



LYNDON METHODIST CHURCH

Solihull, West Midlands.

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Trustees Annual Report
September 2021 to August 2022

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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, e.g. 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 2023 is scheduled for 7th May 2023. Nominations for Church Council are requested, proposed and seconded.

Trustees for the period 2021 to 2022

Rev Karen Webber
Wendy Magee resigned 7/06/2022
Trevor Bodfish
Karen Burgess
Tony Ludlow
Janet Rudge
Sarah Marks
Marion Pontin removed 23/01/2022
Pam Walton
Graham Leek removed 23/01/2022
Andrew Wassall
Caron Chapman died 20/03/2022
Claire Frew
Ian Hancock resigned 7/06/2022
Chris Rowe
Judith Rowe resigned 7/06/2022
Hilary Rowe resigned 23/01/2022
Lynne Tyler
Jeremy Wassall resigned 9/03/2022
Ian Smith
Roger Hancock
Adrian Burgess
Kate Collen appointed 7/06/2022
Kim Smith appointed 21/06/2022
Lorraine Sibson appointed 23/01/2022
Hazel Kench appointed 23/01/2022
Johanna Hancock appointed 23/01/2022

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 2021 to August 2022

Whilst Lyndon Methodist Church continued to carefully return to some normality after lock downs due to Covid -19 our worship at church remained similar with numbers slowly increasing as confidence returned. During the year in addition to attendance in person as a congregation some services were relayed on You-tube until it became more difficult to provide this valued service to a wider audience.

Messy Church continued with a monthly e-mail to their members containing a bible story and related activity sheets. In December 2021 rather than a Christmas Fayre we held a Christmas Tree Festival, a theme of re-cycling materials that people had at home. We received trees from many different people and groups within the surrounding community and there was a steady flow of people on the day. Craft activities were provided to make a "Messy Church" Christmas tree on the day and visitors were offered refreshments. The intention is to resume in the new church year

in October 2022 for younger children to leave the service as a "time out" to have a bible story and activity.

The church magazine continued to be distributed at services, e-mail and posted to members and adherents.

The Boys' Brigade continued but has experienced a decline in their numbers. The situation is to be reviewed at the end of Summer 2023 to look at whether there is any prospect of youngsters joining the organisation.

Thankfully, 2nd Solihull Girls' Brigade were able to have a normal year as far as Covid-19 restrictions were concerned. They were still lower in numbers than in pre-covid times but each group continued to run individually. They continue to receive new members in the Explorers and Junior sections (the two youngest groups) and at August 2022 the numbers were around 24 girls. The Explorers and Juniors had a great afternoon out at Brueton Park in Solihull. They had a picnic and went on a bug hunt on a very wet June day. They also were pleased to have had a Christmas party with a visit from Father Christmas.

In October 2021 6 of the girls attended 3 Generate, the Methodist Youth and Children's Assembly which was held at the NEC. They joined other young people from the Birmingham Circuit and approximately 3000 young people in the UK and Isle of Man. This was a fabulous event for young people to join together for one mutual goal, to be "in Tune with God". In March 2022, the Seniors and Brigaders sections were fortunate to attend Birmingham Methodist Circuit's Amplify weekend for young people held at the Pioneer Centre near Kidderminster enjoying challenging outdoor activities. The Company struggles with a lack of leaders and we hope that will change in the near future.

Because of continued concerns due to levels of Covid-19 infections in the community Lyndon People our monthly service, for adults with and without

learning disabilities, did not resume other than a few outings to Newlands Farm by way of a short service over lunch.

Throughout the year our pastoral visitors have continued to offer friendship and spiritual support. During the year we supported a range of charities such as Action for Children, Water Aid, Christians Against Poverty, The Leprosy Mission, Christian Aid and Samaritans Purse.

The Trustees monitored safeguarding during the year and there were no serious issues. The newly appointed Safeguarding Officer has created a spreadsheet to monitor the roles undertaken and by whom and who is required to have a DBS check and undertake Safeguarding training and at what level.

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Summary of activity for period September 2021 to August 2022 continued.

Trustees also regularly reviewed and made decisions in respect of property and finance. Our Data Protection procedures were reviewed.

The Administration roles in the church are carried out by volunteers, including managing our website, producing a regular magazine, managing lettings, and financial control. In addition much of the repairs, maintenance and upkeep of the property have been carried out by volunteers such as painting and special cleaning days organised. Items that have required attention and upgrading in the church and centre include a start on changing electric light fittings to LED, kitchen waste pipes replaced due to damage, unblocking main drains, PAT testing, fire extinguisher service annually, Gas heating pump replaced and a rear door lock.

Public Benefit.

The church building includes a church centre 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.

We have groups who have used our premises for a number of years, in particular PHAB(Physically Handicapped and able bodied) which is a group set up to integrate adults with or without disabilities. Originally set up by church members, now run by an independent group of dedicated volunteers serving around 30 people each week.

There is another group running twice a week benefiting those with Mental Health issues.

Each Friday during the school term a lunch club meets at 12.00 noon where a loyal team of willing volunteers serve food to church members and others from the community up to 20 people enjoying a freshly cooked three course meal at a very reasonable price. The company of like-minded people is a free bonus. The facilities are ideal, always warm and welcoming. Thanks to all who attend.

Our lettings to the community include two Slimming World meetings during the week, also fitness related organisations for Yoga and Tai Chi.

On Sundays as well as our congregation we fit in two other Christian churches who meet in the afternoon to early evening. Firstly the Redeemed Christian Church of God followed by The Burning Bush Romanian Church.

The Church or Church Centre has in recent years been used as a polling station, due to the scarcity of suitable buildings in the ward, for local, Mayoral and General Elections.

Financial.

Our accounts for the year are prepared on an income received against expenditure to the end of August each year. The church accounts showed an excess of £925.00 of expenditure over income but this was due to late receipt of a tax refund in the region of £1000.00. The future comes with uncertainty however our accounts give details of our funds and our reserves policy and we trust that we are able to manage any difficulties that may lay ahead.

There were no funds held as a Custodian Trustee.

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Lyndon Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Birmingham	Circuit	Circuit no.	5/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1150167

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	32,019		32,019	36,583
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	89		89	35
a4	Lettings	19,255		19,255	5,087
a5	Other receipts	4,953	142	5,095	4,549
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	56,316	142	56,458 (a7)	46,254

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	27,000		27,000	21,729
b3	Donations		42	42	3,200
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,650		16,650	12,306
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,111		9,111	6,196
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	4,580		4,580	4,026
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	57,341	42	57,383 (b9)	47,457

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(1,025)	100	(925)	(1,203)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	34,430		34,430 (c6)	35,633
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	33,405	100	33,505	34,430
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	33,405	100	33,505 (c8)	34,430 (c6)

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	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	896	593
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	896	593
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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Boys Brigade (four a/c)	829	2,141	(1,312)		15,135	13,823
e2 Girls Brigade	1,797	1,715	82		1,968	2,050
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,626	3,856	(1,230)	0	17,103 (e11)	15,873 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	56,458 (a7)	57,383 (b9)	(925)	(c7)	34,430 (c6)	33,505 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	59,084	61,239	(2,155)	0	51,533 (x)	49,378 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	14,148	13,135
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	20,034	20,121
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	248	249
f6 Other funds		
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	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,285,327	2,534,399
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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