



# The Methodist Church

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](http://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

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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
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>						
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		<b>2,744</b>
Other	8	-	-	-		
- Internal organisations		-	-	256		256
- Miscellaneous		696	-	-		696
<b>Total</b>		<b>378,372</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>381,372</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>386,064</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>393,414</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>- 7,692</b>	<b>- 6,750</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 12,042</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		18,575	- 13,488	- 5,087		-
		10,883	- 20,238	- 2,687	-	- 12,042
<b>Other recognised gains / (losses):</b>						
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		10,883	- 20,238	- 2,687	-	- 12,042
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		2,718,278	38,488	18,517		2,775,283
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,729,161</b>	<b>18,250</b>	<b>15,830</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,763,241</b>

*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
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
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	-	-	<b>3,266</b>
Other		-			
- Internal organisations		-	-	1,390	1,390
- Covid support grants		-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>382,045</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>384,663</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>383,356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,313</b>	<b>386,669</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(1,311)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(695)</b>	<b>(2,006)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
		<b>(1,311)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(695)</b>	<b>(2,006)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains / (losses):</b>					
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(1,311)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(695)</b>	<b>(2,006)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		2,719,589	38,488	19,212	2,777,289
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,718,278</b>	<b>38,488</b>	<b>18,517</b>	<b>2,775,283</b>

## **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					
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		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
<b>Total current assets</b>		61,891	18,250	15,830		95,971

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

<b>Net assets</b>		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						
<b>Total Funds</b>	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
		£		£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets*</b>					
	<b>Notes</b>				
Land & Buildings	9	2,670,000			2,670,000
Equipment	9	7,140			7,140
Investment properties					
Investments					
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		2,677,140			2,677,140
<b>Current Assets</b>					
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
<b>Total current assets</b>		54,018	38,488	18,517	111,023
<b>Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)</b>		12,880			12,880
<b>Net current assets (liabilities)</b>		41,138	38,488	18,517	98,143
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		2,718,278	38,488	18,517	2,775,283
<b>Loans and creditors due after 1 year</b>					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					
<b>Net assets</b>		2,718,278	38,488	18,517	2,775,283
<b>Funds of the Church</b>					
Unrestricted funds		2,718,278	38,488		2,756,766
Restricted funds	12			18,517	18,517
Endowment funds					
<b>Total Funds</b>		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.



## 5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
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

	2024/25	2023/24
£	156,677	139,222
£	9,820	7,585
£	5,646	4,823
£	172,142	152,340

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

	5	5
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## 7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31 st August 2025 there are capital commitments of.  
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2025.

Nil Nil

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

	2023/24 4	2022/23 3
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	696	651
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	696	651
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 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
Welcome 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.

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Date 1<sup>st</sup> 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