



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month sept	Year 2020		Day 31st	Month Aug	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name PRENTON METHODIST CHURCH

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1137261

Charity's principal address

2 GLENAVON ROAD

PRENTON

MERSEYSIDE

Postcode CH43 0RE

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	Mrs Janet Almond	Worship leader Steward Church Council Secretary		
2	Dr Martin Block	Health and safety		
3	Mrs N Casement	Pastoral Secretary		
4	Mr D Casement	Gift aid Secretary		
5	Mrs P Griffith	Ss superintendent Organist Safeguarding officer		
6	Mr J Griffith	Treasurer Property Secretary		
7	Mr A Ingram	Property manager		
8	Mrs G Jones	Organist		
9	Mrs M Lawson			
10	Rev Yangsun Yi	Minister		
11	Mrs J Meadows			
12	Mr P Sharp			
13	Mrs V Williams			
14	Mrs S Grisdale	Adult Safeguarding officer		
15.	Mr Barry Natton			
16	Mrs Kathy Thomas	Senior Steward		

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)	The Methodist Church deed of union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are either appointed by the church or by appointment by the existing trustees to particular offices. All ordained Ministers stationed within the Wirral Circuit are, by Methodist Standing Orders, automatically 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.

Prenton Methodist Church is one of the 23 churches in the Wirral Circuit.

Prenton Methodist Church pays an assessment which contributes towards missional work in the circuit, the district and the Connexion and providing human and financial resources.

Induction/Training

Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion

Structure

Part of the Liverpool District

Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

Considered by the Church Council

Take professional advice as required.

Regular review process

Use Methodist Safeguarding Policy, and we refer to the District Safeguarding Officer.

A COVID risk assessment was carried out prior to the building being opened up for worship and to other users

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objectives 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 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.

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)

The Church meets for worship each Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. At the beginning of January we restarted our buggy club every Monday morning in term time. This has been well attended. We have started a new fellowship meeting every other Wednesday morning which has been very popular - about 30 people attending. We continue to meet for Prayer Breakfast each Wednesday at 8-45am on zoom. Our premises are used by the uniformed organisations, i.e. Scouting and Guiding. In addition Slimming World and a dance group use our premises every week. Our premises are often used for children's parties.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our main achievement has been to reopen the church for worship and regular activities after Covid.

We have restarted our work amongst children and young people.

'Jigsaw' our Messy Church event, welcomes families, children and parents/grandparents enjoying fun activities together, then toast and drinks and worship. We have had several Jigsaws which have been well attended.

We have restarted Lego church on the first Saturday morning of the month. This is an event for children of all ages to come with their carers to hear bible stories and play with Lego followed by refreshments. Initially numbers attending were low but they are starting to increase now.

The Church continues to offer its facilities to the wider community. It is a valued and well used facility.

In Summer 2020 we put 3 benches in the church grounds for use by the community. The church grounds are a safe place for children to play and we want our grounds used by the wider community.

Merseyside Bridge Centre uses the building on a regular basis. The area has been suitably adapted to be multi-purpose.

It is our aim to connect with our community, and build relationships with them and we have a lot to offer, our facilities having been upgraded over the past 10 years. The driving force behind our work in this community is the inherent desire as a worshipping community to express our Christian Faith in real and meaningful ways.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The church's aim is to hold reserves in the region of six months average expenditure to meet normal running expenses. The restrictions imposed by COVID have significantly reduced our income from lettings to outside organisations who hire our premises. If this situation prevails we will need to consider utilising our reserves to meet regular ongoing costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

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)	Kathy Thomas	<i>J Almond</i>
Full name(s)	Kathy Thomas	Janet Almond
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Senior Steward	Church council Secretary
Date	13/2/2022	

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Circuit	Circuit no	18
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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Treasurer:

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		31,989	31,989	31,511	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		28	28	205	
a4	Lettings		4,228	4,228	11,354	
a5	Other receipts		15,161	80	15,241	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		51,406	80	51,486 (a7)	58,921

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		33,325		33,325	32,930
b3	Donations		524		524	549
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		18,387		18,387	6,721
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		3,003		3,003	6,534
b6					0	
b7	Other payments		2,281		2,281	4,086
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		57,520	0	57,520 (b9)	50,820

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(6,114)	80	(6,034)	8,101
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		35,870	673	36,543 (c6)	28,442
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	29,756	753	30,509	36,543
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	29,756	753	30,509 (c8)	36,543 (c6)

SECTION D					
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			21	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,528	2,805
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,549	2,784
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			nil	21

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Monday Group	100		100		692	792
e2	Buggy Club	200	277	(77)		77	nil
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	300	277	23	0	769 (e11)	792 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	51,486 (a7)	57,520 (b9)	(6,034)	(c7)	36,543 (c6)	30,509 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	51,786	57,797	(6,011)	0	37,312 (x)	31,301 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	12,839	3,100
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	23,607	27,409
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	97	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	36,543 (c6)	30,509 (c8)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
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g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,364,436
g3	Other Assets	64,648
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
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Name of Church **PRENTON Methodist Church**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 were prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the trustees.

Signature of treasurer J D Griffith

Name and address of treasurer John Griffith
19 Carlaw Road Birkenhead Merseyside
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Presentation to the Church trustees

19.10.21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Yangsun Yi

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Prenton Methodist

Charity Number 1137261

Responsibilities and basis of report

Prenton Methodist

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause for concern in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees of the Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) as at the year end date.

Signature of independent examiner A R Lovelady

Name of independent examiner Andrew Robert Lovelady

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address Gorsedene, 50 Tollemache Road, Prenton, Birkenhead

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