

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIFTON

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIFTON

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Judith Ollivant
Stephen Hannam
John Raison
Jim Steel
Pat Raison
Janet Griffiths
Jenifer Lovell
Jordan Arno
Susan Jordan
Lucy Arno
Mary Timmiss
Brenda Cheetham
Michael Bagnall
Karen Dunn
Francis Lovell
Elaine Bott
Roy Bott
Colin Colclough
Anne Bagnall
Sandra Williams
Margaret Moran
Kathleen Kendrick
Peter Saffhill
Ivor Jordan
Rev Louise Makin
Margaret Moran

Charity number

1134969

Principal address

Lister Street
Rotherham
S65 2AX

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976), the Charities Act 2011 and the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Structure, governance and management

The church was registered as a charity on 16 March 2010.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Judith Ollivant

Stephen Hannam

John Raison

Jim Steel

Pat Raison

Janet Griffiths

Jenifer Lovell

Jordan Arno

Susan Jordan

Lucy Arno

Mary Timmiss

Sylvia Jordan

(Resigned 1 September 2024)

Brenda Cheetham

Michael Bagnall

Karen Dunn

Francis Lovell

Elaine Bott

Roy Bott

Colin Colclough

Anne Bagnall

Sandra Williams

Margaret Moran

Kathleen Kendrick

Peter Saffhill

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Rev Louise Makin

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All Methodist Churches are expected to follow the rules laid down by the Methodist Connexion. Levels of pay and contracts of employment are drawn up nationally and expected to be followed. With regard to trustees of any church they must already be a member of the Methodist Church and accept that they are under the discipline of the Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church is governed by the Methodist Connexion. This body then delegates operational powers down to the Districts, which then delegate them down to Circuits which then delegate them down to local churches.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Objectives and activities

The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to:)

- a) the celebration of public worship;
- b) the teaching of the Christian faith;
- c) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- d) Promoting the whole mission of the church through numerous activities. In the case of Clifton Methodist Church this mainly takes the form Playgroup, Community Café and Youth Club.
- e) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

There has been no change in these during the year.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

During the year the church was open for public worship on a Sunday. There are also ad hoc mid-week Bible studies as well as the afore mentioned Community activities.

Playgroup

Members of the public can contact the playgroup and if places are available join up after agreeing a weekly charge.

Cornerstone Café

This takes place on a Monday. Members of the community can come in and purchase a hot meal at non-profit making rates.

Youth Club

Is open to any young person in the community.

Financial review

There are mainly two types of regular expenditure. Firstly the payment of an annual assessment paid to the Rotherham & Dearne Valley Circuit for them to provide the ministerial cover. Secondly the direct costs of running the church building (insurance, cleaning, utilities and repairs). There are then much smaller costs appertaining to being church such as stationery, copying etc.

Over the last few years money has been raised to cover the development of the church building and to pay for some large repair items. We have replaced a number of the roofs and all guttering. In addition new rooms were created to provide extra meeting space and storage. This work is ongoing.

During the year monies are raised for other charities and this money is recorded as passing through the church records.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy laid down by the Methodist Connexion is 3 months annual expenditure at any one time excluding non-recurring large items of expenditure.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

On behalf of the board of Trustees



Francis Lovell

Trustee

Dated: 18 March 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIFTON

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees 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 charity'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

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:

- (a) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (b) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alan Sheriff

Independent Examiner

Dated: 30/03/2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	26,796	-	26,796	36,628
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	139,709	139,709	98,756
Other incoming resources	4	34,123	-	34,123	40,174
Investment income	5	4,596	-	4,596	4,759
Total incoming resources		65,515	139,709	205,224	180,317
<u>Resources expended</u>					
Charitable activities	6	71,999	110,397	182,396	151,350
Total resources expended		71,999	110,397	182,396	151,350
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(6,484)	29,312	22,828	28,967
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		98,677	40,909	139,586	110,619
Fund balances at 31 August 2025		92,193	70,221	162,414	139,586

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		162,414		139,586	
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Total assets less current liabilities			162,414		139,586
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Income funds					
Restricted funds	9		70,221		40,909
Unrestricted funds			92,193		98,677
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			162,414		139,586
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 18 March 2026



Francis Lovell
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

United Methodist Church Clifton is a charity registered in England and Wales. The registered office is United Methodist Church Clifton, Lister Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 2AX.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

The financial statements are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, meaning that income is recognised when cash is actually received by the church, regardless of when it is earned.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on a Receipts and Payments basis, meaning that payments are recognised when cash is actually paid, regardless of when the liability is incurred.

2 Donations and legacies

	2025 £	2024 £
Fundraising	26,796	36,628

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Playgroup	131,428	90,735
Youth group	923	438
Cornerstone cafe	7,358	7,583
	139,709	98,756

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

4 Other incoming resources

	2025 £	2024 £
Rental income	26,535	26,565
Other income	7,588	13,609
	<u>34,123</u>	<u>40,174</u>

5 Investment income

	2025 £	2024 £
Interest receivable	4,596	4,759
	<u>4,596</u>	<u>4,759</u>

6 Total resources expended

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities				
Church activities	71,999	-	71,999	64,215
Playgroup activities	-	101,686	101,686	80,139
Youth group activities	-	746	746	558
Cornerstone Cafe activities	-	7,965	7,965	6,438
	<u>71,999</u>	<u>110,397</u>	<u>182,396</u>	<u>151,350</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or travelling expenses during the year.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025 Number	2024 Number
5	5

9 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 September 2024	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 August 2025
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	£
Church activities	373	-	-	373
Playgroup activities	33,624	131,428	(101,686)	63,366
Youth group activities	293	923	(746)	470
Cornerstone cafe activities	6,619	7,358	(7,965)	6,012
	40,909	139,709	(110,397)	70,221

Restricted funds are to be used only for the following specific purposes:

Church activities fund represents money raised to cover the specific development of the church building and any larger repairs.

Playgroup activities fund is a specific fund set aside for expenditure in relation to play group activities.

Youth group activities represents specific money set aside for expenditure in relation to youth group activities.

Cornerstone café activities fund is specific money set aside for expenditure in the community café.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:			
Current assets	92,193	70,221	162,414
	92,193	70,221	162,414