



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month sept	Year 2023		Day 31st	Month Aug	Year 2024

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	Steward Health and safety		
3	Mrs Sheila Hamar	Pastoral Secretary		
4	Mr David Casement	Gift aid Secretary		
5	Mrs Pat Griffith	Organist Safeguarding officer		
6	Mr John Griffith	Treasurer Property Secretary		
7	Mr Alan Ingram	Property manager		
8	Mrs Glenys Jones		Until 5.3.2024	
9	Mrs Val Lloyd		From 9.6.2024	
10	Rev Yangsun Yi	Minister	Until 31.7.2024	
11	Mr Craig Price	Circuit rep		
12	Mrs Vera Williams			
13	Mrs Sue Grisdale	Safeguarding officer for vulnerable adults		
14	Mrs Sarah Corran	Steward		
15.	Mrs Kathleen Howard			
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)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity 	<p>Prenton Methodist Church is one of the 20 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>Induction/Training Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion</p> <p>Structure Part of the North West England District Accountable to the Methodist Conference</p> <p>Risks</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 uniformed organisations, i.e. Scouting and Brownies

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 and an operatic society use our premises every week. The premises were used by a rock choir but they had to move to a larger premises this year.
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

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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 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	24/09/24	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Saturday, August 31, 2024

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Janet Almond

Martin Block

Sarah Corran

Treasurer:

John David Griffith

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	36,477		36,477	35,643
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,024		2,024	1,062
a4	Lettings	17,254		17,254	14,989
a5	Other receipts	3,685	247	3,932	7,685
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	59,440	247	59,687 (a7)	59,379
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	31,524		31,524	31,034
b3	Donations	120		120	24
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,341		11,341	7,084
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,817		8,817	8,101
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	6,274	218	6,492	6,536
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	58,076	218	58,294 (b9)	52,779
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	1,364	29	1,393	6,600
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	42,276	500	42,776 (c6)	36,176
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	43,640	529	44,169	42,776
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	43,640	529	44,169 (c8)	42,776 (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			nil	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,375	487
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,375	487
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			nil	nil

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	Wednesday Group	1,904	1,926	(22)		268	246
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	1,904	1,926	(22)	0	268 (e11)	246 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	59,687 (a7)	58,294 (b9)	1,393	(c7)	42,776 (c6)	44,169 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	61,591	60,220	1,371	0	43,044 (x)	44,415 (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 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	2,459	3,352
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	40,318	40,817
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	42,777 (c6)	44,169 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	268 (e11)	246 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,629,499	1,000,000
g3	Other Assets	78,936	80,909
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

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f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church **Prenton**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 Date.....

Name and address of tre John David Griffith

19 Carlaw Road Birkenhead Merseyside CH42 8PZ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the

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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 2024 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church Prenton

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:

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

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

Signature of independent examiner

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