

North Harrow Methodist Church

TRUSTEES' REPORT

1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025

Governance

1. As a Methodist Church in England, North Harrow Methodist Church comes under the auspices of the Methodist Church whose governing body is the Methodist Conference. The authority by which the Conference acts is laid out in the Methodist Church Act 1976.

2. North Harrow Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1140257.

3. North Harrow Methodist Church is part of the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit in the London District.

4. The Managing Trustees of North Harrow Methodist Church (NHMC) are the members of the Church Council. The composition is:

The Superintendent Minister of the Circuit and the ministers and ministerial probationers appointed to the Circuit.

Elected by the General Church Meeting to serve -

Church Stewards:

From May 2025

Marian Smith (8th year & Senior Steward from Sept 2018)

Janet Burgess (2nd Year)

Church Council Secretary: Jointly Marian Smith & Graham Pearn

Treasurer: Peter Harrison (appointed Dec 2022)

Pastoral Coordinator: Lynda Ives Lacy

Members elected by the Annual Meeting (to serve from Sept 2024) -

Jenny Briggs (4th year)

Pauline Ingosi (4th year)

Irene Taylor (7th year)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

5. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare, for each financial year, financial statements which give a true and fair record of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005, Accounting and Reporting by Charities have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that activities will continue.

6. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the North Harrow Methodist Church Fund and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

7. The Trustees consider these practices have been followed and their responsibilities properly discharged.

Annual Report

8. The financial year for the purposes of accounting to the Methodist Church commences on 1 September.

9. During the financial year 2024-25, the Church Council met five times. Two General Church Meetings open to all church members were also held during the year to approve the Annual Report and accounts, a special meeting was held to approve appointments for the new church year and to elect Church Stewards for 2025-26. The Finance and Property Committee met separately at intervals, as did the Pastoral Committee. The Church Council has oversight of those matters which concern Neighbourhood & Mission and the church family, there being no separate committees for that purpose.

10. The Church Council also has overall responsibility for implementing the Safeguarding policies of the Methodist Church. In 2006, it appointed a Safeguarding Officer, who liaises with the Circuit Safeguarding Officer. The Church's Safeguarding Policy is displayed at appropriate points around the premises.

11. The Church Council is responsible for producing a report to the General Church Meeting.

12. The following gives an indication of the work overseen or initiated by the Church Council during 2024-25:

- (1) Most Sundays there is a service at 10.30 am which includes Holy Communion once a month. Usually on the

third Sunday of each month there is a more informal service called 'Come & See'. There is a Sunday evening monthly discussion group.

- (2) When Sunday services are not held at North Harrow there will be a service held at another Methodist church locally.

13. A team of volunteers staffs the church office most weekday mornings throughout the year to maintain relationships with community groups that use the premises and to ensure that essential administration is kept up-to-date. We have continued to explore possibilities for midweek activities and services that might attract a wider range of people than just our own congregation.

14. It is the duty of North Harrow Methodist Church to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which seeks to protect individuals from the consequences of improperly obtained or processed data and to ensure that individuals are not put at risk or threatened by the misuse of data.

NHMC utilises the Methodist Church in Great Britain privacy notice which can be viewed at (<https://www.tmcp.org.uk/about/data-protection/managing-trustees-privacy-notice>) or in the church office.

Full details of lawful bases, data collected, consent requirements, retention periods, etc. can be found on the NHMC Data Protection Statement which is reviewed annually and presented to the fellowship at the general Church Meeting.

The Church Council is committed to implementing not only the legal requirements of the Equality Act 2010 but all feasible action to improve access to the activities of the church. The Church Council believes this is in line with the mission of the church as well as the legal requirements of the State.

15. The membership of the church at the end of August 2025 stood at 42 and we continue to be encouraged by the number of regular adherents attending services.

Investment Policy

17. The investment of surplus funds is operated via the Central Finance Board (CFB) of the Methodist Church; CFB aims to provide a high-quality investment service seeking above-average returns for long-term investors, while ensuring that the securities held by all its funds are in line with the ethical policy of the Methodist Church.

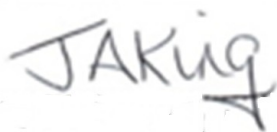
Reserves Policy

18. The Trustees have agreed a reserves policy which equates to 50% of annual expenditure and is to be reviewed every September. The reserve is held by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes).

Financial Statements

19. Key issues are:

1. Income rose from £104,098 to £107,711 largely due to strong income from licence fees.
2. Expenditure rose from £86,774 to £105,626 due in part to replacing windows in the church hall and lounge at a cost of £31,000 less donations and also to increased energy costs.
3. The Assessment that we are required to pay the Harrow & Hillingdon Methodist Circuit remained unchanged at £40,654.
4. The outcome is that for the 12 months to 31 August 2024 the available funds rose from £100,274 to £106,770.
5. A number of legacies have been left to the church over a number of years and their value rose to £40,045.



Revd. Julie King
Minister North Harrow Methodist Church



Peter Harrison
Treasurer

PJH
7th February 2026

CHURCH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

North Harrow Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST August 2025

Harrow & Hillingdon Circuit

Circuit no 25/36

Registered Charity number 1140257

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister

Revd Julie King

Church Stewards

Ms Marian Smith

Mrs Janet Burgess

Treasurer

Peter Harrison

North Harrow Methodist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Offerings and tax recoverable	31,704.42	8.05	-	31,712.47	29,472.15
Bank & CFB interest and investment income	2,170.82	-	-	2,170.82	1,884.46
Lettings	58,570.96	-	-	58,570.96	64,000.30
Other receipts	10,796.65	10.60	-	10,807.25	7,555.97
Internal organisations (income)	4,449.80	-	-	4,449.80	989.00
Total income	107,692.65	18.65	-	107,711.30	103,901.88
Payments					
Circuit assessment or share	40,654.00	-	-	40,654.00	40,654.00
Donations	2,959.69	400.00	-	3,359.69	1,326.90
Repairs and maintenance	34,316.93	-	-	34,316.93	19,805.97
Utilities, insurances etc	21,735.10	-	-	21,735.10	19,039.72
Other payments	2,083.13	-	-	2,083.13	1,640.91
Internal organisations (expenditure)	3,462.22	14.74	-	3,476.96	4,306.31
Total expenditure	105,211.07	414.74	-	105,625.81	86,773.81
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,481.58	(396.09)	-	2,085.49	17,128.07
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,977.90	-	-	1,977.90	7,201.63
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,777.90)	(200.00)	-	(1,977.90)	(7,201.63)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,681.58	(596.09)	-	2,085.49	17,128.07
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	103,672.57	1,012.26	-	104,684.83	87,556.76
Total funds carried forward	106,354.15	416.17	-	106,770.32	104,684.83

North Harrow Methodist Church
Fund totals - Details
Selected period: 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Fund	Opening balance	Closing balance
Badminton - Badminton Club		
Designated	-	-
	-	-
Bene. - Benevolence Fund		
Restricted	1,012.26	416.17
	1,012.26	416.17
Collections - charities - Collections For Other Organisations		
Designated	340.10	552.60
	340.10	552.60
CSC - Crossroads Stroke Club		
Designated	3,973.04	8,393.87
	3,973.04	8,393.87
Flower Fund - Flower Fund		
Designated	111.29	108.48
	111.29	108.48
Lets deposits - Lettings Deposits		
Designated	(10.00)	(10.00)
	(10.00)	(10.00)
MAP - Mission Action Plan Fund		
Designated	803.45	1,052.65
	803.45	1,052.65
NORMADS - NORMADS		
Designated	711.12	655.93
	711.12	655.93
Stroke Group - Stroke Group		
Restricted	-	-
	-	-
Young Church - Young Church		
Designated	3,283.73	3,187.97
	3,283.73	3,187.97
General - General Fund		
Unrestricted	94,459.84	92,412.65
	94,459.84	92,412.65
Overall totals	104,684.83	106,770.32

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) As at: 31 August 2025

			Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand				
5001: CAF Bank				
Benevolence Fund	Restricted		416.17	1,012.26
Collections For Other Organisations	Designated		552.60	340.10
Crossroads Stroke Club	Designated		8,393.87	3,973.04
Lettings Deposits	Designated		(10.00)	(10.00)
Mission Action Plan Fund	Designated		1,052.65	803.45
NORMADS	Designated		655.93	711.12
Young Church	Designated		(83.12)	-
General Fund	Unrestricted		46,697.65	50,910.93
			57,675.75	57,740.90
5002: Lloyds Bank - YC				
Young Church	Designated		3,678.06	3,283.73
General Fund	Unrestricted		(2,935.12)	-
			742.94	3,283.73
5003: Lloyds Bank - FF				
Flower Fund	Designated		108.48	111.29
			108.48	111.29
5004: Central Finance Board				
General Fund	Unrestricted		362.14	910.05
			362.14	910.05
5006: Cash in Hand - YC				
Young Church	Designated		(33.95)	-
General Fund	Unrestricted		58.96	-
			25.01	-
Cash At Bank And In Hand			58,914.32	62,045.97
Debtors				
Z05: Accounts Receivable				
General Fund	Unrestricted		5,307.50	4,410.50
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Debtors			5,307.50	4,410.50
Investments				
5009: Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes				
General Fund	Unrestricted		40,045.36	38,228.36
			40,045.36	38,228.36
5010: Central Finance Board Deposit Account - YC				
Young Church	Designated		(373.02)	-
General Fund	Unrestricted		2,876.16	-
			2,503.14	-

	Balance	Previous balance
Investments	42,548.50	38,228.36
Grand Total	106,770.32	104,684.83

North Harrow Methodist Church

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/08/2025	As at 31/08/2024
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	5,307.50	4,410.50
Investments	42,548.50	38,228.36
Cash At Bank And In Hand	58,914.32	62,045.97
	106,770.32	104,684.83
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	106,770.32	104,684.83
Total assets less current liabilities	106,770.32	104,684.83
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	106,770.32	104,684.83
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	92,412.65	94,459.84
Designated		
Designated - Collections For Other Organisations	552.60	340.10
Designated - Crossroads Stroke Club	8,393.87	3,973.04
Designated - Flower Fund	108.48	111.29
Designated - Lettings Deposits	(10.00)	(10.00)
Designated - Mission Action Plan Fund	1,052.65	803.45
Designated - NORMADS	655.93	711.12
Designated - Young Church	3,187.97	3,283.73
Restricted		
Restricted - Benevolence Fund	416.17	1,012.26
Endowment		
Fund Totals	106,770.32	104,684.83

Addendum to the Annual Accounts

In May 2025 Church Council (the trustees) of North Harrow Methodist Church approved the purchase of new windows for the church hall and lounge from Anglian Home Improvements. As the transactions in respect of the purchase spanned two financial years the independent examiner of our accounts requested the details of the transactions should be added to the report as an addendum.

Cost of windows	31,300
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Paid in three instalments

6 TH May 2025	7,825
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15 th October 2025	15,000
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3 rd December 2025	8,475
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The cost was funded as follows-

Four donations total £9,201

30 th June 2025	1,000
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9 th September 2025	5,000
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23 rd September 2025	101
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Still to come	3,100
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The balance of £22,099 came from the General Fund.

PJH

3rd February 2026

Name of Church. North Harrow

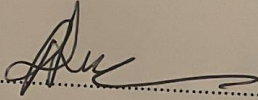
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 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. 

Name of independent examiner. PANKAJ KUMAR SHARMA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner. ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate).....

Address. 746 Essex Road
London

Post Code. NI 3PF

Date. 21/9/2026

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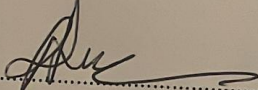
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Signature of independent examiner. 

Name of independent examiner. PANKAJ KUMAR SHARMA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner. ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate).....

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Date. 21/9/2026

