

WESLEY HALL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1150284

Details

Other names	WESLEY EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-12-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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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: 1 Provision of regular public acts of worship open to all2 Provision of a sacred space3 Teaching of Christianity (sermons & groups)4 Pastoral work including visiting sick, bereaved5 Provision of lunch club and children's groups with a Christian ethos6 Promoting the whole mission of the church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents, children and toddlers

Classification

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

Geography

- Sheffield City

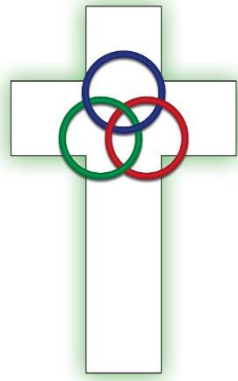
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£223,937	£229,688	-	-
2024-08-31	£199,181	£194,203	-	-
2023-08-31	£136,601	£155,144	-	-
2022-08-31	£129,742	£128,676	-	-
2021-08-31	£140,563	£136,697	-	-
2020-08-31	£159,778	£159,907	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Michelle Deans	Chair	2023-09-01
Brian Richard Morris		2018-06-07
Emma Ruth Irons		2021-09-01
Gillian Margaret Packett		2022-06-29
Jacque Anne Hall Ryan		2023-09-01
Jo Owens		2023-04-23
Judith Morris		2019-07-11
LOUISE ANN ETHERINGTON		2012-12-17
Lesley Ann Ingamells		2022-06-29
MR MATT IRONS		2012-12-17
Rev Romeo Regardo Pedro		2022-09-01
Valerie Saynor		2021-09-01

Accounts



Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number 1150284

Reports & Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 August 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2025

1 Objectives and Activities

Wesley Hall Methodist Church ("Wesley Hall", "the Church") was built in 1908 when the existing Crookes Wesleyan Chapel became too small to house the growing congregation. The Church has been serving the people of Crookes ever since, for well over 100 years.

In September 2010, Wesley Hall Methodist Church joined with Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church to form Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The two congregations continued to meet for worship in both Crookes and Walkley and provide a community-focussed missional Methodist presence as a multi-site church in these adjoining West Sheffield communities. Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27th December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an excepted charity.

In September 2021, Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church returned to being two separate churches, Wesley Hall Methodist Church and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church, as before. Wesley Hall Methodist Church retained the Charity Commission number and the registration was duly renamed.

The Church is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.

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 or 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

Our threefold mission statement, which guides all that we seek to do as a church is:

- Loving all people
- Building Community
- Sharing our Christian Faith

The sections below describe how we have sought to act these out during the year and how we intend to continue, in God's strength, to be a source of God's blessing in Crookes.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Specifically:

- we make our services as open and accessible to as wide a range of people as we can, developing new formats and times of worship to meet the needs of the communities we live amongst
- we make our building available for wide and extensive use by a large and increasing number of community groups
- we provide programmes as a church, or jointly with others, to build community and support the social, practical and spiritual needs of our neighbourhoods
- we support other charitable organisations

2 Achievements and Performance

Worship & Discipleship

The fulcrum of our church remains Sunday morning worship; a fusion of contemporary and traditional worship styles, depending on the preference of the preacher, which we aim to keep relaxed yet structured. Our Sunday morning congregation is around 35, with a balanced spread of ages. Highlights included:

September

- renewing our commitment to God at our Covenant Service
- welcoming our joint youth worker who will be working across Wesley Hall, Hillsborough Trinity and Wisewood Methodist Churches

October

- an All Age Harvest Parade Service to which we welcomed 20 Rainbows and Brownies and their families, followed by a bring and share Harvest Lunch
- sending seven children and young people off to 3Generate, the Methodist Youth Conference at the NEC in Birmingham
- holding a Ceilidh with funds raised going to Christian Aid

November

- our Christmas Fair to which we were delighted to welcome children from a local school choir and another choir that rehearse in our building

December

- our TRIBE Nativity (a scratch nativity led by the children of our church)
- the installation of panels and battery storage to reduce our consumption of electricity from the grid

February

- removed some dry rot that was found in an unused cupboard

March

- meeting to pray together for our work in the local community

April

- receiving Anne into membership
- sharing Easter breakfast together, followed by an Easter Communion Service

June

- welcoming over 120 people to our annual Big Lunch Community BBQ

August

- moving Messy Church to the local park for an informal meet up

Discipleship is actively nurtured beyond Sunday mornings through our team of pastoral visitors, weekly community focussed activities and Bible study group.

As a Church, we have enjoyed spending time sharing food together at events including our Harvest Lunch, our Easter breakfast and our Big Lunch community BBQ.

In the entrance area at Wesley Hall, we have a prayer space to be used by the wider community and our building users.

Children, families and youth

We are privileged to have served a large number of families from the Crookes area for many years. We have been pleased to see this ministry flourish since appointing our first Children and Families Worker, in October 2012. The fruitfulness of our children and families ministry led us to explore opportunities to work with young people and in October 2015 we created a Pre-teen and Youth Worker role to lead this

ministry. This led to the creation of our now established after-school Drop Inn, WHY (Wesley Hall Youth) group, Retrogaming Café and annual trip to 3Generate, the Methodist Youth Conference.

Community Events for Families

Our weekly Toddler group, and separate baby group, are well regarded in the local area. Once a term we run family fun mornings (Stay & Play) with a bouncy castle, range of craft/ play activities and pay as you feel café. We run an annual community BBQ as part of the Eden Project Big Lunch initiative with over 120 people coming to share food and a stay for a chat.

Events with Christian Input for Families

One of the aims of the community groups above is to encourage and allow people to take their first step through the door of a church. We can then use this opportunity to invite children and their families along to other age appropriate groups, but that also include Christian content. These include our monthly Saturday morning Messy Church and our Sunday morning kids group (TRIBE).

3Generate (Methodist Youth Conference)

We have been sending a group of young people from Wesley Hall to 3Generate for a number of years and every time they come back exhausted, but having had an amazing weekend. There is always a great mix of worship, workshops, games, and the chance to elect the Methodist Youth President for the next year. We sent seven young people and one adult leader to 3Generate at the NEC in Birmingham in October 2024, sharing a coach with other local young people from across the Sheffield Methodist District.

After School Drop Inn

The Drop Inn regularly welcomes around 100 young people of secondary school age each Tuesday for an after-school hot chocolate or ice cream (depending on the weather) and offers a place to hang out. This is well supported by the church and community with five regular volunteers and has helped us to build a good link with the local school from which most of the pupils are drawn.

WHY

WHY is a weekly Christian youth group that meets on term time Sunday evenings. The time is spent playing games, chatting and exploring a Christian theme, often using a video or craft. The group is small, with about five core members, but this enables a deeper exploration than would be possible with larger numbers.

Retrogaming Café

The Retrogaming Café runs quarterly and sees up to 100 people of all ages, but mostly in the 11-25 bracket, coming to enjoy older gaming consoles, coffee and a tuck shop. This is run by a team of volunteers who have been collecting the equipment over the years and are keen to set it up and share it with those who have a similar interest. We were pleased to be able to run four sessions over the year, in September, December, March and June.

Buildings & Community Focus

We are blessed with a large building, in a prominent location in Crookes which is well used by the local community, with around 850 people using the building each week.

We believe a significant part of our mission is to walk alongside users of our buildings and offer a journey into a Christ-centred community and on into discipleship. Regular activities hosted in our building included:

Church run events and groups: Bible studies; free/ low-cost community entertainment such as the Big Lunch on 8 June.

To address isolation and loneliness amongst elderly people, there is a weekly lunch club at Wesley Hall, attended by up to 40 people and providing a good quality lunch for a small charge. The Lunch Club is run by MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) Communities who provide a dedicated worker

and recruit volunteers to prepare, serve and wash up each week. This year our Minister has begun a quarterly Communion before the Lunch Club which has been very well received.

We held our annual Christmas Fair on 30 November with local crafters taking stalls upstairs and a pop up café downstairs. It was great to welcome back a local school choir and a choir who rehearse at Wesley Hall to perform to those attending the fair.

We are blessed with a small community garden and volunteers from the church have made it into a haven for nature and a place of peace for those in our local community to enjoy.

Other Christian groups: Sheffield Korean Church meets at Wesley Hall each week for worship, fellowship and young people's groups. Community Bible Study International draws together Christians from all denominations for weekly in-depth Bible study.

Many community groups regularly meet at Wesley Hall including two martial arts groups, a wind band, a slimming group, a choir, Girlguiding, a Council run youth group, Pilates, Yoga and Zumba. We also have a wide variety of one off meetings and our Church Hall is popular for children's parties.

2.1 Looking Forward

We have been encouraged by the seeds of growth we have seen during the year. Our vision for the coming year is that we

- look for new ways of engaging with children, families, youth and older people
- continue to find new ways to provide for the spiritual needs of our congregations
- become even more widely recognised as Christ-centred community hubs
- consistently walk alongside the many people we serve and the community groups that we partner
- walk closer to God along the path called discipleship

3 Financial Review

General Fund

The general fund recorded income of £113,381 (2024: £113,508), an expenditure of £124,019 (2024: £114,419), resulting in a deficit for the year of £10,639 (2024: deficit of £911). This is due to two unexpected property issues (dry rot and a leaking section of roof) which we had to address over the year. These issues both required a quick response to stop them from getting worse, so it was not possible to apply for grant support. This meant that the repairs were funded from our reserves which has left them low, with a negative bank balance showing at year-end on the balance sheet.

The Trustees are aware of the low level of our reserves and are implementing a number of fundraising activities to bring them back up.

The general fund offerings and tax recovered increased slightly to £33,548 (2024: £32,623). This giving is on top of contributions made by our congregation during this and previous years to specific projects, including our children, families and youth work.

Lettings income increased to £71,602 (2024: £67,575) mainly due to more one-off weekend bookings (children's parties and musical events), while the number of regular users remained steady over the year.

Other income of £2,483 (2024: £5,915) represents:

- payments by user groups for use of our photocopier (£1,180)
- other small deposits from various sources

Costs incurred included:

- Circuit assessments, including contribution towards ministerial stipends at £32,550 (2024: £31,500)
- spending on repairs and maintenance from the General Fund was £16,518 (2024: £4,159). A further £55,780 (mostly secured through grants) was spent from the Wesley Hall Site Fund on the installation of solar panels and batteries, and towards dry rot removal
- insurance and utilities decreased to £18,779 (2024: £21,444) mainly due to our reduced reliance on the grid following the installation of solar panels and batteries
- other expenditure was £24,602 (2024: £27,643) with £16,239 (2024: £14,659) spent on cleaning

Designated Funds

The balance of the Retrogaming Café fund reduced to £444 at 31 August 2025. The Retrogaming Café ran four times over the year, but did not need to access these funds to repair or replace any of their equipment. Since the General Fund is low, the Trustee's agreed to move £750 from the Retrogaming Café fund to the General Fund.

The balance of the Toddler Group fund reduced by £224. The group continues to be very popular with local families and the small entrance charge generated an income of £1,403 over the year. £627 was spent on resources and upkeep of equipment, and a transfer of £1,000 was made to the Children Families and Youth Fund to recognise the costs associated with employing somebody to run the Toddler Group each week. This left the Toddler Group fund with a balance of £312 at 31 August 2025.

Children, Families & Youth Fund

We have employed a Families & Community Co-Ordinator since October 2012 and a Pre-teen and Youth worker from 2015, to grow and support this work at Wesley Hall. These posts are funded by a combination of pledged donations from the congregation and external grants. Those in these roles continue to organise and run the majority of the existing groups and activities, but also turn our focus out towards the local community.

The Children, Families & Youth Fund, is in place to cover expenditure related to the posts of Families and Community Co-Ordinator and Youth Worker.

Employment costs for our Families & Community Co-Ordinator this year (salary, NI and pension) were £14,621 (2024: £13,728) with other costs bringing the total expenditure to £17,650 (2024: £16,596).

We have previously struggled to employ a youth worker for a just small number of hours per week and so this year we have joined up with two other local Methodist Churches (Hillsborough Trinity Methodist Church and Wisewood Methodist Church) to create a full-time youth work post. Both their time and the employment costs are split equally between the three churches, and a transfer of £10,750 was made from the Children, Families & Youth Fund to the Joint Youth Worker Fund as our contribution towards this.

We have secured funding for both these posts for three years which includes this year (2024/25), next year (2025/26) and the year after (2026/27).

Overall the fund increased by £4,561 leaving a balance of £8,168 at 31 August 2025.

Joint Youth Worker Fund

We now share a youth worker with two other local Methodist Churches, but the employing body is Wesley Hall. Their time and the employment costs are split equally between the three churches and the Joint Youth Worker fund has been set up to separately account for all income and expenditure relating to the employment of the joint youth worker.

Employment costs for the Joint Youth Worker for this year (salary, NI and pension) were £29,957 (2024: nil) with other costs bringing the total expenditure to £30,924 (2024: nil).

At 31 August 2025 there was a balance of £1,437 in this fund.

Other Restricted Funds

The balance of the Wesley Hall Site Fund reduced by £886 since a grant paid last year to put on a Christmas meal for older people in the local area, was spent this year.

We are very grateful to the npower Business Solutions Foundation (£26,432), the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Low Carbon Community and Culture Scheme (£25,000), and the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (£1,040) for their support towards the installation of solar panels and batteries at Wesley Hall. These grants have been spent in full over the year.

This left a balance of £8,275 at 31 August 2025.

3.1 Reserves Policy

As a church we aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient funds to cover our general expenditure for between 3 months and 6 months. For the year ended 31 August 2025 this is £28,750 and £57,500.

At 31 August 2025 our unrestricted reserves amounted to £7,872.

Should our reserves fall below this level then the Trustees will form a strategy to raise the required funds. Should they rise above this level the Trustees will agree ways in which the funds can be distributed within our mission and calling.

The Trustees are aware that our current level of reserves falls outside our reserves policy and are implementing a number of fundraising activities to bring them back up.

Other reserves are held for specific purposes and are managed accordingly.

4 Trustees' Responsibility

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

5 Structure, Governance & Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27th December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an excepted charity, and was renamed Wesley Hall Methodist Church in September 2021.

Oversight of the mission and governance of the Church is carried out primarily by the Church Council, who are the legal Trustees of the Church. The Church Council met three times during the year to carry out the business required of it by Methodist Church Standing Orders, and to oversee the work of the Church.

Day to day leadership and administration is exercised by the Centre Manager and leadership team. Additional teams and committees are appointed to carry out specific work, including pastoral committees and management teams for each of our employed staff.

An Annual Church Meeting is convened to review the work of the Church and elect Trustees and other officers as required by Methodist Church standing orders.

5.1 Related Parties

The Church is part of the Sheffield Methodist Circuit which is part of the Sheffield Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

5.2 Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from their creation in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- we will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- we will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- we will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- we will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- we will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- in all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

6 Reference and Administrative Details

6.1 Name of the Charity

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

6.2 Charity registration number

1150284, registered in England and Wales on 27 December 2012

6.3 Principal Office

Wesley Hall
Crookes
Sheffield
S10 1UD

6.4 Trustees

The members of the Church Council, who are the Trustees of the Church, serving throughout the year and up to the date of this report were:

Rev Romeo Pedro

Rev Michelle Deans

Ms Louise Etherington

Mrs Lesley Ingamells

Mrs Emma Irons

Mr Matthew Irons

Mr Brian Morris

Mrs Judith Morris

Mrs Jo Owens

Miss Gillian Packett

Mrs Jacque Ryan

Miss Valerie Saynor

6.5 Membership

Following an administration exercise looking at regular worshippers and those how have moved away, our membership decreased to 34 at 31 August 2025 (August 2024: 48).

6.6 Bankers

The Co-operative Bank
PO Box 150
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6.7 Custodian Trustees

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6.8 Independent examiner

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6.9 Approvals

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

Signed



Date

26/5/26

Name Matt Irons (Treasurer)

Address Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1UD

Presentation to the Church Council

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on Thursday 5 February 2026.

Signed



Date

31/5/2026

Name Rev. Michelle Deans (Chair of Trustees)

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity Wesley Hall Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's Trustees of Wesley Hall Methodist Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

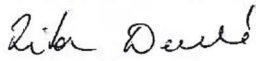
I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did 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.

Signed 

Date: 02.06.2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income & endowments						
Donations and legacies	3	33,728	-	13,149	46,877	42,926
Charitable activities	4	75,941	1,403	74,503	151,847	149,651
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investment	5	1,229	-	-	1,229	669
Other income	6	2,483	-	21,500	23,983	5,934
Total		113,381	1,403	109,153	223,937	199,181
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Circuit Assessment		32,550	-	-	32,550	31,500
Grants and donations		754	-	-	754	799
Maintenance on church		16,518	-	55,780	72,298	66,649
Insurance, utilities etc.		18,779	-	-	18,779	21,444
Depreciation charge	7	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	8	24,602	627	4,684	29,913	31,209
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	9	30,816	-	44,578	75,394	42,602
Total		124,019	627	105,041	229,688	194,203
Net income/(expenditure)		(10,639)	776	4,112	(5,751)	4,979
Transfers between funds		750	(1,750)	1,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(9,888)	(974)	5,122	(5,751)	4,979
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		17,760	1,730	12,768	32,258	27,280
Total funds carried forward		7,872	756	17,879	26,507	32,258

Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible fixed assets	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	10	3,611	-	1,275	4,887	12,686
Prepayments	10	8,782	-	171	8,953	9,131
CFB accounts		(3,370)	696	24,042	21,368	22,092
Current accounts		-	-	8,462	8,462	5,668
Cash in hand		544	60	15	617	242
Total Current Assets		9,567	756	33,965	44,288	49,819
Creditors	11	1,695	-	16,086	17,781	17,561
Net Current Assets		7,872	756	17,879	26,507	32,258
Net Assets		7,872	756	17,879	26,507	32,258
Represented by						
General fund		7,872	-	-	7,872	17,760
Retrogaming café fund	12	-	444	-	444	1,194
Toddler group fund	12	-	312	-	312	536
Children, families & youth fund	13	-	-	8,168	8,168	3,607
Wesley Hall site fund	13	-	-	8,275	8,275	9,161
Community garden fund	13	-	-	1,437	1,437	-
Net Assets		7,872	756	17,879	26,507	32,258

Approval

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 were approved by the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on Thursday 5 February 2026.

Signed

G M Packett

Date

31/5/26

Name Gillian Packett (Church Council Secretary)

Notes to the Financial Statements

As at 31 August 2025

1. Accounting framework and accounting policies

1.1 Accounting framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102

1.2 Public benefit entity

Wesley Hall Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

1.4 Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

1.5 Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at the date of approval of these accounts, the Trustees believe that the Church is a going concern.

1.6 Income recognition

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.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP) and are included under donations and legacies in the SoFA.

1.7 Expenditure

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.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. Fixtures and fittings are depreciated over 5 years and freehold buildings over 50 years. Freehold land is not depreciated.

No carrying value has been included in these accounts in respect of the Church building on the basis that it was constructed over 100 years ago and so the historic cost of land is considered immaterial and the costs of constructing the building is fully depreciated.

The building is insured for £8,754,555.

1.9 Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Church or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or amount advanced to the Church. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

2. Payments**2.1 Payments to Trustees**

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees paid expenses	0	0
	£	£
Total amount paid	0	0
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees who received remuneration from the charity for employment other than their role as a Trustee	1	1
	£	£
Gross salary	26,485	25,133

Remuneration for employment other than role as a Trustee

Our Centre Manager is employed to look after the building, room bookings and finances of the church. They are also a Trustee.

2.2 Payments to Related Parties

Wesley Hall Methodist Church paid £32,550 towards the Circuit Assessment to the Sheffield Methodist Circuit where Mrs Louise Etherington, Mr Matt Irons and Rev. Romeo Pedro are also trustees. Contributions towards the Circuit Assessment are made by all Methodist Churches in Sheffield, and this is then used to pay stipends for our Minsters and to cover general operating costs of the Circuit.

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Offering	27,419	-	10,772	38,191	34,626
Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	6,128	-	2,377	8,505	8,121
Donations	180	-	-	180	180
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Total	33,728	-	13,149	46,877	42,926

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Room hire and lettings	71,602	-	-	71,602	67,575
Income from events	64	1,403	656	2,124	2,241
Fundraising	1,258	-	-	1,258	1,158
Grants received	3,016	-	73,847	76,863	78,678
Total	75,941	1,403	74,503	151,847	149,651

Grants for Children, Families & Youth Fund

We are very grateful to the Sheffield Methodist Circuit (£8,500), Methodist Youth Activities (£5,000), Sheffield City Council (£4,875) and the Church Burgesses Trust (£3,000) for their support of our work with children, families and young people.

Grants for Wesley Hall Site Fund

We are very grateful to the npower Business Solutions Foundation (£26,432) and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Low Carbon Community and Culture Grant (£25,000) and the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (£1,040) for their support towards the installation of solar panels and batteries at Wesley Hall.

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Central Finance Board	1,229	-	-	1,229	669
Total	1,229	-	-	1,229	669

6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	3,959
Management fees	-	-	-	-	341
Contributions for youth worker	-	-	21,500	21,500	-
Users paying for photocopying	1,180	-	-	1,180	-
Other income	1,303	-	-	1,303	1,635
Total	2,483	-	21,500	23,983	5,934

We share a youth worker with two other local Methodist Churches, but the employing body is Wesley Hall. Both their time and employment costs are split equally between the three churches and contributions from the other two churches (Hillsborough Trinity Methodist Church and Wisewood Methodist Church) are recorded here.

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2024	1,384	-	-	1,384
At 31 August 2025	1,384	-	-	1,384
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2024	1,384	-	-	1,384
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2025	1,384	-	-	1,384
Net book value				
31 August 2024	-	-	-	-
31 August 2025	-	-	-	-

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31 August 2025: £465

31 August 2024: £465

8. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Cleaning costs	16,239	-	-	16,239	14,659
Independent Examiner's fees	962	-	-	962	876
Worship	806	-	-	806	507
Event costs	360	604	2,043	3,006	2,528
Fundraising costs	203	-	-	203	161
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	4,225
Equipment	282	-	-	282	241
Other expenditure	5,751	23	2,641	8,415	8,013
Total	24,602	627	4,684	29,913	31,209

9. Salaries and associated costs

No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Gross salaries paid to three (2023/24: two) part time employees were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gross salary	26,485	-	39,176	65,661	37,640
Employer's NI contributions	2,742	-	3,519	6,261	2,684
Employer's pension contributions	1,589	-	1,883	3,472	2,279
Total	30,816	-	44,578	75,394	42,602

Total weekly contractual hours for three staff	82.5	48
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We share a youth worker with two other local Methodist Churches, but the employing body is Wesley Hall. Both their time and the employment costs are split equally between the three churches, but their full hours are recorded here.

Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

10. Debtors and prepayments

All sums shown as Debtors at 31 August 2025 were received during the following year. Debtors were made up as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Debtors					
Trade debtors	2,157	-	-	2,157	8,142
Gift Aid not yet claimed	1,454	-	1,275	2,729	4,544
Total	3,611	-	1,275	4,887	12,686
Prepayments	£		£	£	£
Circuit assessment paid in advance	8,387	-	-	8,387	8,138
Other payments in advance	396	-	171	567	994
Total	8,782	-	171	8,953	9,131

11. Creditors and accrued expenses

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Creditors					
Trade creditors	446	-	16,086	16,532	15,763
Independent Examiner's fees	950	-	-	950	900
MBNA Credit Card	299	-	-	299	898
Total	1,695	-	16,086	17,781	17,561

Grants paid in advance

Grants from the Sheffield Methodist Circuit (£8,000), Methodist Youth Activities (£5,000) and the Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust (£3,0000) for our work with children, families and young people next year (2025/26) were paid this year (2024/25). These have been recorded under Trade creditors.

12. Designated funds**12.1 Current Year**

	Balance at 01/09/24 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/08/25 £
Retrogaming Café fund	1,194	-	-	(750)	444
Toddler Group fund	536	1,403	627	(1,000)	312
Total	1,730	1,403	627	(1,750)	756

Transfer to General Fund

The Retrogaming Café fund has not seen any movement in a number of years so holding it at this level is not necessary. Since the General Fund is low, the Trustee's agreed to move £750 from the Retrogaming Café fund to the General Fund.

Transfer to Children Families & Youth Fund

The Trustee's agreed to move £1,000 from the Toddler Group Fund to the Children, Families & Youth Fund. This is to recognise the costs associated with employing somebody to run the Toddler Group each week.

12.2 Prior Year

	Balance at 01/09/23 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/08/24 £
Retrogaming Café fund	1,194	-	-	-	1,194
Toddler Group fund	756	1,687	407	(1,500)	536
Total	1,950	1,687	407	(1,500)	1,730

Transfer to Children Families & Youth Fund

The Trustee's agreed to move £1,500 from the Toddler Group Fund to the Children, Families & Youth Fund. This is to recognise the costs associated with employing somebody to run the Toddler Group each week.

13. Restricted funds**13.1 Current Year**

	Balance at 01/09/24 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/08/25 £
Children, families & youth fund	3,607	31,961	17,650	(9,750)	8,168
Wesley Hall site fund	9,161	55,582	56,468	-	8,275
Joint youth worker fund	-	21,610	30,924	10,750	1,437
Total	12,768	190,153	105,041	1,000	17,879

Joint Youth Worker Fund

We share our youth worker with two other local Methodist Churches, but the employing body is Wesley Hall. Both their time and the employment costs are split equally between the three churches. The Joint Youth Worker fund has been set up to separately account for all income and expenditure relating to the employment of the joint youth worker.

13.2 Prior Year

	Balance at 01/09/23 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/08/24 £
Children, families & youth fund	4,256	14,446	16,596	1,500	3,607
Wesley Hall site fund	2,361	69,540	62,740	-	9,161
Community garden fund	41	-	41	-	-
Total	6,658	83,987	79,377	1,500	12,768

14. Volunteer contributions

Wesley Hall Methodist Church is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

15. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31 August 2025 (August 2024: nil).

16. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	(2,826)	756	32,159	30,448	28,002
Total	(2,826)	756	32,519	30,448	28,002

17. Risk assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

18. Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

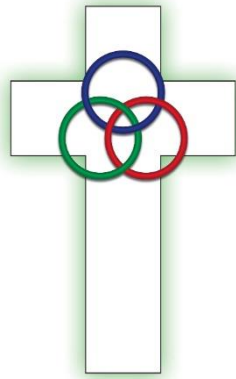
19. Public benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

WESLEY HALL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1150284

Accounts



Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number 1150284

Reports & Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st August 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st August 2024

1 Objectives and Activities

Wesley Hall Methodist Church ("Wesley Hall", "the Church") was built in 1908 when the existing Crookes Wesleyan Chapel became too small to house the growing congregation. The Church has been serving the people of Crookes ever since, for well over 100 years.

In September 2010, Wesley Hall Methodist Church joined with Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church to form Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The two congregations continued to meet for worship in both Crookes and Walkley and provide a community-focussed missional Methodist presence as a multi-site church in these adjoining West Sheffield communities. Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27th December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an excepted charity.

In September 2021, Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church returned to being two separate churches, Wesley Hall Methodist Church and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church, as before. Wesley Hall Methodist Church retained the Charity Commission number and the registration was duly renamed.

The Church is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.

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 or 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

Our threefold mission statement, which guides all that we seek to do as a church is:

- Loving all people
- Building Community
- Sharing our Christian Faith

The sections below describe how we have sought to act these out during the year and how we intend to continue, in God's strength, to be a source of God's blessing in Crookes.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Specifically:

- we make our services as open and accessible to as wide a range of people as we can, developing new formats and times of worship to meet the needs of the communities we live amongst
- we make our building available for wide and extensive use by a large and increasing number of community groups
- we provide programmes as a church, or jointly with others, to build community and support the social, practical and spiritual needs of our neighbourhoods
- we support other charitable organisations

2 Achievements and Performance

Worship & Discipleship

The fulcrum of our church remains Sunday morning worship; a fusion of contemporary and traditional worship styles, depending on the preference of the preacher, which we aim to keep relaxed yet structured. Our Sunday morning congregation is around 35, with a balanced spread of ages. Highlights included:

September

- welcoming Rev. Michelle Deans as our Minister at our Covenant Service

October

- an All Age Harvest Parade Service to which we welcomed 20 Rainbows and Brownies and their families, followed by a bring and share Harvest Lunch
- sending six children and young people off to 3Generate, the Methodist Youth Conference at the NEC in Birmingham
- holding a Ceilidh with funds raised going to Christian Aid

November

- screening The Super Mario Bros. Movie for local families
- our Christmas Fair to which we were delighted to welcome children from a local school choir and another choir that rehearse in our building

December

- the TRIBE Nativity (a scratch nativity led by the children of our church)

March

- hosting a repair café organised by an ecumenical group with members drawn from all the churches in Crookes

April

- sharing Easter breakfast together followed by an Easter Communion Service

June

- welcoming over 120 people to our annual Big Lunch Community BBQ

July

- sharing a Summer picnic together in our Church Hall, since it was too wet to go to the local park as planned!
- launching our twice a month drop in free coffee morning, open to all

Discipleship is actively nurtured beyond Sunday mornings through our team of pastoral visitors, and weekly community focussed activities.

As a Church, we have enjoyed spending time sharing food together at events including our Harvest Lunch, our Easter breakfast, Big Lunch community BBQ and Summer picnic.

In the entrance area at Wesley Hall, we have a prayer space to be used by the wider community and our building users.

Children, families and youth

We are privileged to have served a large number of families from the Crookes area for many years. We have been pleased to see this ministry flourish since appointing our first Children and Families Worker, in October 2012. The fruitfulness of our children and families ministry led us to explore opportunities to work with young people and in October 2015 we created a Pre-teen and Youth Worker role to lead this ministry. This led to the creation of our now established after-school Drop Inn, WHY (Wesley Hall Youth) group, Retrogaming Café and annual trip to 3Generate, the Methodist Youth Conference.

Community Events for Families

Our weekly Toddler group, and separate baby group, are well regarded in the local area and compliment other churches to offer a variety of groups throughout the week. Once a term we run family fun mornings (Stay & Play) with a bouncy castle, range of craft/ play activities and pay as you feel café. We run occasional film afternoons with a recent release show on a big screen, and an annual community BBQ as part of the Eden Project Big Lunch initiative with over 120 people coming to share food and a stay for a chat.

Events with Christian Input for Families

One of the aims of the community groups above is to encourage and allow people to take their first step through the door of a church. We can then use this opportunity to invite children and their families along to other age appropriate groups, but that also include Christian content. These include our monthly Saturday morning Messy Church and our Sunday morning kids group (TRIBE).

Fun Days

We ran a Fun Day in both the school Easter and Summer holidays. This is an ecumenical project and is run jointly with St Tim's, a local Anglican church. The venue alternates so the Easter day is held at St Tim's, and the Summer day at Wesley Hall.s

3Generate (Methodist Youth Conference)

We have been sending a group of young people from Wesley Hall to 3Generate for a number of years and every time they come back exhausted, but having had an amazing weekend. There is always a great mix of worship, workshops, games, and the chance to elect the Methodist Youth President for the next year. We sent 6 young people and 1 adult leader to 3Generate at the NEC in Birmingham in October 2023, sharing a coach with other local young people from across the Sheffield Methodist District.

After School Drop Inn

The Drop Inn regularly welcomes around 100 young people of secondary school age each Tuesday for an after-school hot chocolate or ice cream (depending on the weather) and offers a place to hang out. This is well supported by the church with five regular volunteers and has helped us to build a good link with the local school from which most of the pupils are drawn.

WHY

WHY is a weekly Christian youth group that meets on term time Sunday evenings. The time is spent playing games, chatting and exploring a Christian theme, often using a video or craft. The group is small, with about four core members, but this enables a deeper exploration than would be possible with larger numbers.

Retrogaming Café

The Retrogaming Café runs quarterly and sees up to 100 people of all ages, but mostly in the 11-25 bracket, coming to enjoy older gaming consoles, coffee and a tuck shop. This is run by a team of volunteers who have been collecting the equipment over the years and are keen to set it up and share it with those who have a similar interest. We were pleased to be able to run four sessions over the year, in September, December, March and June.

Buildings & Community Focus

We are blessed with a large building, in a prominent location in Crookes which is well used by the local community, with around 850 people using the building each week.

We believe a significant part of our mission is to walk alongside users of our buildings and offer a journey into a Christ-centred community and on into discipleship. Regular activities hosted in our building included:

Church run events and groups: Bible studies; free/ low-cost community entertainment such as the Big Lunch on 9th June and a film show on 11th November.

To address isolation and loneliness amongst elderly people, there is a weekly lunch club at Wesley Hall, attended by up to 40 people and providing a good quality lunch for a small charge. The Lunch Club is run by MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) Communities who provide a dedicated worker and recruit volunteers to prepare, serve and wash up each week.

We held our annual Christmas Fair on 26th November with local crafters taking stalls upstairs and a pop up café downstairs. It was great to welcome back a local school choir and a choir who rehearse at Wesley Hall to perform to those attending the fair.

We are blessed with a small community garden and volunteers from the church have made it into a haven for nature and a place of peace for those in our local community to enjoy.

Other Christian groups: Sheffield Korean Church meets at Wesley Hall each week for worship, fellowship and young people's groups. Community Bible Study International draws together Christians from all denominations for weekly in-depth Bible study.

Many community groups regularly meet at Wesley Hall including a martial arts group, a wind band, a slimming group, two choirs, Girlguiding, a Council run youth group, Pilates, Yoga and Zumba. We also have a wide variety of one off meetings and our Church Hall is popular for children's parties.

2.1 Looking Forward

We have been encouraged by the seeds of growth we have seen during the year. Our vision for the coming year is that we

- look for new ways of engaging with children, families, youth and older people
- continue to find new ways to provide for the spiritual needs of our congregations
- become even more widely recognised as Christ-centred community hubs
- consistently walk alongside the many people we serve and the community groups that we partner
- walk closer to God along the path called discipleship

3 Financial Review

General Fund

The general fund recorded income of £113,508 (2023: £112,530), an expenditure of £114,419 (2023: £128,607), resulting in a deficit for the year of £911 (2023: deficit of £16,077).

The general fund offerings and tax recovered remain unchanged at £32,623 (2023: £32,433). This giving is on top of contributions made by our congregation during this and previous years to specific projects, including our children, families and youth work.

Lettings income was unchanged at £67,575 (2023: £67,826) with the number of users remaining steady over the year.

We are very grateful to South Yorkshire's Community Foundation (£5,000) for their grant to help with cost of living increases.

Other income of £5,915 (2023: £5,958) represents:

- Insurance claims (£3,959) following a car that crashed into the wall of our car park, and the theft of a laptop computer
- management fees (£341) for work undertaken by our Centre Manager at another church (Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church)
- other small deposits from various sources

Costs incurred included:

- Circuit assessments, including contribution towards ministerial stipends at £31,500 (2023: £36,210)
- spending on repairs and maintenance from the General Fund was £4,159 (2023: £18,029). A further £62,490 (secured through grants) was spent from the Wesley Hall Site Fund on new boilers, a heating control system upgrade and two Evac+Chairs
- insurance and utilities increased to £21,444 (2023: £19,654) following price increases from many of our suppliers
- other expenditure was £27,643 (2023: £22,776) with £14,659 (2023: £13,392) spent on cleaning

Designated Funds

The balance of the Retrogaming Café fund remained unchanged at £1,194 as of 31st August 2024. The Retrogaming Café ran four times over the year, but did not need to access these funds to repair or replace any of their equipment.

The balance of the Toddler Group fund reduced by £220. The group continues to be very popular with local families and the small entrance charge generated an income of £1,687 over the year. £407 was spent on resources and upkeep of equipment, and a transfer of £1,500 was made to the Children Families and Youth Fund to recognise the costs associated with employing somebody to run the Toddler Group each week. This left the Toddler Group fund with a balance of £536 at 31st August 2024.

Children, Families & Youth Fund

We have employed a Families & Community Co-Ordinator since October 2012 and a Pre-teen and Youth worker from 2015, to grow and support this work at Wesley Hall. These posts are funded by a combination of pledged donations from the congregation and external grants. Those in these roles continue to organise and run the majority of the existing groups and activities, but also turn our focus out towards the local community.

The Children, Families & Youth Fund, is in place to cover expenditure related to the posts of Families and Community Co-Ordinator and Youth Worker. We did not have youth worker in post this year as we were exploring the possibility of sharing a worker with two other local churches. We are happy to say that

Jason Colley was appointed as Joint Youth Worker for Wesley Hall, Hillsborough Trinity and Wisewood Methodist Churches and started work on 18th September 2024.

Employment costs for this year (salary, NI and pension) were £13,728 (2023: £19,837) with other costs bringing the total expenditure to £16,596 (2023: £23,652). We did not secure adequate donations and grant funding to cover all of this expense, so the fund balance reduced by £650 leaving a balance of £3,607 at 31st August 2024.

Other Restricted Funds

The balance of the Wesley Hall Site Fund increased by £6,800 following grants toward resurfacing our car park from the Benefact Trust (£4,300) and the Sheffield Town Trust (£2,000), and a grant from the Sheffield Methodist District to put on a Christmas meal for older people in the local area (£500). These projects have not yet taken place, but we are planning to hold the Christmas Meal in December 2024.

We are very grateful to have received and spent grants from Biffa Award (£50,554) and the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (£9,994) on new boilers and a heating control system upgrade.

We also very grateful to have received and spent a grant from the JG Graves Trust (£1,600) on two Evac+Chairs. Four church members have received training on how to use the chairs over the year. This will enable us to get those who are unable to use the stairs out of the building in an emergency.

This left a balance of £9,161 at 31st August 2024.

The remaining £41 in the Community Garden Fund was spent on a tree, and an extension lead for the mower, leaving a balance of zero. This fund is now closed.

3.1 Reserves Policy

As a church we aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient funds to cover our general expenditure for between 3 months and 6 months. For the year ended 31st August 2024 this is £27,500 and £55,000.

At 31st August 2024 our unrestricted reserves amounted to £17,760.

Should our reserves fall below this level then the Trustees will form a strategy to raise the required funds. Should they rise above this level the Trustees will agree ways in which the funds can be distributed within our mission and calling.

Other reserves are held for specific purposes and are managed accordingly.

4 Trustees' Responsibility

For each financial year ending on 31st August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

5 Structure, Governance & Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27th December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an excepted charity, and was renamed Wesley Hall Methodist Church in September 2021.

Oversight of the mission and governance of the Church is carried out primarily by the Church Council, who are the legal Trustees of the Church. The Church Council met three times during the year to carry out the business required of it by Methodist Church Standing Orders, and to oversee the work of the Church.

Day to day leadership and administration is exercised by the Centre Manager and leadership team. Additional teams and committees are appointed to carry out specific work, including pastoral committees and management teams for each of our employed staff.

An Annual Church Meeting is convened to review the work of the Church and elect Trustees and other officers as required by Methodist Church standing orders.

5.1 Related Parties

The Church is part of the Sheffield Methodist Circuit which is part of the Sheffield Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

5.2 Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from their creation in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- we will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- we will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- we will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- we will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- we will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- in all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

6 Reference and Administrative Details

6.1 Name of the Charity

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

6.2 Charity registration number

1150284, registered in England and Wales on 27 December 2012

6.3 Principal Office

Wesley Hall
Crookes
Sheffield
S10 1UD

6.4 Trustees

The members of the Church Council, who are the Trustees of the Church, serving throughout the year and up to the date of this report were:

Rev Romeo Pedro	Mr Matthew Irons
Rev Michelle Deans [from 01/09/23]	Mr Brian Morris
Rev Mike Jones [to 25/01/24]	Mrs Judith Morris
Ms Louise Etherington	Mrs Jo Owens
Mr Andrew Gray [to 19/10/23]	Miss Gillian Packett
Mrs Carole Gray [to 19/10/23]	Mrs Jacque Ryan [from 01/09/23]
Mrs Lesley Ingamells	Miss Valerie Saynor
Mrs Emma Irons	

6.5 Membership

At 31st August 2024, the church had 48 members (August 2023: 48).

6.6 Bankers

The Co-operative Bank	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
PO Box 150	9 Bonhill Street
Skelmersdale, WN8 6GG	London, EC2A 4PE

6.7 Custodian Trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central Buildings
Oldham Street
Manchester
M1 1JQ

6.8 Independent examiner

Independent Examiners Ltd
Unit 2, The Broadbridge Business Centre
Delling Lane
Bosham
West Sussex
PO18 8NF

6.9 Approvals

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31st August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

Signed



Date

26/1/25

Name Matt Irons (Treasurer)

Address Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1UD

Presentation to the Church Council

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 were presented to the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on Thursday 17th October 2024.

Signed



Date

26/01/2025

Name Rev. Michelle Deans (Chair of Trustees)

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity Wesley Hall Methodist Church for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's Trustees of Wesley Hall Methodist Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did 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.

Signed



Date: 27.01.2025

Name Zita Derbak MATT AATQB
Address Independent Examiners Ltd
 Unit 2
 The Broadbridge Business Centre
 Delling Lane
 Bosham
 PO18 8NF

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income & endowments						
Donations and legacies	3	32,803	20	10,103	42,926	44,399
Charitable activities	4	74,120	1,667	73,864	149,651	85,313
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investment	5	669	-	-	669	819
Other income	6	5,915	-	19	5,934	6,069
Total		113,508	1,687	83,987	199,181	136,601
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Circuit Assessment		31,500	-	-	31,500	36,210
Grants and donations		799	-	-	799	936
Maintenance on church		4,159	-	62,490	66,649	18,029
Insurance, utilities etc.		21,444	-	-	21,444	19,654
Depreciation charge	7	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	8	27,643	407	3,158	31,209	29,475
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	9	28,874	-	13,278	42,602	50,840
Total		114,419	407	79,377	194,203	155,144
Net income/(expenditure)		(911)	1,280	4,610	4,979	1,066
Transfers between funds		-	(1,500)	1,500	-	-
Net movement in funds		(911)	(220)	6,110	4,979	1,066
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		18,671	1,950	6,658	27,280	
Total funds carried forward		17,760	1,730	12,768	32,258	

Balance Sheet

As at 31st August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible fixed assets	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	10	11,229	-	1,457	12,686	4,909
Prepayments	10	8,965	-	166	9,131	9,359
CFB accounts		(5,220)	1,670	25,642	22,092	1,506
Current accounts		5,668	-	-	5,668	13,550
Cash in hand		167	60	15	242	241
Total Current Assets		20,810	1,730	27,279	49,819	29,565
Creditors	11	3,049	-	14,512	17,561	2,285
Net Current Assets		17,760	1,730	12,768	32,258	27,280
Net Assets		17,760	1,730	12,768	32,258	27,280
Represented by						
General fund		17,760	-	-	17,760	18,671
Retrogaming café fund	12	-	1,194	-	1,194	1,194
Toddler group fund	12	-	536	-	536	756
Children, families & youth fund	13	-	-	3,607	3,607	4,256
Wesley Hall site fund	13	-	-	9,161	9,161	2,361
Community garden fund	13	-	-	-	-	41
Net Assets		17,760	1,730	12,768	32,258	27,280

Approval

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31st August 2024 were approved by the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on 17th October 2024.

Signed 

Date 26/11/25

Name Gillian Packett (Church Council Secretary)

Notes to the Financial Statements

As at 31st August 2024

1. Accounting framework and accounting policies

1.1 Accounting framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102

1.2 Public benefit entity

Wesley Hall Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

1.4 Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

1.5 Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at the date of approval of these accounts, the Trustees believe that the Church is a going concern.

1.6 Income recognition

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.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP) and are included under donations and legacies in the SoFA.

1.7 Expenditure

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.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. Fixtures and fittings are depreciated over 5 years and freehold buildings over 50 years. Freehold land is not depreciated.

No carrying value has been included in these accounts in respect of the Church building on the basis that it was constructed over 100 years ago and so the historic cost of land is considered immaterial and the costs of constructing the building is fully depreciated.

The building is insured for £8,458,379.

1.9 Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Church or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or amount advanced to the Church. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

2. Payments**2.1 Payments to Trustees**

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees paid expenses	0	0
	£	£
Total amount paid	0	0
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees who received remuneration from the charity for employment other than their role as a Trustee	1	1
	£	£
Gross salary	25,133	26,940

Remuneration for employment other than role as a Trustee

Our Centre Manager is employed to look after the building, room bookings and finances of the church. They are also a Trustee.

2.2 Payments to Related Parties

Wesley Hall Methodist Church paid £31,500 towards the Circuit Assessment to the Sheffield Methodist Circuit where Mr Matt Irons and Rev. Romeo Pedro are also trustees. Contributions towards the Circuit Assessment are made by all Methodist Churches in Sheffield, and this is then used to pay stipends for our Minsters and to cover general operating costs of the Circuit.

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Offering	26,337	20	8,269	34,626	35,161
Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	6,287	-	1,834	8,121	8,834
Donations	180	-	-	180	305
Legacies	-	-	-	-	100
Total	32,803	20	10,103	42,926	44,399

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Room hire and lettings	67,575	-	-	67,575	67,826
Collections for other charities	-	-	-	-	105
Income from events	-	1,667	574	2,241	3,463
Fundraising	1,158	-	-	1,158	1,133
Grants received	5,388	-	73,290	78,678	12,786
Total	74,120	1,667	73,864	149,651	85,313

Grants for General Fund

We are very grateful to South Yorkshire's Community Foundation (£5,000) for their grant to help with cost of living increases.

Grants for Children, Families & Youth Fund

We are very grateful to the Sheffield Methodist Circuit (£4,000) for their support of our work with children, families and young people.

Grants for Wesley Hall Site Fund

We are very grateful to Biffa Award (£50,554) and the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (£9,994) for their support towards new boilers and a heating control system upgrade

We very grateful to the JG Graves Trust (£1,600) for their grant support for the purchase of two Evac+Chairs. Four church members have received training on how to use the chairs which will enable those who are unable to use the stairs to get out of the building in an emergency

We are very grateful to the Benefact Trust (£4,300) and the Sheffield Town Trust (£2,000) for their support of our car park resurfacing project (yet to be completed)

We are very grateful to the Sheffield Methodist District (£500) for their support to help us put on a Christmas meal for older people in the local area (planned for December 2024)

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Central Finance Board	669	-	-	669	819
Total	669	-	-	669	819

6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Insurance claims	3,959	-	-	3,959	-
Internal organisations income	-	-	-	-	-
Management fees	341	-	-	341	5,107
Other income	1,616	-	19	1,635	963
Total	5,915	-	19	5,934	6,069

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 st September 2023	1,384	-	-	1,384
At 31 st August 2024	1,384	-	-	1,384
Depreciation				
At 1 st September 2023	1,384	-	-	1,384
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-
At 31 st August 2024	1,384	-	-	1,384
Net book value				
31 st August 2023	-	-	-	-
31 st August 2024	-	-	-	-

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st August 2024: £465

31st August 2023: £465

8. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cleaning costs	14,659	-	-	14,659	13,392
Independent Examiner's fees	876	-	-	876	900
Worship	507	-	-	507	565
Event costs	322	386	1,820	2,528	2,766
Fundraising costs	161	-	-	161	196
Insurance claims	4,225	-	-	4,225	-
Equipment	241	-	-	241	2,074
Other expenditure	6,653	21	1,339	8,013	9,582
Total	27,643	407	3,158	31,209	29,475

9. Salaries and associated costs

No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31st August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Gross salaries paid to two (2022/23: three) part time employees were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Gross salary	25,133	-	12,507	37,640	45,134
Employer's NI contributions	2,213	-	471	2,684	3,197
Employer's pension contributions	1,528	-	750	2,279	2,510
Total	28,874	-	13,728	42,602	50,840

Total weekly contractual hours for two staff	48	68
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Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

10. Debtors and prepayments

All sums shown as Debtors at 31st August 2024 were received during the following year. Debtors were made up as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Debtors					
Trade debtors	8,142	-	-	8,142	3,189
Gift Aid not yet claimed	3,087	-	1,457	4,544	1,720
Total	11,229	-	1,457	12,686	4,909

	£		£	£	£
Prepayments					
Circuit assessment paid in advance	8,138	-	-	8,138	7,778
Other payments in advance	828	-	166	994	1,572
Total	8,965	-	166	9,131	9,359

11. Creditors and accrued expenses

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Creditors					
Trade creditors	1,252	-	14,512	15,763	1,262
Independent Examiner's fees	900	-	-	900	900
MBNA Credit Card	898	-	-	898	124
Total	3,049	-	14,512	17,561	2,285

Grants paid in advance

Grants from the Sheffield Methodist Circuit (£6,500), Methodist Youth Activates (£5,000) and the Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust (£3,0000) for our work with children, families and young people next year (2024/25) were paid this year (2023/24). These have been recorded under Trade creditors.

12. Designated funds

12.1 Current Year

	Balance at 01/09/23 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/08/24 £
Retrogaming Café fund	1,194	-	-	-	1,194
Toddler Group fund	756	1,687	407	(1,500)	536
Total	1,950	1,687	407	(1,500)	1,730

Transfer to General Fund

The Trustee's agreed to move £1,500 from the Toddler Group Fund to the Children, Families & Youth Fund. This is to recognise the costs associated with employing somebody to run the Toddler Group each week.

12.2 Prior Year

	Balance at 01/09/22 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/08/23 £
Retrogaming Café fund	1,194	-	-	-	1,194
Toddler Group fund	547	1,870	161	(1,500)	756
Total	1,741	1,870	161	(1,500)	1,950

Transfer to General Fund

The Trustee's agreed to move £1,500 from the Toddler Group Fund to the General Fund. This is to recognise the costs associated with heating/ lighting/ maintenance of the Church Hall used by the Toddler Group each week.

13. Restricted funds

13.1 Current Year

	Balance at 01/09/23 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/08/24 £
Children, families & youth fund	4,256	14,446	16,596	1,500	3,607
Wesley Hall site fund	2,361	69,540	62,740	-	9,161
Community garden fund	41	-	41	-	-
Total	6,658	83,987	79,377	1,500	12,768

13.1 Prior Year

	Balance at 01/09/22 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/08/24 £
Children, families & youth fund	4,683	21,726	23,652	1,500	4,256
Wesley Hall site fund	4,610	475	2,724	-	2,361
Community garden fund	41	-	-	-	41
Total	9,334	22,201	26,376	1,500	6,658

14. Volunteer contributions

Wesley Hall Methodist Church is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

15. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31st August 2024 (August 2023: nil).

16. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand					
Cash at bank and in hand	616	1,730	25,657	28,002	15,296
Total	616	1,730	25,657	28,002	15,296

17. Risk assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

18. Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

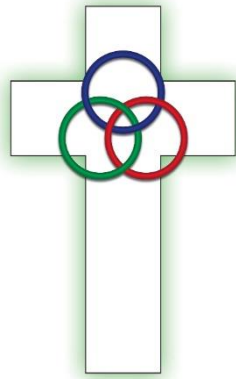
19. Public benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

WESLEY HALL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1150284

Accounts



Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number 1150284

Reports & Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 August 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2023

1 Objectives and Activities

Wesley Hall Methodist Church ("Wesley Hall", "the Church") was built in 1908 when the existing Crookes Wesleyan Chapel became too small to house the growing congregation. The Church has been serving the people of Crookes ever since, for well over 100 years.

In September 2010, Wesley Hall Methodist Church joined with Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church to form Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The two congregations continued to meet for worship in both Crookes and Walkley and provide a community-focussed missional Methodist presence as a multi-site church in these adjoining West Sheffield communities. Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an exempted charity.

In September 2021, Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church returned to being two separate churches, Wesley Hall Methodist Church and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church, as before. Wesley Hall Methodist Church retained the Charity Commission number and the registration was duly renamed.

The Church is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.

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 or 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

Our threefold mission statement, which guides all that we seek to do as a church is:

- Loving all people
- Building Community
- Sharing our Christian Faith

The sections below describe how we have sought to act these out during the year and how we intend to continue, in God's strength, to be a source of God's blessing in Crookes.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Specifically:

- we make our services as open and accessible to as wide a range of people as we can, developing new formats and times of worship to meet the needs of the communities we live amongst
- we make our building available for wide and extensive use by a large and increasing number of community groups
- we provide programmes as a church, or jointly with others, to build community and support the social, practical and spiritual needs of our neighbourhoods
- we support other charitable organisations

2 Achievements and Performance

Worship & Discipleship

The fulcrum of our church remains Sunday morning worship; a fusion of contemporary and traditional worship styles, depending on the preference of the preacher, which we aim to keep relaxed yet structured. Our Sunday morning congregation has remained at around 40, with a balanced spread of ages. Highlights included:

September

- welcoming Rev. Mike Jones as our Minister
- a successful Heritage Open day in September

November

- our Christmas Fair to which we were delighted to welcome children from a local school choir and another choir that rehearse in our building

December

- the TRIBE Nativity (led by the children of our church), which went ahead even though we awoke to a heavy snow fall

March

- the return of our family film shows, with Matilda, the Musical

April

- sharing Easter breakfast together followed by an Easter Communion Service

May

- an all age parade service to which we welcomed 20 Rainbows and Brownies and their families

June

- the Trustees voting to authorise same sex marriages and blessings to take place at Wesley Hall
- our annual Big Lunch Community BBQ where we welcomed over 120 people, and were very pleased to find our local MP, Olivia Blake, among the guests

Discipleship is actively nurtured beyond Sunday mornings through our team of pastoral visitors, and weekly community focussed activities.

As a Church, we have enjoyed spending time sharing food together at events including our Harvest Supper (where we also took part in the Tearfund Big Quiz), our Easter breakfast and Big Lunch community BBQ.

In the entrance area at Wesley Hall, we have a prayer space to be used by the wider community and our building users.

Children, families and youth

We are privileged to have served a large number of families from the Crookes area for many years. We have been pleased to see this ministry flourish since appointing our first Children and Families Worker, in October 2012. The fruitfulness of our children and families ministry led us to explore opportunities to work with young people and in October 2015 we created a Pre-teen and Youth Worker role to lead this ministry. This led to the creation of our now established after-school Drop Inn, WHY (Wesley Hall Youth) group, Retrogaming Café, Crookes Holiday Club (run jointly with a neighbouring Anglican Church) and annual trip to 3Generate, the Methodist Youth Conference.

Community Events for Families

Our weekly Toddler group, and separate baby group, are well regarded in the local area and compliment other churches to offer a variety of groups throughout the week. Once a term we run family fun mornings (Stay & Play) with a bouncy castle, range of craft/ play activities and pay as you feel café. We

also run an annual community BBQ as part of the Eden Project Big Lunch initiative with over 120 people coming to share food and a stay for a chat.

Events with Christian Input for Families

One of the aims of the community groups above is to encourage and allow people to take their first step through the door of a church. We can then use this opportunity to invite children and their families along to other age appropriate groups, but that also include Christian content. These include our Sunday morning kids group (TRIBE) and our monthly Saturday morning Messy Church.

Crookes Holiday Club

The Crookes Holiday Club ran for two days in both the school Easter and Summer holidays. This is an ecumenical project and is run jointly with St Tim's, a local Anglican church. The venue alternates so the summer club is held at St Tim's, and Easter club at Wesley Hall. This is advertised and run very much as a church holiday club with Christian content and has led the youth worker from St Tim's to observe that people are paying us to talk to their children about Jesus!

3Generate (Methodist Youth Conference)

We have been sending a group of young people from Wesley Hall to 3Generate for a number of years and every time they come back exhausted, but having had an amazing weekend. There is always a great mix of worship, workshops, games, and the chance to elect the Methodist Youth President for the next year. We sent 7 young people and 3 adult leaders to 3Generate at the NEC in Birmingham in October 2022, sharing a coach with other local young people from across the Sheffield Methodist District.

After School Drop Inn/ Pizza & Chat

The Drop Inn regularly welcomes around 100 young people of secondary school age each Tuesday for an after-school hot chocolate or ice cream (depending on the weather) and offers a place to hang out. This is well supported by the church with five regular volunteers and has helped us to build a good link with the local school from which most of the pupils are drawn.

From September 2021, our youth worker restarted Pizza and Chat sessions. Towards the end of the Drop Inn session, young people are invited to stay for a slice of pizza and chat about a current topic. This helps to build relationships with the young people helps them to explore their understanding of the world and their place in it. From this group, young people are invited to come to our Christian youth group WHY, ideally on one of the social evenings for their first time coming.

WHY

WHY is a weekly Christian youth group that meets on term time Sunday evenings. The time is spent playing games, chatting and exploring a Christian theme, often using a video or craft. The group is small, with about four core members, but this enables a deeper exploration than would be possible with larger numbers.

Retrogaming Café

The Retrogaming Café runs quarterly and sees up to 100 people of all ages, but mostly in the 11-25 bracket, coming to enjoy older gaming consoles, coffee and a tuck shop. This is run by a team of volunteers who have been collecting the equipment over the years and are keen to set it up and share it with those who have a similar interest. We were pleased to be able to run three sessions over the year, in November, February and June.

Buildings & Community Focus

We are blessed with a large building, in a prominent location in Crookes which is well used by the local community, with around 850 people using the building each week.

We believe a significant part of our mission is to walk alongside users of our buildings and offer a journey into a Christ-centred community and on into discipleship. Regular activities hosted in our building included:

Church run events and groups: Bible studies; free/ low-cost community entertainment such as the Big Lunch on 11th June and a film show on 18th March.

To address isolation and loneliness amongst elderly people, there is a weekly lunch club at Wesley Hall, attended by up to 40 people and providing a good quality lunch for a small charge. The Lunch Club is run by MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) Communities who provide a dedicated worker and recruit volunteers to prepare, serve and wash up each week.

We were really pleased to hold a Christmas Fair at Wesley Hall in 2022. A welcome addition this year was a performance by a local school choir and a choir who rehearse at Wesley Hall.

We are blessed with a small community garden and volunteers from the church have made it into a haven for nature and a place of peace for those in our local community to enjoy.

Other Christian groups: Sheffield Korean Church meets at Wesley Hall each week for worship, fellowship and young people's groups. Community Bible Study International draws together Christians from all denominations for weekly in-depth Bible study.

Many community groups regularly meet at Wesley Hall including a martial arts group, a wind band, a slimming group, drama group, messy play group, two choirs, Girlguiding, Pilates, Yoga and Zumba. We also have a wide variety of one off meetings and our Church Hall is popular for children's parties.

2.1 Looking Forward

We have been encouraged by the seeds of growth we have seen during the year. Our vision for the coming year is that we

- look for new ways of engaging with children, families, youth and older people
- continue to find new ways to provide for the spiritual needs of our congregations
- become even more widely recognised as Christ-centred community hubs
- consistently walk alongside the many people we serve and the community groups that we partner
- walk closer to God along the path called discipleship

3 Financial Review

General Fund

The general fund recorded income of £112,530 (2022: £105,587), an expenditure of £128,607 (2022: £100,268) and a transfer in from the Toddler Group Fund of £1,500, resulting in a deficit for the year of £16,077 (2022: surplus of £6,819).

Offerings and tax recovered increased to £32,433 (2022: £29,819). This giving is on top of contributions made by our congregation during this and previous years to specific projects, including our children, families and youth work.

Lettings income was largely unchanged at £67,826 (2022: £68,600) with the number of users remaining steady over the year.

Other income of £5,958 (2022: £4,745) represents:

- management fees (£5,107) for work undertaken by our Centre Manager at two other churches, Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church and the Broomhill Methodist Centre
- other small deposits from various sources

Costs incurred included:

- Circuit assessments, including contribution towards ministerial stipends at £36,210 (see statement below)
- spending on repairs and maintenance was £18,029 (2022: £8,174), with much needed repairs undertaken to wooden windows and a roof section (£10,615)
- insurance and utilities increased to £19,654 (2022: £17,968) following an increase in our electricity contract prices
- other expenditure was £22,776 (2022: £23,180) with £13,392 (2022: £12,317) spent on cleaning

Designated Funds

The balance of the Retrogaming Café fund remained unchanged at £1,194 as of 31 August 2023. The Retrogaming Café ran a number of times over the year, but did not need to access these funds to repair or replace any of their equipment.

The balance of the Toddler Group fund increased by £209. The group continues to be very popular with local families and the small entrance charge generated an income of £1,870 over the year. £161 was spent on resources and upkeep of equipment and a transfer of £1,500 was made to the General fund to recognise the costs associated with heating, lighting and maintenance of the Church Hall used by the group each week. This left the Toddler Group fund with a balance of £756 at 31 August 2023.

Children, Families & Youth Fund

We have employed a Christian Families & Community Co-Ordinator since October 2012 and a Pre-teen and Youth worker from 2015, to grow and support this work at Wesley Hall. These posts are funded by a combination of pledged donations from the congregation and external grants. These roles continue to organise and run the majority of the existing groups and activities, but also turn our focus out towards the local community.

The Children, Families & Youth Fund, is in place to cover expenditure related to the posts of Families and Community Co-Ordinator and Pre-teen and Youth Worker.

Employment costs for this year (salary, NI and pension) were £19,837 (2022: £23,800) with other costs bringing the total expenditure to £23,652 (2022: £28,081). We did not secure adequate grant funding to cover all of this expense, so the fund balance reduced by £427 leaving a balance of £4,256 at 31 August 2023.

Other Restricted Funds

The balance of the Wesley Hall Site Fund increased by £475 following a donation and a bequest. £2,724 was spend on repairs required to keep our passenger lift in good working order. This left a balance of £2,361 at 31 August 2023.

The balance of the Community Garden Fund remained unchanged at £41 as of 31 August 2023.

3.1 Reserves Policy

As a church we aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient funds to cover our general expenditure for between 3 months and 6 months. For the year ended 31 August 2023 this is between £28,250 and £56,500.

At 31 August 2023 our unrestricted reserves amounted to £18,306.

Should our reserves fall below this level then the Trustees will form a strategy to raise the required funds. Should they rise above this level the Trustees will agree ways in which the funds can be distributed within our mission and calling.

Other reserves are held for specific purposes and are managed accordingly.

4 Trustees' Responsibility

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

5 Structure, Governance & Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an excepted charity, and was renamed Wesley Hall Methodist Church in September 2021.

Oversight of the mission and governance of the Church is carried out primarily by the Church Council, who are the legal Trustees of the Church. The Church Council met three times during the year to carry out the business required of it by Methodist Church Standing Orders, and to oversee the work of the Church.

Day to day leadership and administration is exercised by the Centre Manager and leadership team. Additional teams and committees are appointed to carry out specific work, including pastoral committees and management teams for each of our employed staff.

An Annual Church Meeting is convened to review the work of the Church and elect Trustees and other officers as required by Methodist Church standing orders.

5.1 Related Parties

The Church is part of the Sheffield Methodist Circuit which is part of the Sheffield Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

5.2 Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- we will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- we will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- we will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- we will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- we will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- in all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

6 Reference and Administrative Details

6.1 Name of the Charity

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

6.2 Charity registration number

1150284, registered in England and Wales on 27 December 2012

6.3 Principal Office

Wesley Hall
Crookes
Sheffield
S10 1UD

6.4 Trustees

The members of the Church Council, who are the Trustees of the Church, serving throughout the year and up to the date of this report were:

Rev Romeo Pedro [from 01/09/22]
Rev Mike Jones [from 01/09/23]
Ms Louise Etherington
Mr Andrew Gray
Mrs Carole Gray
Mrs Lesley Ingamells
Mrs Emma Irons
Mr Matthew Irons

Miss Andrea Killingsworth (to 16/07/23)
Mr Brian Morris
Mrs Judith Morris
Mrs Jo Owens (from 23/04/23)
Miss Gillian Packett
Miss Valerie Saynor
Mrs Dorothy White (to 01/03/23)

6.5 Membership

At 31 August 2023, the church had 48 members (31 August 2021: 44).

6.6 Bankers

The Co-operative Bank
PO Box 150
Skelmersdale, WN8 6GG

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
9 Bonhill Street
London, EC2A 4PE

6.7 Custodian Trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central Buildings
Oldham Street
Manchester
M1 1JQ

6.8 Independent examiner

Independent Examiners Ltd
Unit 2, The Broadbridge Business Centre
Delling Lane
Bosham
West Sussex
PO18 8NF

6.9 Approvals

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

Signed



Date

28/4/24

Name Matt Irons (Treasurer)

Address Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1UD

Presentation to the Church Council

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on Thursday 25 January.

Signed



Date

28/4/24

Name Rev. Michelle Deans (Chair of Trustees)

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity Wesley Hall Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's Trustees of Wesley Hall Methodist Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Wesley Hall Methodist Church are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Wesley Hall Methodist Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.

Signed 

Date: 30.04.2024

Name Zita Derbak
Address Independent Examiners Ltd
 Unit 2
 The Broadbridge Business Centre
 Delling Lane
 Bosham
 PO18 8NF

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income & endowments						
Donations and legacies	3	32,738	-	11,661	44,399	38,856
Charitable activities	4	73,015	1,870	10,428	85,313	86,005
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investment	5	819	-	-	819	135
Other income	6	5,958	-	112	6,069	4,745
Total		112,530	1,870	22,201	136,601	129,742
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Circuit Assessment		36,210	-	-	36,210	24,700
Grants and donations		936	-	-	936	984
Maintenance on church		18,029	-	-	18,029	8,174
Insurance, utilities etc.		19,654	-	-	19,654	17,968
Depreciation charge	7	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	8	22,776	161	6,539	29,475	27,788
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	9	31,003	-	19,837	50,840	49,063
Total		128,607	161	26,376	155,144	128,676
Net income/(expenditure)		(16,077)	1,709	(4,176)	(18,543)	1,066
Transfers between funds		-	(1,500)	1,500	-	-
Net movement in funds		(16,077)	209	(2,676)	(18,543)	1,066
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		34,748	1,741	9,334	45,823	
Total funds carried forward		18,671	1,950	6,658	27,280	

Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible fixed assets	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	10	4,755	-	154	4,909	4,696
Prepayments	10	8,599	-	760	9,359	8,852
CFB accounts		(6,113)	1,890	5,729	1,506	35,731
Current accounts		13,550	-	-	13,550	5,125
Cash in hand		166	60	15	241	198
Total Current Assets		20,957	1,950	6,658	29,565	54,603
Creditors	11	2,285	-	-	2,285	8,781
Net Current Assets		18,671	1,950	6,658	27,280	45,823
Net Assets		18,671	1,950	6,658	27,280	45,823
Represented by						
General fund		18,671	-	-	18,671	34,748
Retrogaming café fund	12	-	1,194	-	1,194	1,194
Toddler group fund	12	-	756	-	756	547
Children, families & youth fund	13	-	-	4,256	4,256	4,683
Wesley Hall site fund	13	-	-	2,361	2,361	4,610
Community garden fund	13	-	-	41	41	41
Net Assets		18,671	1,950	6,658	27,280	45,823

Approval

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 were approved by the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on Thursday 25 January.

Signed 

Date 28/4/24

Name Gillian Packet (Church Council Secretary)

Notes to the Financial Statements

As at 31 August 2023

1. Accounting framework and accounting policies

1.1 Accounting framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102

1.2 Public benefit entity

Wesley Hall Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

1.4 Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

1.5 Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at the date of approval of these accounts, the Trustees believe that the Church is a going concern.

1.6 Income recognition

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.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP) and are included under donations and legacies in the SoFA.

1.7 Expenditure

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.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. Fixtures and fittings are depreciated over 5 years and freehold buildings over 50 years. Freehold land is not depreciated.

No carrying value has been included in these accounts in respect of the Church building on the basis that it was constructed over 100 years ago and so the historic cost of land is considered immaterial and the costs of constructing the building is fully depreciated.

The building is insured for £6,945,000.

1.9 Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Church or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or amount advanced to the Church. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

2. Payments**2.1 Payments to Trustees**

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees paid expenses	0	0
	£	£
Total amount paid	0	0
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees who received remuneration from the charity for employment other than their role as a Trustee	1	1
	£	£
Gross salary	26,940	22,044

2.2 Payments to Related Parties

Wesley Hall Methodist Church paid £36,210 towards the Circuit Assessment to the Sheffield Methodist Circuit where Mr Matt Irons and Rev. Romeo Pedro are also trustees. Contributions towards the Circuit Assessment are made by all Methodist Churches in Sheffield, and this is then used to pay stipends for our Ministers and to cover general operating costs of the Circuit.

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Offering	25,871	-	9,289	35,161	31,063
Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	6,562	-	2,272	8,834	7,383
Donations	305	-	-	305	410
Legacies	-	-	100	100	-
Total	32,738	-	11,661	44,399	38,856

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Room hire and lettings	67,826	-	-	67,826	68,600
Collections for other charities	105	-	-	105	219
Income from events	179	1,870	1,414	3,463	2,843
Fundraising	1,133	-	-	1,133	694
Grants received	3,722	-	9,014	12,786	13,650
Total	73,015	1,870	10,428	85,313	86,005

Grants for General Fund

We are very grateful to the JG Graves Trust for their grant of £1,250 to replace our commercial grade refrigerator which is used by the Lunch Club and other groups.

Grants for Children, Families & Youth Fund

We are very grateful to the Sheffield Circuit (£5,000), Methodist Youth Activities (£3,000) and the South West Local Area Committee of Sheffield City Council (£1,014) for their support of our work with children, families and young people.

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Central Finance Board	819	-	-	819	135
Total	819	-	-	819	135

6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	115
Internal organisations income	-	-	-	-	-
Management fees	5,107	-	-	5,107	4,323
Other income	851	-	112	963	306
Total	5,958	-	112	6,069	4,745

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2022	1,384	-	-	1,384
At 31 August 2023	1,384	-	-	1,384
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2022	1,384	-	-	1,384
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	1,384	-	-	1,384
Net book value				
31 August 2022	-	-	-	-
31 August 2023	-	-	-	-

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31 August 2023: £465

31 August 2022: £465

8. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cleaning costs	13,392	-	-	13,392	12,317
Independent Examiner's fees	900	-	-	900	870
Worship	656	-	-	565	460
Event costs	300	111	2,355	2,766	4,192
Fundraising costs	196	-	-	196	176
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	438
Equipment	2,074	-	-	2,074	840
Other expenditure	5,348	50	4,184	9,582	8,495
Total	22,776	161	6,539	29,475	27,788

9. Salaries and associated costs

No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Gross salaries paid to three (2022/23: three) part time employees were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Gross salary	26,940	-	18,193	45,134	43,733
Employer's NI contributions	2,499	-	698	3,197	2,682
Employer's pension contributions	1,564	-	946	2,510	2,648
Total	31,003	-	19,837	50,840	49,063

Total weekly contractual hours for three staff	68	68
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Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

10. Debtors and prepayments

All sums shown as Debtors at 31 August 2023 were received during the following year. Debtors were made up as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Debtors					
Trade debtors	3,189	-	-	3,189	3,411
Gift Aid not yet claimed	1566	-	154	1,720	1,285
Total	4,755	-	154	4,909	4,969
Prepayments					
Circuit assessment paid in advance	7,788	-	-	7,788	7,788
Other payments in advance	812	-	760	1,572	1,065
Total	8,599	-	760	9,359	8,852

11. Creditors and accrued expenses

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Creditors					
Trade creditors	1,262	-	-	1,262	6,365
Independent Examiner's fees	900	-	-	900	840
MBNA Credit Card	124	-	-	124	1,576
Total	2,285	-	-	2,285	8,781

12. Designated funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Retrogaming Café fund	1,194	-	-	-	1,194
Toddler Group fund	547	1,870	161	(1,500)	756
Total	1,741	1,870	161	(1,500)	1,950

Transfer to General Fund

The Trustee's agreed to move £1,500 from the Toddler Group Fund to the General Fund. This is to recognise the costs associated with heating/ lighting/ maintenance of the Church Hall used by the Toddler Group each week.

13. Restricted funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Children, families & youth fund	4,683	21,726	23,652	1,500	4,256
Wesley Hall site fund	4,610	475	2,724	-	2,361
Community garden fund	41	-	-	-	41
Total	9,334	22,201	26,376	1,500	6,658

14. Volunteer contributions

Wesley Hall Methodist Church is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

15. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31 August 2023 (31 August 2022: nil).

16. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	7,602	1,950	5,744	15,296	41,054
Total	7,602	1,950	5,744	15,296	41,054

17. Risk assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

18. Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

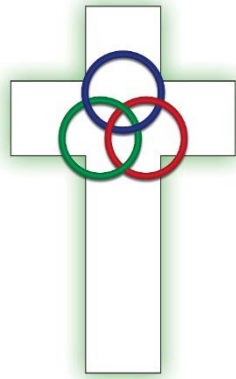
19. Public benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

WESLEY HALL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1150284

Accounts



Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number 1150284

Reports & Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 August 2022

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2022

1 Objectives and Activities

Wesley Hall Methodist Church ("Wesley Hall", "the Church") was built in 1908 when the existing Crookes Wesleyan Chapel became too small to house the growing congregation. The Church has been serving the people of Crookes ever since, for well over 100 years.

In September 2010, Wesley Hall Methodist Church joined with Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church to form Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The two congregations continued to meet for worship in both Crookes and Walkley and provide a community-focussed missional Methodist presence as a multi-site church in these adjoining West Sheffield communities. Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an exempted charity.

In September 2021, Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church returned to being two separate churches, Wesley Hall Methodist Church and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church, as before. Wesley Hall Methodist Church retained the Charity Commission number and the registration was duly renamed.

The Church is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.

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 or 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

Our threefold mission statement, which guides all that we seek to do as a church is:

- Loving all people
- Building Community
- Sharing our Christian Faith

The sections below describe how we have sought to act these out during the year and how we intend to continue, in God's strength, to be a source of God's blessing in Crookes.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Specifically:

- we make our services as open and accessible to as wide a range of people as we can, developing new formats and times of worship to meet the needs of the communities we live amongst
- we make our building available for wide and extensive use by a large and increasing number of community groups
- we provide programmes as a church, or jointly with others, to build community and support the social, practical and spiritual needs of our neighbourhoods
- we support other charitable organisations

2 Achievements and Performance

Worship & Discipleship

The fulcrum of our church remains Sunday morning worship; a fusion of contemporary and traditional worship styles, depending on the preference of the preacher, which we aim to keep relaxed yet structured. Our Sunday morning congregation has remained at around 40, with a balanced spread of ages. Highlights included our Christmas carol service led by Rev Gail Hunt, our Easter Sunday celebration service led by Rev Ian Bell and the baptisms of several babies into the life of the church. On Good Friday we continued our tradition of walking from Wesley Hall to Walkley Ebenezer with a cross, stopping a few times along the way to pray and reflect before sharing in worship together.

Discipleship is actively nurtured beyond Sunday mornings through our active team of pastoral visitors, and weekly community focussed activities.

As a Church, we have enjoyed spending time sharing food together (in person), at events including our Harvest Supper (where we also took part in the Tearfund Big Quiz), our Easter breakfast and Summer picnic lunch at the local park.

In the entrance area at Wesley Hall, we have a prayer space to be used by the wider community and our building users.

Children, families and youth

We are privileged to have served a large number of families from the Crookes area for many years. We have been pleased to see this ministry flourish since appointing our first Children and Families Worker, in October 2012. The fruitfulness of our children and families ministry led us to explore opportunities to work with young people and in October 2015 we created a Pre-teen and Youth Worker role to lead this ministry. This led to the creation of our now established after-school Drop Inn, WHY (Wesley Hall Youth) group, Retrogaming Café, Crookes Holiday Club (run jointly with a neighbouring Anglican Church) and annual trip to 3Generate, the Methodist Youth Conference.

Community Events for Families

Our weekly Toddler group, and separate baby group, are well regarded in the local area and compliment other local churches to offer a variety of groups throughout the week. Once a term we run family fun mornings (Stay & Play) with a bouncy castle, range of craft/ play activities and pay as you feel café. We also run an annual community BBQ as part of the Eden Project Big Lunch initiative with over 100 people coming to share food and a stay for a chat.

Events with Christian Input for Families

One of the aims of the community groups above is to encourage and allow people to take their first step through the door of a church. We can then use this opportunity to invite children and their families along to other age appropriate groups, but that also include Christian content. These include our Sunday morning kids group (TRIBE), our monthly Saturday morning Messy Church, and termly half term Fun Days where children are left in our care for the day to help busy parents with school holiday childcare. We ran a Fun Day in October 2021 with the theme of Our Wonderful World and June 2022 with the theme of Polar Explorers. All of these events are well established and valued by those in the local area.

Crookes Holiday Club

The Crookes Holiday Club ran for two days in both the school Easter and Summer holidays. This is an ecumenical project and is run jointly with St Tim's, a local Anglican church. The venue alternates so the summer club is held at St Tim's, and Easter club at Wesley Hall. This is advertised and run very much as a church holiday club with Christian content and has led the youth worker from St Tim's to observe that people are paying us to talk to their children about Jesus!

3Generate (Methodist Youth Conference)

We have been sending a group of young people from Wesley Hall to 3Generate for a number of years and every time they come back exhausted, but having had an amazing weekend. There is always a great mix of worship, workshops, games, and the chance to elect the Methodist Youth President for the next year. We sent 5 young people and 3 adult leaders to 3Generate at the NEC in Birmingham in October 2021, sharing a coach with other local young people from across the Sheffield Methodist District.

After School Drop Inn/ Pizza & Chat

The Drop Inn regularly welcomes around 100 young people of secondary school age each Tuesday for an after-school hot chocolate or ice cream (depending on the weather) and offers a place to hang out. This is well supported by the church with five regular volunteers and has helped us to build a good link with the local school from which most of the pupils are drawn.

From September 2021, our youth worker restarted Pizza and Chat sessions. Towards the end of the Drop Inn session, young people are invited to stay for a slice of pizza and chat about a current topic. This helps to build relationships with the young people helps them to explore their understanding of the world and their place in it. From this group, young people are invited to come to our Christian youth group WHY, ideally on one of the social evenings for their first time coming.

WHY

WHY is now a weekly Christian youth group that meets on term time Sunday evenings. This group previously ran in person every fortnight, but during lockdowns it was felt that weekly zoom meetings were a helpful way for the young people to connect. The Church agreed to increase the youth worker's hours to enable weekly in person meetings from September 2021. The time is spent playing games, chatting and exploring a Christian theme, often using a video or craft. The group is small, with about five core members, but this enables a deeper exploration than would be possible with larger numbers. Sessions during this period included time based in the garden around mindfulness and spending time with God in different spaces, a visit from Open Doors Youth, that focussed around persecuted Christians worldwide, a session on COP26 and then the more light hearted quiz nights and, "Tell your favourite Bible story with a pizza topping"! The young people from WHY have also participated in Prayer at 5:17 an idea shared with us based on 1 Thessalonians 5:17. This has good input from the young people.

Retrogaming Café

Under normal circumstances our Retrogaming Café runs quarterly and sees up to 100 people of all ages, but mostly in the 11-25 bracket, coming to enjoy older gaming consoles, coffee and a tuck shop. This is run by a team of volunteers who have been collecting the equipment over the years and are keen to set it up and share it with those who have a similar interest. Due to COVID, the Retrogaming Café had not run since 2019, but we were pleased to be able to bring it back for a successful return in April 2022.

Buildings & Community Focus

We are blessed with a large building, in a prominent location in Crookes which is well used by the local community, with around 1,000 people using the building each week.

We believe a significant part of our mission is to walk alongside users of our buildings and offer a journey into a Christ-centred community and on into discipleship. Regular activities hosted in our buildings included:

Church run events and groups: Bible studies; free/ low-cost community entertainment such as the Big Lunch on 12th June and the Christian Aid Ceilidh on 28th May.

To address isolation and loneliness amongst elderly people, we run a weekly lunch club at Wesley Hall, attended by up to 40 people and providing a good quality lunch for a minimal charge. Lunch Club re-opened after covid in Autumn 2021 in partnership with MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) Communities who provide a dedicated worker to be there each week.

We were really pleased to hold a Christmas Fair at Wesley Hall in 2021, our first one since the COVID lockdowns. Unfortunately, we woke up to heavy snow on the day which meant that many stallholders were not able to attend. However, we still had good feedback from those who were able to make it and for those who came to browse the stalls and café.

At Christmas we also made and distributed handmade stars to our local community, hanging them on railings for people to take and display on their Christmas tree. The stars were made from a variety of craft materials and included a message of hope and love from the Church.

We are blessed with a small community garden and having tamed the lockdown jungle that it had become, volunteers from the church have made it into a haven for nature and a place of peace for those in our local community to enjoy.

Other Christian groups: Sheffield Korean Church meets at Wesley Hall each week for worship, fellowship and young people's groups. Community Bible Study International draws together Christians from all denominations for weekly in-depth Bible study.

Many community groups regularly meet at Wesley Hall including a martial arts group, a wind band, a slimming group, drama group, messy play group, two choirs, Girlguiding, Pilates, Yoga and Zumba. We also have a wide variety of one off meetings and our Church Hall is very popular for children's parties.

2.1 Looking Forward

We have been encouraged by the seeds of growth we have seen during the year. Our vision for the coming year is that we

- look for new ways of engaging with children, families, youth and older people
- continue to find new ways to provide for the spiritual needs of our congregations
- become even more widely recognised as Christ-centred community hubs
- consistently walk alongside the many people we serve and the community groups that we partner
- walk closer to God along the path called discipleship

3 Financial Review

General Fund

The general fund recorded income of £105,587, an expenditure of £100,268 and a transfer in from the Toddler Group Fund of £1,500, resulting in a surplus for the year of £6,819.

Offerings and tax recovered was £29,819. This giving is on top of contributions made by our congregation during this and previous years to specific projects, including our children, families and youth work.

Lettings income received was £68,600. The number of users increased, with all but one of our pre-COVID groups having now returned, and a number of new groups starting to meet at Wesley Hall over the year.

Other income of £4,745 represents:

- management fees (£4,323) for work undertaken by our Centre Manager at two other churches, Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church and the Broomhill Methodist Centre
- other small deposits from various sources

Costs incurred included:

- Circuit assessments, including contribution towards ministerial stipends at £24,700
- spending on repairs and maintenance was £8,174
- insurance and utilities was £17,968
- other expenditure was £23,180 with £12,317 spent on cleaning

Designated Funds

The balance of the Retrogaming Café fund increased by £12. We were able to run the Retrogaming Café for the first time since December 2019 this year and the event generated an income of £94 (from donations, café & tuck ship) with an expenditure of £82 (for cafe & tuck shop supplies). This resulted in an increase of £12, leaving the Retrogaming Café fund with a balance of £1,194 at 31 August 2022.

The balance of the Toddler Group fund reduced by £67. The group continues to be very popular with local families and the small entrance charge generated an income of £1,662 over the year. £230 was spent on resources and upkeep of equipment and a transfer of £1,500 was made to the General fund to recognise the costs associated with heating, lighting and maintenance of the Church Hall used by the group each week. This left the Toddler Group fund with a balance of £547 at 31 August 2022.

Children, Families & Youth Fund

We have employed a Christian Children and Families worker since October 2012, to grow and support this work at Wesley Hall. This post was funded for an initial three years by a combination of pledged donations from the congregation and external grants. Following a review of the work we were undertaking and the needs of the church and community, it was decided to seek to continue this role for a further three years as well as creating a new post for a Pre-teen and Youth Development worker. At the end of this second three-year period we again reviewed the work and decided to change the emphasis of the Children and Families Worker, renaming the role Families & Community Co-Ordinator. This role continues to run the majority of the existing groups and activities, but also turns our focus out towards the local community.

The Children, Families & Youth Fund, is in place to cover expenditure related to the posts of Families and Community Co-Ordinator and Pre-teen and Youth Worker.

Employment costs for this year (salary, NI and pension) were £23,800 with other costs bringing the total expenditure to £28,081. We did not secure adequate grant funding to cover all of this expense, so the fund balance reduced by £5,773 leaving a balance of £4,683 at 31 August 2022.

Other Restricted Funds

The balance of the Wesley Hall Site Fund increased by £100 following a bequest. This left a balance of £4,610 at 31 August 2022.

The balance of the Community Garden Fund reduced by £16 which was spent on an apple tree. This left a balance of £41 at 31 August 2022.

3.1 Reserves Policy

As a church we aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient funds to cover our general expenditure for between 3 months and 6 months. For the year ended 31 August 2022 this is between £25,000 and £50,000.

At 31 August 2022 our unrestricted reserves amounted to £34,988.

Should our reserves fall below this level then the Trustees will form a strategy to raise the required funds. Should they rise above this level the Trustees will agree ways in which the funds can be distributed within our mission and calling.

Other reserves are held for specific purposes and are managed accordingly.

4 Trustees' Responsibility

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

5 Structure, Governance & Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an excepted charity, and was renamed Wesley Hall Methodist Church in September 2021.

Oversight of the mission and governance of the Church is carried out primarily by the Church Council, who are the legal Trustees of the Church. The Church Council met three times during the year to carry out the business required of it by Methodist Church Standing Orders, and to oversee the work of the Church.

Day to day leadership and administration is exercised by the Centre Manager and leadership team. Additional teams and committees are appointed to carry out specific work, including pastoral committees and management teams for each of our employed staff.

An Annual Church Meeting is convened to review the work of the Church and elect Trustees and other officers as required by Methodist Church standing orders.

5.1 Related Parties

The Church is part of the Sheffield Methodist Circuit which is part of the Sheffield Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

5.2 Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- we will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- we will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- we will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- we will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- we will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- in all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

6 Reference and Administrative Details

6.1 Name of the Charity

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

6.2 Charity registration number

1150284, registered in England and Wales on 27 December 2012

6.3 Principal Office

Wesley Hall
Crookes
Sheffield
S10 1UD

6.4 Trustees

The members of the Church Council, who are the Trustees of the Church, serving throughout the year and up to the date of this report were:

Rev Gill Newton [from 21/11/22]	Mr Philip Jones [to 30/03/22]
Rev James Morley [to 21/11/22]	Miss Andrea Killingsworth
Mrs Avril Clark [to 21/03/22]	Mr Brian Morris
Ms Louise Etherington	Mrs Judith Morris
Mr Andrew Gray	Miss Gillian Packett [from 29/06/22]
Mrs Carole Gray	Miss Valerie Saynor
Mrs Lesley Ingamells [from 29/06/22]	Mrs Dorothy White
Mrs Emma Irons	
Mr Matthew Irons	

6.5 Membership

At 31 August 2022, the church had 44 members (31 August 2021: 43).

6.6 Bankers

The Co-operative Bank
PO Box 150
Skelmersdale, WN8 6GG

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
9 Bonhill Street
London, EC2A 4PE

6.7 Custodian Trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central Buildings
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6.8 Independent examiner

Independent Examiners Ltd
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West Sussex
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6.9 Approvals

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

Signed



Date

23/4/23

Name Matt Irons (Treasurer)

Address Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1UD

Presentation to the Church Council

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on Wednesday 30 November.

Signed



Date

23/4/23

Name Rev. Mike Jones (Chair of Trustees)

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity Wesley Hall Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's Trustees of Wesley Hall Methodist Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Wesley Hall Methodist Church are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Wesley Hall Methodist Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.

Signed



Date

4.5.2023

Name Kim Gomes MAAT FCIE

Address Independent Examiners Ltd
Unit 2
The Broadbridge Business Centre
Delling Lane
Bosham
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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income & endowments						
Donations and legacies	3	30,228	-	8,628	38,856	-
Charitable activities	4	70,478	1,757	13,771	86,005	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investment	5	135	-	-	135	-
Other income	6	4,745	-	-	4,745	-
Total		105,587	1,757	22,398	129,742	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Circuit Assessment		24,700	-	-	24,700	-
Grants and donations		984	-	-	984	-
Maintenance on church		8,174	-	-	8,174	-
Insurance, utilities etc.		17,968	-	-	17,968	-
Depreciation charge	7	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	8	23,180	311	4,297	27,788	-
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	9	25,263	-	23,800	49,063	-
Total		100,268	311	28,097	128,676	-
Net income/(expenditure)		5,319	1,445	(5,698)	1,066	-
Transfers between funds		1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		6,819	(55)	(5,698)	1,066	-
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		27,929	1,796	15,032	44,757	
Total funds carried forward		34,748	1,741	9,334	45,823	

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible fixed assets	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	10	4,388	-	309	4,696	14,999
Prepayments	10	8,128	-	724	8,852	8,105
CFB accounts		20,764	1,681	13,286	35,731	15,657
Current accounts		5,125	-	-	5,125	11,429
Cash in hand		123	60	15	198	592
Total Current Assets		38,529	1,741	14,334	54,603	50,782
Creditors	11	3,781	-	5,000	8,781	6,025
Net Current Assets		34,748	1,741	9,334	45,823	44,757
Net Assets		34,748	1,741	9,334	45,823	44,757
Represented by						
General fund		34,748	-	-	34,748	27,929
Retrogaming café fund	12	-	1,194	-	1,194	1,182
Toddler group fund	12	-	547	-	547	614
Children, families & youth fund	13	-	-	4,683	4,683	10,456
Wesley Hall site fund	13	-	-	4,610	4,610	4,510
Community garden fund	13	-	-	41	41	57
Net Assets		34,748	1,741	9,334	45,823	44,757

Approval

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 were approved by the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on Wednesday 30 November.

Signed

Brian Morris

Date

4/5/23

Name Brian Morris (Trustee)

Notes to the Financial Statements

As at 31 August 2022

1. Accounting framework and accounting policies

1.1 Accounting framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102

1.2 Public benefit entity

Wesley Hall Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

1.4 Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

1.5 Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at the date of approval of these accounts, the Trustees believe that the Church is a going concern.

1.6 Income recognition

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.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP) and are included under donations and legacies in the SoFA.

1.7 Expenditure

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.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. Fixtures and fittings are depreciated over 5 years and freehold buildings over 50 years. Freehold land is not depreciated.

No carrying value has been included in these accounts in respect of the Church building on the basis that it was constructed over 100 years ago and so the historic cost of land is considered immaterial and the costs of constructing the building is fully depreciated.

The building is insured for £6,945,000.

1.9 Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Church or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or amount advanced to the Church. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

2. Payments to Trustees

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees paid expenses	0	-
	£	£
Total amount paid	0	-
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees who received remuneration from the charity for employment other than their role as a Trustee	1	-
	£	£
Gross salary	22,044	-

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3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Offering	24,170	-	6,893	31,063	-
Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	5,649	-	1,734	7,383	-
Donations	410	-	-	410	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Total	30,228	-	8,628	38,856	-

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4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Room hire and lettings	68,600	-	-	68,600	-
Collections for other charities	219	-	-	219	-
Income from events	315	1,757	771	2,843	-
Fundraising	694	-	-	694	-
Grants received	650	-	13,000	13,650	-
Total	70,478	1,757	13,771	86,005	-

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Grants for Children, Families & Youth Fund

We are very grateful to the Sheffield Circuit (£6,000), the Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust (£4,000) and Methodist Youth Activities (£3,000) for their generous support of our work with children, families and young people.

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Central Finance Board	135	-	-	135	-
Total	135	-	-	135	-

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6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Insurance claims	115	-	-	115	-
Internal organisations income	-	-	-	-	-
Management fees	4,323	-	-	4,323	-
Other income	306	-	-	306	-
Total	4,745	-	-	4,745	-

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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2021	1,384	-	-	1,384
At 31 August 2022	1,384	-	-	1,384
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2021	1,384	-	-	1,384
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2022	1,384	-	-	1,384
Net book value				
31 August 2021	-	-	-	-
31 August 2022	-	-	-	-

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31 August 2022: £465

31 August 2021: £465

8. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cleaning costs	12,317	-	-	12,317	-
Independent Examiner's fees	870	-	-	870	-
Worship	460	-	-	460	-
Event costs	641	311	3,240	4,192	-
Fundraising costs	176	-	-	176	-
Insurance claims	438	-	-	438	-
Equipment	840	-	-	840	-
Other expenditure	7,438	-	1,057	8,495	-
Total	23,108	311	4,297	27,788	-

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9. Salaries and associated costs

No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Gross salaries paid to three (2021/22: three) part time employees were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Gross salary	22,044	-	21,689	43,733	-
Employer's NI contributions	1,897	-	785	2,682	-
Employer's pension contributions	1,322	-	1,326	2,648	-
Total	25,263	-	23,800	49,063	-

Total weekly contractual hours for three staff 68

Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

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10. Debtors and prepayments

All sums shown as Debtors at 31 August 2021 were received during the following year. Debtors were made up as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Debtors					
Trade debtors	3,411	-	-	3,411	-
Gift Aid not yet claimed	977	-	309	1,285	-
Total	4,388	-	309	4,969	-
Prepayments					
Circuit assessment paid in advance	7,788	-	-	9,500	-
Other payments in advance	341	-	724	(648)	-
Total	8,128	-	724	8,852	-

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11. Creditors and accrued expenses

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Creditors					
Trade creditors	1,365	-	5,000	6,365	-
Independent Examiner's fees	840	-	-	840	-
MBNA Credit Card	1,576	-	-	1,576	-
Total	3,781	-	5,000	8,781	-

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Grant paid in advance

A grant of £5,000 from the Sheffield Methodist Circuit for our work with children, families and young people next year (2022/23) was paid this year (2021/22). This has been recorded under Trade creditors.

12. Designated funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Retrogaming Café fund	1,182	94	82	-	1,194
Toddler Group fund	614	1,662	230	(1,500)	547
Total	1,796	1,757	311	(1,500)	1,741

Transfer to General Fund

The Trustee's agreed to move £1,500 from the Toddler Group Fund to the General Fund. This is to recognise the costs associated with heating/ lighting/ maintenance of the Church Hall used by the Toddler Group each week.

13. Restricted funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Children, families & youth fund	10,456	22,298	28,081	-	4,683
Wesley Hall site fund	4,510	100	-	-	4,610
Community garden fund	57	-	16	-	41
Total	15,032	22,398	28,097	-	9,334

14. Volunteer contributions

Wesley Hall Methodist Church is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

15. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31 August 2022 (31 August 2021: nil).

16. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Creditors					
Cash at bank and in hand	26,013	1,741	13,301	41,054	-
Total	26,013	1,741	13,301	41,054	-

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17. Risk assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

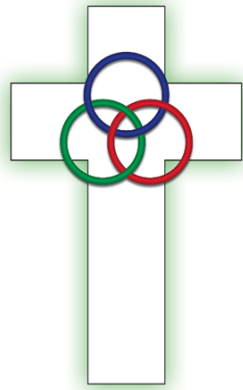
18. Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

19. Public benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Accounts



Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number 1150284

Reports & Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 August 2021



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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2021

1 Objectives and Activities

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church ("Wesley Ebenezer", "the Church") was formed in September 2010 as an amalgamation of Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Crookes, and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The two congregations continue to meet for worship in both Crookes and Walkley and provide a community-focussed missional Methodist presence as a multi-site church in these adjoining West Sheffield communities.

The Church is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. Wesley Ebenezer registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an exempted charity.

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 or 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

Our threefold mission statement, which guides all that we seek to do as a church is:

- Loving all people
- Building Community
- Sharing our Christian Faith

The sections below describe how we have sought to act these out during the year and how we intend to continue, in God's strength, to be a source of God's blessing in Crookes and Walkley.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Specifically:

- we make our services as open and accessible to as wide a range of people as we can, developing new formats and times of worship to meet the needs of the communities we live amongst
- we make both of our buildings available for wide and extensive use by a large and increasing number of community groups
- we provide programmes as a church, or jointly with others, to build community and support the social, practical and spiritual needs of our neighbourhoods
- we support other charitable organisations



2 Achievements and Performance

Worship & Discipleship at Wesley Hall

The fulcrum of our church remains Sunday morning worship, in both Crookes and Walkley; a fusion of contemporary and traditional worship styles, which we aim to keep relaxed yet structured. Sunday morning congregations have remained around 40 at Wesley Hall and 30 at Walkley, both with a balanced spread of ages. For most of the year our Sunday worship took place fortnightly over Zoom, with a range of Ministers and local preachers being invited to lead this.

Discipleship is actively nurtured beyond Sunday mornings, including through house groups and our active team of pastoral visitors, whose care extends to people on our community roll, in addition to church members. Over the last year this has been largely taking place over Zoom or on the telephone.

In the entrance area at Wesley Hall, we have a prayer space to be used by the wider community and our building users. Most weeks we are finding prayer requests and obvious engagement with the space.

Worship & Discipleship at Walkley Ebenezer

This has been another challenging year in terms of the continuing pandemic and additional lockdown period. The Leadership Team continued to work to look after the church building during this time and also took great lengths to ensure the church community were cared for pastorally. The church newsletter was produced every week and regular posts also continued on social media. Worship did not take place at Walkley Ebenezer for most of this year, but the prayer group did continue to meet online on a weekly basis.

As the situation began to open up after lockdown, worship returned to the church building with social distancing in place. Worship was also organised in Bolehills park for open air services on a Sunday when the weather was fine and the prayer group returned to face-to-face meetings. The regular building users were supported to return to the church as their activities recommenced.

In October 2020, both congregations bid farewell to our Minister, Rev. Sally Coleman, who moved to serve in another part of Sheffield.

Children, families and youth

We are privileged to have served a large number of families from the Crookes area for many years. We have been pleased to see this ministry flourish since appointing our first Children and Families Worker, in October 2012. The fruitfulness of our children and families ministry led us to explore opportunities to work with young people and in October 2015 we created a Pre-teen and Youth Worker role to lead this ministry. This led to the creation of our now established after-school Drop Inn, WHY (Wesley Hall Youth) group, Retrogaming Café, Crookes Holiday Club (run jointly with a neighbouring Anglican Church) and annual trip to 3Generate, the Methodist Youth Conference.

Community Events for Families

Where we are now

Our weekly Toddler group, and separate baby group, are well regarded in the local area and compliment other local churches to offer a variety of groups throughout the week. Once a term we run family fun mornings (Stay & Play) with a bouncy castle, range of craft/ play activities and pay as you feel café. Film shows see our main worship space transformed into a cinema to show new or pre-release movies locally and affordably on a big screen. We also run an annual community BBQ as part of the Eden Project Big Lunch initiative with over 100 people coming to share food and a stay for a chat.



What we hope to do next

All of our usual activities were stopped during the first lockdown. Before the summer we were able to bring back both the baby group and the toddler group, both of which proved very popular since people had been missing taking their children out while everything was shut down. We plan to restart our larger scale events from September 2021 (subject to Government guidance) and are very excited to be welcoming families back to Wesley Hall.

Events with Christian Input for Families

Where we are now

One of the aims of the community groups above is to encourage and allow people to take their first step through the door of a church. We can then use this opportunity to invite children and their families along to other age appropriate groups, but that also include Christian content. These include our Sunday morning kids group (TRIBE), our monthly Saturday morning Messy Church, and termly half term Fun Days where children are left in our care for the day to help busy parents with school holiday childcare. All of these events are well established and valued by those in the local area.

What we hope to do next

These activities also stopped over the first lockdown. We were able to reimagine Messy Church as Messy Church at Home by providing an activity bag for families to explore together at home and then meet on Zoom to talk about our theme, hear a Bible story and sing some songs. We have had great feedback from families who found that many online church offerings were not tailored towards the younger age group and whose children really engaged with Messy Church at Home. As restrictions eased, we followed the Messy Church Zoom with a picnic meet up in the park. From September 2021, we are planning to bring Messy Church back into the building as well as restarting TRIBE and Fun Days.

Crookes Holiday Club

Where we are now

The Crookes Holiday Club runs for three days in both the school Easter and Summer holidays. This is an ecumenical project and is run jointly with St Tim's, a local Anglican church. The venue alternates so the summer club is held at Wesley Hall, and Easter club at St Tim's. This is advertised and run very much as a church holiday club with Christian content and has led the youth worker from St Tim's to observe that people are paying us to talk to their children about Jesus!

What we hope to do next

The Summer Crookes Holiday Club took place in a reduced form in August 2021. We will continue to work with our counterparts at St Tim's to deliver future Holiday Clubs together, in order to share the gospel with more local young people.

3Generate (Methodist Youth Conference)

Where we are now

We have been sending a group of young people from Wesley Hall to 3Generate for a number of years and every time they come back exhausted, but having had an amazing weekend. There is always a great mix of worship, workshops, games, and the chance to elect the Methodist Youth President for the next year.

What we hope to do next

Wesley Hall have always sent a group to 3Generate, but now we are looking to get them involved in the planning and preparation too. 3Generate run a number of Influencer Days, which give young people the opportunity to have a say in how the event is run and what happens over the weekend.



After School Drop Inn

Where we are now

The Drop Inn regularly welcomes over 70 young people of secondary school age each Tuesday for an after-school hot chocolate or ice cream (depending on the weather) and offers a place to hang out. This is well supported by the church with four regular volunteers and has helped us to build a good link with the local school from which most of the pupils are drawn. We have kept this running as much as possible over the various lockdowns after consultation from the school, and in line with schools being open. We initially offered take away hot chocolate or ice cream from a gazebo in our car park, and then from inside our Church Hall via a one-way system as the weather deteriorated, but without being able to invite the young people to stay in the building as usual. This means that the momentum of the group has not been lost and we are confident that we will be back offering the full Drop Inn again from September (subject to Government advice).

What we hope to do next

Our hope and plan for the Drop Inn is that it would be a springboard into our Christian focused youth group WHY. Before lockdown we had just launched a Pizza & Chat session that ran after Drop Inn and invited young people to stay for a slice of pizza and chat about a current topic. From this group, young people will be invited to come to WHY, ideally on one of the social evenings for their first time coming. We started Pizza & Chat in March 2020 and up to 10 young people were staying on and engaging with Sean. However, it only ran three times before the first lockdown hit in March and since then we have not been able to run it under the COVID restriction. We are very much looking forward to bringing this back in September of this year and seeing where it leads us.

We are also hoping to revive a former link with the school where they send young people to help run our Thursday Lunch Club. The school are regularly asking to send pupils for a morning and meal with us but we have not been able to offer this recently due to volunteer capacity to oversee the pupils on the day. However, the Lunch Club is moving to run in partnership with MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) Communities who will provide a dedicated worker to be there each week. This will allow us to again invite the pupils to help while also expanding our links with the local school.

WHY

Where we are now

After a period without a youth worker in 2019 and a church family moving out of the city, the number of young people at WHY had reduced to two. We worked hard to get a core group of six lads coming to WHY, which met every fortnight. Again, this was running smoothly but had to stop in March 2020. By September 2020, the group was back meeting in person (with social distancing measures in place) and had moved to weekly meetings. During the next lockdown, and due to the more flexible Government furlough scheme, we were able to keep the group running on Zoom and ran sessions with the Methodist Youth President Phoebe Parkin and the Sheffield Methodist Circuit Mental Health Worker Tim Jansen. We have also been making use of the 3Generate 365 material since the in person Methodist Youth Conference was not able to run in 2020, and has also invited a local representative from Fusion to come and speak to the older end of the group about the move to University.

What we hope to do next

Following the success of the group, we would like to make the move from fortnightly to weekly sessions permanent. We have many plans for the group, including exploring the Mission Academy Live video course exploring evangelism from HOPE Together. As part of this, the young people will be encouraged to bring a friend to end of term social events which will be a film show, mini Retrogaming Day or similar. We also hope to invite the young people from Drop Inn and Pizza & Chat to come these social nights, and begin to bring them in to our wider church community.



Retrogaming Café

Where we are now

Under normal circumstances our Retrogaming Café runs quarterly and sees up to 100 people of all ages, but mostly in the 11-25 bracket, coming to enjoy older gaming consoles, coffee and a tuck shop. This is run by a team of volunteers who have been collecting the equipment over the years and are keen to set it up and share it with those who have a similar interest.

What we hope to do next

This format is working well and we are planning to continue with it for now, but will respond as necessary if this changes. Due to COVID, the Retrogaming Café has not run for over a year but we are already planning its return in January 2021.

Buildings & Community Focus

In Wesley Hall we are blessed with a large building, in a prominent location in Crookes which is well used by the local community, with over 800 people using the building each week. Walkley Ebenezer is a smaller building, but has also been extensively used by community groups. Both buildings were closed during the November 2020 and January 2021 lockdowns, but we have managed to open them, for those groups that have wished to return, when this has been allowed under Government COVID rules.

We believe a significant part of our mission is to walk alongside users of our buildings and offer a journey into a Christ-centred community and on into discipleship. Regular activities hosted in our buildings included:

Church run events and groups: Bible studies; fortnightly craft group; free/ low-cost community entertainment.

To address isolation and loneliness amongst elderly people, we run a weekly lunch club at Wesley Hall, attended by up to 40 people and providing a good quality lunch for a minimal charge. This provision is dovetailed with work done by other local churches, generating a range of activities throughout the week for this age group. We are grateful for continued funding from Sheffield City Council and our Lunch Club is moving to run in partnership with MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) Communities who will provide a dedicated worker to be there each week. The Lunch Club was not able to run for much of the year but returned in August 2021 for a reduced service of soup and a roll (and pudding!). We hope to be able to return to servicing full meals in October 2021.

In December 2020, as an alternative to being able to have face-to-face fundraising, Walkley Ebenezer held a virtual craft fair on Facebook. This gave local makers and crafters a chance to promote their items via the event. The virtual fair raised a small amount in lieu of being able to have a Christmas Fair.

Walkley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatic Society (WEADS) was not able to put its usual week of performances in February, due to COVID. We very much hope to bring this back in February 2022.

Other Christian groups: Sheffield Korean Church meets at Wesley Hall each week for worship, fellowship and young people's groups. Community Bible Study International draws together Christians from all denominations for weekly in-depth Bible study.

Many community groups including Taekwondo, a local Community Hub, Silver Spectrum Wind Band, Slimming World, a dance group, Girlguiding, Pilates, Yoga and Zumba. We have had a number of choirs and orchestras move their rehearsals to Wesley Hall while their usual venues are not available due to COVID restrictions.



The Future of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church was established in 2010 drawing together the two churches of Wesley Hall Methodist Church and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church. This was intended to reduce the numbers of meetings and to aid transition to the soon to be created Sheffield Methodist Circuit.

The two congregations at Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer have enjoyed strong links over the years with joint Easter celebrations (a Good Friday walk of witness from Wesley Hall to Ebenezer followed by a service at Ebenezer) and working together on the annual February Pantomime. Our relationship remains close but we have found that having a single joint trustee body (Church Council) has added an extra administrative layer to the decision making process and actually increased rather than reduced the number of meetings.

We believe that the Church Council should be a place of report, discussion and looking to the future but it is difficult to do this when the needs of two congregations with two buildings have to be considered alongside one another at one meeting. The Church Council is made up of an equal number of representatives from each site but to avoid it becoming too large a meeting this inevitably reduces the number from each congregation serving so the engagement between Church Council and the church membership is reduced. In order to make up for this, we created Congregational Meetings, open to all, where reports on various aspects of church life could be made and decisions affecting the local congregations discussed.

Ideas generally start with the local church Leadership Teams and work their way up to the local Congregational Meeting. But since this is not the Trustee body, they then need to go to Church Council, where half the members are unaware of the idea and its background so it needs to be explained from the beginning again.

Both churches held independent Congregational Meetings and both felt that it would be beneficial to return to the more standard model of each church having a separate Church Council. The joint Church Council met on 8th September 2021 and affirmed the two congregational decisions. They then brought a resolution to the Sheffield Methodist Circuit meeting on 14th September 2021 where the decision was again affirmed.

This means that from 1st September 2021, Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church ceases to exist and in its place Wesley Hall Methodist Church and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church are created. Both churches intend to continue with the close relationship that we have enjoyed over many years, but as two separate bodies.

More information on the agreed allocation of funds and resources between the two churches can be found in the Appendix on page 27.

2.1 Looking Forward

We have been encouraged by the seeds of growth we have seen during the year. Our vision for the coming year is that we

- look for new ways of engaging with children, families and youth and older people
- begin to welcome community group back to our buildings, as it is safe to do so
- continue to find new ways to provide for the spiritual needs of our congregations
- become even more widely recognised as Christ-centred community hubs
- consistently walk alongside the many people we serve and the community groups that we partner
- walk closer to God along the path called discipleship



3 Financial Review

General Fund

The general fund recorded income of £109,086 (2019/20: £126,759) and expenditure of £107,202 (2019/20: £122,562) during the year, resulting in a surplus for the year of £1,884 (2019/20: surplus of £4,198).

Offerings and tax increased to £39,150 (2019/20: £35,735) as the congregation responded to the loss in room hire income due to COVID closures of both building. This giving is on top of contributions made by our congregation during this and previous years to specific projects, including our children, families and youth work.

Lettings income reduced to £41,830 (2019/20: £54,412). The number of users remained largely unchanged, but income was lower due COVID closures of both buildings.

Other income of £498 (2019/20 £3,215) represents:

- volunteer time paid for by donations under a company individual matching scheme
- other small deposits from various sources

Costs incurred included:

- Circuit assessments, including contribution towards ministerial stipends at £38,000
- repairs and maintenance costs reduced to £5,832 (2019/20: £11,995). Additional work was undertaken at Wesley Hall but this was paid for from the Wesley Hall site Fund
- insurance and utilities reduced to £20,648 (2019/20: £23,505) following reduced winter usage due to COVID closures at both buildings
- other expenditure reduced to £19,829 (2019/20: £24,232). Due to reduced income following COVID closures at both buildings, expenditure was reduced to essential items only

Designated Funds

There was no movement in the Retrogaming Café Fund this year. Due to COVID we were not able to find a safe way to run the Retrogaming Café which involves the sharing of gaming controllers etc. so no events were held. The fund balance remained unchanged at £1,182 at 31 August 2021.

We were able to run the Wesley Hall Toddler Group Fund in a COVID secure way from May 2021. This generated an income of £383 and an expenditure of £139 on craft supplies and individually wrapped biscuits. This left a fund balance of £614 at 31 August 2021.

There was no movement in the Walkley Ebenezer Toddler Group Fund this year. The group did not run and the balance remained unchanged at £343 at 31 August 2021.

There was no movement in the Walkley Ebenezer Spirit Seekers Fund this year, other than a small amount of interest earned on the account. The group did not run and the balance increased by £1 to £439 at 31 August 2021.

Children, Families & Youth Fund

We have employed a Christian Children and Families worker since October 2012, to grow and support this work at Wesley Hall. This post was funded for an initial three years by a combination of pledged donations from the congregation and external grants. Following a review of the work we were undertaking and the needs of the church and community, it was decided to seek to continue this role for a further three years as well as creating a new post for a Pre-teen and Youth Development worker. At



the end of this second three-year period we again reviewed the work and decided to change the emphasis of the Children and Families Worker, renaming the role Families & Community Co-Ordinator. This role continues to run the majority of the existing groups and activities, but also turns our focus out towards the local community. We have secured grants and congregational pledges to fund both roles for a further three years, and are now at the end of the third year of this period.

The Children, Families & Youth Fund, is in place to cover the income and expenditure for the post of Families and Community Co-Ordinator and for the post of Pre-teen and Youth Worker. At 31 August 2021, £10,456 has been carried forward to support salary and other costs for both workers.

Employment costs for this year (salary, NI and pension) were £21,131. Both of the workers employed through this fund (families and community coordinator and youth worker) were furloughed at various times between November 2020 and April 2021. We are grateful for the Government furlough scheme grant and also the Sheffield Circuit, who topped up the furlough scheme grant to cover the full value of employment expenses while employees were furloughed.

Other Restricted Funds

The balance of the Walkley Site Fund increased by £3,615, mainly due to the receipt of a legacy. The fund balance at 31 August 2021 was £10,015. Money in this fund will be used for projects relating solely to our Walkley Ebenezer site.

The balance of the Wesley Hall Site Fund increased by £7,016 following a legacy and a grant of £1,000 from the Arnold Clark Community Fund. £4,746 was spent on repointing and repairing two roofs where water was coming in and running down the walls when it rained. £425 was also spent on a camera to enable us to livestream our services. This left a balance of £4,510 at 31 August 2021. Money in this fund will be used for projects relating solely to our Wesley Hall site.

The balance of the Community Garden Fund remained unchanged leaving a balance of £57 at 31 August 2021. There was no movement in or out of the fund.

3.1 Reserves Policy

As a church we aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient funds to cover our general expenditure for between 3 months and 6 months. For the year ended 31 August 2021 this is between £26,800 and £53,600, although this was lower than usual due to the impact of COVID.

At 31 August 2021 our unrestricted reserves amounted to £37,742.

Should our reserves fall below this level then the Trustees will form a strategy to raise the required funds. Should they rise above this level the Trustees will agree ways in which the funds can be distributed within our mission and calling.

Other reserves are held for specific purposes and are managed accordingly.



4 Trustees' Responsibility

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

5 Structure, Governance & Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an exempted charity.

Oversight of the mission and governance of the Church is carried out primarily by the Church Council, who are the legal Trustees of the Church. The Church Council met four times during the year to carry out the business required of it by Methodist Church Standing Orders, and to oversee the work of the Church.

Day to day leadership and administration is exercised by the minister, Rev Sally Coleman, stewards and leadership teams appointed for each site. Additional teams and committees are appointed to carry out specific work, including pastoral committees and management teams for each of our employed staff.

Congregational meetings are held throughout the year and an Annual Church Meeting is convened for each site to review the work of the Church and elect Trustees and other officers as required by Methodist Church standing orders.

5.1 Related Parties

The Church is part of the Sheffield Methodist Circuit which is part of the Sheffield Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.



5.2 Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- we will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- we will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- we will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- we will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- we will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- in all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.



6 Reference and Administrative Details

6.1 Name of the Charity

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

6.2 Charity registration number

1150284, registered in England and Wales

6.3 Principal Office

Wesley Hall
Crookes
Sheffield
S10 1UD

6.4 Trustees

The members of the Church Council, who are the Trustees of the Church, serving throughout the year and up to the date of this report were:

Rev Sally Coleman (Chair)
Rev James Morley
Rev Lisa Quarmby
Mrs Avril Clark
Mr Michael Cooper
Ms Louise Etherington
Mr Alan Glossop
Mr Andrew Gray
Mrs Carole Gray
Ms Kate Ibbeson
Mrs Emma Irons [from 16/06/21]

Mr Matthew Irons
Mr Philip Jones
Miss Andrea Killingsworth
Mrs Freda Leesley
Mr Brian Morris
Mrs Judith Morris
Mrs Sue Stanworth
Mrs Lorraine Smith
Mr Matthew Smith
Mrs Dorothy White
Mrs Margaret Worfolk

6.5 Membership

At 31 August 2021, the church had 78 members; 44 based at Wesley Hall and 34 at Walkley Ebenezer (31 August 2020: 95).

6.6 Bankers

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6.7 Custodian Trustees

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6.8 Independent examiner

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6.9 Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2021 were approved by the Church Councils on Wednesday 3rd November (Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church and Wednesday 10th November (Wesley Hall Methodist Church).

Signed on behalf of the Church Councils, as authorised:

Sue Stanworth
Trustee, Walkley Ebenezer

Alan Glossop
Trustee, Walkley Ebenezer

Brian Morris
Trustee, Wesley Hall

Andrew Gray
Trustee, Wesley Hall



Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income & endowments						
Donations & legacies	3	39,745	3	16,977	56,725	46,640
Charitable activities	4	68,818	380	14,110	83,308	109,271
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investment	5	26	-	6	32	167
Other income	6	498	1	-	499	3,701
Total		109,086	384	31,093	140,563	159,778
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Circuit Assessment		38,000	-	-	38,000	40,000
Grants and donations		1,285	-	-	1,285	1,800
Maintenance on church		5,832	-	4,746	10,578	13,134
Insurance, utilities etc.		20,648	-	-	20,648	23,505
Depreciation charge	7	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	8	19,829	139	3,479	23,447	30,347
Salaries, NIC & pension costs	9	21,607	-	21,131	42,738	43,889
Total		107,202	139	29,356	136,697	159,907
Net income/(expenditure)		1,884	245	1737	3,866	(129)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,884	245	1737	3,866	(129)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		35,858	2,333	23,310	61,501	
Total funds carried forward		37,742	2,579	25,047	65,367	



Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible fixed assets	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	10	13,867	1	1,620	15,488	33,298
Prepayments	10	10,601	-	1,106	11,707	10,666
CFB accounts		-	2,543	23,911	26,454	7,930
Current accounts		15,692	-	2,395	18,087	15,910
Cash in hand		542	35	15	592	221
Total Current Assets		40,702	2,579	29,047	72,327	68,016
Creditors	11	2,960	-	4,000	6,960	6,515
Net Current Assets		37,742	2,579	25,047	65,367	61,501
Net Assets		37,742	2,579	25,047	65,367	61,501
Represented by						
General fund		37,742	-	-	37,742	35,858
Retrogaming café fund	12	-	1,182	-	1,182	1,182
WH toddler group fund	12	-	614	-	614	370
WE toddler group fund	12	-	343	-	343	343
Spirit seekers fund	12	-	439	-	439	438
Children, families & youth fund	13	-	-	10,645	10,456	14,179
Walkley site fund	13	-	-	10,015	10,015	6,399
Wesley Hall site fund	13	-	-	4,510	4,510	2,675
Community garden fund	13	-	-	57	57	57
Net Assets		37,742	2,579	25,047	65,367	61,501



Notes to the Financial Statements

As at 31 August 2021

1. Accounting framework and accounting policies

1.1 Accounting framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102

1.2 Public benefit entity

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

1.4 Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

1.5 Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at the date of approval of these accounts, the Trustees believe that the Church is a going concern.

1.6 Income recognition

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.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

1.7 Expenditure

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.



1.8 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. Fixtures and fittings are depreciated over 5 years and freehold buildings over 50 years. Freehold land is not depreciated.

No carrying value has been included in these accounts in respect of the Church's buildings in Crookes and Walkley on the basis that both buildings were constructed over 100 years ago and so the historic cost of land is considered immaterial and the costs of constructing the buildings are fully depreciated.

The buildings are insured for £8,538,192.

1.9 Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Church or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or amount advanced to the Church. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

2. Payments to Trustees

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees paid expenses	0	0
	£	£
Total amount paid	0	0
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees who received remuneration from the charity for employment other than their role as a Trustee	1	1
	£	£
Gross salary	19,031	18,535

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Offering	31,940	3	6,567	38,509	33,127
Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	7,210	1	1,501	8,711	8,718
Donations	595	-	300	895	1,795
Legacies	-	-	8,609	8,609	-
Total	39,745	3	16,977	56,725	46,640



4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Room hire & lettings	41,830	-	-	41,830	54,412
Collections for other charities	85	-	-	85	903
Income from events	-	380	204	584	2,452
Fundraising	94	-	-	94	1,949
Grants received	26,809	-	13,906	40,715	49,555
Total	68,818	380	14,110	83,308	109,271

Grants for General Fund

We are very grateful to the Sheffield Circuit for their COVID-19 support grant of £30,000. Their generous support puts us in a strong position to rebuild our room hire income as groups begin return to both buildings.

Grants for Children, Families & Youth Fund

We are very grateful to the Sheffield District (£4,000), Sheffield Circuit (£5,000) and Methodist Youth Activities (£3,000) for their generous support of our work with children, families and young people.

Both our children & families and our youth worker were furloughed from April to August so we received a grant of £5,900 from the Government furlough scheme. We also received a further £1,650 from the Sheffield Circuit, who topped up the furlough scheme grant to cover the full value of employment expenses for the period.

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Central Finance Board	26	-	6	32	167
Total	26	-	6	32	167

6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Internal organisations income	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	498	1	-	499	3,701
Total	498	1	-	499	3,701



7. Tangible fixed assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2020	1,384	-	5,412	6,796
At 31 August 2021	1,384	-	5,412	6,796
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2020	1,384	-	5,412	6,796
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	1,384	-	5,412	6,796
Net book value				
31 August 2020	-	-	-	-
31 August 2021	-	-	-	-

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31 August 2021: £465

31 August 2020: £465

8. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cleaning costs	12,943	-	-	12,943	13,281
Independent Examiner's fees	750	-	-	750	942
Worship	667	-	-	667	1,272
Event costs	-	139	2,605	2,744	2,350
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	105
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	344	-	-	344	375
Other expenditure	5,125	-	874	6,000	12,021
Total	19,829	139	3,479	23,447	30,347



9. Salaries and associated costs

No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Gross salaries paid to three (2019/20: three) part time employees were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Gross salary	19,031	-	19,348	38,379	39,783
Employer's NI contributions	1,437	-	541	1,978	2,257
Employer's pension contributions	1,139	-	1,242	2,380	1,849
Total	21,607	-	21,131	42,738	43,899

Total weekly contractual hours for three staff 64 64

Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

10. Debtors and prepayments

All sums shown as Debtors at 31 August 2021 were received during the following year. Debtors were made up as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Debtors					
Trade debtors	12,410	-	716	13,126	30,689
Gift Aid not yet claimed	1,457	1	904	2,362	2,609
Total	13,867	1	1,620	15,488	33,298

	£		£	£	£
Prepayments					
Circuit assessment paid in advance	9,500	-	-	9,500	9,500
Other payments in advance	1,101	-	1,106	2,207	1,166
Total	10,601	-	1,106	11,707	10,666

11. Creditors and accrued expenses

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Creditors					
Trade creditors	2,153	-	4,000	6,153	5,261
Independent Examiner's fees	750	-	-	750	750
MBNA Credit Card	57	-	-	57	504
Total	2,960	-	4,000	6,960	6,515



Grant paid in advance

A grant of £4,000 from the Church Burgesses Educational Foundation for our work with children, families and young people next year (2021/22) was paid this year (2020/21). This has been recorded under Trade creditors.

12. Designated funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Retrogaming Café fund	1,182	-	-	-	1,182
WH Toddler Group fund	370	383	139	-	614
WE Toddler Group fund	343	-	-	-	343
Spirit Seekers fund	438	1	-	-	439
Total	2,333	384	139	-	2,579

13. Restricted funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Children, families & youth fund	14,179	20,461	24,175	-	10,456
Walkley Ebenezer site fund	6,399	3,615	-	-	10,015
Wesley Hall site fund	2,675	7,016	5,181	-	4,510
Community garden fund	57	-	-	-	57
Total	23,310	31,093	29,356	-	25,047

14. Volunteer contributions

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

15. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31 August 2021 (31 August 2020: nil).

16. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Creditors					
Cash at bank and in hand	16,234	2,578	26,321	45,133	24,052
Total	16,234	2,578	26,321	45,133	24,052



17. Risk assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

18. Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

19. Public benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.



Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Signed  Date 28/4/22

Name Matt Irons (Treasurer)

Address Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1UD

Presentation to the Church Council

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church Council on Wednesday 3rd November and the Wesley Hall Methodist Church Council on Wednesday 10th November.

Signed  Date 3 May 2022

Name Sue Stanworth (Trustee, Walkley Ebenezer)

Signed  Date 28/4/22

Name Brian Morris (Trustee, Wesley Hall)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Church, named above

The Church's Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The Trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.



Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date 3/5/2022

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Bosham
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7 Appendix (Allocation of Resources)

7.1 Current Accounts

7.1.1 Current Accounts

The agreed allocation of the usage of the current accounts is detailed below. Please note that this does not necessarily include the funds in those accounts.

Allocation to Wesley Hall Methodist Church

A/C no. 65856561 (Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church) with Co-op: this will become the main current account of Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Allocation to Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church

A/C no. 41810030 (Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church) with HSBC: this will become the main current account of Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church

7.1.2 CFB Accounts

The agreed allocation of the usage of the Central Finance Board (CFB) accounts is detailed below. Please note that this does not necessarily include the funds in those accounts.

Allocation to Wesley Hall Methodist Church

A/C no. 03649010 (Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church): this will become the main CFB account of Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Allocations to Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church

A/C no. 04928010 (Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church): this will become the main CFB account of Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church

A/C no. 05133010 (Walkley Ebenezer Junior Church)

7.1.3 Restricted Funds

The agreed allocation of restricted funds is detailed below:

Allocation to Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Children Families & Youth Fund

Wesley Hall Site Fund

Community Garden Fund

Allocation to Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Walkley Site Fund

7.1.4 Designated Funds

The agreed allocation of designated funds is detailed below:

Allocation to Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Retrogaming Café Fund

WH Toddler Group fund

Allocation to Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church

WE Toddler Group Fund

Spirit Seekers Fund



7.1.5 General Fund

It was agreed to allocate 74% of the General Fund balance at 31/08/21 to Wesley Hall Methodist and 26% to Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church. This is in proportion with the usual expenditure of each site.

7.1.6 Charity Commission Registration

Churches with an income of less than £100,00 are excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. The newly formed Wesley Hall Methodist Church will have an income of around £123,000 (including the Children, Families and Youth fund) and Walkley Ebenezer around £35,000. It was agreed that the registered charity number 1150284 (Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church) be allocated to Wesley Hall and renamed Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

7.1.7 Lay Workers

It was agreed that the employing body of all lay workers (Building Manager, Families & Community Coordinator and Pre-teen & Youth Worker) will become Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church will subcontract the Building Manager from Wesley Hall Methodist Church to continue to run finances and bookings in return for a contribution of 15% of his salary.

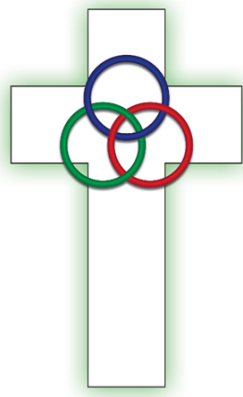


7.2 Balance Sheet

Below is a balance sheet showing the allocation of the assets of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church between Wesley Hall Methodist Church (WH) and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church (WE).

	Unrestricted Funds		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	Total
	WH £	WE £	WH £	WE £	WH £	WE £	WH £	WE £
Fixed Assets								
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets								
Debtors	13,384	4,842	-	-	1,615	-	14,999	4,842
Prepayments	6,999	3,602	-	-	1,106	-	8,105	3,602
CFB accounts	-	-	1,760	783	13,896	10,015	15,657	10,797
Current accounts	9,029	1,671	-	-	2,400	-	11,429	1,671
Cash in hand	542	-	35	-	15	-	592	-
Total Current Assets	29,954	10,114	1,796	783	19,032	10,015	50,782	20,911
Creditors	2,024	301	-	-	4,000	-	6,025	301
Net Current Assets	27,929	9,813	1,796	783	15,032	10,015	44,757	20,610
Net Assets	27,929	9,813	1,796	783	15,032	10,015	44,757	20,610
Represented by								
General fund	27,929	9,813	-	-	-	-	27,929	9,813
Retrogaming café fund	-	-	1,182	-	-	-	1,182	-
WH toddler group fund	-	-	614	-	-	-	614	-
WE toddler group fund	-	-	-	343	-	-	-	343
Spirit seekers fund	-	-	-	439	-	-	-	439
Children, families & youth	-	-	-	-	10,465	-	10,456	-
Walkley site fund	-	-	-	-	-	10,015	-	10,015
Wesley Hall site fund	-	-	-	-	4,510	-	4,510	-
Community garden fund	-	-	-	-	57	-	57	-
Net Assets	27,929	9,813	1,796	783	15,032	10,015	44,757	20,610

Accounts



Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number 1150284

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2020

1 Objectives and Activities

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church ("Wesley Ebenezer", "the Church") was formed in September 2010 as an amalgamation of Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Crookes, and Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The two congregations continue to meet for worship in both Crookes and Walkley and provide a community-focussed missional Methodist presence as a multi-site church in these adjoining West Sheffield communities.

The Church is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. Wesley Ebenezer registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an exempted charity.

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 or 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

Our threefold mission statement, which guides all that we seek to do as a church is:

- Loving all people
- Building Community
- Sharing our Christian Faith

The sections below describe how we have sought to act these out during the year and how we intend to continue, in God's strength, to be a source of God's blessing in Crookes and Walkley.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Specifically:

- we make our services as open and accessible to as wide a range of people as we can, developing new formats and times of worship to meet the needs of the communities we live amongst
- we make both of our buildings available for wide and extensive use by a large and increasing number of community groups
- we provide programmes as a church, or jointly with others, to build community and support the social, practical and spiritual needs of our neighbourhoods
- we support other charitable organisations



2 Achievements and Performance

Worship & Discipleship

The fulcrum of our church remains Sunday morning worship, in both Crookes and Walkley; a fusion of contemporary and traditional worship styles, which we aim to keep relaxed yet structured. Sunday morning congregations have remained around 50 at Wesley Hall and 40 at Walkley, both with a balanced spread of ages.

We also lead a well-supported service at Mary Tozer House, a local sheltered housing complex.

Discipleship is actively nurtured beyond Sunday mornings, including through house groups and our active team of pastoral visitors, whose care extends to people on our community roll, in addition to church members.

In the main worship area at Wesley Hall we have a dedicated prayer space which is focused on the worshipping community and is used for individual prayer by all ages of the church. Downstairs in the entrance area, we have a second prayer space to be used by the wider community and our building users. In a room off the main worship space at Walkley Ebenezer we also have a dedicated prayer space. Each week we are finding prayer requests and obvious engagement with the spaces.

From September 2018, we have joined with other churches in the Sheffield Circuit to undertake a programme called Holy Habits.

Children, families and youth

We are privileged to have served a large number of families from the Crookes and Walkley areas for many years.

We have been pleased to see this ministry flourish since appointing our first Children and Families Worker, based in Crookes, in October 2012. We hold regular community fete-style Stay & Play mornings, film shows, holiday fun days, worship monthly on Saturdays as Messy Church and provide Sunday morning kids' activities. We intend that these events and the relationships developed will provide not only safe and enjoyable spaces for families, but pathways into the church community and Christian faith for those who wish to travel them. Our parents and toddlers group is an approved Sheffield University volunteering project and has continued to attract student volunteers. Our children and families worker, Jacque Ryan, went on maternity leave in March 2020 and we were very pleased to welcome Claire Eaton back to cover this period (she previous held the post from 2015 – 2017). However, following the lockdown due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Claire was put on furlough from April to August 2020. Our work with children and families is made up almost entirely through running groups and events in our buildings, which was not possible while the country was in lockdown.

The fruitfulness our children and families ministry led us to explore opportunities to work with young people and in October 2015 we created a Pre-teen and Youth Development Worker role to lead this ministry. A range of new events were trialled with our after-school Drop Inn and Retrogaming Café showing particularly promising early signs. Since September 2016, both have now become well established with the Drop Inn regularly welcoming over 50 young people each week for an after-school hot chocolate or ice cream (depending on the weather) and the Retrogaming Café seeing over 100 people of all ages coming to enjoy older gaming consoles, coffee and a tuck shop. Another growing initiative is a Crookes Holiday Club for children and young people, run jointly by Wesley Hall and St Timothy's, a local Anglican church.



Sean Briscoe took over this role in September 2019 and has seen growth in the Drop Inn to over 70 young people each week. In November 2019, Sean took a group of young people to join in the national Methodist youth conference, 3Generate, in Southport. It was a time of engaging with social justice, worship, prayer and fun. He has also worked hard to restart a Christian focused youth group which had met twice before lockdown in March. As with our children and families work, our youth work is made up almost entirely through running groups and events in our buildings, which was not possible while the country was in lockdown. Because of this, Sean was put on furlough from April to August 2020.

Buildings & Community Focus

In Wesley Hall we are blessed with a large building, in a prominent location in Crookes which is well used by the local community, with over 800 people using the building each week throughout the year. Walkley Ebenezer is a smaller building, but has also been extensively used by community groups throughout the year.

We believe a significant part of our mission is to walk alongside users of our buildings and offer a journey into a Christ-centred community and on into discipleship. Regular activities hosted in our buildings included:

Church run events and groups: Bible studies; fortnightly craft group; free/ low-cost musical and other community entertainment, such as community Ceilidhs.

To address isolation and loneliness amongst elderly people, we run a weekly lunch club at Wesley Hall Crookes, attended by up to 40 people and providing a good quality lunch for a minimal charge. This provision is dovetailed with work done by other local churches, generating a range of activities throughout the week for this age group. We are grateful for continued funding from Sheffield City Council and our Lunch Club is also an approved Sheffield University volunteering project, supplementing church and community volunteers.

In September Walkley Ebenezer ran two Heritage Open Days. The first day had a large exhibition about the history of the church and archives from church groups past and present. This was followed by a heritage Sunday service led by our Minister, Rev. Sally Coleman.

We hosted a Dementia Friends awareness session at Walkley Ebenezer in October. This was open to anyone in the congregation and the Walkley Community, and was led by a Walkley-based volunteer for the Alzheimer's Society.

Christmas Fairs were held at both sites in November and were both very well attended, with good feedback from stallholders and those who came along on the day.

A Table Top sale was held at Walkley Ebenezer in February. The sale was specifically organised to start raising funds for a replacement boiler for the site, after a breakdown over the Christmas period called its reliability into question.

Walkley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatic Society (WEADS) again put on a week of performances in February, this year's production being Dick Whittington & the Caribbean Pirates. We also held a special Sunday service to celebrate the contribution of WEADS in the life of the church and the wider Walkley community.

Other Christian groups: Sheffield Korean Church meets at Wesley Hall each week for worship, fellowship and young people's groups. Community Bible Study International draws together Christians from all denominations for weekly in-depth Bible study.



Many community groups including Fun Drum, Taekwondo, a local Community Hub, the Friday Folk Lunch Club, Silver Spectrum Wind Band, Walkley Forum, Slimming World, a dance group, Boys' Brigade, Girlguiding, Pilates, Yoga and Zumba.

Ecumenical & Multisite

Whilst our focus remains the two neighbourhoods we serve, we have continued to strengthen links between our two congregations during the year through quarterly joint services, an away weekend, Bible studies and fellowship events. We aim for each site to benefit from the experience and skills of the other.

Many 2nd/ 3rd year Sheffield University students live in Crookes and Walkley, and we provide a venue for students looking for a community-focussed, rather than student-centric, church. We co-ordinate our offering to students through the dedicated Methodist Student Chaplain, with our sister church, The Beacon at Broomhill, acting as the hub for student outreach.

Where possible we seek to work together with other local churches, for example the Crookes Holiday Club and collecting for our local Trussell Trust Foodbank.

2.1 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

All of the above came to an abrupt halt in March when the coronavirus pandemic resulted in a national lockdown. This meant that both of our buildings were closed so there were no community groups using our space, no children families or youth work taking place and no worship services.

Clearly, this has had a financial impact on the charity.

Members of the congregation who regularly give to support our work via standing order continued to do so. Those who usually give via cash or cheque during our Sunday services found other ways to give, mostly through bank transfer. Also, the rear part of Wesley Hall is used by a number of local businesses and these businesses were able to access Government grants. This means that they were able to continue to pay their licence fee for using the space. All of this means that although our income reduced, it did not reduce to zero and we did still have some money coming in.

There has been no Government scheme specifically to support places of worship or community centres. However, we have been able to put both our children and families worker and our youth worker on furlough, with the cost of their salary being met by through the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and by a further grant to cover the full value of employment expenses by the Sheffield Circuit. Since the majority of our children, families and youth work involves planning and running events that take place at Wesley Hall, they were not been able to continue this while the building is closed.

Even with the continued generous support of our regular donors and the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, we have still lost income from the numerous community groups that usually meet in both of our buildings, but were not able to do so over lockdown. We are therefore very grateful to the Sheffield Circuit for their grant scheme to help Methodist churches in Sheffield who need support following loss of income due to the pandemic. We submitted a successful application for a grant of £30,000 which has put us in a strong position to reopen our buildings when it is safe to do so.

Following the appropriate risk assessments and subsequent changes to the building, Wesley Hall did reopen in the middle of August for our two largest user groups, Slimming World and Taekwondo. This has gone well with group leaders and users following the new procedures put in place to keep everyone who uses our buildings safe. We look forward to welcome more users back from September.



With no worship services taking place in our buildings, we had to look for alternative ways to keep in touch with our congregations and to service their spiritual needs. We used our weekly notice sheet (which was already distributed via email) to keep in touch with the congregations, making sure that everyone was either receiving the newsletter via email, or getting a printed copy through their door. Each week we offered a number of at home worship ideas with ready to use services to read through from Twelve Baskets (the Vine at Home) and from the Methodist Church. We also provided links to a number of live streamed services from Methodist churches in Sheffield and around the country. We also began to hold our own services via Zoom which helped to restore the sense of togetherness and shared experience that we had been missing.

In order to remain socially connected, weekly charity quizzes were organised, raising money for Snowdrop and Mercy Ships, with open invitations sent to the congregation. Everyone who took part enjoyed their time together, with some being more competitive than others!

Fellowship Groups have continued to provide mutual support by being in close contact via phone and WhatsApp. One group has also been having weekly bible study and prayer meetings via Zoom, although not everyone has been able to engage with this method of meeting. This means that we have been a smaller group and some weeks, due to the changed dynamics, it is more difficult to lead a group. It has been good to meet in this way as it helps to some extent to still feel connected with one another, and allows fellowship groups to continue to provide a way of encouraging each other in and developing our faith. This has been especially important during a time when we have not met in person as a congregation. However, the dynamics of Zoom often does not help to facilitate members contributing to discussions or sharing as easily as they would in person.

A reflection from our Minister, Rev. Sally Coleman:

Looking back to September 2019, when all plans for the two sites of Wesley Ebenezer were looking promising, after a difficult time the lettings were looking healthy, and despite the loss of some of the Slimming World groups at Wesley Hall during that year we were feeling positive. Church activities were planned and a calendar for the year ahead was set, with activities for all age groups.

None of us could have foreseen the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the buildings were closed for worship and for outside user groups with a resulting loss of income. The church however remained active, people were in touch with one another, online prayer groups were arranged, pastoral letters kept us in touch, and worship sheets were shared. As time went on Zoom Services have been explored and various groups met virtually.

With restrictions eased extensive risk assessments were put into place resulting in the return of some user groups and church activities have slowly begun to be started. In recognition that the pandemic could not have been planned for or prepared for in any way Sheffield Methodist Circuit offered grants for churches who could show their need for support in line with the Methodist Church Our Calling document. Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church applied for a grant of £30,000 which was approved by the Circuit Meeting in September 2020.

As time moves ahead, we are aware that we will have to continue to explore new ways of being church, the commitment of the members to one another and the communities they serve has been commendable in such a difficult time.

A reflection from a local preacher, Sue Stanworth, from our Walkley Ebenezer congregation:



Suddenly, our churches were closed, our schools were closed and we were needed to care for our two young grandchildren 4 days per week while our daughter worked at the hospital. John and I moved into her flat and lived there with them until just before school resumed in September. We loved being live-in grandparents, keeping house for our daughter, reading with the girls, playing and baking and running after them on their bikes and scooters! But we couldn't gather together as friends or family and I really missed gathering together to worship as a church family.

We're back at our own flat now that they've gone back to school, but things are not back to normal. We still can't worship together as we used to, sitting close together, singing hymns and sacred songs, taking up the collection, hearing the Bible read from the lectern, responding to the preacher's words, praying together, taking part in Holy Communion.....all those things that I certainly took entirely for granted. And the cup of tea or coffee afterwards, with home-made biscuits and lots of chatter!

I have really missed the discipline of daily prayer and preparation for services. Somehow, it was hard to find time to myself. Our weekly church newsletter with Rev. Sally's pastoral letters have been a real lifeline for me spiritually. I've also been attending the Zoom services from Wesley's Chapel in London on a Sunday morning and also some Zoom services from the circuit and our own church. It's weirdly not the same as physically being together in worship, but it's the closest thing! At least you can sing along with the recorded music!

I've also been glad of the Walkley Ebenezer Zoom prayer meetings on a Wednesday night. We always end by saying the Lord's Prayer together, very slowly, which is wonderfully chaotic on Zoom, but sometimes the spiritual highlight of my week!

I do give thanks for the love and support of our pastoral visitors, who have really kept in touch with us. We have laughed and cried together! It is great to know that when we are not able to pray for ourselves, so many others are on their knees praying for us.

2.2 Looking Forward

We have been greatly encouraged by the seeds of growth we have seen during the year. Our vision for the coming year is that we

- look for new ways of engaging with children, families and youth and older people, since it will not be possible to run a number of our usual groups for some time
- begin to welcome community group back to our buildings, as it is safe to do so
- continue to find new ways to provide for the spiritual needs of our congregations
- become even more widely recognised as Christ-centred community hubs
- consistently walk alongside the many people we serve and the community groups that we partner
- walk closer to God along the path called discipleship



3 Financial Review

General Fund

The general fund recorded income of £126,759 (2018/19: £134,645) and expenditure of £122,562 (2018/19: £132,368) during the year, resulting in a surplus for the year of £4,198 (2018/19: surplus of £2,276).

Offerings and tax recovered remained largely unchanged at £35,735 (2018/19: £35,305). This giving is on top of contributions made by our congregation during this and previous years to specific projects, including our children, families and youth work.

Lettings income reduced to £54,412 (2018/19: £77,782). The number of users at both building remained largely unchanged, but income was lower due the closure of both buildings during lockdown.

Other income of £3,215 (2018/19 £16,462) represents:

- VAT refunded by the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme
- volunteer time paid for by donations under a company individual matching scheme
- other small deposits from various sources

The reduction in other income is due to the removal of all groups from Internal Organisations. All income from these groups had previously been recorded here.

Costs incurred included:

- Circuit assessments, including contribution towards ministerial stipends at £40,000
- repairs and maintenance costs increased to £11,995 (2018/19: £10,795) due to some remedial electrical work that was carried out following our 5-year electrical inspection
- insurance and utilities remained largely unchanged at £23,505
- other expenditure reduced to £24,232 (2018/19: £35,984), due to the removal of all groups from Internal Organisations. All expenditure from these groups had previously been recorded here.

Designated Funds

The Trustee's agreed to reclassify the Retrogaming Café Fund as a designated rather than a restricted fund. The money in this fund came from an insurance payout last year which had no restrictions, so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. The balance of the Retrogaming Café Fund remained unchanged leaving £1,182 at 31 August 2020. There was no movement in or out of the fund.

The Trustee's agreed to move Wesley Hall Toddler Group from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the Wesley Hall Toddler Group Fund. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds (since they are made up of income from the group), so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. The net income from groups was £1,155, £437 was spent on new equipment and storage solutions and a donation of £1,500 was made to the church, in lieu of rent, to go towards heating, lighting and maintenance of our Wesley Hall site (from which the toddler group operates) for the year 2018/19. The Wesley Hall Toddler Group also made a further donation of £750 to the church, in lieu of rent, for the year 2019/20. This has been recorded as a transfer between funds and leaves a fund balance of £370 at 31 August 2020.

The Trustee's agreed to move Walkley Ebenezer First Steps from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the Walkley Ebenezer Toddler Group Fund. There are



no restrictions on the use of these funds (since they are made up of income from the group), so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. The net income from groups was £37 and there was no expenditure. The balance of the Walkley Ebenezer Toddler Group Fund was £343 at 31 August 2020.

The Trustee's agreed to move Walkley Ebenezer Spirit Seekers from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the Spirit Seekers Fund. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds, so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. There was a donation of £5 in and expenditure of £52 which was spent on resources for the Sunday morning children's group which the fund exists to support. The balance of the Spirit Seekers Fund was £438 at 31 August 2020.

Children, Families & Youth Fund

We have employed a Christian Children and Families worker since October 2012, to grow and support this work at Wesley Hall. This post was funded for an initial three years by a combination of pledged donations from the congregation and external grants. Following a review of the work we were undertaking and the needs of the church and community, it was decided to seek to continue this role for a further three years as well as creating a new post for a Pre-teen and Youth Development worker. At the end of this second three-year period we again reviewed the work and decided to change the emphasis of the Children and Families Worker, renaming the role Families & Community Co-Ordinator. This role continues to run the majority of the existing groups and activities, but also turns our focus out towards the local community. We have secured grants and congregational pledges to fund both roles for a further three years, and are now at the end of the first year of this period.

The Children, Families & Youth Fund, is in place to cover the income and expenditure for the post of Families and Community Co-Ordinator and for the post of Pre-teen and Youth Worker. At 31 August 2020, £14,179 has been carried forward to support salary and other costs for both workers.

Employment costs for this year (salary, NI and pension) were in line with budget at £23,900. Both of the workers employed through this fund (children and families worker and youth worker) were furloughed between April and August 2020, following the closure of our building during lockdown and they continued to receive full pay throughout this period. We received a grant of £5,900 from the Government furlough scheme and we also received a further £1,650 from the Sheffield Circuit, who topped up the furlough scheme grant to cover the full value of employment expenses for the period.

Other Restricted Funds

The balance of the Walkley Site Fund reduced by £470 over the year leaving a balance of £6,399 at 31 August 2020. There was movement in the fund due to £1,139 being spent on repairs to the boiler at our Walkley Ebenezer site and £629 being received in donations to put towards the cost of replacing the boiler in the near future. Money in this fund will be used for projects relating solely to our Walkley Ebenezer site.

The balance of the Wesley Hall Site Fund increased by £1,425 following a number of donations to put towards the cost of resurfacing the car park at our Wesley Hall site leaving a balance of £2,675 at 31 August 2020. £125 from a legacy received last year was spent on flowers, in accordance with the wishes of the donor. Money in this fund will be used for projects relating solely to our Wesley Hall site.

The balance of the Community Garden Fund remained unchanged leaving a balance of £57 at 31 August 2020. There was no movement in or out of the fund.



3.1 Reserves Policy

As a church we aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient funds to cover our general expenditure for between 3 months and 6 months. For the year ended 31 August 2020 this is between £30,625 and £61,250.

At 31 August 2020 our unrestricted reserves amounted to £35,858.

Should our reserves fall below this level then the Trustees will form a strategy to raise the required funds. Should they rise above this level the Trustees will agree ways in which the funds can be distributed within our mission and calling.

Other reserves are held for specific purposes and are managed accordingly.

4 Trustees' Responsibility

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

5 Structure, Governance & Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Wesley Ebenezer registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 27 December 2012 (number 1150284), having previously been an exempted charity.

Oversight of the mission and governance of the Church is carried out primarily by the Church Council, who are the legal Trustees of the Church. The Church Council met four times during the year to carry out the business required of it by Methodist Church Standing Orders, and to oversee the work of the Church.

Day to day leadership and administration is exercised by the minister, Rev Sally Coleman, stewards and leadership teams appointed for each site. Additional teams and committees are appointed to carry out specific work, including pastoral committees and management teams for each of our employed staff.



Congregational meetings are held throughout the year and an Annual Church Meeting is convened for each site to review the work of the Church and elect Trustees and other officers as required by Methodist Church standing orders.

5.1 Related Parties

The Church is part of the Sheffield Circuit which is part of the Sheffield District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

5.2 Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- we will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- we will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- we will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- we will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- we will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- in all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.



6 Reference and Administrative Details

6.1 Name of the Charity

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

6.2 Charity registration number

1150284, registered in England and Wales

6.3 Principal Office

Wesley Hall
Crookes
Sheffield
S10 1UD

6.4 Trustees

The members of the Church Council, who are the Trustees of the Church, serving throughout the year and up to the date of this report were:

Rev Sally Coleman (Chair)
Rev Timothy Crome [to 31/08/20]
Rev James Morley
Mrs Avril Clark
Mr Michael Cooper
Ms Louise Etherington
Mr Alan Glossop
Mr Andrew Gray
Mrs Carole Gray
Ms Kate Ibbeson
Mr Matthew Irons

Mr Philip Jones
Miss Andrea Killingsworth
Mrs Freda Leesley
Mr Brian Morris
Mrs Judith Morris
Mrs Sue Stanworth
Mrs Lorraine Smith
Mr Matthew Smith
Mrs Merab Vaghefi [to 31/08/20]
Mrs Dorothy White
Mrs Margaret Worfolk

6.5 Membership

At 31 August 2020, the church had 95 members; 59 based at Wesley Hall and 36 at Walkley Ebenezer (31 August 2019: 95).

6.6 Bankers

HSBC plc
251 Fulwood Road
Sheffield, S10 3BE

The Co-operative Bank
PO Box 150
Skelmersdale, WN8 6GG

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
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6.7 Custodian Trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central Buildings
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6.8 Independent examiner

Independent Examiners Ltd
Sovereign Centre
Poplars
Yapton Lane
Walberton
West Sussex
BN18 0AS

6.9 Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2020 were approved by the Church Council on 8th October 2020.

Signed on behalf of the Church Council, as authorised:

Mrs. Judith Morris
Trustee

Mrs. Sue Stanworth
Secretary



Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income & endowments						
Donations & legacies	3	36,033	-	10,607	46,640	44,862
Charitable activities	4	87,389	1,193	20,689	109,271	100,325
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investment	5	123	5	40	167	171
Other income	6	3,215	-	486	3,701	27,550
Total		126,759	1,197	31,822	159,778	172,908
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Circuit Assessment		40,000	-	-	40,000	40,000
Grants and donations		1,800	-	-	1,800	1,711
Maintenance on church		11,995	-	1,139	13,134	10,795
Insurance, utilities etc.		23,505	-	-	23,505	23,785
Depreciation charge	7	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	8	24,232	1,990	4,126	30,347	42,249
Salaries, NIC & pension costs	9	21,030	-	22,859	43,889	41,281
Internal organisations	10	-	-	7,233	7,233	9,962
Total		122,562	1,990	35,356	159,907	169,783
Net income/(expenditure)		4,198	(792)	(3,534)	(129)	3,125
Transfers between funds		750	3,126	(3,876)	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,948	2,333	(7,410)	(129)	3,125
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		30,910	-	30,720	61,630	
Total funds carried forward		35,858	2,333	23,310	61,501	



Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible fixed assets	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	11	32,261	-	1,037	33,298	13,300
Prepayments	11	10,520	-	146	10,666	12,800
CFB accounts		(20,530)	2,333	26,127	7,930	29,422
Current accounts		15,901	-	-	15,901	10,147
Cash in hand		221	-	-	221	175
Internal organisations	10	-	-	-	-	10,023
Total Current Assets		38,372	2,333	27,310	68,016	75,867
Creditors	12	2,515	-	4,000	6,515	14,238
Net Current Assets		35,858	2,333	23,310	61,501	61,630
Net Assets		35,858	2,333	23,310	61,501	61,630
Represented by						
General fund		35,858	-	-	35,858	30,910
Retrogaming café fund	13	-	1,182	-	1,182	1,182
WH toddler group fund	13	-	370	-	370	-
WE toddler group fund	13	-	343	-	343	-
Spirit seekers fund	13	-	438	-	438	-
Children, families & youth fund	14	-	-	14,179	14,179	11,436
Walkley site fund	14	-	-	6,399	6,399	6,869
Wesley Hall site fund	14	-	-	2,675	2,675	1,250
Community garden fund	14	-	-	57	57	57
Internal organisations	10 & 14	-	-	-	-	9,926
Net Assets		35,858	2,333	23,310	61,501	61,630



Notes to the Financial Statements

As at 31 August 2020

1. Accounting framework and accounting policies

1.1 Accounting framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102

1.2 Public benefit entity

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

1.4 Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

1.5 Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at the date of approval of these accounts, the Trustees believe that the Church is a going concern.

1.6 Income recognition

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.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

1.7 Expenditure

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.



1.8 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. Fixtures and fittings are depreciated over 5 years and freehold buildings over 50 years. Freehold land is not depreciated.

No carrying value has been included in these accounts in respect of the Church's buildings in Crookes and Walkley on the basis that both buildings were constructed over 100 years ago and so the historic cost of land is considered immaterial and the costs of constructing the buildings are fully depreciated.

The buildings are insured for £8,529,717.

1.9 Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Church or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or amount advanced to the Church. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

2. Payments to Trustees

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees paid expenses	0	0
	£	£
Total amount paid	0	0
	No.	No.
Number of Trustees who received remuneration from the charity for employment other than their role as a Trustee	1	1
	£	£
Gross salary	18,535	17,832

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Offering	28,982	-	7,145	36,164	35,278
Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	6,776	-	1,942	8,658	8,958
Donations	275	-	1,520	1,818	375
Legacies	-	-	-	-	250
Total	36,033	-	10,607	46,640	44,862



4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Room hire & lettings	54,412	-	-	54,412	77,782
Collections for other charities	903	-	-	903	900
Income from events	125	1,193	1,135	2,452	4,439
Fundraising	1,949	-	-	1,949	2,972
Grants received	30,000	-	19,555	49,555	14,232
Total	87,389	1,193	20,689	109,271	100,325

Grants for General Fund

We are very grateful to the Sheffield Circuit for their COVID-19 support grant of £30,000. Their generous support puts us in a strong position to rebuild our room hire income as groups begin return to both buildings.

Grants for Children, Families & Youth Fund

We are very grateful to the Sheffield District (£4,000), Sheffield Circuit (£5,000) and Methodist Youth Activities (£3,000) for their generous support of our work with children, families and young people.

Both our children & families and our youth worker were furloughed from April to August so we received a grant of £5,900 from the Government furlough scheme. We also received a further £1,650 from the Sheffield Circuit, who topped up the furlough scheme grant to cover the full value of employment expenses for the period.

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Central Finance Board	123	5	40	167	171
Total	123	5	40	167	171

6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	11,032
Internal organisations income	-	-	-	-	10,989
Other income	3,215	-	486	3,701	5,529
Total	3,215	-	486	3,701	27,550



7. Tangible fixed assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2019	1,384	-	5,412	6,796
At 31 August 2020	1,384	-	5,412	6,796
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2019	1,384	-	5,412	6,796
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2020	1,384	-	5,412	6,796
Net book value				
31 August 2019	-	-	-	-
31 August 2020	-	-	-	-

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31 August 2020: £465

31 August 2019: £465

8. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Cleaning costs	13,281	-	-	13,281	13,918
Independent Examiner's fees	942	-	-	942	708
Worship	1,272	-	-	1,272	1,328
Event costs	135	437	1,778	2,350	3,558
Fundraising costs	105	-	-	105	261
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	6,172
Equipment	375	-	-	375	1,326
Other expenditure	8,121	1,552	2,348	12,021	14,979
Total	24,232	1,990	4,126	30,347	42,249



9. Salaries and associated costs

No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Gross salaries paid to three (2017/18: three) part time employees were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Gross salary	18,535	-	21,248	39,783	36,883
Employer's NI contributions	1,383	-	874	2,257	2,257
Employer's pension contributions	1,112	-	737	1,849	2,141
Total	21,030	-	22,859	43,889	41,281

Total weekly contractual hours for three staff 64 65

Staff are paid through the PAYE system.

10. Internal organisations

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Wesley Hall Toddler Group	1,901	-	-	(1,901)	-
Walkley Ebenezer First Steps	306	-	-	(306)	-
Walkley Ebenezer Spirit Seekers	486	-	-	(486)	-
Walkley Ebenezer WEADS	2,343	-	2,343	-	-
Wesley Hall Lunch Club	4,890	-	4,890	-	-
Total	9,926	-	7,233	(2,694)	-

Wesley Hall Toddler Group

The Trustee's agreed to move Wesley Hall Toddler Group from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the Wesley Hall (WH) Toddler Group Fund. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds (since they are made up of income from the group), so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. This is show as an outgoing transfer of £1,901 (the closing balance brought forward from 2018/19).

Walkley Ebenezer First Steps

The Trustee's agreed to move Walkley Ebenezer First Steps from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the Walkley Ebenezer (WE) Toddler Group Fund. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds (since they are made up of income from the group), so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. This is show as an outgoing transfer of £306 (the closing balance brought forward from 2018/19).

Walkley Ebenezer Spirit Seekers

The Trustee's agreed to move Walkley Ebenezer Spirit Seekers from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the Spirit Seekers Fund. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds, so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated



fund. This is shown as an outgoing transfer of £486 (the closing balance brought forward from 2018/19).

Walkley Ebenezer WEADS

The Trustee's agreed to move Walkley Ebenezer WEADS out of the Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church Accounts. Although continuing to retain strong links with the church, WEADS have run their own separate accounts for a number of years and the Trustee's felt that there is no advantage to recording their income and expenditure here in addition to this. The full balance of Walkley Ebenezer WEADS (£2,343) has now been transferred to them.

Wesley Hall Lunch club

The Trustee's agreed to move Wesley Hall Lunch Club out of the Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church Accounts. Although continuing to retain strong links with the church, the Lunch Club have run their own separate accounts for a number of years and the Trustee's felt that there is no advantage to recording their income and expenditure here in addition to this. The full balance of Wesley Hall Lunch Club (£4,890) has now been transferred to them.

All of the above means that the Internal Organisations fund has a zero balance and will now be closed.

11. Debtors and prepayments

All sums shown as Debtors at 31 August 2020 were received during the following year. Debtors were made up as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Debtors					
Trade debtors	30,689	-	-	30,689	10,508
Gift Aid not yet claimed	1,573	-	1,037	2,609	2,792
Total	32,261	-	1,037	32,298	13,300
Prepayments					
	£		£	£	£
Circuit assessment paid in advance	9,500	-	-	9,500	10,000
Other payments in advance	1,020	-	146	1,166	2,800
Total	10,520	-	146	10,666	12,800

12. Creditors and accrued expenses

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Creditors					
Trade creditors	1,261	-	4,000	5,261	13,488
Independent Examiner's fees	750	-	-	750	708
MBNA Credit Card	504	-	-	504	41
Total	2,515	-	4,000	6,515	14,238



Grant paid in advance

A grant of £4,000 from the Sheffield Methodist Circuit for our work with children, families and young people next year (2020/21) was paid this year (2019/20). This has been recorded under Trade creditors.

13. Designated funds

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Retrogaming Café fund	-	-	-	1,182	1,182
WH Toddler Group fund	-	1,155	1,937	1,151	370
WE Toddler Group fund	-	37	-	306	343
Spirit Seekers fund	-	5	52	486	438
Total	-	1,197	1,990	3,126	2,333

Retrogaming café fund

The Trustee's agreed to reclassify the Retrogaming café fund as a designated rather than a restricted fund. The money in this fund came from an insurance payout last year which had no restrictions, so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. This is show as an incoming transfer of £1,182 (the closing balance brought forward from 2018/19).

WH Toddler Group fund

The Trustee's agreed to move Wesley Hall Toddler Group from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the WH Toddler Group Fund. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds (since they are made up of income from the group), so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. This is show as an incoming transfer of £1,901 (the closing balance from 2018/19).

We are very grateful to the WH Toddler group for their donation of £750. This was towards heating, lighting and maintenance of our Wesley Hall site from which the toddler group operates. This is shown as an outgoing transfer of £750, resulting in a net transfer in of £1,151.

WE Toddler Group fund

The Trustee's agreed to move Walkley Ebenezer First Steps from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the WE Toddler Group Fund. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds (since they are made up of income from the group), so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. This is show as an incoming transfer of £306 (the closing balance from 2018/19).

Spirit Seekers fund

The Trustee's agreed to move Walkley Ebenezer Spirit Seekers from a restricted fund under Internal Organisations, to a separate new designated fund, the Spirit Seekers Fund. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds, so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. This is show as an incoming transfer of £486 (the closing balance from 2018/19).



14. Restricted funds

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Children, families & youth fund	11,436	29,603	26,860	-	14,179
Walkley Ebenezer site fund	6,869	669	1,139	-	6,399
Wesley Hall site fund	1,250	1,550	125	-	2,675
Community garden fund	57	-	-	-	57
Retrogaming café fund	1,182	-	-	(1,182)	-
Internal organisations	9,926	-	7,233	(2,964)	-
Total	30,720	31,822	35,357	(3,876)	23,310

Retrogaming café fund

The Trustee's agreed to reclassify the Retrogaming café fund as a designated rather than a restricted fund. The money in this fund came from an insurance payout last year which had no restrictions, so the Trustee's felt it was more appropriate to record this in a designated fund. This is shown as an outgoing transfer of £1,182 (the closing balance brought forward from 2018/19).

Internal Organisations

As detailed in note 10, all of the Internal Organisations funds have been redistributed leaving the fund with a zero balance so it will now be closed.

15. Volunteer contributions

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31 August 2020 (31 August 2019: nil).

17. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Creditors					
Cash at bank and in hand	(4,409)	2,333	26,127	24,052	49,767
Total	(4,409)	2,333	26,127	24,052	49,767

18. Risk assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.



19. Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

19. Public benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.



Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2018 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Signed  Date 26/1/21

Name Matt Irons (Treasurer)
Address Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1UD

Presentation to the Church Council

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 were presented to Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church Council at its meeting on 24 October 2019.

Signed  Date 26.1.21

Name Judith Morris (Trustee)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Church, named above

The Church's Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2019 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The Trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.



Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date

27 January 21

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