

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, OADBY

England & Wales - Charity number 1143707

Details

Other names	NONE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2011-09-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES 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 THE 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 TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Normal church activities as defined by The Methodist Church

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£381,372	£393,414	-	-
2024-08-31	£384,663	£385,364	-	-
2023-08-31	£338,234	£333,528	-	-
2022-08-31	£170,977	£193,506	-	-
2021-08-31	£224,964	£210,360	-	-
2020-08-31	£223,641	£234,871	-	-

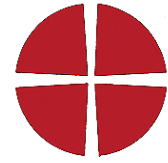
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev DEREK JOHN MCLEAN	Chair	2018-09-01
Alison Jane Calow MSc		2025-05-04
BARBARA CHRISTINE BELL		2011-08-19
Christine Elizabeth McLean		2019-05-05
DIANE PRICE BA, PGCE		2011-08-19
Dr DONALD BRIAN CANDLIN MA, MSC, PHD		2011-08-19
GRAHAM NORMAN AUSTEN B.A., FCII		2011-08-19
Heather Alison Corlett		2021-10-06
Howard Ernest Smith		2015-05-01
JANICE MARY WILFORD		2011-08-19
JONATHAN MARK WILFORD MA, PGCE		2013-12-30
John Paul Cooper ACMA		2025-05-04
John Philip Aldridge OBE, DL		2023-05-01
LESLEY RUTH GREEN BSC.		2011-08-19
Meenal Ashutosh Desai MBA		2023-05-01
Michael Elliott		2013-12-30
RICHARD IAN BELL		2011-08-19
Rev Dr Sonia Hicks		2025-05-24
SUZANNE KELLY		2011-08-19
Stella Margaret Orbell		2023-05-01

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TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, OADBY

ANNUAL REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS

2024- 2025

Regd. Charity No: 1143707

Administrative information

- The Church is part of the Leicester Trinity Circuit (23/7) in the Northampton District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.
- Church Address: Trinity Methodist Church, Harborough Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 4LA
- Minister: Revd Derek McLean (derek.mclean@methodist.org.uk)
- Church Membership at 31.08.25: 82

Aims and objectives

- The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. The Methodist Church aims to do this through four key areas:
 - **Worship:** The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
 - **Learning and Caring:** The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.
 - **Service:** The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.
 - **Evangelism:** The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Trinity Methodist Church, Oadby aims to be ***"A church for all at the heart of the community"***.

Our Mission Statement:

Trinity is a church which

- *Encourages growth in the Christian faith*
- *Reaches out to all in the community*
- *Aims to care for everyone*
- *Shares God's love through worship and service*
- *Responds with others to God's call to Mission.*
- Trinity offers facilities for baptisms, weddings and funerals with appropriate pastoral preparation and care. The Church is registered for same sex marriages and belongs to the Inclusive Church network.
- As part of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit, Trinity contributes money, personnel and expertise to the wider life of the Methodist Church in the City of Leicester and surrounding areas.

- Trinity Methodist Church is part of *Churches Together in Oadby* and values links with its ecumenical partners

Organisation

- The **Church Council** (whose members are the Managing Trustees) is the principal body responsible for the affairs of the Church. Its remit encompasses the spiritual life and growth of the church family, its outreach, and its administrative and financial affairs. Detailed governance arrangements are outlined in *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD)* by order of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Meetings of the Council are chaired by the Minister (or in his absence by the Superintendent Minister or another ordained colleague). All decisions taken by the Church Council are minuted. Meetings are held at least once each quarter. (These normally take place in October, December, March and June).
- The **Trustees** receive no remuneration or other financial benefits from their work. As part of the induction to their role as trustees all new Church Council members receive a copy of the document *The role of a trustee in the Methodist Church* together with a copy of the Safeguarding Policy agreed by Church Council.
- The **Church Stewards** act as the **Senior Leadership Team** on behalf of the Church Council. They are assisted by 'teams' which cover different areas of church life such as Finance, Outreach, and Worship. The Pastoral Committee is responsible, with the Minister, for overseeing the pastoral care and spiritual welfare of the church family.
- **Zak's Café Ltd**, established in 2013, is a trading subsidiary of the parent charity, Trinity Methodist Church. The Directors of *Zak's Cafe Ltd* (which trades as *Zeph's*) are appointed by the Church Council. They take responsibility for the management and day-to-day operation of the cafe on behalf of the Church Council, reporting to it regularly.
- The Church's **Safeguarding Policy** is reviewed annually. A Safeguarding Officer is in post, and DBS checks are carried out as required. The Church Council is committed to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding policy and to the provision of support, advice and training to enable people to be clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and especially in promoting the welfare of children and of adults who may be vulnerable.

Review of activities and achievements, 2024-25

- **Sunday worship** during the year continued according to its established pattern. The main act of worship at 10.30am on Sundays is also available on-line. All-age worship takes place on the first Sunday of each month. On other Sundays children's activities are provided separately; towards the end of the service the children and their leaders join the adult congregation to share news of their activities. An on-line service is available most Sunday evenings at 6.00pm. This is promoted to all the churches in the Circuit.
- **Holy Communion** is celebrated regularly. On the first Sunday of each month there is a "traditional" eucharistic celebration at 8.30am. Holy Communion normally forms part of the 10.30am service on the second or third Sunday of the month.
- **Mid-week worship** takes place at 11.30am on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month. This is advertised as a "a short, informal, accessible service with space to pray, a simple message, and a couple of well-loved hymns". The congregation at this service usually includes several people from other Circuit churches.
- A significant number of '**special**' services were held during the year. Harvest Festival was celebrated on the first Sunday in October with donations for *Oadby Food Bank* and for *All We Can* (Methodist Relief and Development Fund). A bring-and-share lunch was held following the service. In November an afternoon All Saints' Tide act of worship (*'In heavenly love abiding'*) provided an opportunity for the congregation to remember and give thanks for the lives of people who have died. Throughout the Season of Advent services were enriched by use of connexional resources on the theme of *Hush the Noise*. During December the Christmas tree in the Worship Area was decorated with doves of peace which had been made by members of the congregation and visitors to the premises. For several days preceding Christmas, a Crib Festival was held in the Worship Area: the various exhibits attracted a steady stream of visitors and prompted some interesting conversations. An all-age Nativity Service was held on the morning of the third Sunday in Advent. On Sunday evening immediately before Christmas a well-attended Carol Service was held. The Annual Covenant Service was held in early January. Two services were held on Ash Wednesday, both involving the imposition of ashes. The service in the evening preceded the quarterly Circuit Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting and was also attended by members of other churches in Oadby. Worship during Lent made use of the *Soul Food* resources produced by the Methodist Church. Each week an unusual symbol was added to the Lent Cross to illustrate the lectionary theme for the day. During Holy Week there were several opportunities to follow the traditional *Stations of the Cross*, including the *Churches Together in Oadby* Good Friday service which this year was held at Trinity and attended by a large and appreciative congregation. Worship on Easter Day included adult baptism and confirmation. On the last Sunday morning in June worship was live streamed from the Methodist Conference which was meeting in Telford. A 'local arrangement' service in July, led by two of Trinity's Worship Leaders, focused on the work of *Action for Children*. Services during August made use of 'Bible Month' resources on St John's Gospel: these were produced jointly by the Methodist Church and LWPT (Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust). Members of the congregation were encouraged to make use of a 30-Day reading guide and introductory notes to the Gospel. On two occasions during the year (the first Sunday in September and the last Sunday in August) Circuit services of welcome to new ministers were held: members of Trinity travelled to Bishop Street and to Wigston Magna Methodist Churches respectively to support these services.

- The **Church Council** met on four occasions during the year: in October and December 2024 and March and June 2025. At each of those meetings, as well as completing the formal business, an opportunity was provided for members to share 'good news' about the life and activities of Trinity. The meeting held in October confirmed the list of annual appointments to a wide range of offices held within the church, received and noted the unaudited financial accounts for the previous year, appointed the independent examiner, and approved the annual Property Schedule. At the December meeting the final accounts and reserves policy were approved. The June meeting agreed the budget for the following financial year.
- Managing Trustees and other church members took part (as required) in **training sessions** provided by the Circuit and/or District on Safeguarding (at both foundation and advanced levels).
- A **General Church Meeting** was held following the morning service on Sunday 4th May 2025. The meeting received a booklet of written reports from Church activities and organisations covering the period since the previous meeting held in April 2024. These reports illustrated a remarkable range of activity and community involvement throughout the year. Church Stewards, a newly constituted worship support team, and representatives to the Church Council were elected to serve for the ensuing year.
- Trinity's well-established links with the Methodist Churches in Great Glen and Houghton on the Hill continue to be valued, not least through various opportunities for shared worship particularly during the Advent, Christmas and Easter Seasons.
- The Church continued to play its part as a constituent member of **Churches Together in Oadby (CTIO)**. Joint activities included community involvement in November when the Christmas lights in the centre of Oadby were switched on, and united services in January (to mark the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity) and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Palm Sunday afternoon a procession (led by donkeys) made its way from St Peter's Parish Church via the Parade to Trinity, where a large gathering of children and adults participated in craft and other activities and enjoyed refreshments. The annual 'pulpit exchange' in January involved a pioneer minister from St Paul's (Anglican) Church leading worship at Trinity, while a Methodist supernumerary minister preached to the local URC congregation.
- A **prayer group** meets on the premises each Saturday morning and continues to be well supported. In addition, a '**prayer circle**' which is organised via email performs a valuable pastoral function. Copies of the Connexional Prayer Handbook and Bible Study notes are made available to church members and are distributed annually.
- The Minister produces a **monthly pastoral letter** which is widely distributed and much appreciated.
- On most weekdays between 10.30am and 3.30pm the '**Welcome Desk**' in the church foyer is staffed by a rota of volunteers who deal with visitors' enquiries and other matters. The adjacent worship area is available throughout these hours for those who wish to make use of it for private prayer.
- Trinity's team of **pastoral visitors** engage in face-to-face visits where appropriate and continue to keep in touch by telephone and email with members of the church family, particularly those who live alone.
- **Zeph's Cafe** is open to the public six days each week from 9.30am until 4.30pm. It is an integral part of the outreach ministry of Trinity Methodist Church and aims to be attractive, warm and welcoming: a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can eat, rest and relax in premises

promoting Christian values. It continues to be well patronised, and its regular programme of Friday evening 'themed events' are very popular. In the summer months the adjoining garden area and pergola with outdoor seating were particularly attractive with an abundance of flowers tended by one of the cafe staff.

- **The Oadby Foodbank**, operating (rent-free) from the premises, continues its valuable work, serving up to 50 local households at each of its fortnightly sessions.
- **Work with children and young people** includes separate sessions during Sunday morning worship: the children join the adult congregation towards the end of the service to share news of their activities. A service of all-age worship is normally held on the first Sunday morning of each month. Occasionally *Messy Church* activities are organised ecumenically through *Churches Together in Oadby*, and the popular 'Santa' and 'Easter' Breakfasts in *Zeph's* are followed by craft and story-telling activities.
- Trinity continues to support a variety of **charities** and agencies which work with those in special need, including *Action for Children*, *All We Can* (Methodist Relief and Development Fund), *Christian Aid* and *MHA*. The Church Council agreed to adopt *Leprosy Mission* as its chosen charity for the year.
- Trinity has a **website** – www.oadbymethodist.org.uk – which is up-dated regularly. The church **newsletter**, *Affinity*, is published quarterly. Weekly **church notices** are distributed via email and are also available in print. A '**welcome pack**' of useful information is provided for visitors to take away. **Noticeboards** (both exterior and interior) are well maintained, attractive and up to date.

Property matters

- The **property** continues to be well maintained and is in good order throughout, thanks to a small and pro-active Premises Team.
- The **Quinquennial Inspection** carried out in September 2024 provided a detailed report on the condition of the buildings, together with expert recommendations of work needing to be done over the next five years. Most of the urgent matters had been attended to by the end of this reporting year.
- **Lettings:** The Church premises are let to a wide variety of individuals and community bodies. Among these the *Helping Hands* advice clinic operates on the premises on one morning each week: its work is valued by the local community. Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has a regular booking to provide a local appointment hub. The main hall serves as a polling station for general and local elections. Trinity also plays host to several local choirs, dance and drama classes and slimming groups. Uniformed organisations (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) meet weekly.
- **Risk Assessments:** Health and Safety Risk Assessments and room-by-room Fire Risk Assessments have been undertaken.

Financial information

- The Trustees maintain financial arrangements requiring dual signatures on all cheques, and prior approval for all except minor items of expenditure.
- The financial accounts have been approved by the Church Council and examined independently. A copy of these accounts is appended.

- The general church accounts for the year 2024-25 show that income (£101,258) exceeded expenditure (£96,387) by £4,871. However, exceptional costs relating to property - the Quinquennial inspection (£2,415), lining of the boiler house cellar following flooding (£2,000) and the five-yearly electrical conductivity inspection (£2,335) - were met by transfer of funds from the designated property reserve.
- Income from collections (£45,243) was less than the previous year (£48,501) but revenue from lettings increased from £32,479 in 2023-24 to £35,041.
- The largest single item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment (£52,947).
- *Zeph's Cafe* had a challenging year financially because of considerably increased food and energy costs and the increase in employer national insurance contributions from April 2025.
- **Reserves Policy:** It is the church's policy to attempt to maintain non-restricted funds equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure. The policy is reviewed annually.
- The church's non-restricted funds include 'designated' funds, which are held as part of the General Funds balance. These resources need to be available to ensure appropriate care and maintenance of the buildings.
- The church has several restricted fund balances including the Benevolence Fund for use at the discretion of the Minister in cases of urgent personal need and the Vickerman bequest for expenditure on the organ.
- Investment policy: The General Fund, held in a current account at Lloyds Bank, operates at a level to sustain ongoing expenditure. The remainder is invested with the Methodist Church Central Finance Board which offers competitive rates of interest.

Future prospects

- Although the age profile of the worshipping congregation continues to be a legitimate cause of concern, during the past year the leadership team has been strengthened by the addition of several people who have taken up new responsibilities. Some new families and individuals have joined the regular worshipping congregation.
- The Quinquennial inspection of the premises which was undertaken in September 2024 highlighted some matters of concern. As indicated above the most urgent ones have already been addressed. However, the inspector drew attention to areas of flat roofing which may need attention in future years.
- The Managing Trustees continue to find encouragement in many aspects of Trinity's activities and outreach and remain committed to Trinity's vision to be *"a Church for all at the heart of the community"*.

Annual Financial Statements

Basis of preparation

As treasurer I confirm that I have prepared the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 from the records of the Church and Zaks Café and they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of
Treasurer

J Cooper

Date 9 March 2026

Name

John Cooper

Address

7 Gayhurst Close,
Wigston, Leicester LE18 3WA

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
9 March 2026 and were approved.

Signature of the
Chair of the meeting

D McLean

Name of the Chair of
the meeting

Rev Derek McLean

Date

9 March 2026

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4					
- Collections and tax credit		60,467	-	-		60,467
- Donations & grants		3,396	-	-		3,396
- Legacies		-	-	-		-
Charitable activities	5					
- Fund raising		-	-	-		-
- Others		-	-	-		-
Other trading activities	6					
- Lettings		35,041	-	-		35,041
- Miscellaneous		278,772	-	-		278,772
Investments	7			2,744		2,744
Other	8					
- Internal organisations		-	-	256		256
- Miscellaneous		696	-	-		696
Total		378,372	-	3,000	-	381,372
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	11	172,142	-	-		172,142
Circuit Assessment		52,947	-	-		52,947
Repairs and maintenance		8,240	6,750	-		14,990
Café direct costs		100,795	-	-		100,795
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		29,367	-	-		29,367
Expenditure on other property		-	-	-		-
Depreciation	12	1,560	-	-		1,560
Interest on loans		-	-	-		-
Internal organisations		-	-	-		-
Grants and Donations		6,479	-	-		6,479
Other expenditure		14,534	-	600		15,134
Total		386,064	6,750	600	-	393,414
Net income/(expenditure)		- 7,692	- 6,750	2,400	-	12,042
Transfers between funds		18,575	- 13,488	- 5,087	-	-
		10,883	- 20,238	- 2,687	-	12,042
Other recognised gains / (losses):						
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						-
Net movement in funds		10,883	- 20,238	- 2,687	-	12,042
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		2,718,278	38,488	18,517		2,775,283
Total funds carried forward		2,729,161	18,250	15,830	-	2,763,241

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for previous year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023-24 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		62,639	-	-	62,639
- Donations & grants		11,674	-	-	11,674
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		184	-	1,228	1,412
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		32,479			32,479
- Zak's café		271,803	-	-	271,803
Investments		3,266	-	-	3,266
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	1,390	1,390
- Covid support grants		-	-	-	-
Total		382,045	-	2,618	384,663
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	152,340			152,340
Circuit Assessment		54,940			54,940
Repairs and maintenance		22,368	-	1,750	24,118
Café direct sales		78,108			78,108
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		33,443			33,443
Depreciation	9	1,390			1,390
Internal organisations		-	-	1,563	1,563
Grants and Donations		4,475		-	4,475
Other expenditure		36,292		-	36,292
Total		383,356	-	3,313	386,669
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,311)	0	(695)	(2,006)
Transfers between funds		0	-	-	
		(1,311)	0	(695)	(2,006)
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		(1,311)	0	(695)	(2,006)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289
Total funds carried forward		2,718,278	38,488	18,517	2,775,283

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals this year
	£		£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes				
Land & Buildings	12	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	12	11,745			11,745
Investment properties	13				
Investments	13				
Total fixed assets		2,681,745			2,681,745

Current Assets

Stock	14	3,399			3,399
Debtors and Prepayments	14	1,014			1,014
Cash at Bank and in hand	14				
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		34,016	18,250	15,830	68,096
Other		23,462			23,462
Total current assets		61,891	18,250	15,830	95,971

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	14,475			14,475
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Net current assets (liabilities)		47,416	18,250	15,830	81,496
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,729,161	18,250	15,830	2,763,241
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17				
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Provisions for liabilities and charges	17				
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Net assets		2,729,161	18,250	15,830	2,763,241
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		2,729,161	18,250		2,747,411
Restricted funds				15,830	15,830
Endowment funds					
Total Funds	18	2,729,161	18,250	15,830	2,763,241

Comparative Balance Sheet for 31 August 2023

		Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
		£		£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets*					
	Notes				
Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	7,140			7,140
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,677,140			2,677,140
Current Assets					
Stock		3,130			3,130
Debtors and Prepayments					
Cash at Bank and in hand					
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		20,392	28,488	16,528	65,408
Other		30,496	10,000	1,989	42,485
Total current assets		54,018	38,488	18,517	111,023
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		12,880			12,880
Net current assets (liabilities)		41,138	38,488	18,517	98,143
Total assets less current liabilities		2,718,278	38,488	18,517	2,775,283
Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					
Net assets		2,718,278	38,488	18,517	2,775,283
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted funds		2,718,278	38,488		2,756,766
Restricted funds	12			18,517	18,517
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,718,278	38,488	18,517	2,775,283

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletins 1 and 2.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted, this includes the funds held for the operation of Zak's cafe. There are a number of Designated funds which are being held for specific purposes while the Restricted funds include the internal organisations of the church which are under the direct control of the church council, There are no Endowment funds. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that the church building is included at deemed cost being the Insurance valuation in 2015.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

VAT

VAT incurred on the cost of purchases for the running of the church is charged as a cost of operation, while the VAT related to the operation of , Zak's is recovered against output tax raised on sales.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church and Cafe

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £400,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the building (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

All debtors relate to the trading activity of the café,.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Buildings £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under constructio n £	Total £
Balance brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		68,120		2,738,120
Additions				6,165		6,165
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		74,285		2,744,285

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				60,980		60,980
Depreciation charge for year (-)				1,560		1,560
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				62,540		62,540

Net book value

Brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		7,140		2,677,140
Carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		11,745		2,681,745

10 Investment assets

The church has no Investment properties

The church has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Church currently has no loans outstanding

12 Analysis of restricted funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolence Fund	1149	0	254		895	Support for individuals in specific need
Wellcome on Wednesday	366				366	Internal group.
Vickerman organ fund	10,634		119		10,515	Organ repair fund
Zephs' Purse	396	255	396		255	Café hospitality fund
Outreach fund	5,973		1,808		4,165	Support for community outreach initiatives
Totals	18,518	255	2,943		15,830	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oadby Trinity Methodist Church

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Oadby Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 8 to 15.

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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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 gives 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; or
- 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.

I 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.

Name William Keith Brooks ACMA

Address 2a Stanfield Road
Duston
Northampton

Date 1st June 2026

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

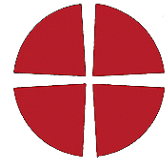
Managing Trustees (Church Council Members), 2024-2025

- Revd Derek McLean (Chair)
- Revd Andrew Farrington (Superintendent Minister) (until 23 May 2025)
- Revd Dr Sonia Hicks (Acting Superintendent Minister) (from 24 May 2025)
- Revd Kim Alexander (Circuit Minister) (until 31 August 2025)
- John Aldridge
- Graham Austen
- Barbara Bell
- Ian Bell
- Jane Calow (from 4 May 2025)
- Donald Candlin
- Helen Cooper (until 4 May 2025)
- John Cooper (from 4 May 2025)
- Heather Corlett
- Meenal Desai
- Michael Elliott
- David Frost (Church Treasurer)
- Lesley Green
- Suzanne Kelly
- Penny Lee (Died 28 February 2025)
- Christine McLean
- Stella Orbell (Church Council Secretary)
- Diane Price
- Howard Smith (Circuit Steward/Charity Commission contact)
- Janice Wilford
- Jonathan Wilford

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2023- 2024

Regd. Charity No: 1143707

Administrative information

- The Church is part of the Leicester Trinity Circuit (23/7) in the Northampton District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.
- Church Address: Trinity Methodist Church, Harborough Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 4LA
- Church Membership at 31.08.24: 86

Aims

- The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.
- Trinity Methodist Church, Oadby aims to be "*A church for all at the heart of the community*".
- The Church's Mission Statement (approved by Church Council in June 2009) states:
 - Trinity is a church which*
 - *Encourages growth in the Christian faith*
 - *Reaches out to all in the community*
 - *Aims to care for everyone*
 - *Shares God's love through worship and service*
 - *Responds with others to God's call to Mission.*
- Trinity offers facilities for baptisms, weddings and funerals with appropriate pastoral preparation and care. The Church is registered for same sex marriages and belongs to the Inclusive Church network.
- As part of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit Trinity contributes money, personnel and expertise to the wider life of the Methodist Church in the City of Leicester and surrounding areas.

Organisation

The Church Council (whose members are the Managing Trustees) is the principal body responsible for the affairs of the Church. Its remit encompasses the spiritual life and growth of the church family, its outreach, and its administrative and financial affairs. Detailed governance arrangements are outlined in The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) by order of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Meetings of the Council are chaired by the Minister (or in his absence by the Superintendent Minister or another ordained colleague). All decisions taken by the Church Council are minuted. Meetings are held at least once each quarter. (These normally take place in October, December, March and June).

The Trustees receive no remuneration or other financial benefits from their work. As part of the induction to their role as trustees all new Church Council members receive a copy of the document The role of a trustee in the Methodist Church together with a copy of the Safeguarding Policy agreed by Church Council.

The Church Stewards act as the Senior Leadership Team on behalf of the Church Council. They are assisted by 'teams' which cover different areas of church life such as Finance, Outreach, and Worship. The Pastoral Committee is responsible, with the Minister, for overseeing the pastoral care and spiritual welfare of the church family.

Zak's Café Ltd, established in 2013, is a trading subsidiary of the parent charity, Trinity Methodist Church. The Directors of Zak's Cafe Ltd (which trades as Zeph's) are appointed by the Church Council. They take responsibility for the management and day-to-day operation of the cafe on behalf of the Church Council, reporting to it regularly.

The Church's Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually. A Safeguarding Officer is in post and DBS checks are carried out as required. The Church Council is committed to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding policy and to the provision of support, advice and training to enable people to be clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and in promoting the welfare of children and of adults who may be vulnerable.

Review of progress and achievements 2023-24

- **Sunday worship** during the year continued according to its established pattern. The main act of worship at 10.30am on Sundays is also available on-line. All-age worship takes place on the first Sunday of each month. On other Sundays children's activities are provided separately; towards the end of the service the children and their leaders join the adult congregation to share news of their activities. An on-line service, organised at Circuit level, is available each Sunday evening at 6.00pm.
- **Holy Communion** is celebrated regularly. On the first Sunday of each month there is a "traditional" eucharistic celebration at 8.30am. Holy Communion normally forms part of the 10.30am service on the second or third Sunday of the month.
- **Mid-week worship** takes place at 11.30am on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month: "a short, informal, accessible service with space to pray, a simple message, and a couple of well-loved hymns".
- A significant number of '**special**' services were held during the year. A service in September 2023 celebrated the contribution of Trinity's many 'volunteers': an accompanying display illustrated the wide range of activities undertaken by members of the church family to further Trinity's witness and mission. Harvest Festival was celebrated in October with donations for *Oadby Food Bank* and for *All We Can* (Methodist Relief and Development Fund). On the afternoon of the first Sunday in November an All Saintside act of worship (*'In heavenly love abiding'*) provided an opportunity to remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have died. Trinity once again played host on a weeknight in early December to the *Amos Trust: its regional Places of Peace Christmas Event for Gaza* attracted support from across the East Midlands. During December the Christmas tree in the Worship Area was decorated with doves of peace which had been made by members of the congregation and visitors to the premises. An all-age Nativity Service was held on the morning of the third Sunday in Advent. On the following Sunday evening one of the choirs which rehearses on the premises took part in a well-attended Carol Service. The Annual Covenant Service was held in early January. During Lent the '*Unbounded Love*' resources produced by the Methodist Church were used as the basis for Sunday morning worship each week and also by a weekly study group and a housegroup. Services during June made use of 'Bible Month' resources on the book of Genesis: these were produced jointly by the Methodist Church and LWPT (Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust). An opportunity was provided for members of Trinity and other local churches to join on-line with the Farewell Service for Revd Canon

Helen Cameron as Chair of the Northampton District which was held at Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford. A few weeks later morning worship was live-streamed from the Methodist Conference meeting in Leeds. A 'local arrangement' service in July, led by two of Trinity's Worship Leaders, focused on the work of *Action for Children*.

- **Worship Leaders:** In December, following a formal review of their work, Trinity's four Worship Leaders were re-appointed for a further period of three years. The Church Council expressed "*deep gratitude to each of the Worship Leaders for their faithful service in this role over many years*". In March Worship Leaders and Local Preachers from Trinity and other Circuit churches took part in a training session, led by the Minister, on the use of the Lectionary (RCL).
- The **Church Council** met on four occasions during the year: in October and December 2023 and March and June 2024. At each of those meetings, as well as completing the formal business, an opportunity was provided for members to share 'good news' about the life and activities of Trinity. The meeting held in October confirmed the list of annual appointments to a wide range of offices held within the church, received and noted the unaudited financial accounts for the previous year, appointed the independent examiner, and approved the annual Property Schedule. At the December meeting the final accounts and reserves policy were approved. The June meeting agreed the budget for the following financial year.
- Managing Trustees and other church members took part (as required) in **training sessions** provided by the Circuit and/or District on Safeguarding (at both foundation and advanced levels) and EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion).
- A **General Church Meeting** was held following the morning service on Sunday 14th April 2024. The meeting received a booklet of written reports from Church activities and organisations covering the period since the previous meeting held in May 2023. These reports illustrated a remarkable range of activity and community involvement throughout the year. Church Stewards and representatives to the Church Council were elected to serve for the ensuing year.
- From 1st September 2023 **the Minister**, the Revd Derek McLean, adopted a pattern of part-time working and relinquished pastoral oversight of the churches at Great Glen and Houghton on the Hill. Links with these '**sister churches**' nevertheless continue to be strong, not least through a pattern of shared worship particularly during the Advent, Christmas and Easter Seasons.
- The Church continued to play its part as a constituent member of **Churches Together in Oadby (CTiO)**. Joint activities included community involvement in November when the Christmas lights in the centre of Oadby were switched

on, and united services in January (to mark the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity) and on Good Friday. On Palm Sunday afternoon a procession (led by donkeys) made its way from St Peter's Parish Church via the Parade to Trinity, where a large gathering of children and adults participated in craft and other activities and enjoyed refreshments. The annual 'pulpit exchange' in January involved a lay reader from St Paul's (Anglican) Church leading worship at Trinity, while a local preacher from Trinity preached to the local Roman Catholic congregation. In June, during the General Election Campaign, Trinity's minister chaired a well attended 'hustings meeting' in the Baptist Church which was organised jointly by CTiO and Oadby Mosque.

- A **prayer group** meets on the premises each Saturday morning and continues to be well supported. In addition, a '**prayer circle**' which is organised via email performs a valuable pastoral function. Copies of the Connexional Prayer Handbook and Bible Study notes are made available to church members and are distributed annually.
- The Minister produces a **monthly pastoral letter** which is widely distributed and much appreciated. During the year as part of his new pattern of working he made regular use of the church vestry as an office.
- On most weekdays between 10.30am and 3.30pm the '**Welcome Desk**' in the church foyer is staffed by a rota of volunteers who deal with visitors' enquiries and other matters. The adjacent worship area is available throughout these hours for those who wish to make use of it for private prayer.
- Trinity's team of **pastoral visitors** engage in face-to-face visits where appropriate and also continue to keep in touch by telephone and email with members of the church family, particularly those who live alone.
- **Zeph's Cafe**, which is open to the public six days each week from 9.30am until 4.30pm, continues to thrive. It aims to be attractive, warm and welcoming: a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can eat, rest and relax in premises promoting Christian values. During the year patronage reached record levels and its occasional evening programme of 'themed events' proved to be extremely popular. In the summer months the adjoining garden area and pergola with outdoor seating were particularly attractive with an abundance of flowers tended by one of the cafe staff.
- **The Oadby Foodbank**, operating (rent-free) from the church premises, marked its 10th Anniversary in May 2024. It continues its valuable work, serving up to 50 local households at each of its fortnightly sessions.
- **Work with children and young people** includes separate sessions during Sunday morning worship: the children join the adult congregation towards the end of the service to share news of their activities. A service of all-age worship is normally held on the first Sunday morning of each month.

Occasionally *Messy Church* activities are organised ecumenically through CTiO, and the popular 'Santa' and 'Easter' Breakfasts in *Zeph's* are followed by craft and story-telling activities.

- Trinity continued to support a variety of **charities** and agencies which work with those in special need, including *Action for Children*, *All We Can* (Methodist Relief and Development Fund), *Christian Aid* and *MHA*. After several years supporting a local charity (*After 18*), the Church Council agreed to adopt *Unique* (a Rare Chromosome Support organisation) as its chosen charity for the year.
- Trinity has a **website** – www.oadbymethodist.co.uk – which is up-dated regularly. The church **newsletter**, *Affinity*, is published quarterly. Weekly **church notices**, which were revamped and given a 'fresh look' during the year, are distributed via email and are also available in print. A '**welcome pack**' of useful information is provided for visitors to take away. **Noticeboards** (both exterior and interior) are well maintained, attractive and up to date.

Property matters

- **The property** continues to be well maintained and is in good order throughout, thanks to a small and pro-active Premises Team
- Among many **improvements** and **alterations** carried out during the year were the installation of low-energy LED lighting in the Worship Area and the replacement of an old timber structure which originally served as the church creche with a modern double-glazed UPVC porch. A former 'classroom', adjacent to the main hall, was upgraded and re-decorated to provide a more attractive space: it is now designated 'community room'. New WiFi has been installed to serve both the church and the cafe. Secure cabinets were provided to house the sound and projection systems in the Worship Area.
- **Lettings:** The Church premises are let to a wide variety of individuals and community bodies. Among these the Helping Hands advice clinic operates on the premises on one morning each week: its work is valued by the local community. Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has a regular booking to provide a local appointment hub. The main hall serves as a polling station for general and local elections. Trinity also plays host to several local choirs, dance and drama classes and slimming groups. Uniformed organisations (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) meet weekly.
- **Risk Assessments:** Health and Safety Risk Assessments and room-by-room Fire Risk Assessments have been undertaken.

Financial information

- The Trustees maintain financial arrangements requiring dual signatures on all cheques, and prior approval for all except minor items of expenditure.
- The financial accounts have been approved by the Church Council and examined independently. A copy of these accounts is appended.
- The church accounts for the year 2023-24 show that expenditure (£115,617) exceeded Income (£111,094) by £4,523.
- Income from collections (£48,501) was slightly down on the previous year but revenue from lettings showed a healthy increase (from £27,846 in 2022/23 to £32,479).
- The largest single item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment (£54,940), followed by property repairs and renewals (£24,118).
- Zeph's Cafe had a successful year. Despite the challenging commercial climate there was a modest profit of £3,619.
- Reserves Policy: It is the church's policy to attempt to maintain non-restricted funds equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure. The policy is reviewed annually.
- The church's non-restricted funds include 'designated' funds, which are held as part of the General Funds balance. These resources need to be available to ensure appropriate care and maintenance of the buildings.
- The church has two restricted fund balances: (1) the Benevolence Fund for use at the discretion of the Minister in cases of urgent personal need; (2) the Vickerman bequest for expenditure on the organ.
- Investment policy: The General Fund, held in a current account at Lloyds Bank, operates at a level to sustain ongoing expenditure. The remainder is invested with the Methodist Church Central Finance Board which offers competitive rates of interest.

Future plans

- The age profile of the worshipping congregation and the limited number of people who are available and willing to assume leadership roles (especially as church stewards) are legitimate causes of concern at the present time.
- The Quinquennial inspection of the premises was due to take place shortly after the end of this reporting year. It was expected to highlight some matters which would require attention and significant financial outlay in subsequent years.
- Nevertheless, the Managing Trustees continue to find encouragement in many aspects of Trinity's activities and outreach. They remain committed to Trinity's vision to be "a Church for all at the heart of the community".

Annual Financial Statements

Basis of preparation

As treasurer I confirm that I have prepared the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 from the records of the Church and Zaks Café and they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of
Treasurer

D Frost

Date 5 December
2024

Name

David Frost

Address

9 Coombe Rise,
Oadby, Leicester,
LE2 5TJ

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
5 December 2024 and were approved.

Signature of the
Chair of the meeting

D McLean

Name of the Chair of
the meeting

Rev Derek McLean

Date

5 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		62,639	-	-	62,639
- Donations & grants		11,674	-	-	11,674
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		184	-	1,228	1,412
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		32,479			32,479
- Zak's café		271,803	-	-	271,803
Investments		3,266	-	-	3,266
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	1,390	1,390
- Covid support grants		-	-	-	-
Total		382,045	-	2,618	384,663
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	152,340			152,340
Circuit Assessment		54,940			54,940
Repairs and maintenance		22,368	-	1,750	24,118
Café direct sales		78,108			78,108
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		33,443			33,443
Depreciation	9	1,390			1,390
Internal organisations		-	-	1,563	1,563
Grants and Donations		4,475		-	4,475
Other expenditure		34,987		-	34,987
Total		382,051	-	3,313	385,364
Net income/(expenditure)		(6)	0	(695)	(701)
Transfers between funds		0	-	-	
		(6)	0	(695)	(701)
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		(6)	0	(695)	(701)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289
Total funds carried forward		2,719,583	38,488	18,517	2,776,588

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for previous year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		62,614	-	280	62,894
- Donations & grants		15,480	-	1,262	16,742
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		144			144
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		27,846			27,846
- Zak's café		227,387	-	-	227,387
Investments		1,219	-	475	1,694
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	1,527	1,527
- Covid support grants		-	-	-	-
Total		334,690	-	3,544	338,234
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	124,997			124,997
Circuit Assessment		53,896			53,896
Repairs and maintenance		12,084	-		12,084
Café direct sales		68,055			68,055
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		28,970			28,970
Depreciation	9	4,564			4,564
Internal organisations		-	-	1,728	1,728
Grants and Donations		6,135		-	6,135
Other expenditure		33,099		-	33,099
Total		331,800	-	1,728	333,528
Net income/(expenditure)		2,890	0	1,816	4,706
Transfers between funds		0	-	-	
		2,890	0	1,816	4,706
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		2,890	0	1,816	4,706
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,716,699	38,488	17,396	2,772,583
Total funds carried forward		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

		Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
		£		£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets*					
	Notes				
Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	7,140			7,140
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,677,140			2,677,140
Current Assets					
Stock		3,130			3,130
Debtors and Prepayments					
Cash at Bank and in hand					
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		20,392	28,488	16,528	65,408
Other		30,496	10,000	1,989	42,485
Total current assets		54,018	38,488	18,517	111,023
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		11,575			11,575
Net current assets (liabilities)		42,443	38,488	18,517	99,448
Total assets less current liabilities		2,719,583	38,488	18,517	2,776,588
Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					
Net assets		2,719,583	38,488	18,517	2,776,588
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted funds		2,719,583	38,488		2,758,071
Restricted funds	12			18,517	18,517
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,719,583	38,488	18,517	2,776,588

Comparative Balance Sheet for 31 August 2023

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
£		£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes				
Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	7,113			7,113
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,677,113			2,677,113

Current Assets

Stock		3,310			3,310
Debtors and Prepayments		409			409
Cash at Bank and in hand					
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		3,248	28,488	18,278	50,014
Other		46,856	10,000	934	57,790
Total current assets		53,823	38,488	19,212	111,523

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		11,347			11,347
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Net current assets (liabilities)		42,476	38,488	19,212	100,176
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					

Net assets		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		2,719,589	38,488		2,758,077
Restricted funds	12			19,212	19,212
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletins 1 and 2.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted, this includes the funds held for the operation of Zak's cafe. There are a number of Designated funds which are being held for specific purposes while the Restricted funds include the internal organisations of the church which are under the direct control of the church council, There are no Endowment funds. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that the church building is included at deemed cost being the Insurance valuation in 2015.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

VAT

VAT incurred on the cost of purchases for the running of the church is charged as a cost of operation, while the VAT related to the operation of , Zak's is recovered against output tax raised on sales.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church and Cafe

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £400,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the building (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

All debtors relate to the trading activity of the café,.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Buildings £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		66,703		2,736,703
Additions				1,417		1,417
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		68,120		2,738,120

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				59,590		59,590
Depreciation charge for year (-)				1,390		1,390
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
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Vickerman organ fund	10,634				10,634	Organ repair fund
Zephs' Purse	633		237		396	Café hospitality fund
Outreach fund	4,745	1,228			5,973	Support for community outreach initiatives
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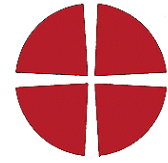
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Organisation

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- The Trustees receive no remuneration or other financial benefits from their work. All decisions taken by the Church Council are minuted. Meetings are held at least once each quarter (normally in October, December, March and June).
- The Church Stewards act as the Senior Leadership Team on behalf of the Church Council. They are assisted by 'teams' which cover different areas of church life: Family, Finance, Outreach, and Worship. There is also a separate Pastoral Committee which is responsible, with the Minister, for overseeing the pastoral care and spiritual welfare of the church family.
- *Zak's Café Ltd* is a trading subsidiary of the parent charity, Trinity Methodist Church. The Directors of *Zak's Café Ltd* (which trades as *Zeph's*) take responsibility for the management and day-to-day operation of the cafe on behalf of the Church Council and they report to it regularly.
- As part of the induction to their role as trustees all new Church Council members receive a copy of the document *The role of a trustee in the Methodist Church* together with a copy of the Safeguarding Policy agreed by Church Council. Trustees are required to complete a *Declaration of Trustee Eligibility* annually.
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Review of progress and achievements

- The twelve months covered by this report represented a period of consolidation and continued return to a more settled pattern of church life after the challenges of the two previous years. This was also reflected in the improved financial position (see below).
- One of the highlights of the year was the special service held on the morning of Sunday 19th March to celebrate The Revd Dr Albert Mosley's 75 years as a Methodist minister. The service was attended by local representatives of other denominations and of other faiths. Opening prayers were led by Revd Canon Helen Cameron, Chair of the Northampton District. The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson, was the preacher.
- The Church Council met on four occasions during the year: in October and December 2022 and March and June 2023. At each of those meetings, as well as completing the formal business, an opportunity was provided to share 'good news' about the life and activities of Trinity.
- During the year a series of 'Vision Meetings' were held, providing an opportunity for the whole Church Family to consider the future work and mission of Trinity. On one of these occasions discussion was facilitated by Matt Forsyth, the Mission Enabler for the Northampton District of the Methodist Church. This process included an honest and realistic appraisal of Trinity's resources, particularly in terms of the size and age profile of the current membership. Among the positive outcomes were the production of a 'Welcome Pack' for visitors, proposals to revamp and improve the visual appeal of the weekly church notices, and the updating of Trinity's website.
- A General Church Meeting was held following the morning service on Sunday 7th May 2023. The meeting received a booklet of written reports from Church activities and organisations covering the period since the previous meeting held in May 2022. Once again, these reports indicated a remarkable range of activity and community involvement throughout the year.
- A special Open Meeting was held on 28th June to facilitate a conversation with the Superintendent Minister of the Leicester Trinity Circuit about various aspects of Circuit policy.

- Trinity continued to enjoy strong links with its 'sister churches' in Great Glen and Houghton on the Hill for which the Revd Derek McLean had pastoral charge during the past five years.
- The Church continued to play its part as a constituent member of *Churches Together in Oadby (CTiO)*.
- The prayer group's regular meetings on the premises each Saturday morning continued to be well attended. In addition, the prayer circle which is organised via email performs a valuable pastoral function
- The Minister continued to produce a regular pastoral letter which is widely distributed and much appreciated. Pastoral visitors engage in face to face visits where appropriate and also continue to keep in touch by telephone and email with members of the church family, particularly those who live alone.
- *Zeph's Cafe*, which is open to the public six days each week from 9.30am until 4.30pm, continued to thrive and enjoyed an increased 'footfall' during the year. Its programme of special events such as *Fish Frydays* and other themed evenings was particularly well patronised. .
- The *Oadby Foodbank*, operating (rent-free) from the church premises, continued its valuable work, serving an ever-increasing number of families who found themselves in need of its support each fortnight.
- Work with children and young people normally included the monthly *Young Families* sessions on Sunday mornings, *Messy Church* activities organised ecumenically through *CTiO*, and the popular 'Santa' and 'Easter' Breakfasts in *Zeph's* which are followed by craft and story-telling activities. via post and email.
- Trinity continued to support a variety of organisations and agencies which work with those in special need, including *Christian Aid*, *All We Can* (Methodist Relief and Development Fund), *Action for Children*, and *MHA*, as well as a local charity *After 18*.
- The Church premises were let to a wide variety of individuals and community bodies. The *Helping Hands* advice clinic operated on the premises on one morning each week continued its sessions: its work is valued by the local community.

- Trinity has a website – www.oadbymethodist.co.uk – which is up-dated regularly. The church newsletter, *Affinity*, was published regularly during the year. Weekly church notices were made available to members via email and in printed copies available in the church foyer.
- The property continued to be exceptionally well maintained and is in good order throughout, thanks to a small and pro-active Premises Team. .
- Health and Safety Risk Assessment and room-by-room Fire Risk Assessment have been undertaken.

Financial information

- The Trustees maintain financial arrangements requiring dual signatures on all cheques, and prior approval for all except minor items of expenditure.
- The financial accounts have been approved by the Church Council and examined independently. A copy of the accounts is appended.
- The financial results for the year 2022-23 indicated a marked improvement on the previous year, with income exceeding expenditure by £8,136. Income from collections and donations was significantly greater than in 2021-22 and receipts from lettings continued to show a return to near pre-pandemic levels.
- The largest single item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment (£53,896), followed by utilities (£11,910), cleaing costs (£11,766). Repairs and renewals at (£9,785) were considerably below the previous year's figure of £21,338.
- Reserves Policy: It is the church's policy to attempt to maintain non-restricted funds equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure. This policy is reviewed annually.
- The church's non-restricted funds include 'designated' funds, which are held as part of the General Funds balance. These resources need to be available to ensure appropriate care and maintenance of the building and of the church organ.
- The church has three restricted fund balances: (1) The J.C. Ward bequest which can only be utilised for redecoration purposes ; (2) the Benevolence Fund for use at the discretion of the Minister in cases of urgent personal need; (3) the Vickerman bequest for expenditure on the organ.
- Investment policy: The General Fund, held in a current account at Lloyds Bank, operates at a level to sustain ongoing expenditure. The remainder is invested at the Methodist Church Central Finance Board, where although the level of interest is currently very low, it is competitive for instant, non-penalised access in the present financial environment.

Future plans

- At the end of the reporting year the Managing Trustees continue to find encouragement in many aspects of Trinity's activities and remain committed to work to realise the vision to be *"a Church for all at the heart of the community"*.

Annual Financial Statements

Basis of preparation

As treasurer I confirm that I have prepared the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 from the records of the Church and Zaks Café and they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of
Treasurer

D Frost

Date 6 December
2023

Name

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Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
6 December 2023 and were approved.

Signature of the
Chair of the meeting

D McLean

Name of the Chair of
the meeting

Rev Derek McLean

Date

6 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities **for the year ended 31 August 2023**

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		62,614	-	280	62,894
- Donations & grants		15,480	-	1,262	16,742
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities					
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		144			144
Other trading activities					
- Lettings		27,846			27,846
- Zak's café		227,387	-	-	227,387
Investments		1,219	-	475	1,694
Other					
- Internal organisations		-	-	1,527	1,527
- Covid support grants		-	-	-	-
Total		334,690	-	3,544	338,234
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	124,997			124,997
Circuit Assessment		53,896			53,896
Repairs and maintenance		12,084	-		12,084
Café direct sales		68,055			68,055
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		28,970			28,970
Depreciation	9	4,564			4,564
Internal organisations		-	-	1,728	1,728
Grants and Donations		6,135		-	6,135
Other expenditure		33,099		-	33,099
Total		331,800	-	1,728	333,528
Net income/(expenditure)					
		2,890	0	1,816	4,706
Transfers between funds					
		0	-	-	
		2,890	0	1,816	4,706
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		2,890	0	1,816	4,706
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,716,699	38,488	17,396	2,772,583
Total funds carried forward		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for previous year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		63,994	-	-	63,994
- Donations & grants		11,688	-	-	11,688
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		965	988		1,953
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		18,940			18,940
- Zak's café		167,060	-	-	167,060
Investments		220	-	-	220
- Internal organisations		-	-	1,848	1,848
- Covid support grants		3,917	-	-	3,917
Total		266,784	988	1,848	269,620
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	115,943			115,943
Circuit Assessment		52,819			52,819
Repairs and maintenance		21,544	2,000		23,544
Café direct sales		44,060			44,060
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		18,319			18,319
Expenditure on other property		-			-
Depreciation	9	5,244			5,244
Internal organisations		-	-	2,350	2,350
Grants and Donations		6,985		-	6,985
Other expenditure		36,318		-	36,318
Total		301,232	2,000	2,350	305,582
Net income/(expenditure)		(34,448)	(1,012)	(502)	(35,962)
Transfers between funds		0	-	-	
		(34,448)	(1,012)	(502)	(35,962)
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		235			235
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		(34,213)	(1,012)	(502)	(35,727)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,750,912	39,500	17,898	2,808,310
Total funds carried forward		2,716,699	38,488	17,396	2,772,583

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
	£		£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes			
Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000		2,670,000
Equipment	9	7,113		7,113
Investment properties				
Investments				
Total fixed assets		2,677,113		2,677,113

Current Assets

Stock		3,310			3,310
Debtors and Prepayments		409			409
Cash at Bank and in hand					
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		3,248	28,488	18,278	50,014
Other		46,856	10,000	934	57,790
Total current assets		53,823	38,488	19,212	111,523

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		11,347			11,347
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Net current assets (liabilities)		42,476	38,488	19,212	100,176
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					

Net assets		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289
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Funds of the Church

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Endowment funds					
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Tangible Fixed Assets*

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Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	11,276			11,276
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,681,276			2,681,276

Current Assets

Stock		2,413			2,413
Debtors and Prepayments		14,512			14,512
Cash at Bank and in hand		15,528			15,528
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		2,254	29,500	16,262	48,016
Other		9,615	8,988	1,134	19,737
Total current assets		44,322	38,488	17,396	100,206

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		8,899			8,899
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Net current assets (liabilities)		35,423	38,488	17,396	91,307
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Notes to the Accounts

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2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted, this includes the funds held for the operation of Zak's cafe. There are a number of Designated funds which are being held for specific purposes while the Restricted funds include the internal organisations of the church which are under the direct control of the church council, There are no Endowment funds. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that the church building is included at deemed cost being the Insurance valuation in 2015.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

VAT

VAT incurred on the cost of purchases for the running of the church is charged as a cost of operation, while the VAT related to the operation of , Zak's is recovered against output tax raised on sales.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church and Cafe

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £400,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the building (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

All debtors relate to the trading activity of the café,.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Buildings £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		66,303		2,736,303
Additions				400		400
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		66,703		2,736,703

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				55,027		49,783
Depreciation charge for year (-)				4,563		4,563
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				59,590		59,590

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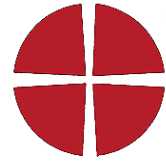
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Review of progress and achievements

- The twelve months covered by this report represented a period of recovery from the significant disruption to normal activities caused by the coronavirus pandemic and resulting restrictions. The normal pattern of Sunday worship resumed, with the exception of the monthly evening service which ceased because of declining numbers and the alternative availability of an on-line worship organised at Circuit level. *Zeph's Café* was able to trade fully once more, and the church's income from lettings steadily improved, albeit at a lower level than pre-pandemic.
- The Church Council met on four occasions during the year: in October and December 2021 and March and June 2022. . At each of those meetings, as well as completing the formal business, an opportunity was provided to share 'good news' about the life and activities of Trinity.
- During the year the formalities were completed to register the premises as a venue to conduct same-sex marriages. Trinity also enrolled as a corporate member of the *Inclusive Church* network.
- A General Church Meeting was held following the morning service on Sunday 1st May 2022. The meeting received a booklet of written reports from Church activities and organisations covering the period since the previous meeting held in July 2021. The reports indicated that despite the difficulties of the previous two years, there was much to celebrate in the life of the church and the way in which its members had responded to adversity. Six Church Stewards and nine representatives to the Church Council were re-elected.
- Trinity continued to enjoy strong links with its 'sister churches' in Great Glen and Houghton on the Hill for which the Revd Derek McLean also had pastoral charge.
- The Church continued to play its part as a constituent member of *Churches Together in Oadby (CTiO)*.
- The prayer group resumed its regular meetings on the premises each Saturday morning. In addition, the prayer circle which is organised via email proved invaluable during the months of 'lockdown'.

- The Minister continued to produce a regular pastoral letter which was widely distributed and much appreciated. Pastoral visitors were able to resume face to face visits where appropriate and also continued to keep in touch by telephone and email with members of the church family, particularly those who live alone.
- *Zeph's Cafe*, was open to the public six days each week from 9.30am until 4.30pm, and in addition its programme of special events such as *Fish Frydays* and other themed evenings proved to be increasingly popular.
- The *Oadby Foodbank*, operating (rent-free) from the church premises, continued its valuable work and served an increased number of families who found themselves in need of its support each fortnight.
- Work with children and young people normally included the monthly *Young Families* sessions on Sunday mornings, *Messy Church* activities organised ecumenically through *CTiO*, and the popular 'Santa' and 'Easter' Breakfasts in *Zeph's* which are followed by craft and story-telling activities. via post and email.
- In spite of the financial challenges which Trinity faced during the year, the church continued to support a variety of organisations and agencies which work with those in special need, including *Christian Aid*, *All We Can* (Methodist Relief and Development Fund), *Action for Children*, and *MHA*, as well as a local charity *After 18*.
- The Church premises were let to a wide variety of individuals and community bodies. The *Helping Hands* advice clinic operated on the premises on one morning each week continued its sessions: its work is valued by the local community.
- Trinity has a website – www.oadbymethodist.co.uk – which is up-dated regularly. The church newsletter, *Affinity*, was published regularly during the year. Weekly church notices were made available to members via email and in printed copies available in the church foyer.
- The property continued to be exceptionally well maintained and is in good order throughout, thanks to a small and pro-active Premises Team. .

- Health and Safety Risk Assessment and room-by-room Fire Risk Assessment have been undertaken.

Financial information

- The Trustees maintain financial arrangements requiring dual signatures on all cheques, and prior approval for all except minor items of expenditure.
- The financial results for the year 2021-22 reflected the continuing impact of the coronavirus pandemic disruption to church life. Collections and donations were both significantly less than in the previous year, but income from lettings saw an increase on the previous year of £11,035. Trinity received a grant of £5,443 from the Leicester Trinity Circuit in support of its on-going work in the community.
- The largest single item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment (£52,819), followed by repairs and maintenance which amounted in total to £21,338.
- Reserves Policy: It is the church's policy to attempt to maintain non-restricted funds equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure. This policy is reviewed annually.
- The church's non-restricted funds include 'designated' funds, which are held as part of the General Funds balance. These resources need to be available to ensure appropriate care and maintenance of the building and of the church organ.
- The church has three restricted fund balances: (1) The J.C. Ward bequest which can only be utilised for redecoration purposes; (2) the Benevolence Fund for use at the discretion of the Minister in cases of urgent personal need; (3) the Vickerman bequest for expenditure on the organ.
- Investment policy: The General Fund, held in a current account at Lloyds Bank, operates at a level to sustain ongoing expenditure. The remainder is invested at the Methodist Church Central Finance Board, where although the level of interest is currently very low, it is competitive for instant, non-penalised access in the present financial environment.

Future plans

- At the end of the reporting year the Managing Trustees continued, despite current challenges, to find encouragement in many aspects of Trinity's activities and remain committed to work to realise the vision to be *"a Church for all at the heart of the community"*.

Annual Financial Statements

Basis of preparation

As treasurer I confirm that I have prepared the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 from the records of the Church and Zaks Café and they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of
Treasurer

D Frost

Date 7 December
2022

Name

David Frost

Address

9 Coombe Rise,
Oadby, Leicester,
LE2 5TJ

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
7 December 2022 and were approved.

Signature of the
Chair of the meeting

D McLean

Name of the Chair of
the meeting

Rev Derek McLean

Date

7 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		63,994	-	-	63,994
- Donations & grants		11,688	-	-	11,688
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		965	988		1,953
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		18,940			18,940
- Zak's café		167,060	-	-	167,060
Investments		220	-	-	220
- Internal organisations		-	-	1,848	1,848
- Covid support grants		3,917	-	-	3,917
Total		266,784	988	1,848	269,620
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	115,943			115,943
Circuit Assessment		52,819			52,819
Repairs and maintenance		21,544	2,000		23,544
Café direct sales		44,060			44,060
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		18,319			18,319
Expenditure on other property		-			-
Depreciation	9	5,244			5,244
Internal organisations		-	-	2,350	2,350
Grants and Donations		6,985		-	6,985
Other expenditure		36,318		-	36,318
Total		301,232	2,000	2,350	305,582
Net income/(expenditure)		(34,448)	(1,012)	(502)	(35,962)
Transfers between funds		0	-	-	
		(34,448)	(1,012)	(502)	(35,962)
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		235			235
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		(34,213)	(1,012)	(502)	(35,727)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,750,912	39,500	17,898	2,808,310
Total funds carried forward		2,716,699	38,488	17,396	2,772,583

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for previous year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		64,931	-	-	64,931
- Donations & grants		22,830	-	-	22,830
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		2,149			2,149
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		7,905			7,905
- Zak's café		73,966	-	-	73,966
Investments		-	-	73	73
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	80	80
- Covid support grants		53,030	-	-	53,030
Total		224,811	-	153	224,964
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	84,434			84,434
Circuit Assessment		51,783			51,783
Repairs and maintenance		15,856	-		15,856
Café direct sales		17,426			17,426
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		10,455			10,455
Expenditure on other property		-			-
Depreciation	9	5,226			5,226
Interest on loans		-	-	-	-
Internal organisations		-	-	479	479
Grants and Donations		6,300		-	6,300
Other expenditure		18,401		-	18,401
Total		209,881	-	479	210,360
Net income/(expenditure)		14,930	-	(326)	14,604
Transfers between funds		0	-	-	
		14,930		(326)	14,604
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		14,930		(326)	14,604
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706
Total funds carried forward		2,750,839	39,500	17,971	2,808,310

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
	£		£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

Notes

Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	11,276			11,276
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,681,276			2,681,276

Current Assets

Stock		2,413			2,413
Debtors and Prepayments		14,512			14,512
Cash at Bank and in hand		15,528			15,528
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		2,254	29,500	16,262	48,016
Other		9,615	8,988	1,134	19,737
Total current assets		44,322	38,488	17,396	100,206

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		8,899			8,899
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Net current assets (liabilities)		35,423	38,488	17,396	91,307
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,716,699	38,488	17,396	2,772,583
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					

Net assets		2,716,699	38,488	17,396	2,772,583
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		2,716,699	38,488		2,755,187
Restricted funds	12			17,396	17,396
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,716,699	38,488	17,396	2,772,583

Comparative Balance Sheet for 31 August 2021

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
£		£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

Notes

Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	14,459			14,459
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,684,459			2,684,459

Current Assets

Stock		2,178			2,178
Debtors and Prepayments		38			38
Cash at Bank and in hand		27,382			27,382
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		24,772	30,019	16,334	71,125
Other		13,450	9,481	1,637	24,568
Total current assets		67,820	39,500	17,971	125,291

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		1,440			1,440
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Net current assets (liabilities)		66,380	39,500	17,971	123,851
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,750,839	39,500	17,971	2,808,310
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					

Net assets		2,750,839	39,500	17,971	2,808,310
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		2,750,839	39,500		2,790,339
Restricted funds	12			17,971	17,971
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,750,839	39,500	17,971	2,808,310

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletins 1 and 2.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted, this includes the funds held for the operation of Zak's cafe. There are a number of Designated funds which are being held for specific purposes while the Restricted funds include the internal organisations of the church which are under the direct control of the church council, There are no Endowment funds. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that the church building is included at deemed cost being the Insurance valuation in 2015.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Covid furlough scheme funding has been treated as income within the 2020-21 accounts.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

VAT

VAT incurred on the cost of purchases for the running of the church is charged as a cost of operation, while the VAT related to the operation of , Zak's is recovered against output tax raised on sales.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church and Cafe

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £400,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the building (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

All debtors relate to the trading activity of the café,.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church.

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	Nil	Nil

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind
Employer's National Insurance costs
Pension costs
Total staff costs

	2021/22	2020/21
£	108,267	77,692
£	4,580	3,985
£	3,096	2,757
£	115,943	84,434

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31 st August 2022 there are capital commitments of.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

Nil Nil

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	200	1,918
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	200	1,918
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Buildings £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		64,242		2,734,242
Additions				2,061		2,061
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		66,303		2,736,303

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				49,783		49,783
Depreciation charge for year (-)				5,244		5,244
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				55,027		55,027

Net book value

Brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		14,459		2,684,459
Carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		11,276		2,681,276

10 Investment assets

The church has no Investment properties

The church has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Church currently has no loans outstanding

12 Analysis of restricted funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolence Fund	869	0	0		869	Support for individuals in specific need
Welcome on Wednesday	391	1405	1504		292	Internal group.
Thursday Fellowship	464	43	507		-	Internal group.
J C Ward fund	1,698				1,698	Building maintenance fund
Vickerman organ fund	10,211				10,211	Organ repair fund
Zephs' Purse	782	400	339		843	Café hospitality fund
Outreach fund	3,484				3,484	Support for community outreach initiatives
Totals	17,899	1848	2350		17,397	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oadby Trinity Methodist Church

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Oadby Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 8 to 15.

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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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 gives 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; or
- 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.

I 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.

Name William Keith Brooks ACMA

Address 2a Stanfield Road
Duston
Northampton

Date 1st December 2022

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

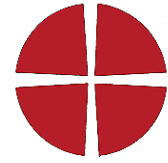
Managing Trustees (Church Council Members), 2021-2022

Revd Derek McLean (Chair)
Revd Paula Hunt (Superintendent Minister)
Revd Dr Israel Selvanayagam
David Adams
Graham Austen
Alison Baker
Barbara Bell
Ian Bell
Donald Candlin
Marion Candlin
Khavita Chibba (from June 2022)
Helen Cooper
Heather Corlett
Anne Dodge
Michael Elliott
David Frost (Church Treasurer)
Lesley Green
Charles Hilton (Circuit Steward)
Suzanne Kelly
Penny Lee
Tricia Lockley (to May 2022)
Christine McLean
Stella Orbell (from June 2022)
Diane Price
Howard Smith (Church Council Secretary/Charity Commission contact)
Barry Wilford (Senior Church Steward)
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2020 – 2021

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Administrative information

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- Church Address: Trinity Methodist Church, Harborough Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 4LA
- Church Membership at 31.08.21: 127

Aims

- The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.
- Trinity aims to be "*A church for all at the heart of the community*"
- The Church's Mission Statement (approved by Church Council in June 2009) states:

Trinity is a church which

- *Encourages growth in the Christian faith*
- *Reaches out to all in the community*
- *Aims to care for everyone*
- *Shares God's love through worship and service*
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Review of progress and achievements

- The twelve months covered by this report continued to be dominated by the difficulties and restrictions arising from the coronavirus pandemic. The normal pattern of Sunday worship was disrupted for much of the year, Zeph's Café was closed for several months, and the church's income from lettings was severely reduced.
- The Church Council met on five occasions during the year. Four of these meetings (those held in September and November 2020, and in March and June 2021) were routine meetings although they took place virtually, via Zoom. At each of those meetings, as well as completing the formal business, an opportunity was provided to share 'good news' about the life and activities of Trinity.
- A Special Church Council Meeting was held on 26th July 2021, this time in person, primarily to deal with important matters arising from decisions taken by the Methodist Conference of 2021. By substantial majorities the meeting voted to permit the church to be used for the blessing of same-sex marriages and civil partnerships conducted elsewhere, and to register the premises as a venue to conduct same-sex marriages as soon as practical, once legislation permits.
- A brief General Church Meeting was held on 26th July 2021 immediately before the Special Church Council meeting referred to above. The meeting received a booklet of written reports from Church activities and organisations covering a period of two years as the General Church Meeting which had been planned to take place on 26th April 2020 had been cancelled. The reports indicated that, despite the restrictions and difficulties of recent months, a great deal of useful activity had continued. Five Church Stewards and nine representatives to the Church Council were re-elected.
- Throughout the pandemic Sunday worship continued virtually, using Zoom. The morning service at 10.30am was organised locally and a Circuit evening service was also available on-line. From Easter Sunday onwards the monthly early morning celebration of holy communion (at 8.30am) resumed, albeit with 'covid-safe' arrangements in place. During the second part of the

reporting year morning worship took place in 'mixed-mode', with a small, socially distanced congregation physically present and many others joining virtually via Zoom.

- The Church Council meeting held in June 2021 accepted a proposal from the Worship Team that, in view of declining numbers attending evening worship, from September 2021 an evening service would be held at Trinity once a month (rather than each week), and that this would normally be a service of Holy Communion.
- Trinity continued to enjoy strong links with its 'sister churches' in Great Glen and Houghton on the Hill for which the Revd Derek McLean also has pastoral charge, not least because for much of the year virtual worship via Zoom was organised on a 'section' basis.
- The Church continued to play its part as a constituent member of Churches Together in Oadby (CTiO) although opportunities for ecumenical activities were necessarily restricted. At Christmas 2020 Trinity shared in a 'walking nativity' planned by CTiO, and the Minister took part in a virtual United Service held on Good Friday.
- Weekday meetings were severely disrupted by the pandemic. By the end of the reporting year plans were in hand for Welcome on Wednesday, Thursday Fellowship and some house groups to resume their activities in Autumn 2021. The prayer group resumed its regular meetings on the premises each Saturday morning during the summer. In addition, the prayer circle which is organised via email proved invaluable during the months of 'lockdown'.
- The Minister continued to produce a regular pastoral letter which was widely distributed and much appreciated. Pastoral visitors kept in touch by telephone and email with members of the church family, particularly those who live alone.
- For Zeph's Cafe, which is normally open to the public six days each week from 9.30am until 4.30pm, 2020/21 proved to be another challenging year. When the café was able to re-open its programme of special events such as Fish Frydays and other themed evenings proved to be increasingly popular.

- At a meeting of the Church Council held on 25th November 2020 the Managing Trustees placed on record “their deep appreciation of the work of the Directors and Staff of the café, and in particular, their response to the special challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic”. They also re-affirmed “their commitment to encourage, support and sustain the development of Zeph’s as an integral part of the outreach ministry of Trinity Methodist Church”.
- The Oadby Foodbank, which operates (rent-free) from the church premises, was able to continue its work throughout the year, albeit with the introduction of special measures to ensure safe social distancing. The number of families supported each fortnight continued to increase.
- Work with children and young people normally includes the monthly Young Families sessions on Sunday mornings, Messy Church activities organised ecumenically through CTiO, and the popular ‘Santa’ and ‘Easter’ Breakfasts in Zeph’s which are followed by craft and story-telling activities. In the absence of such activities for much of the year, Junior Church staff kept in touch with children and young people via post and email.
- In spite of the financial challenges which Trinity faced during the year, the church continued to support a variety of organisations and agencies which work with those in special need, including Christian Aid, All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development Fund), Action for Children, and MHA.
- The Church premises are normally let to a wide variety of individuals and community bodies, but much of this activity was interrupted. Fortunately, the Helping Hands advice clinic which operates on the premises on one morning each week was able to resume its sessions: its work is valued by the local community.
- Trinity has a website – www.oadbymethodist.co.uk – which is up-dated regularly. The church newsletter, Affinity, continued to be published on-line only for much of the year. Weekly church notices were incorporated in the Minister’s pastoral letter.
- The property continued to be well maintained and is in good order throughout.

- Health and Safety Risk Assessment and room-by-room Fire Risk Assessment have been undertaken.

Financial information

- The Trustees maintain financial arrangements requiring dual signatures on all cheques, and prior approval for all except minor items of expenditure.
- The financial accounts have been approved by the Church Council and examined independently. A copy of the accounts is appended.
- The suspension of weekly public worship and cessation of lettings from March onwards had a potentially serious impact on church finances. Income from lettings fell to £7,905 (compared to £24,733 in 2019/20 and £39,616 in 2018/19). A grant of £4,667 was received from Oadby and Wigston Borough Council in recognition of the loss of income from lettings. Income from collections and donations showed a significant increase, resulting in an unanticipated surplus of income over expenditure of £9,237.
- The largest single item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment (£51,738), followed by repairs and maintenance which amounted in total to £14,650. (Both of these figures were lower than in the previous reporting period).
- Reserves Policy: It is the church's policy to attempt to maintain non-restricted funds equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure. This policy is reviewed annually.
- The church's non-restricted funds include 'designated' funds, which are held as part of the General Funds balance. These resources need to be available to ensure appropriate care and maintenance of the building and of the church organ.
- The church has three restricted fund balances: (1) The J.C. Ward bequest which can only be utilised for redecoration purposes (£1,698); (2) the Benevolence Fund (£869) for use at the discretion of the Minister in cases of urgent personal need; (3) the Vickerman bequest for expenditure on the organ (£10,211).
- Investment policy: The General Fund, held in a current account at Lloyds Bank, operates at a level to sustain ongoing expenditure. The remainder is invested at the Methodist Church Central Finance Board, where although the

level of interest is currently very low, it is competitive for instant, non-penalised access in the present financial environment.

Future plans

- At the end of the reporting year the Managing Trustees were able to look forward to a steady resumption of many church activities. However, the numbers attending 'live' worship indicated that many of the congregation were continuing to exercise caution. While some regular hirers of the premises had returned, it was clear that others were reluctant or unlikely to do so. In spite of many uncertainties and imponderables the Trustees remain committed to sustaining the Church's fellowship, worship and witness, and continue working to realise the vision to be *"a Church for all at the heart of the community"*.

Annual Financial Statements

Basis of preparation

As treasurer I confirm that I have prepared the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 from the records of the Church and Zaks Café and they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of
Treasurer

D Frost

Date 6 December
2021

Name

David Frost

Address

9 Coombe Rise,
Oadby, Leicester,
LE2 5TJ

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
6 December 2021 and were approved.

Signature of the
Chair of the meeting

D McLean

Name of the Chair of
the meeting

Rev Derek McLean

Date

6 December 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		64,931	-	-	64,931
- Donations & grants		22,830	-	-	22,830
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		2,149			2,149
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		7,905			7,905
- Zak's café		73,966	-	-	73,966
Investments		-	-	73	73
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	80	80
- Covid support grants		53,030	-	-	53,030
Total		224,811	-	153	224,964
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	84,434			84,434
Circuit Assessment		51,783			51,783
Repairs and maintenance		15,856	-		15,856
Café direct sales		17,426			17,426
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		10,455			10,455
Expenditure on other property		-			-
Depreciation	9	5,226			5,226
Interest on loans		-	-	-	-
Internal organisations		-	-	479	479
Grants and Donations		6,300		-	6,300
Other expenditure		18,401		-	18,401
Total		209,881	-	479	210,360
Net income/(expenditure)		14,930	-	(326)	14,604
Transfers between funds		0	-	-	
		14,930		(326)	14,604
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		14,930		(326)	14,604
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706
Total funds carried forward		2,750,839	39,500	17,971	2,808,310

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for previous year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		59,477	-	65	59,542
- Donations & grants		13,582	-	2,950	16,532
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		3,116			3,116
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		24,733			24,733
- Zak's café		116,223	-	-	116,223
Investments		399	-	12	411
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	3,084	3,084
- Covid grant support		27,790	-	-	27,790
Total		245,320	-	6,111	251,431
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	101,620			101,620
Circuit Assessment		54,416			54,416
Repairs and maintenance		23,469	-		23,469
Café direct sales		25,742			25,742
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		17,577			17,577
Expenditure on other property		-			-
Depreciation	9	6,616			6,616
Interest on loans		-	-	-	-
Internal organisations		-	-	4,135	4,135
Grants and Donations		7,788		-	7,788
Other expenditure		21,298		-	21,298
Total		258,526	-	4,135	262,661
Net income/(expenditure)		(13,206)	-	1,976	(11,230)
Transfers between funds		(1,785)	2,500	- 715	
		(14,991)		1,261	(11,230)
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		(14,991)	2,500	1,261	(11,230)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,750,900	37,000	17,036	2,804,936
Total funds carried forward		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
	£		£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

Notes

Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	14,459			14,459
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,684,459			2,684,459

Current Assets

Stock		2,178			2,178
Debtors and Prepayments		38			38
Cash at Bank and in hand		27,382			27,382
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		24,772	30,019	16,334	71,125
Other		13,450	9,481	1,637	24,568
Total current assets		67,820	39,500	17,971	125,291

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		1,440			1,440
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Net current assets (liabilities)		66,380	39,500	17,971	123,851
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,750,839	39,500	17,971	2,808,310
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					

Net assets		2,750,839	39,500	17,971	2,808,310
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		2,750,839	39,500		2,790,339
Restricted funds	12			17,971	17,971
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,750,839	39,500	17,971	2,808,310

Comparative Balance Sheet for 31 August 2020

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
£		£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes				
Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	19,685			19,685
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,689,685			2,689,685

Current Assets

Stock		1,879			1,879
Debtors and Prepayments		222			222
Cash at Bank and in hand		18,240			18,240
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		12,159	30,019	16,261	58,439
Other		14,603	9,481	2,036	26,120
Total current assets		47,103	39,500	18,297	104,900

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		879			879
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Net current assets (liabilities)		46,224	39,500	18,297	104,021
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
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Provisions for liabilities and charges					
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Net assets		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		2,735,909	39,500		2,775,409
Restricted funds	12			18,297	18,297
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletins 1 and 2.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted, this includes the funds held for the operation of Zak's cafe. There are a number of Designated funds which are being held for specific purposes while the Restricted funds include the internal organisations of the church which are under the direct control of the church council, There are no Endowment funds. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that the church building is included at deemed cost being the Insurance valuation in 2015.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Covid furlough scheme funding has been treated as income within the 2020-21 accounts and the previous years accounts have been revised to reflect this treatment..

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

VAT

VAT incurred on the cost of purchases for the running of the church is charged as a cost of operation, while the VAT related to the operation of , Zak's is recovered against output tax raised on sales.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church and Cafe

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £400,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the building (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

All debtors relate to the trading activity of the café,.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church.

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	Nil	Nil

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind
Employer's National Insurance costs
Pension costs
Total staff costs

	2020/21	2019/20
£	77,692	92,037
£	3,985	4,796
£	2,757	4,787
£	84,434	101,620

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31 st August 2019 there are capital commitments of.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2019.

Nil Nil

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	1,918	566
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	1,918	566
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Buildings £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		64,242		2,734,242
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		64,242		2,734,242

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				44,557		44,557
Depreciation charge for year (-)				5,226		5,226
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				49,783		49,783

Net book value

Brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		19,685		2,689,685
Carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		14,459		2,684,459

10 Investment assets

The church has no Investment properties

The church has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Church currently has no loans outstanding

12 Analysis of restricted funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolence Fund	869	0	0		869	Support for individuals in specific need
Welcome on Wednesday	606		215		391	Internal group.
Thursday Fellowship	464				464	Internal group.
J C Ward fund	1,697	1			1,698	Building maintenance fund
Vickerman organ fund	10,211				10,211	Organ repair fund
Zephs' Purse	966	80	264		782	Café hospitality fund
Outreach fund	3,484				3,484	Support for community outreach initiatives
Totals	18,297	81	479		17,899	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oadby Trinity Methodist Church

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Oadby Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 11 to 18.

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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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 gives 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; or
- 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.

I 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.

Name William Keith Brooks ACMA

Address 2a Stanfield Road
Duston
Northampton

Date 3rd December 2021

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

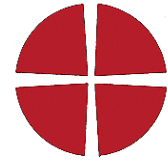
Managing Trustees (Church Council Members), 2020-2021

Revd Derek McLean (Chair)
Revd Paula Hunt (Superintendent Minister)
Revd Daniel Yovan
David Adams
June Aldridge (to 30th September 2020)
Graham Austen
Alison Baker
Barbara Bell
Ian Bell
Donald Candlin
Marion Candlin
Helen Cooper
Anne Dodge
Michael Elliott
David Frost (Church Treasurer)
Lesley Green
Charles Hilton (Circuit Steward)
Suzanne Kelly
Penny Lee
Tricia Lockley
Christine McLean
Diane Price
Barbara Sansom
Howard Smith (Church Council Secretary/Charity Commission contact)
Barry Wilford (Senior Church Steward)
Janice Wilford
Jonathan Wilford
Alison Wootton

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2019 – 2020

Regd. Charity No: 1143707

Administrative information

- The Church is part of the Leicester Trinity Circuit (23/7) in the Northampton District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.
- Church Address: Trinity Methodist Church, Harborough Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 4LA
- Church Membership at 31.08.20: 139

Aims

- Trinity aims to be “*A church for all at the heart of the community*”
- The Church’s Mission Statement (approved by Church Council in June 2009) states:

Trinity is a church which

- *Encourages growth in the Christian faith*
- *Reaches out to all in the community*
- *Aims to care for everyone*
- *Shares God’s love through worship and service*
- *Responds with others to God’s call to Mission.*

Organisation

- The Church Council (Managing Trustees) is the principal body responsible for the affairs of the Church. Its remit encompasses the spiritual life and growth of the church family, its outreach, and its administrative and financial affairs. Detailed governance arrangements are outlined in *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD)* by order of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Meetings are chaired by the Minister (or in his absence by the Superintendent Minister or one of her colleagues).
- The Trustees receive no remuneration or other financial benefits from their work. All decisions taken by the Church Council are minuted.
- The Church Stewards act as the Senior Leadership Team on behalf of the Church Council on a day-to-day basis and are assisted by 'teams' which cover different areas of church life: Family, Finance, Outreach, and Worship. There is also a separate Pastoral Committee responsible, with the Minister, for overseeing the pastoral care and spiritual welfare of the church family.
- *Zak's Café Ltd* is a trading subsidiary of the parent charity, Trinity Methodist Church. The Directors of *Zak's Cafe Ltd* (which trades as *Zeph's*) take responsibility for the management and day-to-day operation of the cafe on behalf of the Church Council and report to it regularly.
- As part of the induction to their role as trustees all new Church Council members receive a copy of the document *The role of a trustee in the Methodist Church* together with a copy of the Safeguarding Policy agreed by Church Council.
- The Church's Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually. A Safeguarding Officer is in post and CRB/DBS checks are carried out as necessary. The Church Council is committed to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding policy and to the provision of support, advice and training to enable people to be clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and in promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Review of progress and achievements

- The twelve months covered by this report constitute “a year of two halves”. The first half was a period of relative stability and of further consolidation in the life of the church family. The second half of the year was dominated by the unprecedented impact on all aspects of church life brought about by the coronavirus pandemic and associated restrictions arising from it.
- The Church Council met on six occasions during the year. Three of these meetings (those held in October and December 2019, and in February 2020) were routine meetings held in the usual way. The June meeting took place virtually, via Zoom. At each of those meetings, as well as completing the formal business, an opportunity was provided to share ‘good news’ about the life and activities of Trinity. In addition, two Special Church Council Meetings were held (on 6th July and 12th August), again via Zoom, in order to receive and approve ‘risk assessments’ in connection with the re-opening of Zeph’s Café and of the church premises for socially distanced acts of worship and a limited number of lettings.
- A General Church Meeting was planned to take place on Sunday 26h May 2020. This annual meeting normally provides an opportunity to receive reports from Church activities and organisations and to elect Church Stewards and representatives to the Church Council for the ensuing year. Because of restrictions on public worship and gatherings which were in force, it was not possible to hold the meeting. Annual appointments were subsequently ratified by a ‘virtual’ meeting of Church Council.
- During the first part of the year Sunday worship at 10.30am and 6.30pm weekly, and also a service of Holy Communion at 8.30am monthly, together with a monthly gathering of ‘Young Families’ at 9.00am, continued its regular pattern. The number of people attending evening services continued to show a steady decline. It was not possible to hold the planned services for Mothering Sunday (22nd March) because of the national emergency. In subsequent weeks worship continued virtually, using Zoom. By late August plans were in hand for ‘mixed-mode’ worship, with a small, socially distanced congregation physically present and many others joining virtually.

- Links with Trinity's 'sister churches' in Great Glen and Houghton on the Hill for which the Revd Derek McLean also has pastoral charge, were strengthened during the second half of the year as a result of virtual worship being organised on a 'section' basis.
- The Church continued to play its part as a constituent member of Churches Together in Oadby (CTiO). The annual CTiO united service on Ash Wednesday, immediately before the national 'lockdown' was held at Trinity. The Managing Trustees agreed to make a donation of £250 towards St Peter's Parish Church restoration appeal.
- In early December 2019 Trinity hosted a regional carol service organised by Amos Trust. This event attracted a large congregation drawn from across the East Midlands and beyond.
- Until their enforced cessation part way through the year, weekday meetings continued to offer varied and attractive programmes. The fortnightly meetings of Welcome on Wednesday attracted large attendances, averaging about 70 people each session. A well-established prayer group meets on the premises each Saturday morning, and there is also a prayer circle organised via email. Several smaller fellowship/study groups meet regularly in members' homes. These activities were necessarily disrupted by nationally and locally imposed restrictions.
- During the period of the 'lockdown' the Minister produced a weekly pastoral letter which was widely distributed and much appreciated. Pastoral visitors were encouraged to keep in touch by telephone and email with members of the church family, particularly those who live alone. The 'prayer circle' network, referred to above, proved especially valuable.
- For Zeph's Cafe, which is normally open to the public six days each week from 9.30am until 4.30pm, it proved to be a particularly challenging year. During the early weeks of the national 'lockdown' the cafe offered a 'takeaway' service but this proved to be unsustainable. The Directors took the difficult decision to re-structure the management team in order to reduce staffing costs. Government assistance, in the form of a small business grant and assistance with furlough payments, was sought and obtained. In the weeks

when the café was able to operate its special events such as Fish Frydays and other themed evenings proved to be increasingly popular.

- During the first half of the reporting year, the well-established rota of volunteers continued to offer a welcome to visitors at the hospitality desk in the church foyer from 10.30am until 3.30pm on Mondays to Fridays and from 10.30am to 1.00pm on Saturdays. During these hours the worship area was open for private prayer. Sadly, these arrangements were suspended in mid-March as a result of the 'lockdown'.
- The Oadby Foodbank, which operates (rent-free) from the church premises, was able to continue its work throughout the year, albeit with the introduction of special measures to ensure safe social distancing. The latter part of the year saw an increase in the number of families supported each fortnight from about 35 to over 50. The local Member of Parliament, Neil O'Brien, described Trinity as "a real hub of the community" and the work of the Foodbank as "invaluable".
- Work with children and young people normally includes the monthly Young Families sessions on Sunday mornings, Messy Church activities organised ecumenically through CTiO, and the popular 'Santa' and 'Easter' Breakfasts in Zeph's followed by craft and story-telling activities. It was not possible to hold the 'Easter' breakfast this year. The Junior Church staff kept in touch with children and young people during the 'lockdown' via post and email.
- In spite of the financial challenges which Trinity faced during the year, the church continued to provide financial support for a variety of organisations and agencies which work with those in special need, including Christian Aid, All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development Fund), Action for Children, and MHA.
- The Church premises are let to a wide variety of individuals and community bodies, including the Helping Hands advice clinic operating on the premises on one morning each week, and the local Rotary club's Memory Cafe. Increasingly those who make use of the premises reflect the cultural diversity of the local community.

- Trinity has a website – www.oadbymethodist.co.uk – which is up-dated regularly. The church newsletter, Affinity, is normally published bi-monthly and printed church notices are prepared each week. From March onwards Affinity was published on-line only, and notices were included in the Minister’s weekly pastoral letter.
- The property is well maintained and in good order throughout. The report received following the Quinquennial Inspection of the premises stated that “a proactive Premises Team ensures the premises are very well maintained, well presented, and welcoming and inviting to use”. Major items of expenditure during the year included the replacement of the fire alarm system and provision of attractive new noticeboards facing the A6 and the public car park and by the main entrance to the church.
- Health and Safety Risk Assessment and room-by-room Fire Risk Assessment have been undertaken.

Future plans

- At the end of the reporting year the Managing Trustees faced many uncertainties and imponderables. However, they remain committed to sustaining the Church’s fellowship, worship and witness, and, in doing so, hope to continue to realise the vision to be “a Church for all at the heart of the community”.

Financial information

- The Trustees maintain financial arrangements requiring dual signatures on all cheques, and prior approval for all except minor items of expenditure.
- The financial accounts have been approved by the Church Council and examined independently. A copy of the accounts is appended.
- The suspension of weekly public worship and cessation of lettings from March onwards had a potentially serious impact on church finances. Income from lettings which had been projected at £37,500 fell to a little under £25,000. However, following a special appeal to members in July an anticipated deficit of over £10,000 was reduced to £2,766, thanks to many generous donations.
- The largest single item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment (£54,416), followed by repairs and maintenance which amounted in total to £21,284.
- Reserves Policy: It is the church's policy to attempt to accumulate unrestricted funds equivalent to 50% of its annual expenditure. Designated funds, held within the General Funds balance, are necessary for the maintenance of an aging building and a 100+ year old organ. This policy is subject to annual review.
- The church has three restricted fund balances: (1) The J.C. Ward bequest which can only be utilised for redecoration purposes (£1,696); (2) the Benevolence Fund (£869) for use at the discretion of the Minister in cases of urgent personal need; (3) the Vickerman bequest for expenditure on the organ (£10,211).
- Investment policy: The General Fund, held in a current account at Lloyds Bank, operates at a level to sustain ongoing expenditure. The remainder is invested at the Methodist Church Central Finance Board. Although the level of interest is currently very low, it is competitive for instant, non-penalised access in the current financial environment.

Annual Financial Statements

Basis of preparation

As treasurer I confirm that I have prepared the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 from the records of the Church and Zaks Café and they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of
Treasurer

D Frost

Date 25 November
2020

Name

David Frost

Address

9 Coombe Rise,
Oadby, Leicester,
LE2 5TJ

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
25 November 2019 and were approved.

Signature of the
Chair of the meeting

D McLean

Name of the Chair of
the meeting

Rev Derek McLean

Date

25 November 2019

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		59,477	-	65	59,542
- Donations & grants		13,582	-	2,950	16,532
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		3,116			3,116
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		24,733			24,733
- Zak's café		116,223	-	-	116,223
Investments		399	-	12	411
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	3,084	3,084
- Miscellaneous		-	-	-	-
Total		217,530	-	6,111	223,641
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	73,830			73,830
Circuit Assessment		54,416			54,416
Repairs and maintenance		23,469	-		23,469
Café direct sales		25,742			25,742
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		17,577			17,577
Expenditure on other property		-			-
Depreciation	9	6,616			6,616
Interest on loans		-	-	-	-
Internal organisations		-	-	4,135	4,135
Grants and Donations		7,788		-	7,788
Other expenditure		21,298		-	21,298
Total		230,736	-	4,135	234,871
Net income/(expenditure)		(13,206)	-	1,976	(11,230)
Transfers between funds		(1,785)	2,500	- 715	
		(14,991)		1,261	(11,230)
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		(14,991)	2,500	1,261	(11,230)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,750,900	37,000	17,036	2,804,936
Total funds carried forward		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for previous year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2018-19
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Collections and tax credit		60,055	-	185	60,240
- Donations & grants		7,090	-	1,250	8,340
- Legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-			
- Fund raising		-			-
- Others		1,784			1,784
Other trading activities		-			
- Lettings		39,616			39,616
- Zak's café		154,387	-	-	154,387
Investments		357	-	12	369
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	5,455	5,455
- Miscellaneous		-	-	-	-
Total		263,289	-	6,902	270,191
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	107,296			107,296
Circuit Assessment		48,533			48,533
Repairs and maintenance		14,685	5,000		19,685
Café direct sales		37,791			37,791
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		16,511			16,511
Depreciation	9	4,773			4,773
Interest on loans		-	-	-	-
Internal organisations		-	-	5,449	5,449
Grants and Donations		6,425		-	6,425
Other expenditure		27,659		2,414	30,073
Total		263,673	5,000	7,863	276,536
Net income/(expenditure)		(384)	(5,000)	(961)	(6,345)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
		(384)	(5,000)	(961)	(6,345)
Other recognised gains / (losses):					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
Net movement in funds		(384)	(5,000)	(961)	(6,345)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,751,284	42,000	17,997	2,811,281
Total funds carried forward		2,750,900	37,000	17,036	2,804,936

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
	£		£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes			
Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000		2,670,000
Equipment	9	19,685		19,685
Investment properties				
Investments				
Total fixed assets		2,689,685		2,689,685

Current Assets

Stock		1,879			1,879
Debtors and Prepayments		222			222
Cash at Bank and in hand		18,240			18,240
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		12,159	30,019	16,261	58,439
Other		14,603	9,481	2,036	26,120
Total current assets		47,103	39,500	18,297	104,900

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		879			879
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Net current assets (liabilities)		46,224	39,500	18,297	104,021
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					

Net assets		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		2,735,909	39,500		2,775,409
Restricted funds	12			18,297	18,297
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,735,909	39,500	18,297	2,793,706

Comparative Balance Sheet for 31 August 2019

		Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year
		£		£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets*					
	Notes				
Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	20,254			20,254
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets		2,690,254			2,690,254
Current Assets					
Stock		2,081			2,081
Debtors and Prepayments		1,091			1,091
Cash at Bank and in hand					
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits					
Central Finance Board Deposits		29,336	37,000	13,949	80,285
Other		33,967		3,087	37,054
Total current assets		66,475	37,000	17,036	120,511
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		5,829			5,829
Net current assets (liabilities)		60,646	37,000	17,036	114,682
Total assets less current liabilities		2,750,900	37,000	17,036	2,804,936
Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					
Net assets		2,750,900	37,000	17,036	2,804,936
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted funds		2,750,900	37,000		2,787,900
Restricted funds	12			17,036	17,036
Endowment funds					
Total Funds		2,750,900	37,000	17,036	2,804,936

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletins 1 and 2.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted, this includes the funds held for the operation of Zak's cafe. There are a number of Designated funds which are being held for specific purposes while the Restricted funds include the internal organisations of the church which are under the direct control of the church council, There are no Endowment funds. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that the church building is included at deemed cost being the Insurance valuation.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. A prior year adjustment has been made within the 2019 accounts to reflect adoption of recognition of Gift Aid within the year when it becomes due.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

VAT

VAT incurred on the cost of purchases for the running of the church is charged as a cost of operation, while the VAT related to the operation of , Zak's is recovered against output tax raised on sales.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church and Cafe

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £400,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the building (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

All debtors relate to the trading activity of the café,.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church.

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	Nil	Nil

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind
 Less furlough grant
 Employer's National Insurance costs
 Pension costs
 Total staff costs

	2019/20	2018/19
£	92,036	98,272
	(27,790)	
£	4,796	4,909
£	4,788	4,115
£	73,830	107,296

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31 st August 2019 there are capital commitments of.
 No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2019.

Nil £864

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	566	4,550
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	566	4,550
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Buildings £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		63,257		2,733,257
Additions				5,047		5,047
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)				(4,062)		(4,062)
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		64,242		2,734,242

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				43003		43,003
Depreciation charge for year (-)				6,616		6,616
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)				(4,062)		(4,062)
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				44,557		44,557

Net book value

Brought forward	400,000	2,270,000		20,254		2,690,254
Carried forward	400,000	2,270,000		19,685		2,689,685

10 Investment assets

The church has no Investment properties

The church has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Church currently has no loans outstanding

12 Analysis of restricted funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolence Fund	804	65	0		869	Support for individuals in specific need
Welcome on Wednesday	1,683	2,402	3,479		606	Internal group.
Thursday Fellowship	746	168	450		464	Internal group.
J C Ward fund	1,685	12			1697	Building maintenance fund
Vickerman organ fund	10,211				10,211	Organ repair fund
Zephs' Purse	659	513	206		966	Café hospitality fund
Outreach fund		3,484			3,484	Support for community outreach initiatives
Totals	15,788	6,644	4,135		18,297	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oadby Trinity Methodist Church

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Oadby Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 8 to 15.

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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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 gives 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; or
- 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.

I 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.

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Date 21st November 2019

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

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