

The Poulton le Fylde Methodist Church Council (Council) had throughout the year ending 31st August 2021 the responsibility of working with its minister the Reverend Will Hunter in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical.

Our aims in Poulton-le-Fylde Methodist Church are that, as a church we will learn of and proclaim the love of God through our worship and fellowship, nurturing his disciples and making new followers; and through our work, witness and giving serve God in His mission for those in our community and wider world.

Worship and prayer

Due to Covid our face to face church services were suspended until Easter Sunday 2021 when we returned to worship in person. Prior to that date Sunday morning Zoom services were held attended by church members and members from other churches. Much work was done by the Covid Risk Assessment Group which met regularly throughout the year in order to ensure full implementation of the Government's guidelines and to keep people safe. No Covid cases were transmitted in the church building as far as we know. From Easter 2021 we stopped posting the weekly worship notes to the sixty or so people who did not have internet connectivity, but a weekly newsletter was published for collection in church. Over 120 people now receive the newsletter by email. From Easter 2020 services have been live streamed on our Facebook page. This has been much appreciated and is continuing.

Our Messy Church was held on line every month throughout the year.

The Bible Study group met only occasionally on line but the members retained their friendship and support for one another though the difficult time.

The church has an active prayer group which confidentially shared prayer requests with one another by email.

Spiritual and recreational fellowship groups

All these groups were suspended throughout the year (Note – activities did return from Sep 2021 onwards)

Pastoral Care in the Church

The church has many pastoral visitors who are allocated to all Church Members to provide a listening ear and support in them in times of need. This activity continued throughout the year with many telephone calls being made rather than house visits.

Our church in Our Community

This was a difficult year as our activities were severely curtailed by the Covid pandemic, and community groups were unable to use our buildings. Our Church Coffee Shop remained closed throughout this period.

The Wider Church

We play an active part in Poulton Churches Together these activities ceased due to the pandemic. We are part of "The North Fylde Circuit of the Methodist Church" along with another five churches. This brings its challenges but also provides opportunities for sharing and mutual support.

Engagement with and support of mission in the wider world and local and national charities

Our Church continues to generously respond to the needs of those both locally and in the wider world. Fund raising activities were severely curtailed, nonetheless The Christmas Appeal raised £700 for Brian House and £700 was donated to Leprosy Mission. Other three figure sums were donated to All We Can and the Methodist World Mission Fund.

Safeguarding and GDPR

Full compliance with safeguarding training and certification was addressed throughout the period. There was a fundamental review of how we keep personal data secure and all church members were contacted and all data holders signed to confirm their adherence to the regulations

Looking forward

By August 2021 more people were starting to return to regular worship which was far removed from what we had been used to; there was no hymn singing, or live music and social distancing and mask wearing were mandatory. Decisions regarding the lifting of the restrictions and the recommencing of all our usual activities were eagerly anticipated by the end of Aug 2021

Finance

Symbolically, the financial review again is last. The Financial Statements show a deficit of £10,517 in respect of the Unrestricted Funds Account, but this is after charging for roof and property repairs of £30,000. This deficit was expected and occurred because of reductions in our collections and rental income due to the Covid pandemic restrictions on worship and premises. However our financial position fortunately remains resilient and is improving as the church regains its activity.

The Church's Finance and Property Committee is fully aware of the ongoing financial challenges and continues to actively manage the implementation of its rolling five year

budget. The Methodist Circuit of which we are a part have furloughed our share of their expenditure by £21,000, which was of great assistance during the Covid pandemic.

Despite, all the challenges and restrictions our members freely and generously give of their time and talents, which was ably demonstrated by a Gift Day during the first weekend of the following year, which raised £16,800, which meant that we comply with The Methodist Church capital reserves policy.

It is our policy to invest funds with the Trustees for Methodist Purposes (TMCP) and the Methodist Central Finance Board (CFB) and we were grateful that our Restricted and Endowment Funds regained the losses of the previous year.

And signed on their behalf by Ron Rhodes (Senior Church Steward) and John Brooke (Church Treasurer)

Ron Rhodes

John Brooke

Dated

May 2022



The Methodist Church Poulton Le Fylde

The Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

for the

Year to 31st August 2021

Queensway, Poulton Le Fylde Lancashire FY6 7ST

Registered Charity 1134343

POULTON LE FYLDE METHODIST CHURCH

Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

GENERAL FUND

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2021 Total Funds	2020 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts								
Collection/Gift Aid		63,125						
Tax recovered under Gift Aid		<u>10,847</u>	73,972				73,972	65,740
Property lettings	1		10,335				10,335	20,798
Interest & Investment Income			133	36	255	1,372	1,796	2,260
Fundraising	2			753			753	3,947
Net Income Surplus's from groups and organisations				1,682			1,682	802
Other receipts	3		1,695	6,355			8,050	1,206
Transfers between funds			928	0	108	(1,036)	0	0
SUB TOTAL - GENERAL FUNDS			<u>87,063</u>	<u>8,825</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>96,588</u>	<u>94,753</u>
Other receipts								
Benevolent Fund				0			0	292
Collections received for external organisations	6			931			931	2,604
Unrealised profit on investments					2,399	13,289	15,688	(1,535)
TOTAL			<u>87,063</u>	<u>9,756</u>	<u>2,763</u>	<u>13,625</u>	<u>113,207</u>	<u>96,114</u>
PAYMENTS								
Circuit contribution		35,408						
Repairs, maintenance	5	43,372						
Caretaker and cleaning		<u>3,396</u>	82,176				82,176	73,262
Development property costs	4			536			536	785
Water, fuel and electricity charges		1,838						
Insurance		<u>3,009</u>	4,846				4,846	10,323
Donations - Methodist Organisations	6	400						
Donations - General Fund	6a	<u>1,043</u>	1,443				1,443	1,680
Donations - Redevelopment Fund								
Donations - from Organisations	6a	890						
Donations - Benevolent Fund	6a	<u>233</u>		1,123			1,123	1,200
Other payments	7		9,115	79	829	367	10,390	11,335
SUB-TOTAL- GENERAL FUNDS			<u>97,580</u>	<u>1,738</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>100,514</u>	<u>98,585</u>
Specific collections passed onto external organisations	6b			931			931	2,605
TOTAL PAID			<u>97,580</u>	<u>2,668</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>101,444</u>	<u>101,190</u>
Net income (expenditure) for the year			<u>(10,517)</u>	<u>7,088</u>	<u>1,934</u>	<u>13,258</u>	<u>11,762</u>	<u>(5,076)</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

		Unrestricted Funds		Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2021 Total Funds	2020 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund								
Balance at start of year		69,904						
Deficit for year		(10,517)						
Transfer from Legacy Fund			59,387				59,387	69,904
Designated Funds								
Funds of Various Groups and Organisations								
Balance at start of year	10	1,838						
Net Income		792		2,630			2,630	1,838
Property Renewal Fund								
Balance at start of year		(274)						
Surplus for year		174		(100)			(100)	(274)
Benevolent Fund								
Balance at start of year		292						
Surplus for year		(233)		59			59	292
Legacy and Gifts in Memory Fund								
Balance at start of year		38,969						
Received during year	11	6,355		45,324			45,324	38,969
Restricted Funds								
Balance at start of year	11	18,819						
Received during year		1,934			20,753		20,753	18,819
Permanent Endowment Funds								
Balance at start of year	11	87,491				100,749	100,749	87,491
Received during year		13,258						
			59,387	47,913	20,753	100,749	228,801	217,039
Assets								
Summary of how funds are held								
Bank & Cash Balances:								
Current Accounts			29,590	4,725	893	4,620	39,829	24,030
Current Accounts - various groups				2,269			2,269	1,840
Deposit Accounts			29,761	1,298			31,059	25,384
CFB Deposit Accounts & Trustee Interest Funds					4,391		4,391	5,466
TMCP - Deposit Account				39,620			39,620	39,566
TMCP - Managed Funds					15,469	96,128	111,597	95,910
Investment								
1 £1 ordinary share in Poulton Methodist Coffee Shop Ltd	1							
Loan		7,969	7,970				7,970	4,970
			67,321	47,912	20,753	100,749	236,735	197,166
Prepayments and debtors	8	24,055					24,055	22,191
Creditors	9	(31,989)					(31,989)	(2,316)
TOTAL FUNDS HELD			59,387	47,912	20,753	100,749	228,802	217,041

John Brooke FCA
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Treasurer
30th March 2022

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	£
Note 1 - Property Lettings	
Playgroup	7,289
Chapel Street office rents	2,275
Charity Shop	145
Coffee Shop to cleaning, light, heat and power	-
Others	626
	<u>10,335</u>

	£
Note 2 - Fundraising - Redevelopment Fund	
Gifts via monthly standing orders	732
Easy Funding	21
	<u>753</u>

Note 3 - Other receipts		
General Fund	£	£
Funeral Fees	95	
Royal Bank of Scotland incentive payment to move	1,600	
Poulton Coffee Shop Ltd	-	
Legacy and Gifts in Memory Fund		
Bequests and Gifts in Memory		6,355
	<u>1,695</u>	<u>6,355</u>

	£
Note 4 - Development costs	
Curtains for Quiet Room	536
	<u>536</u>

	£
Note 5 - Repairs, maintenance	
Re-decorating the Sanctuary, foyer etc.	2,970
Re-tarmacing the front driveway and marking	2,880
Reserve for costs relating to The Chapel Street premises	25,000
Reserve for costs relating to the kitchen roof	5,000
General repairs & service contracts	7,522
	<u>43,372</u>

	£
Note 6 - Donations to Methodist Organisations	
Fund for Property	200
Fund for Presbyters	200
	<u>400</u>

Note 6a - Donations to non-Methodist Organisations		
General Fund	£	£
Vincent House	500	
All We Can'	500	
Easter envelopes - top up	43	
Benevolent Fund		233
Groups and Organisations		890
	<u>1,043</u>	<u>1,123</u>

	£
Note 6b - Specific collections passed on to external organisations	
Trinity Hospice - Christmas card collection	620
Easter Envelope Offerings	117
Coffee Shop tip collections: Parkinsons	194
	<u>931</u>

Note 7 - Other payments	£	£	£	£
Printing, stationery, email, Wi-Fi & telephone and Covid news let	5,198			
Organist fees & maintenance	36			
Book-keeping & accountancy professional fees	2,880			
TMCP professional fees		79	34	165
Performing Rights licence fees			794	
Young Peoples work - Messy Church and Conference				201
Miscellaneous	1,001			
	<u>9,115</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>366</u>

	£
Note 8 - Prepayments and debtors	
Electric solar panel 'feed in tariff'	500
Debtor - Gift Aid tax rebate due	11,055
Circuit Contribution to The Fylde North Circuit	12,500
	<u>24,055</u>

	£
Note 9 - Creditors	
Various expenses	480
Repair costs to the Charity Shop and the kitchen roof	30,000
The Holt Trust Income	1,509
	<u>31,989</u>

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Note 10 - Designated Accounts

	Opening Funds	Income	Charity donations	Gifts to Church	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Internal Organisations					
The Badminton Club	529	528		(536)	521
Focus	318				318
The Choir	403				403
The Ministers Class	247				247
The Ladies Recreational Group	(404)				(404)
The Flower Guild	109	58			167
The Gardening Club	229	(127)			102
Cameo	208	1,305	(890)		623
The Poulton Festival	114				114
The Indoor Bowling Club	89	90			179
	<u>1,842</u>	<u>1,854</u>	<u>(890)</u>	<u>(536)</u>	<u>2,270</u>

Note 11 - Permanent Endowment & Restricted Funds held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Permanent Endowment Funds

	Opening Funds	Interest & dividends	Unrealised Invest't gains	Fund bequest	Expended & transferred	Fees	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Norah Edgar Memorial Fund - 10404	8,593	126	1,181		(108)	(17)	9,774
<i>Income to the furtherance of musical life at PMC</i>							
The Betsy Holt Memorial Endowment - Trust 17926	29,881	486	4,698		(426)	(60)	34,579
<i>Income to Harvest Collection each year</i>							
The Ronald Holt Endowment - Trust 11734	33,826	570	5,553		(502)	(68)	39,379
<i>Income to Harvest Collection each year</i>							
The Parkinson Memorial Fund - Trust 10121	2,506	41	401		(36)	(5)	2,908
<i>Income to be used to assist in Christian training of young people</i>							
The William Parkinson Bequest - 10121A	100	0			(0)		100
<i>1/5th Income to be used for PMC Sunday School</i>							
<i>4/5th Income to be used for general church funds</i>							
The Edna Bowman Bursary - Trust 14145	7,934	146	1,456		(130)	(16)	9,389
<i>Income to be used to assist young people to travel on church organised ventures</i>							
	<u>82,839</u>	<u>1,370</u>	<u>13,289</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,203)</u>	<u>(165)</u>	<u>96,130</u>

Restricted Funds

	Opening Funds	Interest & dividends	Unrealised Invest't gains	Fund bequest	Expended & transferred	Fees	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Norah Edgar Memorial Fund - 10404A Surplus Inc	18,819	2,399	255	(794)	108	(34)	20,753
<i>Income to the furtherance of musical life at PMC</i>							
Total - Endowment & Restricted Funds	<u>101,659</u>	<u>3,769</u>	<u>13,544</u>	<u>(794)</u>	<u>(1,095)</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>116,883</u>

Note 10 - Designated Fund held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

	Opening Funds	Interest & dividends	Unrealised Invest't gains	Fund bequest	Expended & transferred	Fees	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Olga Gill Bequest - Trust 22305	39,566	133				(79)	39,620
<i>No restriction on use</i>							

Note 12 - Related Parties

The Poulton Methodist Coffee Shop Ltd (No 07031781) is a separate legal entity wholly owned by Poulton Methodist Church. It was incorporated on 28th September 2009 and commenced operation on 1st September 2010. The statutory officers are officials of the church namely: the Minister, the senior steward and 2 others all appointed by the Church Council. The day to day running of the operation is carried out by a Management Committee. Poulton Methodist Church Council has granted a Licence to the company to operate on the church premises, whereby the company agrees to make a monthly contribution as to costs incurred and at the end of the company's financial year to Gift Aid the total net surplus (if any) to the Church. The financial transactions for the year to 31st August 2021 are as follows:

Monthly contribution	£	
	nil	<i>included in Note 1</i>
Gift Aid Donation	nil	<i>included in Note 2</i>
	<u>nil</u>	

The Methodist Church Poulton le Fylde

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Poulton le Fylde Methodist Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the council members and examiner

The charity's council consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7) of the Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Council members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all 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 and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
prepare accounts and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993
Act; 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.

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Keith Bleazard
Chartered Accountant
44 Lowick Drive
Poulton le Fylde

5th April 2022

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