



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month sept	Year 2024		Day 31st	Month Aug	Year 2025

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	Local preacher Steward Church Council Secretary		
2	Dr Martin Block	Steward Health and safety		
3	Mr Rolf Bridson	Steward		
4	Mr David Casement	Gift aid Secretary		
5	Mrs Pat Griffith	Pianist Safeguarding officer		
6	Mr John Griffith	Treasurer Property Secretary		
7	Mr Alan Ingram	Property committee		
8	Mr Barry Natton	Property chairman	From 8.10.24	
9	Mrs Val Lloyd			
10	Rev Dan Woodhouse	Minister		
11	Mrs Vera Williams			
12	Mrs Sue Grisdale	Safeguarding officer for vulnerable adults		
13	Mrs Sarah Corran	Steward		
14.	Mrs Kathleen Howard			
15	Mrs Kathy Thomas	Senior Steward		
16	Mrs Sheila Hamer	Pastoral Secretary		

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 19 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.

Induction/Training

Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion

Structure

Part of the North West England 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.

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 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. 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 second 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. 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 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)	<i>Kathy Thomas</i>	<i>J Almond</i>
Full name(s)	Kathy Thomas	Janet Almond
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Senior Steward	Church council Secretary
Date	10.2.2026	

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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:

- 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 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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