



Lyndon Methodist Church



Trustees Annual Report September 2020 to August 2021

Lyndon Methodist Church

Melton Avenue

Solihull

B92 7QX

www.lyndonmethodist.org.uk

Charity number 1150167

Trustees and Management

The church has a pastoral minister in charge, for this period the minister was Rev Karen Webber, appointed and supervised by the Birmingham Methodist Circuit.

The church is governed by the Church Council which is made up of those holding specific posts, eg stewards, treasurer, property sub-committee chair, etc and those elected each year by the congregation to represent their interests. In May each year there is an Annual Church Meeting where the annual report is presented and stewards and Church Council representatives are elected. The Annual Church Meeting for 2021 was scheduled for 17th October 2021 . Nominations for Church Council are requested, proposed and seconded.

Trustees for the period 2020 to 2021

Rev Karen Webber
Wendy Magee
Trevor Bodfish
Karen Burgess
Tony Ludlow
Janet Rudge
Sarah Marks
John Mendus resigned 8/06/2021
Marion Pontin
Pam Walton
Graham Leek
Libby Stretton resigned 8/06/2021
Shirley Taylor resigned 8/06/2021
Andrew Wassall
Caron Chapman
Claire Frew
Ian Hancock
Eileen Kirby resigned 6/10/2020
Chris Rowe
Judith Rowe
Hilary Rowe
Chris Taylor resigned 8/06/2021
Lynne Tyler
Jeremy Wassall

Ian Smith
Roger Hancock
Adrian Burgess

Aims of Lyndon Methodist Church

Provision of regular acts of worship open to members and non-members alike. A sacred place is provided for prayer and contemplation. Teaching of Christianity, pastoral work, and promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for older people, young people, parents and toddlers and other specific need groups. Support other charities in the UK and overseas, financially and with prayer.

Summary of Activity for period September 2020 to August 2021

In line with other churches across the country, the Covid 19 Pandemic impacted on our worship and fellowship throughout 2020 -21. However, we sought new ways of reaching out and also enabled worship at church when possible. Our membership during the year was around 113 members with some people regularly attending who are not members.

From September 2020 up until the Covid 19 lockdown in January 2021, Lyndon Methodist Church continued to be an active place where Christian worship and fellowship flourished. Our Covid risk assessment included socially distanced seating, hand sanitizing, wearing of face masks, shortened services and no congregational singing and this enabled safe worship. We began by holding a service at 10am and repeated it at 11.15am each Sunday thus enabling anyone who wanted to attend to do so (30 to 50 people each week). Thankfully, two years ago we had removed the pews and changed to movable chairs which made social distancing much easier to achieve. Later in the autumn we reverted to one service in the morning as we were able to accommodate all who wished to come.

During the autumn, thanks to a dedicated and hard-working technical team, we built up our equipment and skills to enable us to broadcast our services, initially on zoom but we quickly moved to YouTube. Our services attracted around 70 views and, when added to those attending in person, meant that we were reaching more people than our services prior to Covid.

This technical ability was a real asset when, in January 2021 a new lockdown was imposed and we felt it was no longer safe to hold services in church. Instead, the technical team along with a small group (minister and singers) recorded a service in church and put it out on YouTube each week. For those unable to access this technology, we posted out a weekly service sheet.

This continued until May 2021 when we were able to resume services in church. We continued to broadcast some of the services on YouTube.

Sadly, some of our mid-week worship and fellowship could not be continued although we were able to hold our prayer and Bible study evening meetings during the Autumn. We also had to stop our Messy Church meetings but instead sent out a monthly email with a Bible story and a selection of activity sheets.

Throughout the year, we increased the regularity of our church magazine and included Biblical teaching in its content – this was distributed via email and post.

We also continued to support our Girls' and Boys' Brigade companies to engage with local children and families, sharing the Gospel message and providing the children and young people with life skills.

In Girls' Brigade the Seniors and Brigaders returned to meetings in church on 15th October (in one group) and the Explorers and Juniors a week later. This was following the preparation and approval of the risk assessments required by GB and Church over the summer of 2020 and much planning. They bounced in and out of face to face and meeting over zoom for the next couple of months. The younger girls making mug cakes during a zoom meeting and completing badgework specially produced for online. Happily, they were back face-to-face for their Christmas Party. After Christmas they were back to zoom meetings, the younger sections continuing to earn their badges. The older girls met in the park occasionally in the summer, glad to have some company and a little bit of normality. They were disappointed to have lost around 16 girls through this period, some of which they may have lost anyway due to changes in schools etc, In March they were sad to say goodbye to one member and her family, who moved to New Zealand. Happily, numbers are beginning to increase in the Explorer section and hopefully these girls will stay with the Brigade to move up through the sections in time.

Boys' Brigade

Unfortunately, our monthly service for adults with and without learning disability could not continue but we have met off-site and hope to resume in church later in 2021.

Throughout the year our pastoral visitors telephoned church members to offer friendship and spiritual support.

Through the year we supported a range of charities, particularly Action for Children, Water Aid, The Leprosy Mission and Samaritans Purse.

The trustees monitored safeguarding during the year and there were no serious issues. Trustees also regularly reviewed and made decisions in respect of property and finance. Our Data Protection procedures were reviewed.

The administrative roles in the church were taken on by volunteers, including financial management, managing our new website, producing a monthly magazine and managing lettings.

Public Benefit

The church building includes a church centre comprising of 2 halls and 2 smaller meeting rooms. This facility has been widely used since it was built and benefits the neighbourhood in many ways.

In normal years we have a wide range of groups offering services to the community and supporting their physical and mental health. Unfortunately, the Covid 19 pandemic prevented many of these groups from running. However Slimming World groups, Tia Chi and a group supporting those with a specific mental health need have been able to meet during the periods allowed under the government Covid restrictions. Our Brigades have also met and offered engagement for children and young people.

Much of the work on the risk assessments and making the building 'Covid Secure' was done in July and August 2020. During 20/21, these risk assessments were regularly reviewed and amended as Government and Methodist Church advice changed throughout the year. The reduction in usage gave an opportunity to do some remedial repairs in the church centre ready for a hoped-for increase in usage in 2021/22.

Through all of these activities the trustees believe that we met the needs of those in our local neighbourhood and beyond and the needs of a diverse range of people, thus being a servant as Jesus commanded and also providing 'Public Benefit' as the law asks of us.

Financial Review

The financial position started in a relatively good position until January 2021 but due to concerns over the affects of Covid 19 our Trustees looked again at our projected income and expenditure to ensure we could ride out any continued period of lock down. It was decided that regular lettings of rooms were in danger with the uncertainty of the length of closure of the church. In the event our congregation continued regular payments to help our cashflow sufficient to ensure our essential expenditure was met. Whilst comparing our regular giving a shortfall of £5000 approximately and lettings of £7500 less than the previous year. This was offset to some degree by special donations, a small grant against expenditure to allow streaming many of our services to a wider audience and the ability to claim £1380 from the Government Furlough Scheme that allowed partial continued working of our cleaners. Certain reductions in other expenses meant we reduced the anticipated shortfall for the year.

Our accounts give details of our funds and our reserves policy.

There were no funds held as a custodian trustee.

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lyndon Methodist	Church
------------------	--------

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Birmingham	Circuit	Circuit no	5/1
------------	---------	------------	-----

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1150167

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

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

Minister:

Rev Karen Webber

Church Stewards:

Wendy Magee	Trevor Bodfish
Adrian Burgess	Karen Burgess

Treasurer:

Anthony Ludlow

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	36,583		36,583	51,333
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	35		35	209
a4	Lettings	5,087		5,087	12,648
a5	Other receipts	4,549		4,549	22,258
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	46,254	0	46,254 (a7)	86,448

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	21,729		21,729	32,252
b3	Donations	3,200		3,200	3,460
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,306		12,306	31,926
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,196		6,196	9,489
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	4,026		4,026	5,082
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	47,457	0	47,457 (b9)	82,209

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(1,203)	0	(1,203)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		35,633		35,633 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	34,430	0	34,430
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	34,430	0	34,430 (c8)
					35,633 (c9)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		0		0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		593		1,597
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		593		1,597
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0		0

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Ladies Fellowship	0	0	0		0	0
e2 Lunch Club	0	0	0		0	0
e3 Boys Brigade(four a/c)	605		605		14,530	15,135
e4 Girls Brigade	1,541	976	565		1,403	1,968
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,146	976	1,170	0	15,933(e11)	17,103(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	46,254(a7)	47,457(b9)	(1,203)	(c7)	35,633(c6)	34,430(c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	48,400	48,433	(33)	0	51,566(x)	51,533(y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,710	14,148
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	25,676	20,034
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	247	248
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	35,633(c6)	34,430(c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	15,933(e11)	17,103(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	51,566(x)	51,533(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,283,059	2,285,327
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church ...Lyndon Methodist

1150167

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer Date *8th January 2022*

Name and address of Treas

197 Richmond Road , Solihull, West Midlands. B92 7SA

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *8th March 2022*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meetingReverend Karen Webber

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

LYNDON METHODIST.....Church

Charity Number*1150167*

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *LYNDON METHODIST* Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages *1* to *3*. 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').

Name of Church LYNDON METHODIST No 1150167

Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner James Cunniff

Name of independent examiner JAMES CUNIFF BSC, FCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate) CUNIFF & CO

Address 19 ABBAY CHURCH, GREAT BARR

BIRMINGHAM Post Code B43 6NB

Date 09/02/2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

Lyndon Methodist Church
(*Church Council)

To

Birmingham Methodist Circuit
(*Circuit Meeting)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (i) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s
- (iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report
- (iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion
- (v) Our Report is attached overleaf →

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The

Birmingham Methodist Circuit

(Circuit Meeting) received the RESERVES POLICY of

Lyndon Methodist Church

(Church Council)

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees

YES ☐ / NO ☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

(Circuit)

Signatures Date.....

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of

Lyndon Methodist Church(*Church Council☒/Circuit Meeting☐/District☐)

1.	General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2021	£14,125.14
2.	Restricted Funds held “	£57.25
3.	Endowment Funds held “	£0.00

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

General Church Fund – Collections and other income is paid into the General Church Fund, and the Circuit Assessment and other expenditure is paid from it. Our policy is to maintain this fund as low as is acceptable for effective cash flow and administration. Presently a figure of £5932.12 (around 6.5 weeks expenditure) meets this requirement, and action taken during the past year has enabled this to be achieved. Actual on 31/08/2021 was £14125.14.

Repairs and Renewals Fund – a separate Designated Fund is held to enable urgent repairs or renewals work to be undertaken. Our policy would be to hold £20,000, which would enable the emergency replacement of either a) the heating boilers or b) such other property item requiring immediate attention or any shortfall in income or increase in expenditure beyond our control in the short term. Designated funds at 31/08/2021 was £20,000.00.

Smallman DEE Legacy – A bequest from the late Daphne Smallman of £16,000 which is held by TMCP and can be used at the discretion of the Lyndon Methodist Church Council(as managing trustees). The actual balance on 31/08/2021 was £248.43 in this designated fund.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds


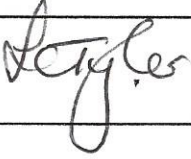
Benevolent Fund – Receipts from an additional collection at Communion Services are accumulated in the Benevolent Fund, and payments are made at the discretion of the Minister or Treasurer. Due to the Coronavirus(COVID 19) these services have re-started in recent weeks without an additional collection at the moment and the balance remaining on 31/08/2021 was £57.25.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

No endowment funds are held.

This Reserves Policy has been approved
by

Lyndon Methodist Church(*Church Council☒/Circuit Meeting☐/District☐)

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name Anthony Ludlow	Full Name Lynne Tyler
Signature 	Signature 

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lyndon Methodist	Church
------------------	--------

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Birmingham	Circuit	Circuit no	5/1
------------	---------	------------	-----

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1150167

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

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

Minister:

Rev Karen Webber

Church Stewards:

Wendy Magee	Trevor Bodfish
Adrian Burgess	Karen Burgess

Treasurer:

Anthony Ludlow

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	36,583		36,583	51,333
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	35		35	209
a4	Lettings	5,087		5,087	12,648
a5	Other receipts	4,549		4,549	22,258
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	46,254	0	46,254 (a7)	86,448

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	21,729		21,729	32,252
b3	Donations	3,200		3,200	3,460
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,306		12,306	31,926
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,196		6,196	9,489
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	4,026		4,026	5,082
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	47,457	0	47,457 (b9)	82,209

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(1,203)	0	(1,203)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		35,633		35,633 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	34,430	0	34,430
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	34,430	0	34,430 (c8)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		0		0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		593		1,597
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		593		1,597
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0		0

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Ladies Fellowship	0	0	0		0	0
e2 Lunch Club	0	0	0		0	0
e3 Boys Brigade(four a/c)	605		605		14,530	15,135
e4 Girls Brigade	1,541	976	565		1,403	1,968
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,146	976	1,170	0	15,933(e11)	17,103(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	46,254(a7)	47,457(b9)	(1,203)	(c7)	35,633(c6)	34,430(c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	48,400	48,433	(33)	0	51,566(x)	51,533(y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,710	14,148
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	25,676	20,034
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	247	248
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	35,633(c6)	34,430(c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	15,933(e11)	17,103(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	51,566(x)	51,533(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,283,059	2,285,327
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church ...Lyndon Methodist

1150167

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer Date *8th January 2022*

Name and address of Treas

197 Richmond Road , Solihull, West Midlands. B92 7SA

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *8th March 2022*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meetingReverend Karen Webber

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

LYNDON METHODIST.....Church

Charity Number*1150167* .

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *LYNDON METHODIST*..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages *1* to *3*. 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').

Name of Church LYNDON METHODIST No 1150167

Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner James Cunniff

Name of independent examiner JAMES CUNIFF BSC, FCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate) CUNIFF & CO

Address 19 GERRARD ROAD, GIBBATT BARR

BIRMINGHAM Post Code B43 6NB

Date 09/02/2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

Lyndon Methodist Church
(*Church Council)

To

Birmingham Methodist Circuit
(*Circuit Meeting)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (i) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s
- (iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report
- (iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion
- (v) Our Report is attached overleaf →

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The

Birmingham Methodist Circuit

(Circuit Meeting) received the RESERVES POLICY of

Lyndon Methodist Church

(Church Council)

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees

YES ☐ / NO ☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

(Circuit)

Signatures

Date.....

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of

Lyndon Methodist Church(*Church Council☒/Circuit Meeting☐/District☐)

1.	General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2021	£14,125.14
2.	Restricted Funds held “	£57.25
3.	Endowment Funds held “	£0.00

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

General Church Fund – Collections and other income is paid into the General Church Fund, and the Circuit Assessment and other expenditure is paid from it. Our policy is to maintain this fund as low as is acceptable for effective cash flow and administration. Presently a figure of £5932.12 (around 6.5 weeks expenditure) meets this requirement, and action taken during the past year has enabled this to be achieved. Actual on 31/08/2021 was £14125.14.

Repairs and Renewals Fund – a separate Designated Fund is held to enable urgent repairs or renewals work to be undertaken. Our policy would be to hold £20,000, which would enable the emergency replacement of either a) the heating boilers or b) such other property item requiring immediate attention or any shortfall in income or increase in expenditure beyond our control in the short term. Designated funds at 31/08/2021 was £20,000.00.

Smallman DEE Legacy – A bequest from the late Daphne Smallman of £16,000 which is held by TMCP and can be used at the discretion of the Lyndon Methodist Church Council(as managing trustees). The actual balance on 31/08/2021 was £248.43 in this designated fund.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds


Benevolent Fund – Receipts from an additional collection at Communion Services are accumulated in the Benevolent Fund, and payments are made at the discretion of the Minister or Treasurer. Due to the Coronavirus(COVID 19) these services have re-started in recent weeks without an additional collection at the moment and the balance remaining on 31/08/2021 was £57.25.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

No endowment funds are held.

This Reserves Policy has been approved
by

Lyndon Methodist Church(*Church Council☒/Circuit Meeting☐/District☐)

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name Anthony Ludlow	Full Name Lynne Tyler
Signature 	Signature 