

The Poulton le Fylde Methodist Church Council (Council) had throughout the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 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**

The year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2021 saw a return to normal worship post Covid. However it took time for many people to regain confidence in attending Church activities and it was not until Easter 2022 that a full return to “normal” was demonstrated. There was however a new “normal”. All Sunday 10.30am services were streamed onto our Facebook page, and positively received by members and non-members alike. The streamed services and the successful return to normal of the Church coffee shop (Coffee Plus) have both encouraged new people to join our Church. People often comment on the warmth of our welcome and this has undoubtedly been enhanced by the time we spend chatting together over tea and biscuits after every service.

Due to a decrease in the number of Circuit staff the Sunday evening and monthly Sunday 8am Communion services have not restarted after the pandemic, but a Thursday morning service has commenced once a month. We continued to be much indebted to the valuable contributions of our lay preachers and worship leaders.

Our Messy Church for families with young children meets on the fourth Saturday of the month followed by a family All Age Worship service the next day which involves a puppet show.

The church has an active prayer group which confidentially shares prayer requests with one another by email and meets twice a month. The Flower Ministry has restarted and is much appreciated.

### **Spiritual and recreational fellowship groups**

Illumin8 our young people’s group (School Year 6 and above) visited “3Generate”, (the national children's and youth assembly of the Methodist Church) at the NEC in October and contributed in a large way to a super service in February in which they told us of their experiences.

The Bible Study group returned to meeting every 2 weeks. Pleasingly numbers have steadily grown. The number attending the monthly Tuesday afternoon Minister’s Class unfortunately did not recover to a viable number after Covid, so the group closed. An extra fortnightly Bible study group was initiated to replace this.

The CAMEO and FOCUS groups have started meeting again.

### **Pastoral Care in the Church**

Each church member has a pastoral visitor to provide a listening ear and support in them in times of need. This activity continues to be a much appreciated valuable aspect of our Church life.

### **Our church in Our Community**

Whilst following the pandemic it took some time for confidence to return to normal by the end of the year our buildings were busier than ever before. Three choirs now practice in our Sanctuary each week and community groups of all ages and backgrounds use our buildings from a Children's Pre-school group to a youth theatre group, to the Alzheimer's Support group "Singing for the Brain". We seek to share our news through our Facebook page and hold a stall at the Christmas Market, though the event was curtailed this year to one day because of "wild weather." Our coffee shop reopened at the end of the year, clearly it will take time to return to normal activity and profitability. Our celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee were successful as an outreach into the community. An unintended sum of £150 was raised and donated to Action for Children.

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Poulton Churches Together activities have restarted. 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. We all share 3 minsters and a Children's and Families Lay Worker.

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

We have had an enduring relationship for over 25 years with Maua Methodist Hospital, Kenya and our support continued. The Leprosy Mission, All We Can and the Methodist World Mission Fund were once again supported. Our Christmas Appeal for the Family Safeguarding service raised almost £500. Overall donations from the Church to various charities and good causes totalled £4,042

### **Safeguarding and GDPR**

Full compliance with safeguarding training and certification was addressed throughout the period. Similarly adherence to GDPR regulations was maintained to keep all data secure, with particular reference to new data providers and data holders.

### **Looking forward**

We continue to actively seek ways to evolve, and be relevant in our community whilst staying loyal to our fundamental calling.

Perhaps our biggest challenge is maintaining our children's activities and the involvement of families in our church life.

Such was the response to our streaming of services that we are exploring developing our AV facilities to enhance the experience of those who are unable to join us in person and join us on-line live and throughout the week.

Since our weekly footfall is approximately 1000 people per week there are many opportunities share His good news. Through our website and Facebook page we have a means of communicating to the wider community. At the end of the year our biannual Church Council approved the formation of a Communications Group to look at and develop more effective means of communication both within the church and out into the wider community. Much remains to be done

## **Finance**

Symbolically, the financial review again is last. The Financial Statements show a surplus of £32,550 for the year. A Gift Day was held during the year, which raised £17,717 so a large surplus was budgeted to counter balance the previous year's deficit of £10,517. Our financial position consequently remains resilient.

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 Church complies 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).

Signed on their behalf of the Church Council by Ron Rhodes (Senior Church Steward) and John Brooke (Church Treasurer)

Ron Rhodes

John Brooke

Dated

June 2023

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# **The Methodist Church Poulton Le Fylde**

## **The Annual Report**

**and**

## **Financial Statements**

**for the**

**Year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

Queensway, Poulton Le Fylde Lancashire FY6 7ST

Registered Charity 1134343

**POULTON LE FYLDE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Receipts**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Collection/Gift Aid		59,028						
Tax recovered under Gift Aid		<u>12,593</u>	71,620				71,620	73,972
Property lettings	1		25,394				25,394	10,335
Interest & Investment Income			312	6	397	2,129	2,844	1,796
Fundraising	2			1,345			1,345	753
Net Income Surplus's from groups and organisations				1,252			1,252	1,682
Other receipts	3		18,223	1,100			19,323	8,050
Transfers between funds			4,470	(3,047)	165	(1,588)	(0)	0
<b>SUB TOTAL - GENERAL FUNDS</b>			<u>120,020</u>	656	562	541	<u>121,779</u>	<u>96,588</u>

**Other receipts**

Benevolent Fund				100			100	0
Collections received for external organisations	6			2,807			2,807	931
Unrealised profit on investments					(972)	(5,383)	(6,355)	15,688
<b>TOTAL</b>			<u>120,020</u>	<u>3,564</u>	<u>(410)</u>	<u>(4,842)</u>	<u>118,331</u>	<u>113,207</u>

**PAYMENTS**

Circuit contribution		50,000						
Repairs, maintenance	5	4,713						
Cleaning		<u>18,035</u>	72,748				72,748	82,176
Development property costs				0			0	536
Water, fuel and electricity charges		6,173						
Insurance		<u>3,215</u>	9,389				9,389	4,846
Donations - Methodist Organisations	4	435						
Donations - General Fund	4a	<u>750</u>	1,185				1,185	1,443
Donations - from Organisations		0						
Donations - Benevolent Fund		<u>50</u>		50			50	1,123
Other payments			4,148	224	926	1,927	7,224	10,390
<b>SUB-TOTAL- GENERAL FUNDS</b>			<u>87,470</u>	274	926	1,927	<u>90,596</u>	<u>100,514</u>
Specific collections passed onto external organisations	4a			2,807			2,807	931
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>			<u>87,470</u>	<u>3,081</u>	926	1,927	<u>93,403</u>	<u>101,445</u>
<b>Net income (expenditure) for the year</b>			<u>32,550</u>	483	(1,336)	(6,769)	<u>24,928</u>	<u>11,762</u>

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**Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

		Unrestricted Funds		Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund</b>								
Balance at start of year		59,387						
Surplus / (Deficit) for year		<u>32,550</u>	91,937				91,937	59,387
<b>Designated Funds</b>								
<b>Funds of Various Groups and Organisations</b>								
Balance at start of year	10	2,269						
Net Income		<u>(1,795)</u>		474			474	2,630
<b>Property Renewal Fund</b>								
Balance at start of year		(100)						
Surplus for year		<u>1,128</u>		1,028			1,028	(100)
<b>Benevolent Fund</b>								
Balance at start of year		59						
Surplus for year		<u>50</u>		109			109	59
<b>Legacy and Gifts in Memory Fund</b>								
Balance at start of year		45,324						
Received during year	10	<u>1,100</u>		46,424			46,424	45,324
<b>Restricted Funds</b>								
Balance at start of year	9	20,753						
Received during year		<u>(1,336)</u>			19,417		19,417	20,753
<b>Permanent Endowment Funds</b>								
Balance at start of year	9	100,749						
Received during year		<u>(6,769)</u>				93,980	93,980	100,749
			<u>91,937</u>	<u>48,035</u>	<u>19,417</u>	<u>93,980</u>	<u>253,369</u>	<u>228,802</u>
<b>Assets</b>								
<b>Summary of how funds are held</b>								
Bank & Cash Balances:								
Current Accounts			27,193	6,563	189	3,225	37,170	39,829
Building Society Account			12,404				12,404	
Current Accounts - various groups				475			475	2,269
Deposit Accounts			15,942	1,303			17,246	31,059
CFB Deposit Accounts & Trustee Interest Funds					4,731		4,731	4,391
TMCP - Deposit Account				39,693	14,497		54,190	39,620
TMCP - Managed Funds						90,755	90,755	111,597
<b>Investment</b>								
1 £1 ordinary share in Poulton Methodist Coffee Shop Ltd		1						
Loan		<u>7,969</u>	7,970				7,970	7,970
			<u>63,509</u>	<u>48,034</u>	<u>19,417</u>	<u>93,980</u>	<u>224,941</u>	<u>236,735</u>
<b>Prepayments and debtors</b>	6		29,936				29,936	24,055
<b>Creditors</b>	7		<u>(1,509)</u>				<u>(1,509)</u>	<u>(31,989)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>			<u>91,937</u>	<u>48,034</u>	<u>19,417</u>	<u>93,980</u>	<u>253,369</u>	<u>228,801</u>
			(0)	0	0	(0)	0	
			0					

John Brooke FCA  
Treasurer  
30th March 20

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

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<b>Note 1 - Property Lettings</b>	£
Playgroup	9,370
Chapel Street office rents	2,275
Charity Shop	nil
Coffee Shop to cleaning, light, heat and power	4,200
Others	9,549
	<u>25,394</u>
<b>Note 2 - Fundraising - Redevelopment Fund</b>	£
Gifts via monthly standing orders	732
Ladies Spring Lunch	587
Easy Funding	26
	<u>1,345</u>
<b>Note 3 - Other receipts</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	£
Catering	500
Gift Day with Gift Aid	17,717
Interest	6
<b>Legacy and Gifts in Memory Fund</b>	
Bequests and Gifts in Memory	1,100
	<u>18,223</u>
<b>Note 4 - Donations to Methodist Organisations</b>	£
Fund for Property	200
Fund for Presbyters	200
Easter envelopes	35
	<u>435</u>
<b>Note 4a - Donations to non-Methodist Organisations</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	£
DEC - Ukraine Appeal	600
The Royal British Legion	50
Christian Aid	100
<b>Benevolent Fund</b>	50
	<u>0</u>
<b>Note 4b - Specific collections passed on to external organisations</b>	£
All We Can - Harvest Collection	516
Easter Envelope Offerings	404
Coffee Shop tip collections	860
DEC - Ukraine Appeal	870
Queens Platinum Jubilee	158
	<u>2,807</u>
<b>Note 5 - Other payments</b>	
	General
	£
Printing, Link, Wi-Fi & communications	2,600
Bank charges & professional fees	266
Organist & organ maintenance	588
Music licence fees	
Various miscellaneous sundries	694
Youth Work - 3Gen expenses, less grants	
Youth Work - Messy Church net costs & books for School visitation	
	<u>4,148</u>
	Designated
	£
	224
	Endowment
	£
	57
	162
	707
	<u>926</u>
	Restricted
	£
	274

**POULTON LE FYLDE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Note 9 - Permanent Endowment & Restricted Funds held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes**  
**Permanent Endowment Funds**

	Opening Funds	Interest & dividends	Unrealised Invest't gains	Fund bequests	Expended & transferred	Fees	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Norah Edgar Memorial Fund - 10404	9,774	195	(478)		(165)	(28)	9,297
<i>Income to the furtherance of musical life at PMC</i>							
The Betsy Holt Memorial Endowment - Trust 17926	34,579	755	(1,903)		(653)	(99)	32,680
<i>Income to Harvest Collection each year</i>							
The Ronald Holt Endowment - Trust 11734	39,379	886	(2,249)		(770)	(112)	37,133
<i>Income to Harvest Collection each year</i>							
The Parkinson Memorial Fund - Trust 10121	100	0				(0)	100
<i>Income to be used to assist in Christian training of young people</i>							
The William Parkinson Bequest - 10121A	4,795	64	(163)	(756)	0	(8)	3,933
<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	12,117	228	(590)	(893)	0	(27)	10,835
<i>Income to be used to assist young people to travel on church organised ventures</i>							
	<u>100,745</u>	<u>2,128</u>	<u>(5,383)</u>	<u>(1,649)</u>	<u>(1,588)</u>	<u>(274)</u>	<u>93,979</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	20,753	397	(975)	(869)	165	(57)	19,415
<i>Income to the furtherance of musical life at PMC</i>							

**Total - Endowment & Restricted Funds**

	<u>121,498</u>	<u>2,525</u>	<u>(6,358)</u>	<u>(2,518)</u>	<u>(1,423)</u>	<u>(331)</u>	<u>113,394</u>
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**Note 10 - Designated Fund held by Trustees for Methodist Church General Purposes**

	Opening Funds	Interest & dividends	Unrealised Invest't gains	Fund bequest	Expended & transferred	Fees	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Olga Gill Bequest - Trust 22305	39,620	186				(113)	39,693
<i>No restriction on use</i>							

**Note 11 - 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 companies 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	4,200	<i>included in Note 1</i>
Gift Aid Donation	nil	<i>included in Note 2</i>
	<u>4,200</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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 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:

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**Keith Bleazard**  
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