

**LONGCAUSEWAY CHURCH
(UNITED REFORMED AND METHODIST)**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Charity Registration No. 1143402

Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist)

Year Ended 30 November 2024

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Administrative information

Ministers/Trustees:	Deacon Allyson Leo Henry	retired August 2024
	Rev'd Dr. David Barker	appointed September 2024
Trustees:	Fiona Baker	appointed May 2025
	Marilyn Cooper	appointed August 2024
	Jennifer Day	appointed May 2025
	Patrick Evans	retired June 2024
	David Hall	
	Lyndsey Hall	appointed May 2025
	Joanne Hartley	
	Karen Morrison	retired May 2025
	Janet Morse	
	Ruth Palmer	retired May 2025
	Robert Thurman	
	Michael Walter	
	Julie West	retired June 2024
	Philip Wetherill	retired May 2025
	Rachel Wetherill	retired May 2025
Charity Office:	Longcauseway Church 36 The Princess of Wales Precinct Dewsbury West Yorkshire WF13 1NH	
Website:	website: www.longcauseway.org.uk	
Bankers:	Clydesdale Bank Plc, trading as Virgin Money 46 Market Place, Dewsbury, WF13 1DN	
Accountants:	Forrest Burlinson, 20 Owl Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 7RQ	
Investments:	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ RBC Brewin Dolphin, 10 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AN	
Custodian:	The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated) Somerset House, St. Paul's Street, Morley, LS27 9EP company no. 083885, charity no. 252965	

The trustees present their report and accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 and comply with the constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (SORP FRS 102).

Purpose and work of the charity

The purpose of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in Dewsbury and the surrounding area in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating churches (the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church).

In achieving its purpose the charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- the celebration of public worship;
- the teaching of the Christian faith;
- mission and evangelism;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Statement on public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties. By seeking to advance the Christian Religion in accordance with the doctrines and practices of the participating churches and the above statement of purpose and the related activities set out in this report.

Review of activities and achievements

We currently have 65 members, 39 URC, 16 Methodist and 10 Joint. We received five people into joint membership during the year. Our main church service is at 10.30am every Sunday morning and is regularly attended by forty-four adults, though we often have visitors. There are regularly four children. These services are zoomed and have an average of two attendees, it is also recorded, which gives the opportunity to watch at a later date.

During the winter months we once again held Sunday morning worship in the upstairs hall or large meeting room to save on heating costs, we were still able to zoom the service most weeks.

We have a midweek service once a month which is not greatly attended though is greatly appreciated by those who do.

Messy Church is a form of worship held on the first Saturday in the month and is regularly attended by twenty five children and adults.

The church toddler group, Bumps, Babies and Toddlers also has an element of worship and though going through a static period there are usually around 6 children attending with one or two carers. A strong publicity drive is underway as through caring leadership this special group is integrated into the life of the church.

Over the course of the year, we have held one wedding, two adult baptisms, seven funerals and two memorial services.

We are regularly welcoming new people to worship with us on a Sunday morning and building relationships. We have Methodist Ministry from Rev Dr. David Barker but are currently in vacancy for an URC Minister.

We use Zoom technology for bible study, new members courses, Leader's and Property Committee meetings.

In person bible studies have taken place during this year with an average of 10 people regularly joining, many from other churches who are friends of the church.

Our Wellbeing Wednesday mission initiative, including The 3 Strand Café and different weekly activities, continued to show growth, providing a welcoming meeting place for our community with good value refreshments. We regularly review our activities.

When possible we hold a Wednesday afternoon concert which is always popular.

Tuesday Tonic currently offers 'In Stitches' knitting and crafting group, which regularly has 18 attendees.

We held a Christmas Fair and a Spring Fair raising money which is shared equally between the church mission work and local charities.

We have a thriving ladies group which meets on the 17th of each month for social interaction.

We are part of Churches Together in Dewsbury and regularly host a joint service on the forecourt of our church.

The café held in what was formerly The Kirkwood shop and is now known as The 3 Strand Café has proved to be moderately successful, opening on a Wednesday morning, 9am to 10.30am and Saturday's 9.45 to 11.45am. As well as occasional pop-up shops and charity fundraiser events.

The windows are decorated by talented church members which make the café a talking point.

It is also used several times a week by outside hirers and is becoming well known.

St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy's sixth form return in December for a 'live crib' which is performed on our forecourt, always a popular event, in the past it attracts passersby to stop and listen to the real Christmas story.

In December we also welcomed four local schools, year 5 pupils for 'Rewind' half day sessions of crafts and activities to tell the real meaning of Christmas.

We are in the centre of a town which is undergoing many changes both in terms of its mix of ethnicities, the quality and variety of shops and the effect of the cost of living crisis, and yet we are a church of hope and faith who strongly believe that God has a plan for us and that being in the midst of this diverse community gives us many opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Constitution, structure, governance and management

Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist) is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) and is a member church of the United Reformed Church Yorkshire Synod and of the North Kirklees and Morley Methodist Circuit. It is also one of five churches within the Spen And Calder Enterprise (SPACE) cluster of churches. The Constitution for a Local Ecumenical Partnership was adopted on 9 September 2010 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 16 August 2011, registration number 1143402.

The duly authorised ministers for the time being of the LEP (whether ordained or lay), are members by virtue of their office. Other persons are entitled to membership of the charity if entitled to membership of the LEP in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the charity. The activities of Longcauseway Church are overseen by the Leadership Team who then report to the General Church Meeting to advise on all matters relating to church life, finance, property and other matters relating to the work of the Church.

The membership of the Leadership Team (who are also elected trustees of the charity) usually consists of the pastoral ministers in charge together with up to two co-opted members and no more than fifteen elected members and no less than ten elected members. Trustees normally serve for a minimum of three years and are elected or re-elected at the annual general meeting.

The Leadership team meets monthly and the General Church Meeting meets quarterly. As an LEP, the church is served by members of both the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church denominations.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The charity recognizes that it has a responsibility to provide guidance and assist new trustees in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, this is done in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

Risk management

The trustees have appraised the key risks of the charity, including those related to the purposes and activities, as well as that of property and investment risks. The trustees have undertaken an in-depth review as a congregation to seek out what we felt should be our true mission as a body of Christians worshipping in Dewsbury town centre.

Investment powers and policy

The Constitution authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds and to delegate the management of such funds. Investments are held in a number of individual and collective funds so as to keep any restricted or other funds separate and diversify investment risk. The make up of the investment funds are detailed in the notes to the accounts. Some investments are held on behalf of the charity by The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated) and by The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the financial statements and show that income exceeded expenditure by £5,114 (2023: deficit of £5,832). The investments reported a recovery in the market value of the portfolios together of £28,448 (2023: fall of £5,582). Thus reserves increased by £33,562 (2023: decreased by £11,414).

The offering from our congregation has continued to fall, though overall donations have increased slightly from the previous year of £38,823 to £39,513 (including gift aid).

Income from church activities has increased, particularly the hiring and use of space which was £23,867, up from £13,574 in 2023. Income from the investments was £24,196, up from £21,687.

Maintaining, insuring and heating such a very large and old building remains a challenge. Insuring, lighting and heating the premises cost £49,922 through the year (2023: £48,743), a further increase.

Maintaining the building to a good standard is a requirement placed on the trustees and we have a property committee who are tasked to do this. There are of course all the usual maintenance contracts and safety certificates that are required by law, but the fabric of the building is in constant need of repair. The cost of repairs this year was £12,588 (2023: £13,664).

The cost of ministry and mission costs are payable to the United Reformed and Methodist Churches. The costs of these contributions totalled £29,127 (2023: £30,283) reduced due to the URC ministry vacancy.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain general funds such that the normal activities of the organisation can be maintained at a satisfactory level in order to achieve the purposes set out above.

Restricted funds are those that have to be used for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds consist of the Manse Fund, which totalled £7,280 (2023: £7,280) and charity collections still in hand which totalled £93, these funds are not available for the general use of the charity.

Designated funds are where the trustees have set aside funds for a particular use.

The charity has a designated property reserve of £1,195,876 representing the book value of land and buildings, a designated Contingency reserve of £130,000, and other designated reserves of £16,752.

Total designated funds are £1,342,628 (2023: £1,342,628).

Our Contingency reserve remains at a figure of £130,000 which we consider adequate to cover three years rental income from the shops as we cannot find replacement tenants straight away.

General reserves, which are available for the continuing operation of the charity, were £495,454 as at 30 November 2024 (2023: £461,892), these are often referred to as the free reserves of the charity.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

The Report of the Trustees was approved by the Board of Trustees on 1 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Joanne Hartley, Secretary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist) for the year ended 30 November 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present 'a true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, for the statements I have made, or for the opinions I have stated.

dated 1 July 2025

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Darren Broadbent

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
for and on behalf of **Forrest Burlinson Chartered Accountants**
20 Owl Lane, Shawcross, Dewsbury, WF12 7RQ

LONGCAUSEWAY CHURCH (UNITED REFORMED AND METHODIST)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Charity No. 1143402

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	39,385	128	39,513	38,823
Grants received	6	733	2,020	2,753	6,943
Charitable activities	7	93,351	--	93,351	82,012
Investment income	8	24,196	--	24,196	21,687
Total income		157,665	2,148	159,813	149,465
Expenditure					
<i>Costs of raising funds:</i>					
Investment management costs		2,236	--	2,236	2,204
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>					
Ministerial costs	9	29,127	--	29,127	30,283
Premises costs	10	96,593	--	96,593	99,912
Worship costs	11	6,114	--	6,114	5,591
Donations made	12	1,697	128	1,825	1,781
Other costs	13	16,784	2,020	18,804	15,526
		150,315	2,148	152,463	153,093
Total expenditure		152,551	2,148	154,699	155,297
Net income/(expenditure)		5,114	--	5,114	(5,832)
Transfers between funds		--	--	--	--
Net gains on investments	14	28,448	--	28,448	(5,582)
Net movement in funds		33,562	--	33,562	(11,414)
<i>Reconciliation of Funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward		1,815,753	7,373	1,811,893	1,823,307
Total funds carried forward		1,849,315	7,373	1,845,455	1,811,893

There were no recognised gains or losses for the year ended 30 November 2023 or 2024 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities above.

LONGCAUSEWAY CHURCH (UNITED REFORMED AND METHODIST)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Charity No. 1143402

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	17	--	1,195,876	--	1,195,876	1,195,876
Investments	18	444,442	130,000	7,280	581,722	549,348
		<u>444,442</u>	<u>1,325,876</u>	<u>7,280</u>	<u>1,777,598</u>	<u>1,745,224</u>
Current assets						
Debtors	19	20,588	--	--	20,588	21,107
Cash at bank and in hand		37,695	16,752	93	54,540	51,120
Total Current Assets		<u>58,283</u>	<u>16,752</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>75,128</u>	<u>72,227</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(7,271)	--	--	(7,271)	(5,558)
Net current assets		<u>51,012</u>	<u>16,752</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>67,857</u>	<u>66,669</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>495,454</u></u>	<u><u>1,342,628</u></u>	<u><u>7,373</u></u>	<u><u>1,845,455</u></u>	<u><u>1,811,893</u></u>
The funds of the charity:						
Unrestricted funds:	22	495,454	1,342,628	--	1,838,082	1,804,520
Restricted funds	23	--	--	7,373	7,373	7,373
Total funds		<u><u>495,454</u></u>	<u><u>1,342,628</u></u>	<u><u>7,373</u></u>	<u><u>1,845,455</u></u>	<u><u>1,811,893</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these accounts.

Agreed by the trustees at their meeting on 1 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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David Hall
Trustee

1 Legal status

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity is a Local Ecumenical Partnership whose sponsorship body is the West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council.

The trustees of the charity are listed in the Trustees Annual Report.

In the event of the charity being wound up the Constitution specifies that 'in no circumstances shall the net assets of the charity be paid to, or distributed among the members. The members carry no liability on an insolvent winding-up.'

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Annual Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: '*Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)*' (SORP FRS 102), and with FRS 102, applying the disclosure requirements of section 1A, other than where additional disclosure is required by the Charity SORP or in order to show a true and fair view, and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations, with the exception that no depreciation is provided on Church property.

2.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees at their discretion to use for a particular purpose. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out later in these notes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictions, which the donor, legatee, or other third party has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects undertaken by the charity. The charity has no endowment funds.

2.3 Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- it is more likely than not that the income will be received; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income and expenses are not offset, unless permitted by the Charity SORP or FRS 102.

2.4 Income from interest and dividends

This is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably, this is normally upon notification.

2.5 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from the revaluation of investments to market value at the balance sheet date.

2.6 Expenditure and liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the trustees to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable reliability. Expenditure includes Value Added Tax, which cannot be recovered.

The United Reformed Church mission and ministry costs and the Methodist circuit fund is paid regularly and is included in the financial statements for the year to which it relates.

2.7 Volunteers

Most of the management and activity of the church is carried out by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the life of the Church is incalculable. This policy is in accordance with SORP (FRS 102).

2.8 Pension costs

The charity operates a contributory pension scheme for eligible staff.
The employer contributions made in the year were £467 (2023: £563).

2.9 Governance and support costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice, these together with other support costs are included under expenditure on charitable activities. Such costs are not significant enough to be charged to individual activities.

2.10 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases, except freehold land (which is not depreciated):

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	straight line over 5 years
Computers and audio visual equipment	straight line over 3 years
Buildings	no depreciation

Presently all items of fixtures, fittings, equipment, computers and audio visual equipment that are held have been fully written down in accordance with this policy, therefore there is no charge to depreciation in respect of these assets in the accounts.

The original Church building, including the organ and fixtures and fittings, date back over 100 years, would likewise be fully depreciated at cost in accordance with earlier policies on depreciation and so has no value attributed in these accounts. The value of land associated with the Church has not been recognised in the accounts in accordance with SORP (FRS 102) as the historical cost or fair value cannot be measured reliably. More recent expenditure on buildings and alterations, most notably the Church Hall and ancillary premises were professionally valued on a existing use basis as at 30 November 1999 and are included at this amount as a deemed cost. These buildings are not depreciated.

2.11 Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at fair value as at the balance sheet date using the mid market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not use complex financial instruments as defined under the Charity SORP (FRS 102).

2.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount.

Prepaid expenses are the amount of expenditure paid as at the period end after taking account of any discount.

Funds not yet received are accounted for in accordance with the above recognition of income policy where the expected amount that can be measured reliably has not been received at the period end.

2.13 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation as a result of a past transaction or event that will probably result in the transfer of funds and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably, these are recognised after any discount due.

2.14 Taxation

No tax has been provided in these accounts because the trustees believe that the income and gains are within the exemptions granted for charities by Chapters 2 and 3 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

2.15 Going Concern

In the opinion of the trustees there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

3 Trustee's remuneration and expenses and related party transactions

The charity contributes to the SPACE group of churches and North Kirklees and Morley Methodist Circuit, both of which provide for the costs of ministers (including centralised payments of stipends, housing (manse), training, pension contributions and other benefits for ministers). This includes the ministers (Deacon Allyson Henry and Rev'd Dr. David Barker), who in accordance with clause 22 of the LEP Constitution are trustees. The costs paid to United Reformed Church and Methodist Church are shown in Ministerial costs under note 9.

The following trustees have received remuneration in the year. Authority for remunerating a trustee is in the Constitution for a LEP adopted 9 September 2010 at clause 49. The trustees confirm that the procedures set out at clause 50 have been complied with on making these appointments.

David Hall - organist - £5,121 (2023: £4,861).

Other than this item no other trustee receives any remuneration from the charity.

There were no other related party transactions that require disclosure under the Charity SORP (FRS 102) paragraph 9.17 in the year.

4 Independent examiner	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees for independent examination	650	650
Fees for accounts compilation	730	400

5 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Offering	29,079	--	29,079	30,584
Tax refunds under gift aid	7,355	--	7,355	6,653
Donations	2,951	128	3,079	1,586
	<u>39,385</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>39,513</u>	<u>38,823</u>

6 Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
URC (Yorkshire Province) Trust	--	--	--	6,943
Yorkshire Synod Mission Fund	--	2,020	2,020	--
Listed Places of Worship	733	--	733	--
	<u>733</u>	<u>2,020</u>	<u>2,753</u>	<u>6,943</u>

The 2025 grant was in respect of the recycling project, the 2024 grants were towards energy costs.

7 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tea and coffee mornings	12,228	--	12,228	9,572
Church lettings	23,867	--	23,867	13,574
Shops and houses lettings	24,600	--	24,600	25,210
YCU Mission grant	28,869	--	28,869	28,869
Other income	3,787	--	3,787	4,787
	<u>93,351</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>93,351</u>	<u>82,012</u>

8 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Investment portfolio	23,646	--	23,646	20,881
Bank interest	550	--	550	806
	<u>24,196</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>24,196</u>	<u>21,687</u>

9 Ministerial costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Ministry and mission fund costs				
United Reformed Church	16,627	--	16,627	17,783
Methodist Church	12,500	--	12,500	12,500
	<u>29,127</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>29,127</u>	<u>30,283</u>

10 Premises costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	30,264	--	30,264	33,191
Lighting and heating	32,883	--	32,883	27,948
Rates	1,497	--	1,497	6,555
Water rates	1,838	--	1,838	1,278
Insurance	13,704	--	13,704	12,962
Repairs and renewals	12,588	--	12,588	13,664
Commissions on rents	410	--	410	923
Bad debts	1,013	--	1,013	--
Other costs of rental property	1,490	--	1,490	1,843
Supplies and cleaning	906	--	906	1,548
	<u>96,593</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>96,593</u>	<u>99,912</u>

11 Worship costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Organist and organ supply	5,121	--	5,121	4,976
Youth and messy church	68	--	68	75
Pulpit supplies	735	--	735	450
Other expenses	190	--	190	90
	<u>6,114</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>6,114</u>	<u>5,591</u>
12 Donations made	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Other donations	1,697	128	1,825	1,781
	<u>1,697</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>1,781</u>
13 Other costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Weds & Sat coffee supplies	3,592	--	3,592	1,986
Advertising and marketing	1,308	--	1,308	1,501
Photocopier costs	2,554	--	2,554	1,350
Postage stationery and telephone	1,015	--	1,015	1,000
IT costs	--	--	--	423
Subscriptions	303	--	303	1,270
Professional fees	1,855	--	1,855	2,562
Terracycle costs	--	2,020	2,020	--
Bank charges	7	--	7	--
Sundry expenses	6,150	--	6,150	5,434
	<u>16,784</u>	<u>2,020</u>	<u>18,804</u>	<u>15,526</u>
14 Net gains on investments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Net realised gains on disposals	12,954	--	12,954	(999)
Net unrealised (losses)/gains on investment portfolio	15,494	--	15,494	(4,583)
	<u>28,448</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>28,448</u>	<u>(5,582)</u>

15 Employees

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the reporting period was 2 (2023: 2).

The cost in respect of staff:

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Wages	29,798	32,628
Employers pension contributions	467	563
	<u>30,265</u>	<u>33,191</u>

No employee had emoluments of £60,000 or more.

16 Support costs

Administration and governance costs included within charitable activities totalled £5,424 (2023: £4,912).

17 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

	Church alterations £	Church Hall and shops £	Manses £	Total £
COST				
as at 1 December 2023				
and 30 November 2024	90,370	946,000	159,506	1,195,876
DEPRECIATION				
as at 1 December 2023				
and 30 November 2024	--	--	--	--
Net book value				
as at 30 November 2024	90,370	946,000	159,506	1,195,876
as at 30 November 2023	90,370	946,000	159,506	1,195,876

The Manses are shares in properties used to support the ministry of the Church.

All properties are held on behalf of the charity by The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated).

18 Fixed Asset Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Market Value as at 1 December 2023	549,348	551,224
Additions at cost	104,355	56,170
Disposals at carrying value	(87,475)	(53,463)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	15,494	(4,583)
Market Value as at 30 November 2024	581,722	549,348
Historical cost	545,803	542,022
Holdings:	2024 £	2023 £
Brewin Dolphin ethical fund	302,638	275,461
Highfield - cash on deposit	26,916	23,380
Clay legacy - cash on deposit	712	720
Manse Fund - cash on deposit	8,074	7,733
Other funds - cash on deposit	1,056	1,141
TMCP - cash on deposit	242,326	240,913
	581,722	549,348
Sector analysis:	2024 £	2023 £
Equities	200,804	200,804
Fixed interest	98,497	97,084
Cash held within the investment portfolios	282,421	251,460
	581,722	549,348

All investments are held and managed in the UK.

19 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	7,355	6,653
Debtors	9,077	10,562
Prepaid expenses	4,156	3,892
	<u>20,588</u>	<u>21,107</u>

20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	2,819	1,383
Accruals	4,452	4,175
	<u>7,271</u>	<u>5,558</u>

21 Securities and Charges

No charges exist over the property and assets of the charity.

22 Analysis of charitable funds

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

General fund	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 December 2023:	461,892	473,125
Income	157,665	148,663
Expenditure	(152,551)	(154,314)
Other (losses)/gains	28,448	(5,582)
Transfers	--	--
At 30 November 2024:	<u>495,454</u>	<u>461,892</u>
Gifts fund		
At 1 December 2023:	16,752	16,752
Income	--	--
Expenditure	--	--
Transfers	--	--
At 30 November 2024:	<u>16,752</u>	<u>16,752</u>

This fund is made up of gifts and legacies received that has been set aside to meet particular items such as the purchase of books and bibles and/or other worship related costs.

Contingency fund

At 1 December 2023 and 30 November 2024:	<u>130,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>
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This fund was created as a contingency against the charity's reliance on rental income from the shops as detailed in the reserve policy section of the Trustees Annual Report.

Property fund

At 1 December 2023 and 30 November 2024:	<u>1,195,876</u>	<u>1,195,876</u>
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This fund represents the 'bricks and mortar' of the charity's properties.

Total designated funds	<u>1,342,628</u>	<u>1,342,628</u>
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Total unrestricted funds	<u><u>1,838,082</u></u>	<u><u>1,804,520</u></u>
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23 RESTRICTED FUNDS

Charity collections	£	£
At 1 December 2023:	93	274
Income	128	802
Expenditure	(128)	(983)
Transfers	--	--
At 30 November 2024:	93	93
Manse fund	£	£
At 1 December 2023:	7,280	7,280
Income	--	--
Expenditure	--	--
At 30 November 2024:	7,280	7,280
Grant funding	£	£
At 1 December 2023:	--	--
Income	2,020	--
Expenditure	(2,020)	--
At 30 November 2024:	--	--
Total restricted funds	7,373	7,373
TOTAL FUNDS	1,845,455	1,811,893

24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	--	1,195,876	--	1,195,876
Fixed asset investments	444,442	130,000	7,280	581,722
Current assets	58,283	16,752	93	75,128
Creditors	(7,271)	--	--	(7,271)
	<u>495,454</u>	<u>1,342,628</u>	<u>7,373</u>	<u>1,845,455</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - PRIOR YEAR

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	--	1,195,876	--	1,195,876
Fixed asset investments	412,068	130,000	7,280	549,348
Current assets	55,382	16,752	93	72,227
Creditors	(5,558)	--	--	(5,558)
	<u>461,892</u>	<u>1,342,628</u>	<u>7,373</u>	<u>1,811,893</u>