried out by volunteers. We have a regular core group of approximately 8 volunteers supported by a less regular group of approximately 5 people.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

At the beginning of this year the country was still in lockdown due to the pandemic. On 13th September we were able to open with restrictions and were able to hold our first physical act of worship in two years. This was attended by more people than expected, reflecting the desire to meet together to proclaim our faith. Previously worship had been taking place on the Zoom platform, offered by the Circuit, which excluded those who did not have access to the internet or computers for whatever reason. Sadly, we did not celebrate the Church's 215th anniversary. With the unpredictability of the times, we were not able to arrange this in time. In November we were able to hold a funeral for one of our members under the government guidelines. On Christmas Day we celebrated the birth of Jesus and were ably led by one of our Local Preachers.

At the beginning of January 2021, we were again obliged to close the premises until April. Our annual Covenant Service was the final service held at Linacre. Lent study groups took place on the Zoom platform. Many of our people engaged with the Easter services again on Zoom. Palm crosses were delivered to as many homes as possible in time for Palm Sunday.

All Church business meetings during lockdown have also been held virtually using the Zoom platform, including Church Councils and property meetings.

In July it was good to be able to celebrate the baptism of one of our children after this had been cancelled three times. It was a wonderful family occasion. At the beginning of August, we hosted a farewell service for our Superintendent Minister, Revd. Luke Smith who was moving on to pastures new. This was well attended by the churches in the Circuit, members of Churches Together and other organisations that Luke had contact with over the years. The service was led by the Chair of the Liverpool District.

Members of Linacre had been involved in zoom meetings looking to appoint a new Superintendent Minister and at the beginning of January, Revd John Hayes, who was later appointed, visited the Circuit including Linacre.

Neighbourhood Centre Review

Throughout this difficult year of uncertainty and change the Neighbourhood Centre continued to do as much as it could to support the community. Although activities such as Community Bingo and Place of Welcome had to be cancelled, Food Bank remained open with a reduced number of volunteers. Throughout the year Linacre Food Bank was able to feed 457 adults and 384 children. The church fed 49 people who were unable to access a voucher. In addition, mainly to those who only had microwave ovens to cook with, 12 people were given toasters, kettles, slow cookers, and bedding provided with

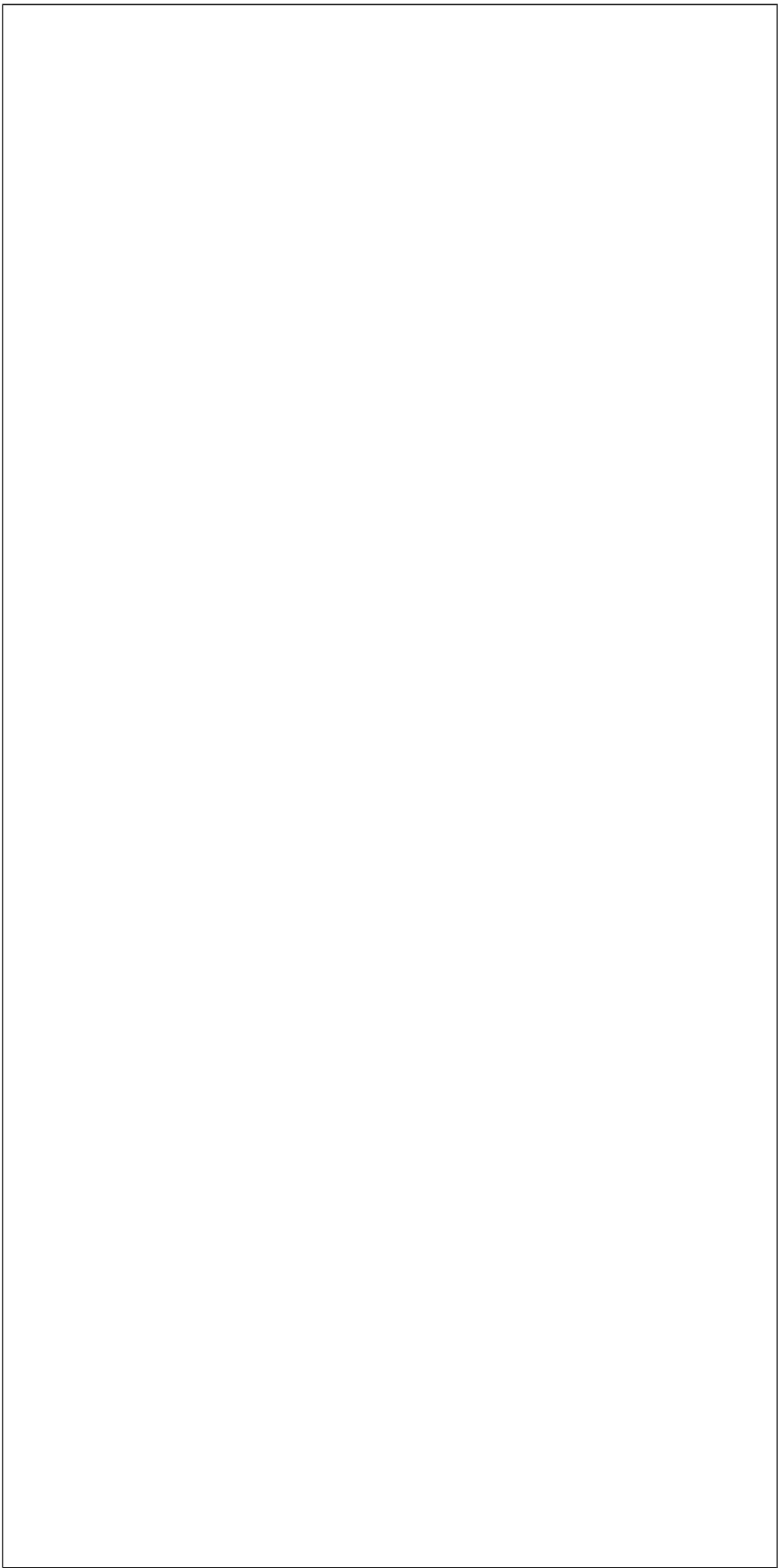
the generous donations of Church members.

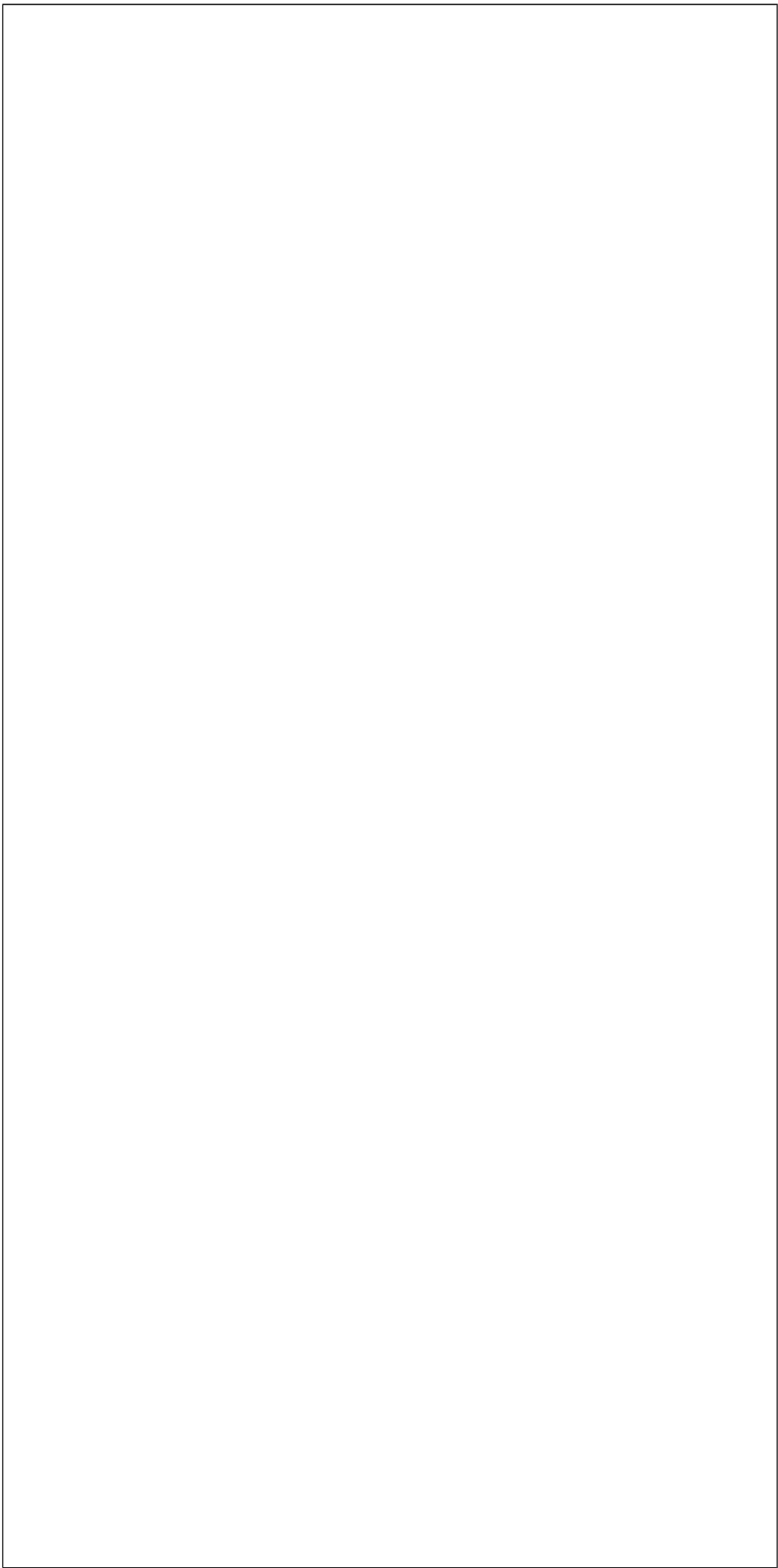
As Food Bank remained open, we were able to access some grants which enabled us to provide food hampers during school holidays. These were targeted at families in need, identified by our local schools. The hampers were distributed for school holidays to offset the lack of provision of school meals. In December we distributed 135 hampers and 110 toys; in the February half term 38 hampers were delivered and 36 'make your own lunch' bags to lunch club and Place of Welcome attendees to offset the closure of these activities. Finally in July, 87 hampers were distributed through the schools. Each hamper consists of 4 large shopping bags containing food items, toiletries and cleaning products. Feedback tells us that it is, 'like receiving a weekly shop.'

REACH men's group and the Feelgood mental health drop-in group returned to rent rooms as soon as support groups were able to return in April, after the end of the closure. In September Child & Family Connect returned to use the premises facilitating supervised access to children. In November we were able to start hosting a monthly prostate support group run by the NHS.

In May Linacre became a vaccination centre both for booked appointments and for walk ins. This was a good source of income but also, we were proud to be able to facilitate another service in our community.

In June Tmesis theatre company performed in the newly renovated Albert Walker Hall. The production was based on the history of Linacre and the memories of its members. We are looking forward to being able to rent out this new bright space. Through out the year Linacre has been a place of work for a small business, Party Troopers, which produces balloon arrangements for parties.





Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Aims

- (1) To secure and sustain the church's viability and future.
- (2) To give reassurance to the general public that the church, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

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.

Financial plans

Linacre Mission building is over 100 years old and although it had a major upgrade using the Big Lottery in 2010/2011, there are still areas to be attended to and there will always be a need for maintenance.

Due to the pandemic, income was lost due to the building being closed to hirers. However, we were able to obtain some grants to offset these losses. The fire alarm and lifts continue to cause a strain on our finances. On a Grade II listed building of this size, the cost of any maintenance contracts and repairs are high and therefore contingency finance has to be in place. Increasing costs of ministry are likely to result in increased assessments being paid to the Liverpool North Circuit. The aim is to generate income from Gift Aid and through increased rental income now that the building has reopened, and to be able to put aside donations that are given to the church.

General Fund (Unrestricted)

The reserves policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand. Based on the proposed budget for 2021/2022 these reserves are believed to be reasonable, and a balanced budget is proposed.

Contracts

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)

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Full name(s)

John Hayes	John Langton
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Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc).

Chair	Sec
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Date

14 th April 2022

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3 Donations and Legacies ...Include the following

	2020-21	2019-20
Collections	21,986.08	20,051.73
Gift Aid	0.00	10,377.69
Donations	7,215.00	18,503.77
Legacies	550.00	
Total received to general fund	29,751.08	48,933.19
Legacy Donations	0.00	0.00
Personal Donations	3,708.30	1,889.07
Gift Aid	0.00	496.58
Total received to AWH	3,708.30	2,385.65

4 Restricted collections/ grants

Meru Karibuni Childrens Trust	0.00	2,324.76
Shoe Box Appeal	0.00	175.00
Harvest appeal	0.00	230.00
Easter offering for WMF	0.00	0.00
Christmas collection for Action for children	152.30	0.00
Collection for Rev.Luke Smith leaving	250.00	0.00
HMRC Furlough grant for wages	2,494.27	1,538.73
S M F	0.00	600.00
P S Holt	0.00	2,000.00
POC	0.00	1,488.99
Community fund POW	1,000.00	500.00
Circuit fund	1,000.00	
CVS	0.00	1,000.00
Donations for emergency food etc.	5,343.50	2,000.00
Total received to general fund Restricted	10,240.07	11,857.48
AWH		
Heritage Lottery Grant	255,032.50	560,845.56
Grants	109,573.95	136,008.82
TMCP Grant	0.00	30,000.00
Total received to AWH	364,606.45	726,854.38
Total Received to restricted collections/grants	374,846.52	738,711.86

Other trading activities

Fundraising	117.71	350.76
Lettings	23,045.00	18,814.60
Printing and copying	411.63	439.93
Weddings/ funerals	199.00	100.00
DCMS Grant for Vat relief	2,581.27	0.00
Lunch club	0.00	1,070.43
Grants for loss of income	1,985.00	7,855.00
Total other trading activities	28,339.61	28,630.72

5 Investment Income

TMCP	2.46	13.16
Total received to endowment fund	2.46	13.16
Central Finance Board	16.06	452.39
Total received to designated property fund	16.06	452.39

6 Other Income

Benevolent fund	1,294.46	
Flower fund	190.00	365.00
total received to other income	1,484.46	365.00

7 Assessments paid to Circuit

LMMNC is a member of the Liverpool North Circuit. Assessments are paid to Liverpool North Circuit in monthly instalments in advance at an amount determined by the Liverpool North Circuit meeting.

8 Payments to Trustees

The minister if LMMNC undertakes the primary exexutive role within LMMNC As a minister of the Liverpool North circuit the ministers stipend, employer's pension costs and employers NIC together with the manse housing costs, are paid by the LNCircuit.

The minister is the sole paid key management person but is supported by members of the church council.

It is LMMNC policy to offer to reimburse members of the church council and others involved in the administration of LMMNC affairs for expenditure properly incurred in carrying out their duties.

Apart from the minister no member of the Church Council was in receipt of any payment for work undertaken on behalf of LMMNC although certain travelling and administration costs were re imbursed whenever this was required

9 Salaries and assoc. costs

Wages	1,834.48	4,473.95
Furlough pay	2,494.27	1,538.73
Employers NI cont	0.00	0.00
Employers pension cont	0.00	0.00
Total Charged to general fund	1,834.48	4,473.95
Total Charged to restricted fund	2,494.27	1,538.73
Total wages	4,328.75	6,012.68
Wages	11,078.75	8,250.00
Employers NI cont	0.00	0.00
Employers pension cost	0.00	0.00
Total charged to AWH	11,078.75	8,250.00
Total staff costs	15,407.50	14,262.68
Total weekly contractual hours for 1 staff	9.25	9.25

No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage. Those employed by LMMNC are a cleaner and by AWH a project manager and an activity co-ordinator.

Pensions

All lay employees have the option of joining an approved defined contribution pension scheme in accordance with auto-enrolment legislation

10 Maintenance on church buildings

Repairs and renewals	8,253.55	10,026.95
Maintenance contracts	10,327.90	4,884.35
Cleaning materials	706.22	213.86
Ground rent	51.32	0.00
General maintenance	327.35	2,159.10
Total charged to general fund	19,666.34	17,284.26
Building costs	356,542.46	694,782.72
Total charged to AWH	356,542.46	694,782.72
Total	376,208.80	712,066.98

11 Office expenses

Office expenses	645.53	1,222.01
Licences and subscriptions	100.00	620.67
Sundry	60.00	950.56
Total charged to general fund	805.53	2,793.24

12 Utilities (Insurance, heat, light, water etc

Insurance	9,365.59	9,219.83
Water charges	300.74	639.41
Electricity	4,126.12	5,316.76
Gas	2,755.35	3,028.80
Phone & Internet	931.61	437.34
Total charged to general fund	17,479.41	18,642.14
Insurance		2,967.99
Total charged to AWH		2,967.99
Total Utilities		21,610.13

13 Internal Organisations

Benevolent fund	954.30	150.00
Total charged to benevolent fund	954.30	150.00
Flower fund	60.94	607.65
Total charged to flower fund	60.94	607.65
Total internal organisations	1,015.24	757.65

14 Other expenditure

Meru Karibuni Children's Trust	0.00	2,324.76
Shoe Box Appeal	0.00	0.00
Harvest appeal	0.00	230.00
Easter offering for WMF	0.00	0.00
Macmillan	0.00	0.00
From Hugh Baird for tutor fees	0.00	0.00
Sefton Youth	0.00	0.00
P S Holt	0.00	2,000.00
POC	89.88	403.03
POW	96.97	785.33
CVS	500.00	500.00
SMFoundation	600.00	0.00
Circuit fund	742.28	
Community f	0.00	2,000.00
Donations via Linacre used for hampers and emergency food	2,816.43	
Total charged to Restricted donations and receipts	4,845.56	8,243.12
Professional fees	1,440.00	0.00
Lunch Club	0.00	1,647.66
Total charged to general fund	1,440.00	1,647.66
Sundry payments	3,582.00	135.00
Professional fees	10,490.15	43,026.12
Total charged to AWH	14,072.15	43,161.12
Total other expenditure	18,917.71	53,051.90

15 Investment management

During the year LMMNC paid £4.00 to TMCP, the custodians of LMMNC's investments,(George Rutledge endowment fund (2019-20 £4.00)
The sum of £4.00 was levied at 0.2% on the funds value at the year end

16 Transfers between funds

£450.00 transferred from LMMNC general fund to restricted LMMNC fund for use by Benevolent fund

£2494.27 was transferred to LMMNC gernal fund from LMMNC restricted fund as furlough pay.

£2.46 was transferred from endowment fund to general account being income to use for general purposes

£48434.06 net was transferred to the Central Finance Board from AWH

Tangible Fixed Assets

		Church (non-investment) land and buildings			Total
17	Balance brought forward	2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00
	Additions				
	Disposals				
	Balance carried forward	2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00
	Balance Brought forward				
	Depreciation charge for year (-)				
	Disposals (-)				
	Balance carried forward				
	Brought forward at 1st September 2020	2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00
	Carried forward at 31st August 2021				

2021					2,000,000.00
	2,000,000.00				

18 Church and other property

The Value of the church and neighbourhood building on Linacre Road, Lither land is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed Values, of which the land component is deemed to be £400,000. There is no depreciation on the buildings as the impairment review at the end of the year confirmed that the current residual market value of the building was greater than the carrying value of that part of the asset's cost to date.

	Land	Buildings	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£	£
Balance brought forward at 1st September 2019 at cost	400,000.00	1,600.00	2,000,000.00
Balance Carried forward at 31st August 2020	400,000.00	1,600.00	2,000,000.00

19 Investments

The funds which support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and custodian of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property.

TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference

	2020-21	2019-20
Analysis of investment movements	2,000.00	2,000.00
Change in investment values	0.00	0.00
Carrying,(market) value at beginning of year	0.00	0.00
Add: additions to investments at cost	0.00	0.00
Less: disposals at carrying value	0.00	0.00
Net gain or loss on revaluation	0.00	0.00
Carrying,(market) value at end of year	2,000.00	2,000.00

Debtors and prepayments

20 Debtors were made up as follows

	2020-21	2019-20
Trade debtors		
Prepayment and accrued income	82.00	82.00
Payments in advance		
Total (net)	82.00	82.00

All sums shown as debtors at 1st September 2020 were received during the following year. All sums paid in advance at 1st September 2020 were for activities that have been held during 2020-21. Similarly, it is expected that payments in advance at 1st September 2021 will be expensed in 2021-22

21 Central Finance Board (CFB) and cash at Bank

LMMNC has two current accounts at Barclays Bank plc an authorised institution. The sums held on those accounts are immediately available. In addition LMMNC has a deposit account at CFB a common deposit fund. Interest is earned on this account and credited monthly, the sum deposited can be withdrawn without notice and without loss of interest. This sum is viewed as being liquid.

Creditors and accrued expenses

22 Creditors were made up as follows

	2020-21	2019-20
Trade creditors		
Payroll Liverpool North circuit		
Lunch club expenses		
J Cumming		
Total Trade creditors	0.00	0.00
Accruals and prepaid income	3,283.00	1,843.00
Receipts in advance		
Total accruals		
Total	3,283.00	1,843.00

Maturity analysis of financial liabilities

	Accrued at	paid in year	Accrual made in year	Accrued at
Trade creditors				
Payroll Liverpool North circuit				
Total Trade creditors				
Total				

22 All sums shown as Creditors at 1st September 2020 were unpaid during the year. It is expected that all sums accrued at 31st August 2021 will be paid during the year to 31st August 2022.

23 Unrestricted funds

General fund balance at 31st Aug 2021 £2033038.50 2029807.85 at 31st August 2020)

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of LMMNC and which have not been designated for other purposes. Approximately 98% of this fund is held as freehold property, church and neighbourhood centre buildings

23.1 Restricted Funds Balance at 31st Aug 2021 £55223.76 (31st Aug 2020 £64780.11)

Grants received. Balance of £4112.09 (2020 £1655.11) held in the LMMNC main account shown in the restricted figures which are restricted for use as designated by the grant makers or donors. It is intended that these funds will be used during the coming year for the projects as agreed.

23.2 The flower fund - balance £694.79 (2020 £ 504.79) and benevolent fund balance £790.16 (2020 nil) are both internal organisations which report to the church council. There were xash donations made to rhe benevolent fund of £452.33 which are included and accounted at note 6 and 13

The Albert Walker restricted fund- balance £345.89 as at 31st Aug 2021 (£62142.50 2020) is the fund for refurbishing and upgrading the Albert Walker Hall to offer heritage based activities and to become recognised as a heritage centre. Total income in the year was £368330.81 and expenditure £381693.36. There were transfers between the restricted funds held in the CFB account and the AWH account and vice versa. The net transfer to CFB was £48434.06 to facilitate the paying of bills associated with the works and delivering activities on completion. The money held in CFB is also part of the AWH funds the balance at 31st August 2021 being £48911.77 (2020 £477.70)

25 Summary of movement on significant individual funds

Fund	Balance at 09/01/2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Balance at 31st August 2021	
	£	£	£	£	£		£
General Fund	2029807.85	58,090.69	54,425.76	-434.28		2,033,038.50	2,042,897.85
Total unrestricted	2,029,807.85	58,090.69	54,425.76	-434.28		2,033,038.50	2,042,897.85
AWH	62,142.50	368,314.75	381,693.36	-48,418.00		345.89	60,702.50
Restricted grant income	1,655.11	10,240.27	7,339.83	-13.26		4,542.29	1,655.11
Flower Fund	504.79	190.00	60.94	0.00		633.85	505.35
Benevolent fund	0.00	1,294.46	954.30	450.00		790.16	0.00
CFB	477.71	16.06		48,418.00		48,911.77	477.70
Total restricted	64,780.11	380,055.54	390,048.43	436.74		55,223.96	63,340.66
George A Routledge Gift Fund (4220) total endowment funds	2,000.00	2.46	0.00	-2.46		2,000.00	2,000.00
	2,000.00	2.46	0.00	0.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Total funds	2,096,587.96	438,148.69	444,474.19	2.46		2,090,262.46	2,108,238.51

26 Connected organisations and related parties

As part of the Liverpool North Circuit and Liverpool District the minister and some other LMMNC trustees are also trustees of these bodies.

Connected organisations include the Methodist Connexion, Circuits and churches within the Liverpool district, CFB and TMCP. All of these entities have their own trustees or directors and autonomous administrations such that LMMNC has no significant influence over any of them to they over LMMNC. They are, therefore, not considered related parties

2020-21				
Names of Connected Organisations		Receipts £		
Liverpool North Circuit		1,000.00		
There were no related party transactions				

27 Volunteer contributions

LMMNC is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skill, time and money in the furtherance of the Church and Neighbourhood Centre. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

28 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments at the year end (2019-20 nil)

There were no Contingent liabilities at the year end (2019-20 nil)

29 Lease Commitments

LMMNC has no lease commitments

30 Independent examiner

LINACRE METHODIST MISSION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ending 31st August 2021

	Notes to the accounts Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020		
Income and Endowments from :	3						
Donations and legacies							
Collections and tax credit		21986.08		21986.08	30926.00		
Donations		7215.00	3708.30	10923.30	20,392.84		
Legacies	£	550.00	0.00	550.00	0.00		
Charitable activities							
Fundraising		117.71	5745.80	5863.51	3,080.52		
Grants		4566.27	369100.72	373666.99	743,837.10		
Other Trading activities	4						
Lettings		23045.00		23045.00	18,814.60		
Miscellaneous		610.63		610.63	1,610.36		
Investments	5		16.06	2.46	18.52	465.55	
Other	6						
Internal organisations			1484.46	1484.46	365.00		
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL		58090.69	380055.34	2.46	438148.49	819491.97	
Expenditure on:							
Salaries and associated costs	9	1834.48	13573.02	15407.50	14,262.68		
Circuit Assessment		13200.00		13200.00	11,650.00		
Maintenance on church Building	10	19666.34	356542.46	376208.80	712,066.98		
Office Expenses	11	645.53		645.53	2,793.24		
Utilities (insurance, heat, light water etc.	12	17479.41	0.00	17479.41	21,610.13		
Depreciation							
Internal organisations	13		1015.24	1015.24	757.65		
Other expenditure	14	1600.00	18917.71	20517.71	53,051.90		
Total		54425.76	390048.43	0.00	444474.19	816,192.58	£ 48,911.77 38169.36
Net income (expenditure)		3664.93	-9993.09	2.46	-6325.70	3299.39	£ 694.79 60.94
Transfers between funds	16	-434.28	436.74	-2.46	0.00		£ 11,882.12 954.3
Gains on investment assets		3230.65	-9556.35	0.00	-6325.70	3,299.39	£ 61,488.68 7339.83
Net movement in funds		3230.65	-9556.35	0.00	-6325.70	3,299.39	
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward	agr	2029807.85	64780.11	2000.00	2096587.96	2,093,288.57	
Total funds carried forward		2033038.50	55223.76	2000.00	2090262.26	2,096,587.96	

LINACRE METHODIST MISSION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
Balance sheet as at 31st August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£		
Tangible fixed assets						
Land and buildings		2,000,000.00	0.00		2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment						
investments				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total fixed assets		2,000,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,002,000.00	2,002,000.00
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	20	82.00			82.00	82.00
Cash in Bank and in hand	21	36,239.50	6,311.99		42,551.49	95,871.25
Central finance Board deposits			48,911.77		48,911.77	477.71
Total current assets		36,321.50	55,223.76	0.00	91,545.26	96,430.96
Creditors and accruals (due in under 1 year)		-3,283.00			-3,283.00	-1,843.00
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		33,038.50	55,223.76	0.00	88,262.26	94,587.96
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,033,038.50	55,223.76	2,000.00	2,090,262.26	2,096,587.96
Loans and creditors due after 1 year						
Provisions for liabilities and charges						
Net Assets		2,033,038.50	55,223.76	2,000.00	2,090,262.26	2,096,587.96
Funds of the church						
Unrestricted funds		2,033,038.50			2,033,038.50	2,029,807.85
Restricted funds			55,223.76		55,223.76	64,780.11
Endowment funds				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total funds		2,033,038.50	55,223.76	2,000.00	2,090,262.26	2,096,587.96



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Linacre Methodist Mission

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1134158

Set out on pages

Attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2021

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity'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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

20/03/2022

Name:

Kevin Guy

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

C/O Ashurst Accountancy Limited 17 Duke Street Formby L374AN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	01	09	2019	To 31 08 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Linacre Methodist Mission & Neighbourhood Centre

Other names charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

1134158

Charity's principal address

123-129 Linacre Road

Litherland

Liverpool

Postcode

L21 8NS

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 Luke Smith	Chair		Ex Officio
	2	John Langton	Secretary		Church Council
	3	Jean Barnes	Treasurer		Church Council
	4	Sandra Bell	Church Steward		Church Council
	5	Paul Black	Church Steward		Church Council
	6	Brenda Coates			General Church Meeting (GCM)
	7	Val Cousins			GCM
	8	Joan Cumming	N/Hood Centre Chair		GCM
	9	Val Gee	Safeguarding		Circuit Meeting
	10	Alice Harrison			GCM
	11	Nigel Harrison			GCM
	12	Margaret Langton	AWP Project Manager		GCM
	13	Viv Marriott	Church Steward		Church Council
	14	Linda Murphy			GCM
	15	Liz Shaw	Pastoral Sec		Church Council
	16	Keith Tatlock	Church Steward		Church Council
	17	Margaret Wheeler	AWP Treasurer		GCM
	18	Bryan Heath-	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting

		Dodd			
	19				
	20				
	21				
	Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)				
	Name		Dates acted if not for whole year		

☐ **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) and 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 General Church meeting and Circuit meeting, some ex officio and existing trustees.

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.

Induction/Training

Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion, including a leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' given to each trustee.

Structure

We are part of the Liverpool North Circuit which is part of the Liverpool Methodist District which is in turn accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Related Parties We do not use a professional fundraiser or work with a commercial participator,

Risks

- Considered by the Church Council.
- Take professional advice as required.
- Regular review process.
- Adopted the following policies: Confidentiality, Conflict of interest, Data Protection, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Lone Worker, Safeguarding, Volunteering, Reserves.

Equal Opportunities Statement

The trustees are committed to making every effort to ensure that all members of the community have an equal opportunity to join in activities and events in the Church and Neighbourhood Centre, avoiding any unlawful discrimination.

The Church and Neighbourhood Centre strives to ensure that the environment is free of harassment and bullying, and that everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Particular care will be taken to deal effectively with any complaints of discrimination, harassment or bullying.

Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding of all people who use the premises continues to be a high priority and we remain diligent in applying all safeguarding measures of the Methodist Church. All Trustees, employees and volunteers undergo DBS checks and 'Creating Safer Space' training & Safer Recruitment as and when appropriate.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

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

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)

Methodist Church. ☐ Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, Local or other organisation of The Methodist Church. ☐ Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church. ☐ Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.	
☐ To carry out religious activities. ☐ To provide premises for use by a wide range of community groups and activities. ☐ To carry out youth work, uniformed and non-uniformed. We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We have not had any serious incidents which require reporting to the Charity Commission.	

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Linacre Methodist Mission is a faith-based organisation, managing a Grade II Listed Building that has stood at the heart of the neighbourhood, known locally as Linacre, for over 100 years. The Main Worship Hall's architecture was revolutionary in style, when it was built in 1905, resulting in a building that was regarded as one of the most striking in the North of England. The interior was arranged in amphitheatre style to seat 1,250 people and had a large platform with seating for 100 in the choir. Although the Hall has been modernised, much of the original structure remains.

The spaciousness of the Hall, the magnificent mosaic text above the choir created by Italian craftsmen and the richly decorated ceiling can still be admired.

We believe that in Jesus, God showed us how life could be lived to the full. Christianity is not about some dour, dull, and repressed lifestyle, but about delighting in the world that God has made, rejoicing in the friendships he gives and celebrating the joy that comes through knowing Jesus. Our programme here at Linacre seeks to reflect the 'fullness of life' that Jesus wants us to know. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

The geographical area of Litherland is an area with a high level of social deprivation, above average mortality rates for both male and female and a higher percentage of persons with below average mental wellbeing in comparison with the rest of the Borough of Sefton. Therefore, in addition to our faith activity, Linacre Mission is fully committed to serving and supporting the local community, to tackle its general needs and enhance its quality of life. At present the building delivers activities for older people, children and young people and family-based activities. This facility is vast, with over 1,600 sq.m² of floor space distributed throughout a diverse series of community rooms and large halls. The building has been identified as an important landmark in the area.

It is the vision of Linacre Mission, in partnership with the local community and other key stakeholders, to be a 'beacon' for local community engagement and support, as well as a strategic facility providing wider benefits to the surrounding South Sefton environs, and engaging in local social and economic regeneration in this key focus of multiple deprivation in Merseyside. All activities within Linacre are carried out by volunteers. We have a regular core group of approximately 10 volunteers supported by a less regular group of approximately 10 people.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

From September to March, Sunday worship continued to address the spiritual needs of a wide range of age groups. Two weekly prayer meetings supported learning and growth in faith for many people. SMILE, (Sunday Madness In LinacrE), a monthly children's afternoon service, involving storytelling, prayer, singing, and crafts continued to help children of primary school age to investigate their faith. In October we celebrated the Church Anniversary and were ably led in worship by the Rev. Patrick Evans, having enjoyed a fish & chip supper and quiz the evening before. In September we held a Service of Testimony in which several people spoke about incidents in which they had experienced God. At the end of November, we held a Memorial service to remember loved ones who had passed away, writing their names on hearts which we hung on a Christmas Tree. This is always a moving service. In January we joined with the rest of the Circuit to celebrate our annual Covenant service, rededicating ourselves to God's service. Two local primary schools chose to use our main worship hall, one for their end of term celebration and another for their Christmas celebration concert.

The Church tries to offer several different ways to encourage people to think about faith and how it relates to living in our modern world. Throughout September and October Linacre took part in *Talking Jesus*, a programme designed to inspire and encourage us to talk about Jesus in practical ways. The *Hope Journey* programme, set up to help school children make the connection between faith and everyday life, was well received by local Primary Schools at Christmas. Unfortunately, we were unable to present the Easter story due to the pandemic and lockdown. We also held a *Meet the Characters* coffee morning at the front church doors, which open out onto the main road and a bus stop. Church members dressed as characters from the Christmas story to engage with passers-by. Linacre is part of the local Churches Together group and joined in carol singing outside the local Asda store. Members of Linacre also attended Lent talks arranged by Churches Together and Linacre's Minister led one of the sessions. One of our most popular services, is the *Carols by Candlelight* service at Christmas at which we have approximately 150 people, many of whom are from the local community or from groups that use our premises. Prior to the service coffee and cakes were served to visitors.

The Christmas Shoebox appeal for *Samaritan's Purse* was again well supported by local schools as well as members of the church and we collected approximately 150 boxes which went to Eastern Europe. We were able to cover the full cost of transportation this year. At Christmas, food hampers were prepared once again and given to needy families in the local area in conjunction with two local schools and a local women's support centre. The demand

for hampers to be distributed continues to grow annually due to increasing deprivation in the locality and we continue to work closely with the local Primary schools to identify recipients.

At the end of February, the Liverpool District of the Methodist Church held a conference at Linacre, entitled '2020 Vision.' Approximately 200 people attended to listen to speakers and to discuss their vision for the coming year, in smaller break out groups. During the year Linacre took part in discussions about the issues and proposals raised in the document 'God in Love Unites Us.' This deals with the various concerns around human relationships, including 'same sex marriage' and 'living together before marriage.' The Methodist Connexion is seeking the views of members on the various issues.

Unfortunately, on 24th March 2020 the country went into lockdown due to the Corona virus pandemic and we were no longer able to physically meet for worship. Sunday Services took the form of a telephone dial in service and special services such as Good Friday and Easter Day services were held virtually using the Zoom platform. This has been a mixed blessing as it has engaged with some people who prefer not to attend a service in person, but it has also excluded those who are not able, or do not like, to use technology. All Church business meetings during lockdown have also been held virtually using the Zoom platform, including Church Councils and the General Church Meeting.

In October, work commenced on the refurbishment of the Albert Walker Hall. This Hall is integral to and named after the founder of Linacre Mission. The project aims to offer heritage-based activities to the area and to become recognised as a heritage centre in the south of the borough of Sefton. Building work had to stop part way through due to Covid 19 lockdown but after a two-week stoppage the builders were able to return and work recommenced. It has been a wonderful experience to see the gradual change in the Hall viewed through the scaffolding.

Due to lockdown two Baptisms had to be postponed. Three of our members sadly passed away during the year. Sadly, we were unable to hold services of celebration for them.

Neighbourhood Centre Review

Prior to lockdown, the Neighbourhood Centre continued to be run by a small group of volunteers, mostly from the Church congregation but also a small number of non-church members.

The Management Committee continues to monitor the range of activities offered, to ensure we are supporting and making a difference to the lives of people in this area. We have an excellent kitchen which has a 5-star food hygiene rating and several volunteers have completed Food Hygiene courses.

Many organisations continue to use the premises for conferences and training days, and we are a registered

centre for Sefton Council. Examples of organisations are Sefton One Vision Housing; Sefton CVS; Safeguarding children and adults training.

Our Bingo and Community Discos continue to be extremely popular and are self-funding. Prizes are mostly donated but we also offer vouchers for Tesco and a local butcher. The Bingo engages with a wide range of people, from 90-year-olds to young children. The atmosphere is always one of enjoyment and excitement. Numbers are regularly between 35 to 40.

Grants have successfully been applied for through Steve Morgan Foundation and the Lottery Community Fund amongst many. These grants have enabled us to purchase food to provide hampers for needy families identified through our local schools. Each 'hamper' consists of 4 large shopping bags containing food and household items. In July we were able to provide 85 families with food.

The Neighbourhood Centre continues to be a very busy distribution centre for the Food bank and is in fact the second busiest in the South Sefton area. This project is run in partnership with the Trussell Trust charity. During the lockdown period most volunteers were required to shield and therefore Food Bank was run with just 4 volunteers. Clients had to distance and sadly we were unable to offer a cup of tea.

Tiny Steps continued to meet regularly on a Wednesday and Thursday morning. Parents, Grandparents and Child Minders brought pre-school children to play together and develop their social skills. This is also an opportunity to work with parents in helping them to play with their children and to develop the child's language skills through communicating together. This year the group celebrated 30yrs with various activities including a party with entertainment by Mr Tumble Liverpool.

Rainbows continued to have a full complement and a waiting list. Several girls have progressed to Brownies with new girls joining Rainbows.

Brownies also continue to be popular though with falling numbers. The Pack continues to send girls on to Guides at the age of 10 years whilst 'pulling up' Rainbows. The girls once again enjoyed helping with the packing of the Shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box appeal.

Guides & Senior Section are a smaller group but continue to enjoy a varied programme of activities. Both Brownies and Guides are led by the same committed volunteer with help from others.

Youth Club was run by Sefton Youth Services, 2 nights a week. Numbers are low, but the young people attending continue to have a safe place to meet and to receive a variety of activities, training, and opportunities. Sefton Youth Services run The Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

Lunch at Linacre continued to offer a three-course meal for £3.50 on a Tuesday. We can offer a vegetarian option. However, more than just having a meal, this is an opportunity, for mostly older people to have someone to

talk to and to enjoy some social interaction. Lunch at Linacre is open to anyone. The Christmas Lunch attracted 50 plus people. We were entertained by Lander Road school choir and mince pies were kindly donated by Tesco. We have linked with Greggs Foundation and unsold pasties & sandwiches are distributed to those who have had lunch and to Reach Men's group. We have collected Fare Share food from Tesco and Asda. Initially we hoped to be able to provide meals for Lunch Club with this food, but it was not possible. Instead, we redistribute the food we receive to local needy families.

Place of Welcome. In November 2019 we became part of Place of Welcome which is a national movement to provide a place to receive basic refreshments free, and a place to meet to address social isolation. This group met on a Thursday afternoon and attracted approximately 30 people. We offered sandwiches and pasties through our link with Greggs Bakery and other items such as crisps, drinks and fruit from Fare Share. The age range of visitors extended from 90 yr olds to those in their 40's. Just prior to lockdown several of our older members went on a barge trip on the canals and docks of Liverpool. It was a cold but enjoyable day.

The Ukulele group continues to go from strength to strength and provided entertainment at our Volunteer's celebration evening which we held in September.

Feelgood Drop in. This group meets on a Friday morning and is open to anyone with mental health issues. Volunteers are able to assist with form filling or to signpost to other assistance.

Reach men's group. This is a drop-in group which meets on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings for men with mental health issues. They have access to table tennis, pool and darts. Approximately 14 men attend each session regularly. Counselling is also offered to the men. Many of them attend Place of Welcome and Lunch at Linacre.

Yoga. This group is open to both men and women though numbers are small.

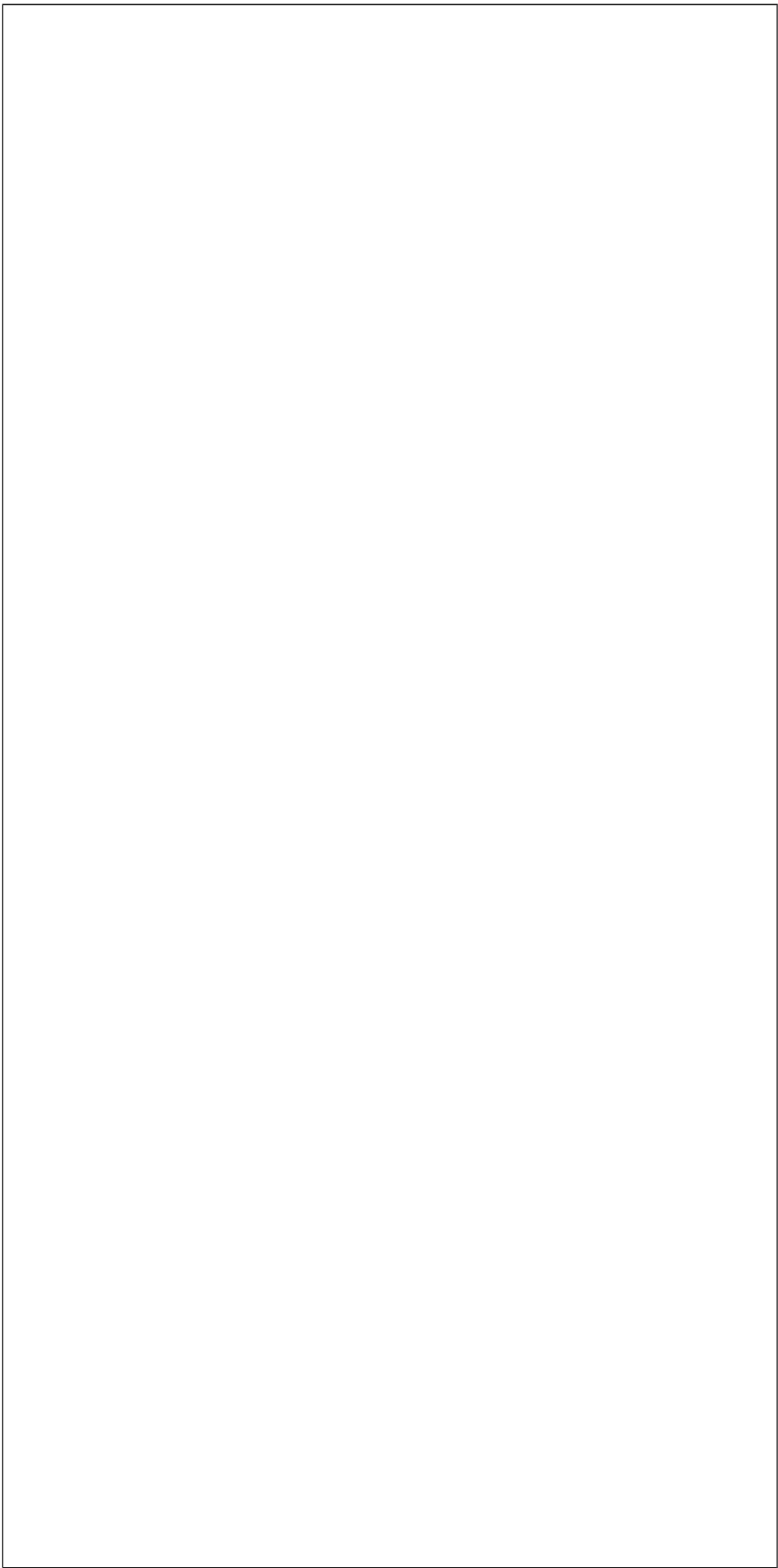
Sewing group-Thursday. Approximately 10 to 15 people attend with a qualified instructor.

Party Troopers. This is a small business producing balloon sculptures which hires one of our rooms.

Our rooms are also hired for one off occasions. One Church member celebrated her 90th birthday, inviting everyone from the Church. A Nigerian Church also hired a room to hold a women's day of prayer and praise. In September we held a Volunteer's evening to celebrate the work done by our volunteers and to share with building users a taste of what diverse activities are going on in our building. The evening took the form of a fun quiz and games evening, and we shared a cold buffet.

Unfortunately, almost all activities, including worship had to close in March 2020 due to the pandemic. The only

groups that continued for a time were Reach and the Feelgood support group. Food Bank has continued throughout the pandemic providing for the increasing need as more people became unemployed and schools closed so that children were at home needing to be fed.



Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Aims

- (1) To secure and sustain the church's viability and future.
- (2) To give reassurance to the general public that the church, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

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.

Financial plans

Linacre Mission building is 114 years old and although it had a major upgrade using the Big Lottery in 2010/2011, there are still areas to be attended to and there will always be a need for maintenance.

Due to the pandemic, income was lost due to the building being closed to hirers. However, we were able to obtain some grants to offset these losses. The fire alarm and lifts continue to cause a strain on our finances. On a Grade II listed building of this size, the cost of any maintenance contracts and repairs are high and therefore contingency finance has to be in place. The Albert Walker Project has been financed through obtaining grants and match funding. Increasing costs of ministry are likely to result in increased assessments being paid to the Liverpool North Circuit. The aim is to generate income from Gift Aid and through increased rental income once the building has reopened, and to be able to put aside donations that are given to the church.

General Fund (Unrestricted)

The reserves policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand. Based on the proposed budget for 2020/2021 these reserves are believed to be reasonable and a balanced budget is proposed.

Contracts

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)

J. Hayes

J. Langton

Full name(s)

John Hayes

John Langton

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc).

Chair as of 1/9/21

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Date

10 th November 2021

3 Donations and Legacies ...Include the following

	2019-20	2018-19
Collections	20,051.73	20,480.24
Gift Aid	10,377.69	8,036.74
Donations	18,503.77	14,253.16
Legacies		2,114.73
Total received to general fund	48,933.19	44,884.87
Legacy Donations	0.00	0.00
Personal Donations	1,889.07	2,248.72
Gift Aid	496.58	620.73
Total received to AWH	2,385.65	2,869.45

4 Restricted collections/ grants

Meru Karibuni Childrens Trust	2,324.76	456.34
Shoe Box Appeal	175.00	180.00
Harvest appeal	230.00	97.20
Easter offering for WMF	0.00	52.20
Benevolent fund	0.00	0.00
Macmillan	0.00	40.00
From Hugh Baird for tutor fees	0.00	917.74
HMRC Furlough grant for wages	1,538.73	0.00
S M F	600.00	0.00
P S Holt	2,000.00	0.00
POC	1,488.99	0.00
POW	500.00	0.00
CVS	1,000.00	0.00
Community f	2,000.00	0.00
Total received to general fund Restricted AWH	11,857.48	1,743.48
Heritage Lottery Grant	560,845.56	0.00
Grants	136,008.82	0.00
TMCP Grant	30,000.00	
Total received to AWH	726,854.38	0.00
Total Received to restricted collections/grants	738,711.86	0.00

Other trading activities

Fundraising	350.76	241.42
Lettings	18,814.60	30,021.00
Printing and copying	439.93	824.17
Weddings/ funerals	100.00	520.00
Lunch club	1,070.43	2,710.51
Grants for loss of income	7,855.00	0.00
Total other trading activities	28,630.72	34,317.10

5 Investment Income

TMCP	13.16	12.98
Total received to endowment fund	13.16	12.98
Central Finance Board	452.39	848.60
Total received to designated property fund	452.39	848.60

6 Other Income

Benevolent fund		110.00
Flower fund	365.00	615.00
total received to flower fund	365.00	725.00

7 Assessments paid to Circuit

LMMNC is a member of the Liverpool North Circuit. Assessments are paid to Liverpool North Circuit in monthly instalments in advance at an amount determined by the Liverpool North Circuit meeting.

8 Payments to Trustees

The minister if LMMNC undertakes the primary exexutive role within LMMNC As a minister of the Liverpooll North circuit the ministers stipend, employer's pension costs and employers NIC together with the manse housing costs, are paid by the LNCircuit.

The minister is the sole paid key management person but is supported by members of the church council.

It is LMMNC policy to offer to reimburse members of the church council and others involved in the administration of LMMNC affairs for expenditure properly incurred in carrying out their duties.

Apart from the minister no member of the Church Council was in receipt of any payment for work undertaken on behalf of LMMNC although certain travelling and administration costs were re imbursed whenever this was required

9 Salaries and assoc. costs

Wages	4,473.95	5,067.30
Furlough pay	1,538.73	
Employers NI cont	0.00	0.00
Employers pension cont	0.00	0.00
Total Charged to general fund	4,473.95	5,067.30
Total charged to restricted fund	1,538.73	-
Total wages	6,012.68	5,067.30
Wages	8,250.00	0.00
Employers NI cont	0.00	0.00
Employers pension cost	0.00	0.00
Total charged to AWH	8,250.00	0.00
Total staff costs	14,262.68	5,067.30
Total weekly contractual hours for 2 staff	9.25	9.25

No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage. Those employed by LMMNC are a cleaner and caretaker and by AWH a project manager and an activity co-ordinator.

Pensions

All lay employees have the option of joining an approved defined contribution pension scheme in accordance with auto-enrolment legislation

10 Maintenance on church buildings

Repairs and renewals	10,026.95	16,270.32
Maintenance contracts	4,884.35	8,002.25
Cleaning materials	213.86	317.54
Ground rent	0.00	25.66
General maintenance	2,159.10	982.10
Total charged to general fund	17,284.26	25,597.87
Building costs	694,782.72	0.00
Total charged to AWH	694,782.72	0.00
Total	712,066.98	

11 Office expenses		
Office expenses	1,222.01	1,779.24
Licences and subscriptions	620.67	609.36
Sundry	950.56	663.38
Total charged to general fund	<u>2,793.24</u>	<u>3,051.98</u>
12 Utilities (Insurance, heat, light, water etc		
Insurance	9,219.83	9,122.98
Water charges	639.41	1,569.68
Electricity	5,316.76	6,191.17
Gas	3,028.80	8,259.08
Phone & Internet	437.34	491.05
Total charged to general fund	<u>18,642.14</u>	<u>25,633.96</u>
Insurance	2,967.99	
Total charged to AWH	<u>2,967.99</u>	
Total Utilities	<u>21,610.13</u>	<u>25,633.96</u>
13 Internal Organisations		
Benevolent fund	150.00	170.00
Total charged to benevolent fund	<u>150.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>
Flower fund	607.65	747.00
Total charged to flower fund	<u>607.65</u>	<u>747.00</u>
Total internal organisations	<u>757.65</u>	<u>917.00</u>
14 Other expenditure		
Meru Karibuni Children's Trust	2,324.76	456.34
Shoe Box Appeal	0.00	0.00
Harvest appeal	230.00	97.20
Easter offering for WMF	0.00	52.20
Macmillan	0.00	40.00
From Hugh Baird for tutor fees	0.00	917.74
Sefton Youth		6,600.00
P S Holt	2,000.00	0.00
POC	403.03	0.00
POW	785.33	0.00
CVS	500.00	0.00
Community f	2,000.00	0.00
Total charged to Restricted donations and receipts	<u>8,243.12</u>	<u>8,163.48</u>
Lunch Club	1,647.66	2,660.70
Total charged to general fund	<u>1,647.66</u>	<u>2,660.70</u>
Sundry payments	135.00	136.00
Professional fees	43,026.12	78,144.85
Total charged to AWH	<u>43,161.12</u>	<u>78,280.85</u>
Total other expenditure	<u>53,051.90</u>	<u>89,105.03</u>

15 Investment management

During the year LMMNC paid £4.00 to TMCP, the custodians of LMMNC's investments, (George Rutledge endowment fund (2018-19 £4.00)
The sum of £4.00 was levied at 0.2% on the funds value at the year end

16 Transfers between funds

During the year £150 was transferred from the General fund to the Benevolent fund to fund a benevolent donation..
£21.63 transferred from LMMNC restricted to LMMNC General fund as claimed, travel expenses were donated to the church.
578.89 was transferred to the general fund (lunch club) from the LMMNC restricted fund as payment for meat, fish and free lunch vouchers reimbursed to lunch club cook from lunch club receipts.
£75731.10 net was transferred from the Central Finance Board to AWH to pay sums incurred during the renovation of the AWH
£13.16 was transferred from endowment fund to general account being income to use for general purposes

Tangible Fixed Assets

17	Church (non-investment) land and buildings			Total
Balance brought forward	2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00
Additions				
Disposals				
Balance carried forward	2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00
Balance Brought forward				
Depreciation charge for year(-)				
Disposals (-)				
Balance carried forward				
Brought forward at 1st September 2019	2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00
Carried forward at 31st August 2020	2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00

Church and other property

18 The Value of the church and neighbourhood building on Linacre Road, Lither land is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed Values, of which the land component is deemed to be £400,000. There is no depreciation on the buildings as the impairment review at the end of the year confirmed that the current residual market value of the building was greater than the carrying value of that part of the asset's cost to date.

	Land	Buildings	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£	£
Balance brought forward at 1st September 2019 at cost		1,600.00	2,000,000.00
Balance Carried forward at 31st August 2020	400,000.00	1,600.00	2,000,000.00

19 Investments

The funds which support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and custodian of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property.

TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference

	2019-20	2018-19
Analysis of investment movements	2,000.00	2,000.00
Change in investment values	0.00	0.00
carrying,(market) value at beginning of year	0.00	0.00
Add: additions to investments at cost	0.00	0.00
Less: disposals at carrying value	0.00	0.00
Net gain or loss on revaluation	0.00	0.00
Carrying,(market) value at end of year	2,000.00	2,000.00

20 Debtors and prepayments

Debtors were made up as follows	2019-20	2018-19
Trade debtors		
Prepayment and accrued income		
Payments in advance	82.00	0.00
Total (net)	82.00	82.00

All sums shown as debtors at 1st September 2019 were received during the following year. All sums paid in advance at 1st September 2019 were for activities that have been held during 2019-20. Similarly, it is expected that payments in advance at 1st September 2020 will be expensed in 2021-21.

21 Central Finance Board (CFB) and Cash at Bank

LMMNC has two current accounts at Barclays Bank plc an authorised institution. The sums held on those accounts are immediately available. In addition LMMNC has a deposit account at CFB a common deposit fund. Interest is earned on this account and credited monthly, the sum deposited can be withdrawn without notice and without loss of interest. This sum is viewed as being liquid.

22 Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors were made up as follows	2019-20	2018-19
Trade creditors		
Payroll Liverpool North circuit		
Lunch club expenses		
J Cumming		
Total Trade creditors	0.00	0.00
Accruals and prepaid income	1,843.00	0.00
Receipts in advance		
Total accruals		
Total		

Maturity analysis of financial liabilities

	Accrued at paid in year	Accrual made in year	Accrued at
Trade creditors			
Payroll Liverpool North circuit			
Total Trade creditors			
Total			

22 All sums shown as Creditors at 1st September 2019 were unpaid during the year. It is expected that all sums accrued at 31st August 2020 will be paid during the year to 31st August 2021.

23 Unrestricted funds

23.1 General fund balance 2,029,807.85 at 31st August 2020 (£2,009,891.51 at 31st August 2019)

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of LMMNC and which have not been designated for other purposes. Approximately 98% of this fund is held as freehold property, church and neighbourhood centre buildings

24 Restricted Funds Balance at 31st Aug 2020 £64781.17 (31st Aug 2019 £81577.61)

Grants received. Balance of £1655.11 (2019 £180.00) held in the LMMNC main account shown in the restricted figures which are restricted for use as designated by the grant makers or donors. It is intended that these funds will be used during the coming year for the projects as agreed.

The flower fund - balance £ 504.79 (2019 £ 747.44) and benevolent fund balance nil (2019 nil) are both internal organisations which report to the church council.

The Albert Walker restricted fund-balance £62142.50 as at August 2020 (£4440.81 2019) is the fund for refurbishing and upgrading the Albert Walker Hall to offer heritage based activities and to become recognised as a heritage centre. Total income in the year was £729692.93- and expenditure was £747731.83- there was a transfer between the restricted funds held in CFB account to the AWH account to pay bills associated with the works which are near completion. The money held in CFB is also part of the AWH fund balance at 31st August 2020 £477.70 (2019 76208.80)

25 Summary of movement on significant individual funds

Fund	Balance at 09/01/2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/Losses £	Balance at 31st August 2020 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/Losses	31st August 2019
General Fund											
	2,009,711.51	77,577.07	44,841.25	450.52		2,042,897.85	£ 2,020,262.37	£ 79,214.95	£ 62,011.81		£ 2,020,262.37
Total unrestricted	2,009,711.51	77,577.07	44,841.25	450.52		2,042,897.85	£ 2,020,262.37	£ 79,214.95	£ 62,011.81	£ -	£ 2,020,262.37
AWH	4,440.81	729,692.42	749,161.83	75,731.10		60,702.50	£ 2,352.21	£ 3,718.05	£ 78,280.85	£ 76,651.40	£ 4,440.81
Restricted grant income	180.00	11,857.48	9,781.85	-600.52		1,655.11	£ 6,600.00	£ -	£ 6,600.00		£ -
Flower Fund	748.00	365.00	607.65	0.00		505.35	£ 880.00	£ 615.00	£ 747.00		£ 748.00
Benevolent fund	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00		0.00	£ 60.00	£ 110.00	£ 170.00		£ -
CFB											
	76,208.80	0.00		-75,731.10		477.70	£ 152,860.20	£ -	£ -	£ (76,651.40)	£ 76,208.80
Total restricted	81,577.61	741,914.90	759,701.33	-450.52		63,340.66	£ 162,752.41	£ 4,443.05	£ 85,797.85	£ -	£ 81,397.61
George A Routledge Gift Fund (4220)	2,000.00	13.16		-13.16		2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 12.98		£ (12.98)	£ 2,000.00
Total endowment funds	2,000.00	13.16	0.00	-13.16		2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 12.98	£ -	£ (12.98)	£ 2,000.00
Total funds	2,093,289.12	819,505.13	804,542.58	-13.16		2,108,238.51					

26 Connected organisations and related parties

As part of the Liverpool North Circuit and Liverpool District the minister and some other LMMNC trustees are also trustees of these bodies.

Connected organisations include the Methodist Connexion, Circuits and churches within the Liverpool district, CFB and TMCP. All of these entities have their own trustees or directors and autonomous administrations such that LMMNC has no significant influence over any of them to they over LMMNC. They are, therefore, not considered related parties

	2019-20	2018-19
Names of Connected Organisations	Receipts £	Payments £

Liverpool North Circuit		-11,650.00	0.00	-27,754.00
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There were no related party transactions

27 Volunteer contributions

LMMNC is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skill, time and money in the furtherance of the Church and Neighbourhood Centre. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

28 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments at the year end (2018-19 nil)

There were no Contingent liabilities at the year end (2018-19 nil)

29 Lease

LMMNC has no lease commitments

30 Independent examiner

Kevin Guy FCA was appointed as independent examiner on 1st September 2021.

LINACRE METHODIST MISSION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ending 31st August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Income and Endowments from :	3					
Donations and legacies						
Collections and tax credit		30429.42	496.58		30926.00	29,137.71
Donations		18503.77	1889.07		20392.84	16,501.88
Legacies	£	-			0.00	2,114.73
Charitable activities						
Fundraising		350.76	2729.76		3080.52	241.42
Grants		7855.00	735982.10		743837.10	1,743.48
Other Trading activities	4					
Lettings		18814.60			18814.60	30,021.00
Miscellaneous		1610.36			1610.36	4,054.68
Investments	5		452.39	13.16	465.55	861.58
Other	6					
Internal organisations			365.00		365.00	724.81
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL		<u>77563.91</u>	<u>741914.90</u>	<u>13.16</u>	<u>819491.97</u>	<u>85,401.29</u>
Expenditure on:						
Salaries and associated costs	9	4473.95	9788.73		14262.68	5,067.30
Circuit Assessment		11650.00			11650.00	27,754.00
Maintenance on church Building	10	17284.26	694782.72		712066.98	25,597.87
Office Expenses	11	2793.24			2793.24	3,051.98
Utilities (insurance, heat,light water etc.	12	18642.14	2967.99		21610.13	25,633.96
Depreciation						
Internal organisations	13		757.65		757.65	916.62
Other expenditure	14	1647.66	51404.24		53051.90	89,105.03
Total		<u>56491.25</u>	<u>759701.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>816192.58</u>	<u>177,126.76</u>
Net income (expenditure)		21072.66	-17786.43	13.16	3299.39	-91725.47
Transfers between funds	16	463.68	-450.52	-13.16	0.00	
Gains on investment assets		21536.34	-18236.95	0.00	3299.39	-91,725.47
Net movement in funds		<u>21536.34</u>	<u>-18236.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3299.39</u>	<u>-91,725.47</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		2009711.51	81577.06	2000.00	2093288.57	2,185,014.78
Total funds carried forward		<u>2031247.85</u>	<u>63340.11</u>	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>2096587.96</u>	<u>2,093,289.31</u>

LINACRE METHODIST MISSION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
Balance sheet as at 31st August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds		Total 2020	Total 2019		
		£	£	£					
Tangible fixed assets									
Land and buildings		2,000,000.00	0.00			2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00		
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment									
investments				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	In	Out
Total fixed assets		2,000,000.00	0.00	2,000.00		2,002,000.00	2,002,000.00		
Current Assets						0.00	0.00		
Debtors and prepayments	20	82.00				82.00			
Cash in Bank and in hand	21	31,568.85	64,302.40			95,871.25	15,079.32		
Central finance Board deposits			477.71			477.71	76,208.81		
Total current assets		31,650.85	64,780.11	0.00		96,430.96	91,288.13		
Creditors and accruals (due in under 1 year)		-1,843.00				-1,843.00			
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		29,807.85	64,780.11	0.00		94,587.96	91,288.13		
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,029,807.85	64,780.11	2,000.00		2,096,587.96	2,093,288.13		
Loans and creditors due after 1 year									
Provisions for liabilities and charges									
Net Assets		2,029,807.85	64,780.11	2,000.00		2,096,587.96	2,093,288.13		
Funds of the church									
Unrestricted funds		2,029,807.85				2,029,807.85	2,009,892.00		
Restricted funds			64,780.11			64,780.11	81,398.00		
Endowment funds				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Total funds		2,029,807.85	64,780.11	2,000.00		2,096,587.96	2,093,290.00		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Linacre Methodist Mission

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2020

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

Attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2020

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity'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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

20/09/2021

Name:

Kevin Guy

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

C/O Ashurst Accountancy Limited 17 Duke Street Formby L374AN

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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