

Poulton Methodist Church
Annual Charity Commission Report
Year ending 31st August 2024



The Poulton le Fylde Methodist Church Council has the responsibility of working with its ministers the Reverend Will Hunter and Rev Sarah Lamb in promoting the whole mission, spiritual, pastoral, social and ecumenical of the Church.

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 disciples and making new followers; and through our work, witness and giving serve God in furthering God's mission for those in our community and wider world.

Worship and prayer

The year commencing 1st Sep 2023 represented the second full year in which it could be said there was little impact on Church activity from the Covid pandemic though it was clear a number of our congregation since last year were no longer able to worship in person. We continued to stream all Sunday 10.30 am services but as planned, invested to improve the technology used to film and make them available via YouTube to make them more accessible. The streamed services continued to be positively received by members and non-members alike including the residents of two Methodist Care Homes. A monthly midweek service continued to be held with regular monthly services rotating around all churches in the North Fylde Circuit. This enables a sharing together with our Methodist friends and a strengthening of relationships between the churches.

Our Messy Church for families with young children continues to meet 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 continues and is much appreciated by recipients who are unwell, have lost a loved one or are experiencing hard times.

Spiritual and recreational fellowship groups

Illumin8 our young people's group (School Year 6 and above) again visited "3Generate" at the NEC in October 2023 (the national children's and youth assembly of the Methodist Church) and continues to meet regularly on Sunday teatimes.

The Bible Study group meets every 2 weeks excluding Lent when joint weekly meetings are held with friends from other Poulton churches through "Poulton Churches Together". The

CAMEO and FOCUS continued to meet again, as did the Indoor Bowling group and Badminton group. Twice monthly, on Saturdays, walking groups take to the hills and fells.

Pastoral Care in the Church

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

Our church in Our Community

Our Church buildings are busier than ever. Three choirs now practice in our Sanctuary each week and community groups of all ages and backgrounds use our buildings e.g. The Blackout Youth Theatre Group, Alzheimer's support group "Singing for the Brain", Parkinsons UK Exercise Group, Pilates, Photographic Society, Badminton Group, Alcohol Support Group etc..

We support and host weekly Rainbows, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meetings.

Our Coffee Shop, "Coffee Plus" has continued to attract new customers seeing growth in numbers and profitability. The warmth of the welcome has encouraged new people to become volunteers and others to join our Church.

Our Methodist Church Charity Shop in Chapel Street reopened towards the end of the last financial year after refurbishment. It provides a retail outlet for local charities and voluntary organisations to rent the premises weekly to raise much-needed funds.

The Wider Church

Poulton Churches Together activities continued especially through joint acts of worship and study meetings during Lent.

We are part of "The North Fylde Circuit of the Methodist Church" along with another five churches and have started holding more joint services with them as detailed above. We all share 3 ministers and a Children's and Families Lay Worker.

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

Numerous charities, locally (Vincent House, Comfort CAFÉ, Blackpool Children's Clothing Fund) nationally (Action for Children) and internationally (The Leprosy Mission, All We Can, Open Doors, Barnabas Aid and Christian Aid) have been generously supported financially. In addition, we have an enduring relationship with Maua Methodist Hospital, Kenya and our support for the hospital continues.

Safeguarding and GDPR

Full compliance with safeguarding training and certification was undertaken with a nominated lead person overseeing this. 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. We engage newsletters, posters and digitally via our Facebook page, website plus local social media (e.g. Poulton Chat), with further outreach via our new YouTube channel.

Our biggest challenges remain maintaining our children's activities, increasing the involvement of families in our church life and bringing more people to faith each year to grow our worshipping congregation and membership. Inevitably unless we do so our numbers will slowly decline.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements at the end of the year report an increase in total income of £315,272 (from £126,535 to £441,807) when comparing this year with last. This was a result of the receipt of several legacies amounting to £331,347. Expenditure remained high with the ongoing need to invest in the Church infrastructure. Church Council approved projects for further roof repairs plus the upgrades to our Sanctuary Screens and Streaming Solution amounted to £65,563. The receipt of the new legacies (which have no restrictions on their use) helped fund the extra expenditure and has ensured a resilient financial position at the close of this financial year.

The Church's Finance and Property Committee is fully aware of the financial position and challenges including the need to fund further roof repairs in the next 12 months. It continues to actively manage the implementation of a 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 behalf of the Church Council by Rev Will Hunter (Presbyter),
Rev Sarah Lamb (Presbyter) and David Sutcliffe (Church Finance Team Lead).

Rev Will Hunter
(Presbyter)

Rev. W. Hunter

Date 26/06/2025

Rev Sarah Lamb
(Presbyter)

S. Lamb

Date 26/06/2025

Mr Andrew David Sutcliffe
(Church Finance Team Lead)

A. David Sutcliffe

Date 26/06/2025

Trustees' Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, using Receipts and Payments method.

Full Name of Charity / Church:	Poulton Methodist Church
Registration Charity Number:	1134343
Date of registration:	16th February 2010
Main communication address:	The Methodist Church, Queensway, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7ST

The members of the Poulton Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership is made up of the Minister, Church office holders, Committee representatives and representatives appointed by the Church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full membership on 31st August 2024 is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Independent examiner:	Leanne Nield ACA, Arc Accountancy Solutions Limited, 51 Laverton Road, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire, FY8 1EN
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Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual Conference (CPD).

Day-to-day management of the church is undertaken by the Minister, Church Stewards and Church Officers.

The Trustees are appointed at the Church Annual Church General Meeting.

Appendix A

Poulton Methodist Church

Church Council Membership as at 31st August 2024

Ministers

Rev Will Hunter

Rev Sarah Lamb

Church Stewards

Irene Burtonwood

Ralph Whittingham

Anthony Cripps

Janice Whittle

Helene Stephens

Secretary to the Council

David Sutcliffe

Church Treasurer

Keith Bleazard

General Church Representatives (elected by the Annual General Church Meeting)

Alan Banes

Brenda Kirkham

Bob Shaddick

Carol Sykes

Barbara Banes

David Latham

Sue Shaddick

Janet Walsh

May Gandhi

Betty Pilkington

Sarah Stone

Wes Walsh

Appointed Representatives (appointed by the Church Council)

Eileen Gee

Gill Rhodes

Graham Kay

Alan Sykes

Jenifer Pearson

**POULTON METHODIST CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
For the Year Ended 31st August 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Poulton Methodist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 7 – 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees of the Trust 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 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.

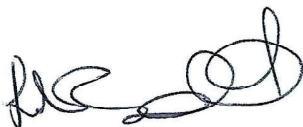
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Leanne Nield ACA
Arc Accountancy Solutions Limited
51 Laverton Road
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Lancashire
FY8 1EN

Date: 27/6/25

POULTON METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended 31st August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Income							
1 Offerings		53,050				53,050	56,669
2 Donations and legacies	4	180	331,548		20	331,748	619
3 Gift aid		11,548				11,548	12,068
4 Interest and investment income		1,127	4,028	288	2,875	8,318	4,246
5 Income from property lettings	5	31,104				31,104	34,274
6 Internal organisations			1,283			1,283	1,383
7 Fundraising income	6					0	2,619
7 Other charitable income	7	1,339				1,339	14,657
22 Collections received for external organisations	8	3,417				3,417	3,737
8 Total income		101,765	336,859	288	2,895	441,807	126,535
Expenditure							
9 Circuit assessment or share		55,000				55,000	55,400
10 Grants and donations	9	500				500	758
11 Property maintenance	10	48,534	7,880			56,414	105,035
12 Insurance, utilities etc		16,657				16,657	9,821
13 Depreciation						0	
14 Office expenses	11	11,754	15	18	249	12,036	6,274
15 Other expenditure	12	642		914	1,803	3,359	5,190
16 Internal organisations		126	1,686			1,812	1,468
23 Collections passed onto external organisations	8	2,702				2,702	-3,677
17 Total charitable expenditure		135,915	9,581	932	2,052	148,480	183,946
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				170	5,949	6,119	(3,709)
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0	
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(34,150)	327,278	(474)	6,792	299,446	(61,060)
21 Transfers between funds		2,072			(2,072)	0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)						0	0
23 Net movement in funds		(32,078)	327,278	(474)	4,720	299,446	(61,060)
24 Total funds brought forward		85,820	9,817	7,172	89,500	192,309	253,369
25 Total funds carried forward		53,742	337,095	6,698	94,220	491,755	192,309

POULTON METHODIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st August 2024

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Fixed Assets							
Church building and other property						0	0
Investment properties						0	0
TMCP Investments (Managed Funds)					93,283	93,283	87,334
Total fixed assets		0	0	0	93,283	93,283	87,334
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	15	16,639				16,639	16,144
Investments and loans by the Church	17	7,970				7,970	7,970
TMCP Investments (Deposit Account)			291,326	8,712		298,038	7,446
Central Finance Board Deposits		14,326	1,420			15,746	19,380
Furness Building Society Account		322				322	15,211
CAF Bank		14,766	1,674			16,440	37,959
Lloyds Bank				697	1,592	2,289	3,071
Unity Bank		4,500	42,176	(711)	(655)	45,310	0
Cash and current accounts - various groups			499			499	904
Cash float		231				231	0
Total current assets		58,754	337,095	6,698	937	403,484	108,085
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	16	5,012				5,012	3,110
Grants payable within 2022-23						0	
Total current liabilities		5,012	0	0	0	5,012	3,110
Net current assets/liabilities		53,742	337,095	6,698	937	398,472	104,975
Total assets less current liabilities		53,742	337,095	6,698	94,220	491,755	192,309
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23						0	0
Loans to the Church						0	0
Net assets		53,742	337,095	6,698	94,220	491,755	192,309
Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	18	53,742				53,742	65,020
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	19		337,095			337,095	9,817
Total Unrestricted Funds						390,837	96,637
Restricted Funds	20			6,698		6,698	7,172
Endowment Funds	21				94,220	94,220	89,500
Total Funds		53,742	337,095	6,698	94,220	491,755	192,309

The charity is entitled to exemption from audit under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have opted for an independent examination instead of an audit. No member has required the charity to obtain an audit under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements are approved on behalf of all the Church Council by:

Signature A David Sutcliffe

Name ANDREW DAVID SUTCLIFFE

Church Council Position FINANCE TEAM LEAD

Date 26/06/25

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 31st August 2024

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with SORP (FRS102) as updated, being the current version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Designated unrestricted funds are funds set aside by the trustees for a future purpose. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. Endowment funds are funds held for capital investment with the income generated used for the ongoing operations of the church. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting Policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit, prepaid, or the gift aid donation debtor received from Poulton Methodist Church Coffee Shop Ltd.

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors include various liabilities outstanding at the year end.

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4 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted general 2024	Designated 2024	Permanent Endowment 2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	-	331,347	-	331,347	69
Donations – benevolent fund	-	200	-	200	-
Donations - other	180	25	20	225	550
Total	180	331,572	20	331,772	619

5 Income from Property Lettings

	2024	2023
	£	£
Playgroup	4,000	8,796
Chapel Street office rents	2,750	2,896
Blackpool Male Voice Choir	1,490	3,170
Coffee Shop to cleaning, light, heat and power	5,400	4,200
Others	17,464	15,212
Total	31,104	34,274

All income is unrestricted.

6 Fundraising income

	Unrestricted 2024	Designated 2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Spring fayre	-	-	-	1,081
Development fund	-	-	-	1,431
Funeral fees	-	-	-	107
Total	-	-	-	2,619

7 Other charitable income

	Unrestricted 2024	Designated 2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous	1,339	-	1,339	2,763
Circuit grant (contribution towards roof repairs)	-	-	-	10,000
Poulton Methodist Church Coffee Shop Ltd gift-aid donation	-	-	-	1,894
Total	1,339	-	1,339	14,657

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8 Collections received and passed on to external organisations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts brought forward	60	-
Money raised for external organisations	3,417	3,737
Money paid out to external organisations	(2,702)	(3,677)
Money outstanding to pay to external organisations	775	60

£715 PMC Summer Fayre donation: £350 to be passed on to Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue, £120 RLNI Fleetwood, £120 Sam's Place, £125 North West Air Ambulance.
£60 to Bone Cancer paid early 2024-25.

9 Church donations paid

	2024		2023
2024 donations paid	£	2023 donations paid	£
General Fund		General Fund	
PMC Connexional Funds	400	Royal British legion	50
Vincent House	100	Churches Together	50
		Designated – Legacy and Gifts in Memory Fund	
		Vincent House	92
		Street Life	210
		Trinity Hospice	171
		Alzheimer's Society	123
		Mersey Ships	61
Total	500	Total	758

10 Property maintenance

	Unrestricted 2024	Designated 2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Roof repairs	-	-	-	43,800
Audio works	-	-	-	21,763
Air conditioning etc	-	-	-	6,772
Cleaning	21,243	-	21,243	16,463
Coffee shop frontage	9,000	-	9,000	-
Rear of building works	6,444	-	6,444	-
Re-rendering	-	7,880	7,880	-
Other	11,847	-	35,171	16,237
Total	48,534	7,880	56,414	105,035

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11 Office related expenditure

	Unrestricted 2024	Designated 2024	Restricted 2024	Endowment 2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Printing, Link, Wi-fi & communications	2,143	-	-	-	2,143	2,521
IT related costs	1,278	-	-	-	1,278	-
Bank charges	232	15	18	249	514	652
Legal & professional fees	6,501	-	-	-	6,501	1,501
IE fee	1,600	-	-	-	1,500	1,600
Total	11,754	15	18	249	12,036	6,274

12 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted 2024	Designated 2024	Restricted 2024	Endowment 2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organist & organ maintenance	-	-	-	498	498	1,001
Catering	-	-	-	-	-	275
Worship related expenses	120	-	913	-	1,033	-
Various miscellaneous sundries	322	-	-	-	322	2,708
Youth work – 3Gen expenses, less grants	200	-	-	400	600	667
Youth work – Messy church net costs & books for school visitation	-	-	-	905	905	539
Total	642	-	913	1,803	3,358	5,190

13 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	1,600	1,600
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
Total	1,600	1,600

14 Payments to trustees

	2024 £	2023 £
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	0	0
Number of trustees who were paid expenses relating to trustee duties	0	0
Total amount paid	0	0
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 or the year ended 31 August 2023.		

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15 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Electronic solar panel 'feed in tariff'	500	500
Circuit contribution to The Fylde North Circuit	13,750	13,750
Electricity overpayments (charges higher than actual usage)	583	-
Prepayments (expenses and Methodist insurance)	1,806	-
Gift-aid donation debtor from Poulton Methodist Church Coffee Shop Ltd	-	1,894
Total	16,639	16,144

All debtors are unrestricted (general).

16 Creditors and accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
The Holt Trust Income	1,509	1,509
IE fee	1,600	1,600
Various August invoices	1,903	-
Total	5,012	3,109

All creditors are unrestricted (general).

17 Investments and Loans by the Church

The Church has 1 £1 ordinary share in Poulton Methodist Coffee Shop Limited.

A loan was made to Poulton Methodist Coffee Shop Limited, totalling £7,697. The loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

18 Detailed analysis of general unrestricted fund movements

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers & Reclassification	Gain/(losses)	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	85,820	101,765	(135,815)	2,072	-	53,842	The general purposes of the Circuit
Totals	85,820	101,765	(135,815)	2,072	-	53,842	

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19 Detailed analysis of designated unrestricted fund movements

Designated Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers & Reclassification	Gain/(losses)	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Internal organisations							
- The Flower Fund	309	1,258	(1,342)	-	-	223	
- The Gardening Club	479	25	(344)	-	-	160	
- The Indoor Bowling Club	115	-	-	-	-	115	
Internal organisations total	903	1,283	(1,686)	-	-	500	
Property Fund Renewal	2,459	65	-	-	-	2,524	The general purposes of the Circuit
Benevolent Fund	109	200	-	-	-	309	
Legacy and Gifts in Memory Fund	6,346	335,311	(7,895)	-	-	333,762	No restriction for use
Totals	9,817	336,859	(9,581)	-	-	337,095	

20 Detailed analysis of restricted fund movements

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers & Reclassification	Gain/(losses)	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
The Norah Edgar Memorial Fund (TMCP) – 10404A	7,172	288	(932)	-	170	6,698	Income to the furtherance of musical life at PMC
Totals	7,172	288	(932)	-	170	6,698	

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21 Detailed analysis of permanent endowment fund movements

Permanent Endowment Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers & Reclassification	Gain/(losses)	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Endowment capital funds (TMCP)	87,334	-	-	-	5,949	93,283	Capital funds held by the charity for investment
Investment funds from Ron & Betsy Holt Fund	0	2,263	(191)	(2,072)	-	0	Income to harvest collection each year (general unrestricted fund)
Investment funds from Parkinson Memorial Fund	467	112	(913)	-	-	(334)	To assist in Christian training of young people
Investment funds from Edna Bowman Fund	1,699	199	(424)	-	-	1,474	Income to be used to assist young people to travel on church organised ventures
Investment funds from Norah Edgar Fund	0	321	(524)	-	-	(203)	Furtherance of musical life at PMC
Totals	89,500	2,895	(2,052)	(2,072)	5,949	94,220	

22 Related party transactions

The Poulton Methodist Church 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 2024 are as follows:

	£	
Annual contribution	5,400	<i>included in Note 5</i>
Gift-aid donation*	-	<i>included in Note 7 & 15</i>
	<u>5,400</u>	

* No gift-aid donation was included in the current year accounts due to the total net surplus (if any) of the company unknown at the time of approving the Church's accounts. Any surplus made will therefore be passed on as a gift-aid donation in the 2024/25 accounts.