



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month sept	Year 2022		Day 31st	Month Aug	Year 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	PRENTON METHODIST CHURCH
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1137261
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	2 GLENAVON ROAD
	PRENTON
	MERSEYSIDE
<b>Postcode</b>	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	Steward Health and safety		
3	Mrs N Casement	Pastoral Secretary		
4	Mr D Casement	Gift aid Secretary		
5	Mrs P Griffith	Organist Safeguarding officer		
6	Mr J Griffith	Treasurer Property Secretary		
7	Mr A Ingram	Property manager		
8	Mrs G Jones			
9	Mrs M Lawson	Communion steward		
10	Rev Yangsun Yi	Minister		
11	Craig Price	Circuit rep		
12	Mrs V Williams			
13	Mrs S Grisdale	Safeguarding officer for vulnerable adults		
14	Sarah Corran	Steward		
15.	Mr Barry Natton		1.9.2022 – 9.7.2023	
16	Mrs Kathy Thomas	Senior Steward		
17	Mrs Kathleen Howard		14.5.2023- 31.8.2023	

**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)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity</li> </ul>	<p>Prenton Methodist Church is one of the 22 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 provides human and financial resources.</p> <p><b>Induction/Training</b> Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion</p> <p><b>Structure</b> Part of the Liverpool District Accountable to the Methodist Conference</p> <p><b>Risks</b></p>
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- works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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.

## 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:

- the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and Discipline of the Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or Institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- Any purpose for the 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.  
We continue to hold our Buggy Club every Monday morning in term time which is well attended. We charge £2.00 per adult and child to cover the cost of refreshments.

On the first Saturday of the month we hold Lego Church for families with children of all ages which is well attended- normally about 6 or 7 families come.

When possible once during school holidays and half term we have our "Messy Church" on a Thursday morning. Children have an opportunity to enjoy various crafts, painting etc as well as hearing a bible story

We continue to hold a 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 8.45 a.m. on Zoom.

We have a monthly coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month which is very well attended.

Our premises are used by the uniformed organisations, i.e. Scouting and Guiding.

We had a successful holiday club in August for 3 days in one week for five – eleven year olds which was enjoyed by all.

The Church is used by Merseyside Bridge Centre twice a week.

In addition Slimming World, a dance group, an operatic society and a rock choir 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.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our main achievement has been continuing with our work amongst families and children.

'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.

Lego Church continues on the first Saturday morning of the month and numbers attending have been gradually increasing 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.

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

It is our aim to continue to build relationships with our local community. The driving force behind this work is the continuing 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. Following the uplifting of Covid restrictions, income from lettings is gradually recovering. However the significant increase in energy costs is causing concern but will be carefully monitored.

**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	15/01/24	

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STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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Church Stewards:

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Martin Block

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Treasurer:

John David Griffith

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		35,643		<b>35,643</b>	34,739
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,062		<b>1,062</b>	118
a4	Lettings		14,989		<b>14,989</b>	9,890
a5	Other receipts		7,685		<b>7,685</b>	12,138
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>59,379</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59,379 (a7)</b>	<b>56,885</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		31,034		<b>31,034</b>	30,238
b3	Donations		24		<b>24</b>	24
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		7,084		<b>7,084</b>	5,942
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		8,101		<b>8,101</b>	8,573
b6					<b>0</b>	
b7	Other payments		6,299	237	<b>6,536</b>	6,441
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>52,542</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>52,779 (b9)</b>	<b>51,218</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	6,837	(237)	<b>6,600</b>	5,667
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		35,440	736	<b>36,176 (c6)</b>	30,509
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	42,277	499	<b>42,776</b>	<b>36,176</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>0 (c7)</b>	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>42,277</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>42,776 (c8)</b>	<b>36,176 (c6)</b>

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		nil	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		487	314
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		487	314
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>

## SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 <b>Wednesday Group</b>	1,861	1,856	5		263	268
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,861	1,856	5	0	263 (e11)	268 (e12)
e9 <b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	59,379 (a7)	52,779 (b9)	6,600	(c7)	36,176 (c6)	42,776 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	61,240	54,635	6,605	0	36,439 (x)	43,044 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

## SECTION F

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	6,886	2,459
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	29,290	40,318
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	36,176 (c6)	42,777 (c8)
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## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,480,000	1,629,499
g3 Other Assets	71,694	78,936
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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Name of Church .....      **Prenton**      **Methodist**

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer .....      D      2.10.2023

Name and address of treasurer      John David Griffith

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**Presentation to the Church trustees**      3.10.2023

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting      Yangsun Yi      3.10.2023

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Prenton Methodist

**Charity Number**      1137261

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, 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 Church'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.

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### 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 (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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