

CHORLEY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1151134

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2013-03-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: To promote :-Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church,Any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district,circuit,local or other organisation of the Methodist Church or any society, institution or charity being a society, institution or charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church

Classification

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

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£79,471	£84,928	-	-
2024-08-31	£86,651	£100,767	-	-
2023-08-31	£97,504	£69,689	-	-
2022-08-31	£86,439	£81,281	-	-
2021-08-31	£80,841	£77,833	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Helen Margaret Millward	Chair	2021-09-01
Christine Hulse		2018-08-31
David Hulse		2019-08-31
FREDA ECCLES		2023-10-19
GLENYS ANNE BLUNDELL BA		2013-03-03
Ian McCallum		2018-08-31
KEITH JAMES ASHTON		2013-03-03
Kathryn Elizabeth Hodson		2020-11-11
LESLEY MARY DUCKWORTH		2013-03-03
Lincoln Sheilds		2020-11-11
Margaret Anne Boulton		2020-11-11
Neil Herbert Saunt		2023-10-19
Pauline Curwen		2022-07-10
RUTH MALARKEY		2013-03-03
Rev Derek Oldham		2022-02-24
Ruth Raynor		2018-08-31
Sheila Mary Halewood		2023-10-19
Simon John Paul Hardacre		2014-09-01
Susan Jayne Procter		2024-07-01
Suzanne Stout		2018-08-31
Tim Melling		2020-11-11
Valerie Marsden		2020-11-11
WILFRED WILLIAM LACE		2013-03-03
William Almond		2018-08-31

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

This is the Annual Report for the year **April 2024** to **April 2025** for Chorley Methodist Church.

Membership of the Church Council/Appointments/Team news – Rev. Helen Millward

This year we have celebrated a number of 90th birthdays, one hundredth birthday and also sadly a number of members at Chorley Methodist Church have died these will be remembered at our AGM. We have also welcomed into membership and confirmed 2 people.

The main change to the Church Council and leadership team has been to welcome Sue Procter who has taken on two roles, Church council secretary and Safeguarding Officer for the church. Rev. Derek Oldham has stood down from the leadership team but has taken on the Pastoral Administration post.

Leadership Team now comprises:

Rev. Helen Millward our Minister plus Ruth Malarkey, Neil Saunt, David Hulse, Sheila Halewood, Simon Hardacre (Treasurer), Sue Procter (Church Council secretary and Safeguarding Officer)

The Church council

Ruth Malarkey (Senior Steward), Sue Procter (Church Council Secretary, Safeguarding Officer), Simon Hardacre (Treasurer), Neil Saunt (Steward), Sheila Halewood (Steward), Dave Hulse (Steward, Chair of the Property Committee)
Valerie Marsden (Steward) Rev. Helen Millward (Chair of the Church Council)
Rev. Derek Oldham (Pastoral secretary)

Church representatives

Lincoln Shields, Keith Ashton, Sue Stout, Kath Hodson, Wilf Lace, Bill Almond, Margaret Boulton, Ian McCallum, Glenys Blundell, Chris Hulse, Pauline Curwen, Ruth Raynor, Alice Ditchfield

Circuit Representative: Tim Melling

Information on Trustees has been updated on the Charity Commission website.

Spirituality and Worship – Rev Helen Millward

The 10.30 Sunday morning service continues to be the main focus of our worship, with monthly communions. Services continue to be led by Circuit Ministers, Supernumerary Ministers and Methodist Local Preachers.

There have been monthly evening services from March to September, on the last Sunday of the month. These are quieter services, communion is served in them.

Other activities

- Lectio – This has taken place Monday midday most weeks with variable numbers. It is seen as helpful and will continue.
- Fellowship Group - first Thursday of month - 7.30 in foyer. Different leaders. 10-12 regular members. Explores different ideas.
- Compass group – ran as preparation for confirmation and though a small group they seemed to have found it helpful.
- We make the road by walking group has continued and is seen as valuable by the members.
- During June there will be a four session Reflective Bibles Study group using the materials of Seasons of my Soul.

Christmas Services

17 Dec - Nativity Service led by SPARX with the congregation dressing up and participating

21 Dec - Blue Christmas

24 Dec – Lessons and Carols led by Church Stewards

Crib Service was held at 4pm

Midnight Communion.

25 Dec - Christmas Day - 10am - a shorter All Age service took place.

Easter Events

There was a Church weekend away, led by Rev. Derek Oldham. The theme was Angels; it allowed for both teaching and fellowship and was enjoyed by the participants.

Some of the Easter services were shared with Chorley United Reformed Church.

Maundy Thursday's service was at the URC Church.

Good Friday Morning service was led by Rev. Helen Millward at Chorley Methodist Church. This was followed with a reflective time with the One Friday Display in the Crèche.

Rev Derek Oldham led the Easter morning service.

Schools

Gillibrand Primary School have invited the minister in to take 2 assemblies in the last year and the whole school attended Chorley Methodist Church to share their harvest festival service.

The year 2s came in to the church for their Christingle service with their parents. It was a lovely experience.

Finance Report - Simon Hardacre – Treasurer *(updated to account for End of Financial Year Sep '24 – Aug '25)*

General

Chorley Methodist Church started off the financial year with balance of £54,921.31 (September 2024). Our end of financial year capital balance stood at £49,464.39 (August 2025), representing a Net reduction of £5,456.92

The Accounts and Reserves Policy will be presented to the Church Council on the 16th October, where Income & Expenditure for the year will be summarised as per below and a proposal for acceptance of the accounts/reserves policy minuted prior to submission for independent assessment. The Reserve policy will be based on maximum of six months expenditure, which is £42.5k approx. There are no restricted funds at present.

Income

Our Weekly Collection levels from the Envelope Scheme, Direct Debits and loose cash have remained at a consistent level of £42.5k. Other income includes regular 'Lettings' for the Church building and from our youth groups affiliated to the Church and other external users, at £10.7k. Our Gift Day raised £5.5k and our Gift Aid claim raised a value of £7.4k. Other income from a Circuit rebate of £2.2k and Chorley 'Live' event of £0.6k. Our income remains at a healthy level, to maintain our financial obligations for the Circuit Assessment and the general running expenditures of the Church, which are summarised below.

Expenditure

Our Expenditure has remained relatively static, in terms of the general running of the Church, including Insurances, Consumables, Repairs or Renewal/Inspections, Broadband and Reprographics of £14k. Significant expenditure has been attributed to our Annual Church weekend away at Grange-Over-Sands, of £9.8k (attracting income of £7k) with a subsidised balance of £2.8k to fully/partially subsidise all child participants and some families. Another significant expenditure was a further £6k for planning schemes to be drafted to support the on-going project to sell the Church Hall, which is on top of the £13k spent in 2023-2024. Our Utilities costs have reduced in 2024/2025 from £11.4k to £8k due to incorrect billing in the pervious financial year, therefore now more reflective of 'Actual' costs for Gas and Electricity. The Circuit Assessment obligation in 2024-2025 has reduced, due to a new calculation formula, which has benefitted Chorley Methodist Church, down from £52k in 2023-2024 to £43k.

A full set of Church Accounts for 2023-2024 were prepared, accepted by Church Council, independently assessed and submitted to the Charities Commission in June 2025.

As stated above, the accounts for 2024-2025 are drafted at the time of writing this report and will be presented to Church Council on the 16th October for acceptance, followed by independent assessment and submittal to the Charities Commission in due course (along with this annual report).

Safeguarding-Sue Procter

The annual Safeguarding Policy was approved at the October meeting of the Church Council.

Sue Procter remains as the Chorley Methodist Church Safeguarding Officer.

The Church now has 33 people who are DBS registered, and work continues to keep all registrations renewed when required. All registrations are up to date, including a number of new registrations to support the start of Warm Spaces. Ruth Malarkey and Sue are both able to process registrations and renewals. Thanks to Ruth for her continued support in this.

Almost all people on the safeguarding database have now received their foundation or advanced module training or refresher training. There is one outstanding requirement for foundation training; this will be addressed as soon as an appropriate course is available.

The database will continue to be monitored to ensure all registration and training requirements are addressed as soon as possible.

The process of safer recruiting has been updated and implemented for all appointments to roles within the church. When bringing in new helpers, leaders, volunteers etc please ensure that the safe recruiting process is used.

An exercise to refresh the control of key holders for the building was undertaken by the Property Committee earlier in the year. This involved the installation of a new lock on the connecting door between the Sunday School building and the Church, and the redistribution of keys, recording the details of all key holders. It is the responsibility of all key holders to maintain the security of the building and its users and keys should not be shared or copied. Thanks to Dave Hulse for undertaking this process.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of our Safeguarding responsibilities.

Pastoral-Rev Derek Oldham

As of 15th May 2025, the church currently has the following numbers on its Pastoral List...

Number of visitors	8
Members	105
Community Role (Adherents)	36

However, we have 23 Members and 17 on the Community Role who are not allocated to a visitor.

I'm sorry but having just taken over the role of "Records Keeper", I am not aware of how the list has fluctuated over the last year due to new members being added or people sadly dying. However, over the last year, Membership classes have been held by Rev'd Helen and new Members have been added to the list, including several young people.

As you will gather from the numbers shown above, we are in need of new Visitors to fill the gap. If you feel this is something you can assist with, please do contact Rev'd Helen.

Children and Young People Reports

Sunday School – Sparx – Sue Procter

Our Sparx group has had a really great year and the numbers of children and young people joining us has continued to grow. There are now thirteen regular members of SparX and it's been great to see the children bring their friends and relatives to the group.

The children and young people have covered many topics this year including looking at the people of the Bible, people of the world, our environment and our families. We led the Christmas Nativity again this year, which the children enjoyed immensely and it was great to see how involved they all wanted to be, and how confident they have become.

One of the challenges we have is the reduced number of people on the rota to support these wonderful children. Several people have had to step back from being on the rota, which has left a core of five – Karen Fisher, Sarah Greenhalgh, Diane Nash, Ruth Raynor and Sue Procter. Kath Hodson does a great job providing resilience within the team by stepping in to cover the inevitable gaps.

We have tried to bring in new leaders through the Notices and by talking to people, and we have got one new volunteer which would give us three teams to alternate through the rota. This is still a challenge, especially as family responsibilities change over time. We are looking at ways to help manage this and continue to develop our Sparx class.

We are looking forward to our summer when we will use the theme of Noah and the Ark.

SparX have continued to raise money to sponsor Loveness. This requires £250.00 per year and in 2024/25 we successfully raised just over £398.00 through the Christmas boxes and cake sales. Thank you to everyone for their support of the young people in doing this each year. The young people also send cards to Loveness for her birthday and for Christmas.

Crèche

We no longer offer a crèche, but activity bags, puzzles and books are available in the foyer to be brought into church or played with in the foyer (accompanied by a carer)

Messy Church- Chris Hulse

Messy Church meets on the second Monday of the month starting with a cuppa from 3.15 the session starts at 3.40 until 5.30. It started in 2012 and was designed for families to spend time together creatively and to Worship together in a more relaxed way. Chorley Methodist Church is affiliated to Messy Church worldwide, this means we are on a register that people can access as they move into the area. Over the years many families have been part of Messy Church and as children have grown older they have moved on to other things. At the moment we have 6 families who join us each month. A session is made up of Craft, Song, Story, Prayer, Worship and Food. Our theme this past year has been Amazing happenings, including an animal in each story. We meet September to July with a break in August. We have a team of about twelve people all who have done the Safeguarding Course and have a DBS Certificate, three of these prepare a meal we all enjoy before we leave. It's an exhausting but rewarding time together when we have the opportunity to share Jesus.

Toddlers- Ruth Malarkey

Toddlers continues to run term time on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:15am in church and the former crèche room, enabling a variety of toys to be played with and giving space to toddlers to move safely between different rooms. Currently around 15 -20 children attend on a regular basis, enjoying playing with toys, dressing up and craft activities. Half way through the session, the children sit together around the small tables for their juice and biscuits. The session closes with all joining in with nursery rhymes and action songs.

Uniformed Organizations

The scout groups attended the parade services for Harvest and Remembrance Sunday in 2024. They will continue to be invited to these parade services in 2025.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were also invited to the Harvest and Remembrance parade services.

Wednesday Brownie Group- Elizabeth Greenwood

8th Chorley (Trinity) Brownies

We currently have 13 Brownies and three leaders with two further leaders in the process of leadership training.

We are involved in a countrywide recruitment drive to increase Guiding numbers at all levels.

Our Brownies have enjoyed working on the Brownie Programme and have achieved many badges over the year. This includes one Brownie being presented with the Gold Award, which is the highest badge in Brownies. It was presented to her by our Divisional Commissioner, Anne Wood.

As part of our Charities Badge, we raised money for Friends of Astley Park by completing a sponsored walk. The Brownies chose the charity by voting on several put forward. Our certificate is on display in the foyer.

8th Chorley (Trinity) Brownies have attended Church Parade and they had a Christingle Service at Christmas.

We have been to Guy's farm for a County Brownie Day and have enjoyed trips to Alabaster Jar and Tenpin Bowling.

During the last summer holidays (Aug 2024) we all enjoyed a sleepover at church and we are currently planning another one for this summer (2025).

Wednesday Guide Group

The Guide group continued to meet on a Wednesday, term time, from September to February half term. As numbers had reduced and due to a lack of leaders in the Chorley area, the group has amalgamated with Hollinshead Street and now meet there.

Rainbows Group- Kelly and Harriet

8th Chorley Trinity Methodist Rainbows and 9th Chorley Trinity Methodist Brownies are 2 units that run concurrently on a Friday night between 5-6.30; during term time. We have an amazing team that comprises of 2 warranted leaders; 4 incredible assistant leaders and 2 wonderful Guide helpers, none of which we can do without. We currently have 20 Brownies and 15 Rainbows with more on a list to start Rainbows in September. We make sure to pack in a full and varied program which has included our own bear festival, artist badge, Mary Poppins themed afternoon and spent time learning about the weather. Trips have included a visit to Astley Park, our twice annual trip to the cinema, pantomime, our end of term visit to a trampoline park in a few weeks and most excitedly we've just announced our plans to take Brownies to Paris including Disney Land next year!! We are 2 happy, healthy, thriving, lively units who do everything they can to give the girls every opportunity they possibly can get

Outreach & Fundraising

Warm Space

Warm Space is a new initiative starting in September 2024 whereby the Church opened part of its premises on one morning a week from September to April as a warm and welcoming space. It seeks to offer outreach and support to the Community in particular to those people who are isolated or find it difficult to meet their own and their family's needs over the winter.

The Cheerful Noise Singing Group-June Moore

The singing sessions are still doing well and are attended by people from the church and outside the church.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month between 1.30-3.00 we start with tea and coffee and then start singing a collection of Golden Oldies. It's a chance for everyone to meet socially in a safe environment and have some fun.

Ladies Circle- Glenys Blundell

We are a group of very friendly Ladies from Church and a few from outside - about 25 in all - who meet on the second Tuesday of every month at Church to listen to a speaker and have a good chat over tea and biscuits. Topics this year have included travels to India, a magic show, dialect poetry, avoiding scams, climbing Everest, Russia and Charity work - to name a few. The group has been meeting since 1964, first at Park Road and now here at Chorley Methodist and we continue to be a happy and welcoming cohort of ladies. We have sadly lost a few of our members in recent times and would really welcome anyone interested in joining us. . The July meeting will be on Tuesday 8th and Mary Curwen will bring us up to date with her latest travels - -Boston, Egypt and Italy, to name a few. Come along.

Craft afternoon

The craft group has continued to meet on the last Tuesday afternoon of the month. This year we have tried a variety of new crafts, such as macramé and tile pictures, whilst enjoying a coffee and chat.

Coffee Morning

Coffee mornings have continued and although they been quiet some months, regular attendees have enjoyed the fellowship.

Fundraising Team

The fundraising team has had a busy year planning lots of social and fundraising events – Beetle Drive; Chocolate Bingo; Quiz; Fashion Show; Coffee, cake and Jazz. Following on from our success as a venue for Chorley Live in October 2024, we launched our own music events – CMC Live, running quarterly with 3 local music acts performing.

Chorley Methodist Church continues to support Christian Aid through the distribution of envelopes during Christian Aid week in May each year. In 2024 this raised £1,153.42, thanks to the support and dedication of a dozen or so willing volunteers from our congregation, co-ordinated by Kate Fletcher. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Board Games

From September 2024 we have been running a monthly board games evening, playing a variety of different games.

Property- David Hulse

Over the year the Church has undertaken the following:

1. Maintenance and upgrade of the fabric of the Church.
2. Maintenance of the grounds.
3. An Annual Property Inspection and Checklist
4. Service Contracts for the gas central heating and the fire alarm,
5. A Health and Safety Risk Assessment of the building.
6. Servicing of the Fire Extinguishers.
7. PAT testing of any portable electrical equipment.
8. A register of keyholders

Church Halls project – Neil Saunt

The Sunday School Redevelopment:

Since the original decision was made to dispose of the site with the benefit of an outline planning permission for over 55's accommodation, a great deal of work has been undertaken to achieve that outcome. Initially, Peter Gilkes & Co were retained to advise on process and procedure particularly with regards to the issue of the Building being locally listed.

A local listing does not give the building any statutory status but it does require the local planning authority to take into account on an application for planning permission the heritage and community use issues which justified the listing in the first place. This has been an obstacle to progress but guidance on the issue has been forthcoming from the planning department which has proved to be extremely helpful.

Our appointed architects Gilling Dod, prepared a series of concept drawings which ranged from adaptation of the building to complete demolition and our professional advice is that the latter course of action is the sustainable way forward. An extra Church council meeting was held on 27 March 2025 whereby this option was voted on and agreed.

Accordingly, Gilling Dod are preparing an application for outline planning permission based on the drawings exhibited here and which take into account the observations of the local authority and hopefully the robust views expressed by some of the local community. Attached to this report is the original statement provided to GD outlining the reasoning behind the original decision to dispose and also a second statement in support of the application.(See Appendix 1 and 2).

That application will be lodged over the course of the next month with a decision date hopefully 13 weeks thereafter. Our thanks to both Peter Gilkes & Co and Gilling Dod should be noted and recorded for their hard work and encouragement throughout.

Appendix 1 -

Trinity Methodist Church school rooms (Hereinafter called the school rooms) were formally opened in 1937. Prior to their construction the church had used accommodation on Market Street, Chorley, as a Sunday school, some distance from the church. There is no immediate record of how the building work was financed but the church building nearby was largely funded by the congregation and there is no reason to suppose that the congregation did not finance the building of the school rooms themselves.

The school rooms are substantial and comprise:

1. A central large hall with a stage area. This of itself is of significant area and in size it is not wholly on adjacent to a provincial theatre
2. Around the central hall are eight schoolrooms of varying sizes.
3. A large kitchen
4. Toilet facilities It was built to accommodate a sizable need.

In the entrance lobby to the school rooms are commemorative boards recording the names of the young children and young people who commence their journey through the Sunday school and then the church in 1937. On the boards are 161 names! This, therefore, was a Sunday school of considerable magnitude and obviously required a considerable adult presence from the church itself to sustain it.

The use of the school rooms was not confined to just Sundays. It was, and continued to be for many years used as a host venue for events and activities both for Trinity Church itself, the local Methodist Circuit and the wider community. Concerts and theatre productions featured on a regular basis attended by significant numbers both from within and without the church. There was a thriving inter Church badminton league and matches in the hall attracted considerable numbers of spectators. There are also many fond memories of the Circuit Youth Week.

The school rooms were able to offer homes to uniformed organizations such as the Scouts, the Guides, Cubs and Brownies not all of whom were associated with the church. There was a regular youth club on Friday and Sunday nights which opened its doors to the community at large. The school rooms have been able to offer mother and toddler and baby play groups. Small groups ranging from chess clubs to gardening clubs have rented facilities in the school rooms often at fees which barely covered the cost of heating and lighting because the church felt itself financially able to do so.

This had started to change and the building was being used less at the end of the 1990's into the early 2000s. The cost of maintenance was also starting to increase. Conversations had started about whether maintaining the school rooms was possible.

It was in the mid-2000s that Genesis Care, an organization offering daycare to Older people, with a special focus on those who had dementia, started to use the building. Even with Genesis Care's active use of a number of rooms the rentals received were

not enough to cover the maintenance costs. Their eventual departure from the school rooms perhaps summarises the final decline of the school rooms and its usage.

Shortly after Genesis Care started to use the school rooms discussions started on bringing together the two remaining Chorley circuit churches, Trinity Methodist Church and Park Road Methodist Church. The eventual decision was to amalgamate on the Trinity site becoming Chorley Methodist Church.

The funds raised from the sale of the Park Road Church were used to modernise the church making this building more adaptable and able to be used in a variety of ways.

The school rooms usage and maintenance has declined for many reasons. As the years have gone by the school rooms have ceased to be a centre of many people's lives.

Many of the activities referred to above lost support or relevance and withered away or declined to the point where the school rooms were just too large. Sadly, this is most evident in relation to its primary purpose, the Sunday School whose numbers listed on those boards are now a long distant memory.

The congregation of the church itself has declined meaning there is an insufficient number of people who are active enough to organise staff and support large-scale activities in the school rooms. The nature of the school rooms and financial difficulties bleed into each other. The school rooms have remained largely unchanged since 1937. They are not equipped to deal with the circumstances or expectations of the 21st-century in respect of facilities heating light and environmental requirements and the finance is simply not there to remedy any of this.

From being a valuable day-to-day asset for the church and the wider community, the school rooms now represent an enormous and unsustainable burden to the church which threatens in due course to take the church down. Roof repairs alone, initially to the flat roofs will cost around £34,000 and the large pitched roof is also in need of significant repair if not replacement with the probable cost around £100,000 and the money simply is not there.

Mention has been made of Genesis Care. Genesis Care had discussions with the local authority to devise a joint scheme whereby the school rooms would be adapted to provide residential care for dementia sufferers. The local authority withdrew from the proposals because of costs. Covid has also had an effect on the usage of the building, the time the building stood empty had a detrimental impact upon the site. Another factor has been the modernising of the Church building itself making it more versatile and able to provide space for many different activities which had previously taken place in the hall. The value now in the school rooms lies in their disposal value so that the church itself can be maintained and adapted, to provide community facilities relevant to the 21st century.

Appendix 2 - CMC Development

Added Benefits and Future Plans

Chorley Methodist Church is a lively and engaging church family which recognises it's buildings provide an important community asset as well as a place of worship.

The Church has been exploring opportunities to continue to develop the church building and the wider Sunday school complex for some time. Looking for a way forward to respond to current and future needs for the church family and the wider community.

This saw the modernisation of the church building, completed in 2013, enabling the worship space to become a multi-functional asset, offering a varied range of events and activities through the week for the Chorley community, including:

- Sunday Worship
- Messy Church – weekday tea time worship and meal for families
- Fellowship
- Sparx – Sunday worship and learning for children and young people
- Book Club
- Choir
- Singing group
- Painting classes
- Craft sessions
- Toddlers group
- Ladies Circle – bringing ladies from the church and local community together with invited speakers
- Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
- Warm Space – a warm and welcoming space for meeting, having a brew and something to eat
- Coffee mornings – inc. Raffle, Lego Bricks, Pre-loved clothes, books etc
- Music evening
- Chorley Live venue
- Chorley Methodist Church Live
- Afternoon activities
- Fund raising events focused on bringing the community together e.g. Chocolate bingo, Board Games evenings, Quizzes
- Rental for meetings, birthdays celebrations, training etc
- Elections

The use of the building has continued to develop, even more so since the pause on activities caused by COVID. To help accommodate this expansion the kitchen area has recently been refurbished.

Our ambition for the church continues to expand as we see the growing need for greater outreach to our local community. We see CMC has an important role in offering more

support and opportunities for the people who live near the church, and more widely across Chorley.

Our Ambition:

To create more opportunities to use the church building by modernising the existing facilities and enhancing our offer. Extending the existing footprint at the rear and side to maximise useful internal space. This would increase the range and size of events that can be accommodated, including being able to accommodate multiple meetings and events at the same time with effective security and safeguarding arrangements.

This would be focused around the development of:

- A new access at the rear of the church, offering a bright welcoming space.
- Toilets and Baby changing facilities
- Catering kitchen suitable for larger functions and events
- Event Hall with adjustable space
- Administration space
- Vestry/small meeting room/comfy space

This development would create a modern attractive building which:

- Is in keeping with the existing church buildings
- Is sustainable
- Is energy and water efficient
- Has resilient hard flooring
- Is easy to clean and maintain
- Has sufficient and versatile storage space
- Wi-Fi connectivity

Development context: CMC approached Chorley BC to consider a joint enterprise with Genesis Care developing the current Sunday school buildings, the council pulled out on cost grounds. The council had significant doubts about the viability of the development of the Sunday School building in its current form. This strongly suggests that we as a Church, the Community around us and indeed any other sizeable organisation would find it impossible/extremely difficult to make anything of the site as it stands.

The proposals presented to develop the site, following the demolition of the existing building offers the church and the wider community the opportunity to make best use of the site and offer attractive accommodation for the over 55's.

Critically, all future development opportunities are reliant on the sale of the existing Sunday school buildings.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Chorley Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

Chorley & Leyland Circuit	Circuit no	41203
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1151134

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

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

Minister:

Revd Helen Millward

Church Stewards:

Neil Saunt

Sheila Halewood

Ruth Malarkey

David Hulse

Treasurer:

Simon Hardacre

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	49,822		49,822	51,391
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,727		1,727	2,170
a4	Lettings	4,117		4,117	4,113
a5	Other receipts	23,806		23,806	27,440
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,471		79,471 (a7)	85,114
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	43,277		43,277	52,442
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,346		4,346	7,271
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,228		16,228	19,435
b6					
b7	Other payments	21,077		21,077	19,838
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	84,928		84,928 (b9)	98,986
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(5,457)	(5,457)	(13,873)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	54,921		54,921 (c6)	68,794
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	49,464	49,464	54,921
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	49,464	49,464 (c8)	54,921 (c6)
SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
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d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
1 Mother and Toddler Group	1,245	831	415		66	481
2 Ladies Circle	354	369	(15)		413	398
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,599	1,200	400		479 (e11)	879 (e12)
9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	79,471 (a7)	84,928 (b9)	(5,457)	(c7)	54,921 (c6)	49,464 (c8)
10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	81,071	86,128	(5,057)		55,400 (x)	50,343 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	275	294
Bank Deposit Account	26,886	26,735
Central Finance Board	27,960	22,436
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	54,921 (c6)	49,464 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	479 (e11)	879 (e12)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	55,400 (x)	50,343 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2024
Investments (include Endowments)		
Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,400,000	2,400,000
Other Assets		
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
Other Liabilities		

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Signature of Treasurer



Date

16/10/25

Name

Simon Hardacre

Address

67, Park Road
Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 1QZ

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

16/10/2025

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Helen Millward

Date

16/10/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Chorley Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2025

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Haslam Financial Services Ltd (appointed examiner)

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England & Wales - Charity number 1151134

Accounts

CHORLEY METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

This is the Annual Report for the year **April 2023** to **April 2024** for Chorley Methodist Church.

Membership of the Church Council/Appointments/Team news – Rev. Helen Millward

This year we have very sadly lost a number of members at Church and these will be remembered at our AGM.

There have also been some changes in Council and Leadership Team:

- Freda Eccles had mistakenly requested to step down from the church council so was welcomed back onto it for the year.
- Due to ill health Lesley Duckworth stepped down from the leadership team and from the Safeguarding role in October.
- Sheila Halewood has joined the leadership team and the church council.
- Caroline Linfitt has moved out of Chorley and is stepping down from her role as Church council secretary in June 24. Her replacement will be agreed at the AGM in June 24.

Leadership Team now comprises: Rev. Helen Millward our Minister plus Ruth Malarkey, , Neil Saunt, David Hulse, Sheila Halewood, Simon Hardacre (Treasurer), Rev. Derek Oldham.

The Church Council now comprises:

Ruth Malarkey (Senior Steward), Helen Millward (Chair), Lincoln Shields, Keith Ashton, Lesley Duckworth, Sue Stout, Kath Hodson, Dave Hulse, Sheila Halewood, Wilf Lace, Bill Almond, Rev. Derek Oldham, Margaret Boulton, Caroline Linfitt (Secretary), Ian McCallum, Glenys Blundell, Simon Hardacre (Treasurer), Chris Hulse, Valerie Marsden, Pauline Curwen, Ruth Raynor, Neil Saunt, Sue Procter (Safeguarding Officer). Circuit Representative: Tim Melling

Information on Trustees has been updated on the Charity Commission website.

Spirituality and Worship – Rev Helen Millward

The 10.30 Sunday morning service continues to be the main focus of our worship, with monthly communions. Services continue to be led by Circuit Ministers, Supernumerary Ministers and Methodist Local Preachers.

There have been monthly evening services on the last Sunday of the month. These are quieter services, communion would normally be served in them.

Other activities

- Lectio – This has taken place Monday midday most weeks with variable numbers. It is seen as helpful and will continue.
- Fellowship Group - first Thursday of month - 7.30 in foyer. Different leaders. 10-12 regular members. Explores different ideas.
- Compass group – ran and though a small group they seemed to have found it helpful.
- We make the road by walking group started in September. This group developed out of the Compass group and for some people who were looking at a less formal way of being church.

Special Service

1 Oct .A special service led by the Rev. Sally Ratcliffe to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the reopening and refurbishment of Chorley Methodist Church.

Christmas services

17 Dec - Nativity Service led by Sparx with congregation dressing up and participation included.

21 Dec - Blue Christmas

24 Dec – Lessons and Carols led by Church Stewards
Crib Service was held at 4pm
Midnight Communion.

25 Dec - Christmas Day - 10am - a shorter All Age service took place.

Easter Events..

A reflective space was created looking at the events of Holy week. This was run on the Weekend that included Palm Sunday.

Some of the Easter services were shared with Chorley United Reformed Church.

Maundy Thursday's service was at the URC Church.

Good Friday Morning service was led by Rev. Derek Oldham at Chorley Methodist Church.

There were two services celebrating Easter Sunday held at Chorley Methodist Church

Finance Report - Simon Hardacre – Treasurer

General

Chorley Methodist Church started off the financial year with balance of £40,979 (Sept '22) which at the end of the financial year stood at £68,793 (Aug '23). Our current capital balance at the end of April '24 was £63,960.

The Accounts and Reserves Policy were signed off on behalf of the Church Council (November 2023). The Reserve policy is based on maximum of six months expenditure which is £34.9k approx. There are no restricted funds at present. However, a provision of £10k has been identified, to allow payment of initial fees or expenditure related to Church Hall/School closure /sale and also to cover any initial costs related to re-purposing Church rooms or storage provision (see expenditure detail).

Income

Our Weekly Collection levels from the Envelope Scheme and Direct Debits have remained at a consistent level. Our income from lettings from the Hall has understandably dropped significantly, now the Hall has been de-commissioned. However, our expenditure on Heating and Lighting has equally fallen sharply. Our Gift Aid claim brought in a considerable sum of £8.6k in 2023.

Expenditure

We have continued to fund our normal Church building maintenance, inspections and license renewals, but have also spent monies in line with our £10k provision, for increasing our storage capacity and upgrading the Church Kitchen facilities to meet our needs. Decoration of the Creche room and re-purposing the flower room have also been funded in line with our re-development vision. Other expenditure included a new (reconditioned) laptop to replace the old one.

Safeguarding

The annual Safeguarding Policy was approved at the October meeting of the Church Council.

Lesley Duckworth, the church safeguarding officer has now retired from the role after many years service.

Sue Procter, was confirmed as the church safeguarding officer at the Church council in Feb 2024

There has been ongoing work to keep DBS registrations up to date, there are currently two Registrations to be updated, these are being actioned.

All people on the safeguarding database have now received (or are booked on to) either the foundation or the advanced module training/refresher training. This will continue to be monitored and those who are in need of safeguarding refresher training at both Foundation and Advanced level will be prompted to book onto training when it is available.

The process of safer recruiting continues to be updated.

Pastoral

The pastoral care of the worshipping community has continued to be overseen by a small group of pastoral visitors. A meeting of this group has been held and there is ongoing work to maintain the contacts and to focus the care on those with greatest need.

For those who have not been able to access church, home communion continues to be offered quarterly.

There is an increasing number of the congregation who have been supported to attend worship by the people who fill the driving rota.

Children and Young People Report – Ruth Malarkey

Sunday School – Sparx

Sparx continues to be popular with our young people. It is run by a team of 7, all of whom hold a DBS and have completed safeguarding training.

The young people gather together at the beginning of the service, enjoying a range of activities; planting bulbs in the garden; crafts; discussions; games. They then join the congregation to share what they have been doing and join in with the final hymn and Blessing.

This year they have followed different themes including, characters from the Bible; Christian celebrations; Lent, Easter and Holy Week, Prayer, Love, and Harvest. They also led the Christmas Service.

Numbers vary week to week, the highest being around 12.

Creche

We no longer offer a crèche, but activity bags, puzzles and books are available in the foyer to be brought into church or played with in the foyer (accompanied by a carer)

Messy Church

Messy Church meets on the second Monday of the month 3.15- 5.30. It first started in 2012 and was designed for families to spend time together Creatively and to Worship together. Chorley Methodist Church is affiliated to Messy Church worldwide, which means we are on a register that people can access as they move into the area.

Over the years many families have been part of Messy Church and as their children have grown older they have moved on. For a few months we had 4 families attending but recently we have had new families coming in and enjoying time together, so once more our numbers are beginning to grow.

A session is made up of Craft (some clean, some messy), Song, Story, Prayer, Worship and Food. Our theme this year has been “people who met Jesus”, so we have shared many different Bible stories. The theme ends in July, August is a holiday and then back

in September with a new theme to divide up into different months. We have a team of about a dozen people all of whom have done the Safeguarding Course and have a DBS Certificate, three prepare and serve the meal we all enjoy together before we leave. It's an exhausting time but very rewarding as we see people getting used to using the space in a different way, chatting and helping one another.

Toddlers

Toddlers continues to run term time on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:15am. From September 2023 they have been meeting in church.

Currently around 15 children attend on a regular basis, enjoying playing with toys, dressing up, craft activities and sitting down together for juice and biscuits.

The larger toys-climbing frame, kitchen and seesaw are in the church lounge; books, puzzles and a craft activity are located in the foyer; whilst floor toys and ride-ons are in church.

Uniformed Organizations

The scout groups no longer meet on our premises but were invited and attended the parade services for Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. They will continue to be invited to these parade services in 2024.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were also invited to the Harvest and Remembrance parade services.

Wednesday Brownie Group

The Brownie group meets on a Wednesday , term time. This group has around 20 brownies, who enjoy a variety of games and activities, working towards badges; also going out on trips for example to the Alabaster Jar to make some pottery.

The annual sleepover will be held in August 2024, where an environmental theme will be followed.

Two new leaders are currently following the training and will soon be accredited as full leaders.

Wednesday Guide Group

The Guide group continues to meet on a Wednesday, term time. This group has around 8 young people, who enjoy a variety of games and activities, working towards badges.

Rainbows Group

The Rainbows group have moved to meeting on Fridays, term time and continues to be popular with a group of 22 girls, enjoying a variety of activities, including games and crafts outside when there has been good weather. A new brownie unit is also running at the same time on Fridays; both groups having 6 leaders overall.

Links with School

There continues to be links with Gillibrand Primary School. They hold their harvest festival in the church in October. The year 2 pupils come up to the church for their Christingle service. The minister goes in to the school for an occasional assembly and some church members volunteer in the school.

Outreach & Fundraising

The Cheerful Noise Singing Group

This group is going well, meeting the first Wednesday of every month between 1.30 - 3.00 we get people inside and outside of the church attending. It's a way for people to meet together socially and enjoy singing which improves people's mental health and well being. The group is open to all and a good singing voice isn't required

Ladies Circle

This has been a good year for us with some interesting speakers and events. We now have 27 regular members, plus a few ladies who join us when they can. It has also been welcome to see a few new faces, as we have sadly lost Rowena Curwen, one of our founder members and Mary Lacey during this year. They are sadly missed.

In June last year we had an update about schools project in Nepal from Chris Hughes. We always remember the happy smiles.

In July we enjoyed our summer lunch at Leyland golf club – always a pleasure.

September saw the visit of Norman Harris, who gave us a very well prepared talk about Chins, as he said, a long way to go in all respects.

We were closer to home in October, when we heard about the work of the local Street Pastors in Chorley. In November we were entertained by a group TO OLD TO BE TOLD, always fun to listen too. Finally in December we made our second visit of the year to the golf club for our Christmas Lunch, a lovely social event..

This Year began for us in February, with a talk by Sid Calderbank, a local enthusiast of Lancashire dialect and poetry and history. Very entertaining, even if we did need an interpreter times. March saw the visit of our own Suzanne Cornthwaite, who recounted the trials of running the London Marathon and coping with her son's diabetes, a brave lady. In April we had a dramatic presentation about the struggles of the Suffragettes to improve the lot of women.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, we will have visits from Brian Halliwell in June, exploring the quirks of life. Norman Harris is back to tell us about his Everest trip in September and we will hear from Carol Halton in October about her Charity work in Chorley and in Africa. Ending the year on a more fun note, we will see some magic in November and gather for Christmas at the golf club in December. So, an interesting year, I hope. I would like to say a big thank you to you all for joining us regularly and especially to Margaret, Elizabeth and Kath, who have done so much, setting up chairs and tables, refreshments when Freda was not here and knowing where everything is after the big move.

Craft afternoon

This is new group that began in December 2023 and continues to meet on the last Tues afternoon of the month. All are welcome to come and try a different craft activity each month, bring their own craft to do and enjoy a coffee and chat.

Coffee Morning

Continues to go well with a good attendance and a variety of 'themes'.

Fundraising Team

Have been in action though out the year, with regular events which also bring everyone together socially too. Many thanks to them for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Property**General**

As mentioned in the Finances, there has been several property expenditures related to the closure of the hall and re-purposing/improving elements of the Church rooms/facilities. Annual License renewals and regulator inspections have continued. Clearing of the undergrowth around the sides and back of the Church was carried out. Thanks to all who help with maintaining the buildings with their free time over a multitude of tasks.

Church Halls project – Rev Derek Oldham

AGM briefing will be summarized and included within this annual report._

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Chorley Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Chorley & Leyland Circuit	Circuit no	41203
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1151134

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

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

Minister:

Revd Helen Millward

Church Stewards:

Neil Saunt	Sheila Halewood
Ruth Malarkey	Caroline Linfitt
	David Hulse

Treasurer:

Simon Hardacre

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	51,391		51,391	51,009
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,170		2,170	1,213
a4	Lettings	4,113		4,113	18,615
a5	Other receipts	27,440		27,440	26,666
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	85,114		85,114 (a7)	97,504

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		52,442	52,442	47,055
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		7,271	7,271	4,036
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		19,435	19,435	14,013
b6					
b7	Other payments		19,838	19,838	4,585
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		98,986	98,986 (b9)	69,689

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(13,873)	(13,873)	27,814
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		68,794	68,794 (c6)	40,980
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	54,921	54,921	68,794
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	54,921	54,921 (c8)	68,794 (c6)

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SECTION F

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CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	265	275
Bank Deposit Account	40,404	26,686
Central Finance Board	28,125	27,960
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
Other funds		
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	68,794 (c6)	54,921 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	723 (e11)	479 (e12)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	69,517 (x)	55,401 (y)

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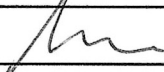
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** Please circle as appropriate*

Name PETER HASLAM

Signature 

Relevant Professional qualification or body ACMA, MAAT

Address 12, NEW CHURCH ROAD
BOLTON BL1 5QP

Date 24/01/2025

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Name

PETER HASLAM

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

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Date

24/01/2025

CHORLEY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1151134

Accounts

DRAFT CHORLEY METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

This is the Annual Report for the year **April 2023** to **April 2024** for Chorley Methodist Church.

Membership of the Church Council/Appointments/Team news – Rev. Helen Millward

This year we have very sadly lost a number of members at Church and these will be remembered at our AGM.

There have also been some changes in Council and Leadership Team:

- Freda Eccles had mistakenly requested to step down from the church council so was welcomed back onto it for the year.
- Due to ill health Lesley Duckworth stepped down from the leadership team and from the Safeguarding role in October.
- Sheila Halewood has joined the leadership team and the church council.
- Caroline Linfitt has moved out of Chorley and is stepping down from her role as Church council secretary in June 24. Her replacement will be agreed at the AGM in June 24.

Leadership Team now comprises: Rev. Helen Millward our Minister plus Ruth Malarkey, Neil Saunt, David Hulse, Sheila Halewood, Simon Hardacre (Treasurer), Rev. Derek Oldham.

The Church Council now comprises:

Ruth Malarkey (Senior Steward), Helen Millward (Chair), Lincoln Shields, Keith Ashton, Lesley Duckworth, Sue Stout, Kath Hodson, Dave Hulse, Wilf Lace, Bill Almond, Rev. Derek Oldham, Margaret Boulton, Caroline Linfitt (Secretary), Ian McCallum, Glenys Blundell, Simon Hardacre (Treasurer), Chris Hulse, Valerie Marsden, Pauline Curwen, Ruth Raynor, Neil Saunt, Sue Procter (Safeguarding Officer). Circuit Representative: Tim Melling

Information on Trustees has been updated on the Charity Commission website.

Spirituality and Worship – Rev Helen Millward

The 10.30 Sunday morning service continues to be the main focus of our worship, with monthly communions. Services continue to be led by Circuit Ministers, Supernumerary Ministers and Methodist Local Preachers.

There have been monthly evening services on the last Sunday of the month. These are quieter services, communion would normally be served in them.

Other activities

- Lectio – This has taken place Monday midday most weeks with variable numbers. It is seen as helpful and will continue.
- Fellowship Group - first Thursday of month - 7.30 in foyer. Different leaders. 10-12 regular members. Explores different ideas.
- Compass group – ran and though a small group they seemed to have found it helpful.
- We make the road by walking group started in September. This group developed out of the Compass group and for some people who were looking at a less formal way of being church.

Christmas services

17 Dec - Nativity Service led by Sparx with congregation dressing up and participation included.

21 Dec - Blue Christmas

24 Dec – Lessons and Carols led by Church Stewards
Crib Service was held at 4pm
Midnight Communion.

25 Dec - Christmas Day - 10am - a shorter All Age service took place.

Easter Events..

A reflective space was created looking at the events of Holy week. This was run on the Weekend that included Palm Sunday.

Some of the Easter services were shared with Chorley United Reformed Church.

Maundy Thursday's service was at the URC Church.

Good Friday Morning service was led by Rev. Derek Oldham at Chorley Methodist Church.

There were two services celebrating Easter Sunday held at Chorley Methodist Church

Finance Report - Simon Hardacre – Treasurer

General

Chorley Methodist Church started off the financial year with balance of £40,979 (Sept '22) which at the end of the financial year stood at £68,793 (Aug '23). Our current capital balance at the end of April '24 was £63,960.

The Accounts and Reserves Policy were signed off on behalf of the Church Council (November 2023). The Reserve policy is based on maximum of six months expenditure which is £34.9k approx. There are no restricted funds at present. However, a provision of £10k has been identified, to allow payment of initial fees or expenditure related to Church Hall/School closure /sale and also to cover any initial costs related to re-purposing Church rooms or storage provision (see expenditure detail).

Income

Our Weekly Collection levels from the Envelope Scheme and Direct Debits have remained at a consistent level. Our income from lettings from the Hall has understandably dropped significantly, now the Hall has been de-commissioned. However, our expenditure on Heating and Lighting has equally fallen sharply. Our Gift Aid claim brought in a considerable sum of £8.6k in 2023.

Expenditure

We have continued to fund our normal Church building maintenance, inspections and license renewals, but have also spent monies in line with our £10k provision, for increasing our storage capacity and upgrading the Church Kitchen facilities to meet our needs. Decoration of the Creche room and re-purposing the flower room have also been funded in line with our re-development vision. Other expenditure included a new (reconditioned) laptop to replace the old one.

Safeguarding

The annual Safeguarding Policy was approved at the October meeting of the Church Council.

Lesley Duckworth, the church safeguarding officer has now retired from the role after many years service.

Sue Procter, was confirmed as the church safeguarding officer at the Church council in Feb 2024

There has been ongoing work to keep DBS registrations up to date, there are currently two Registrations to be updated, these are being actioned.

All people on the safeguarding database have now received (or are booked on to) either the foundation or the advanced module training/refresher training. This will continue to be monitored and those who are in need of safeguarding refresher training at both Foundation and Advanced level will be prompted to book onto training when it is available.

The process of safer recruiting continues to be updated.

Pastoral

The pastoral care of the worshipping community has continued to be overseen by a small group of pastoral visitors. A meeting of this group has been held and there is ongoing work to maintain the contacts and to focus the care on those with greatest need.

For those who have not been able to access church home communion continues to be offered quarterly.

There is an increasing number of the congregation who have been supported to attend worship by the people who fill the driving rota.

Children and Young People Report – Ruth Malarkey

Sunday School – Sparx

Sparx continues to be popular with our young people. It is run by a team of 7, all of whom hold a DBS and have completed safeguarding training.

The young people gather together at the beginning of the service, enjoying a range of activities; planting bulbs in the garden; crafts; discussions; games. They then join the congregation to share what they have been doing and join in with the final hymn and Blessing.

This year they have followed different themes including, characters from the Bible; Christian celebrations; Lent, Easter and Holy Week, Prayer, Love, and Harvest. They also led the Christmas Service.

Numbers vary week to week, the highest being around 12.

Creche

We no longer offer a crèche, but activity bags, puzzles and books are available in the foyer to be brought into church or played with in the foyer (accompanied by a carer)

Messy Church

Messy Church meets on the second Monday of the month 3.15- 5.30. It first started in 2012 and was designed for families to spend time together Creatively and to Worship together. Chorley Methodist Church is affiliated to Messy Church worldwide, which means we are on a register that people can access as they move into the area.

Over the years many families have been part of Messy Church and as their children have grown older they have moved on. For a few months we had 4 families attending but recently we have had new families coming in and enjoying time together, so once more our numbers are beginning to grow.

A session is made up of Craft (some clean, some messy), Song, Story, Prayer, Worship and Food. Our theme this year has been “people who met Jesus”, so we have shared many different Bible stories. The theme ends in July, August is a holiday and then back

in September with a new theme to divide up into different months. We have a team of about a dozen people all of whom have done the Safeguarding Course and have a DBS Certificate, three prepare and serve the meal we all enjoy together before we leave. It's an exhausting time but very rewarding as we see people getting used to using the space in a different way, chatting and helping one another.

Toddlers

Toddlers continues to run term time on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:15am. From September 2023 they have been meeting in church.

Currently around 15 children attend on a regular basis, enjoying playing with toys, dressing up, craft activities and sitting down together for juice and biscuits.

The larger toys-climbing frame, kitchen and seesaw are in the church lounge; books, puzzles and a craft activity are located in the foyer; whilst floor toys and ride-ons are in church.

Uniformed Organizations

The scout groups no longer meet on our premises but were invited and attended the parade services for Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. They will continue to be invited to these parade services in 2024.

Wednesday Brownie Group

The Brownie group meets on a Wednesday , term time. This group has around 20 brownies, who enjoy a variety of games and activities, working towards badges; also going out on trips for example to the Alabaster Jar to make some pottery.

The annual sleepover will be held in August 2024, where an environmental theme will be followed.

Two new leaders are currently following the training and will soon be accredited as full leaders.

Rainbows Group

The Rainbows group have moved to meeting on Fridays, term time and continues to be popular with a group of 22 girls, enjoying a variety of activities, including games and crafts outside when there has been good weather. A new brownie unit is also running at the same time on Fridays; both groups having 6 leaders overall.

Outreach & Fundraising

The Cheerful Noise Singing Group

This group is going well, meeting the first Wednesday of every month between 1.30 - 3.00 we get people inside and outside of the church attending. It's a way for people to

meet together socially and enjoy singing which improves people's mental health and well being. The group is open to all and a good singing voice isn't required

Ladies Circle

This has been a good year for us with some interesting speakers and events. We now have 27 regular members, plus a few ladies who join us when they can. It has also been welcome to see a few new faces, as we have sadly lost Rowena Curwen, one of our founder members and Mary Lacey during this year. They are sadly missed.

In June last year we had an update about schools project in Nepal from Chris Hughes. We always remember the happy smiles.

In July we enjoyed our summer lunch at Leyland golf club – always a pleasure.

September saw the visit of Norman Harris, who gave us a very well prepared talk about Chins, as he said, a long way to go in all respects.

We were closer to home in October, when we heard about the work of the local Street Pastors in Chorley. In November we were entertained by a group TO OLD TO BE TOLD, always fun to listen too. Finally in December we made our second visit of the year to the golf club for our Christmas Lunch, a lovely social event..

This Year began for us in February, with a talk by Sid Calderbank, a local enthusiast of Lancashire dialect and poetry and history. Very entertaining, even if we did need an interpreter times. March saw the visit of our own Suzanne Cornthwaite, who recounted the trials of running the London Marathon and coping with her son's diabetes, a brave lady. In April we had a dramatic presentation about the struggles of the Suffragettes to improve the lot of women.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, we will have visits from Brian Halliwell in June, exploring the quirks of life. Norman Harris is back to tell us about his Everest trip in September and we will hear from Carol Halton in October about her Charity work in Chorley and in Africa. Ending the year on a more fun note, we will see some magic in November and gather for Christmas at the golf club in December. So, an interesting year, I hope. I would like to say a big thank you to you all for joining us regularly and especially to Margaret, Elizabeth and Kath, who have done so much, setting up chairs and tables, refreshments when Freda was not here and knowing where everything is after the big move.

Craft afternoon

This is new group that began in December 2023 and continues to meet on the last Tuesday afternoon of the month. All are welcome to come and try a different craft activity each month, bring their own craft to do and enjoy a coffee and chat.

Coffee Morning

Continues to go well with a good attendance and a variety of 'themes'.

Fundraising Team

Have been in action though out the year, with regular events which also bring everyone together socially too. Many thanks to them for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Property

General

As mentioned in the Finances, there has been several property expenditures related to the closure of the hall and re-purposing/improving elements of the Church rooms/facilities. Annual License renewals and regulator inspections have continued. Clearing of the undergrowth around the sides and back of the Church was carried out. Thanks to all who help with maintaining the buildings with their free time over a multitude of tasks.

Church Halls project – Rev Derek Oldham

AGM briefing will be summarized and included within this annual report.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Chorley Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Chorley & Leyland Circuit

Circuit no

41203

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1151134

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

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

Minister:

Revd Helen Millward

Church Stewards:

Neil Saunt

Lesley Duckworth

Ruth Malarkey

Caroline Linfitt

David Hulse

Treasurer:

Simon Hardacre

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	51,009		51,009	57,243
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,213		1,213	65
a4	Lettings	18,615		18,615	12,866
a5	Other receipts	26,666		26,666	16,779
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	97,504		97,504 (a7)	86,953

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	47,055		47,055	51,080
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,036		4,036	6,054
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	14,013		14,013	14,566
b6					
b7	Other payments	4,585		4,585	8,853
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	69,689		69,689 (b9)	80,553

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)		27,814	6,400
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	40,980		40,980 (c6)	34,580
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)		68,794	40,980
c4	Transfers and adjustments				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)		68,794 (c8)	40,980 (c6)

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

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

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Mother and Toddler Group	1,202	1,085	117		221	338
e2 Ladies Circle	411	340	71		314	385
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,613	1,425	188		535 (e11)	723 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page totals column)	97,504 (a7)	69,689 (b9)	27,814	(c7)	40,980 (c6)	68,794 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	99,116	71,114	28,002		41,514 (x)	69,517 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	253	265
f3 Bank Deposit Account	22,002	40,404
f4 Central Finance Board	18,725	28,125
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 3 TOTAL - Church accounts	40,980 (c6)	68,794 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	535 (e11)	723 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	41,514 (x)	69,517 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,400,000	2,400,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

Simon Hardacre

Date

18/10/23

Name

Simon Hardacre

Address

67, Park Road
Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 1QZ

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

19th October 2023

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

H Millward

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Helen Millward

Date

08/11/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Chorley Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Haslam Financial Services Ltd (appointed examiner)

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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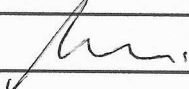
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Signature 

Relevant Professional qualification or body ACMA, MAAT

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Date 26/01/2024

Chorley Methodist Church Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31st August 2023

		RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS			Accruals
		2022 / 2023	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023	2021 / 2022	
Collections	Envelopes	£15,108.18	£17,635.85					
	Standing Orders	£22,877.00	£24,162.00	£42,324.95	£47,186.61	£1,334.95	£1,573.92	
	Loose Cash	£2,956.11	£1,967.88			£47,055.00	£51,080.00	
	Contactless	£1,383.66	£3,420.88			£180.00	£597.00	
Other Receipts			£10,133.41	£919.74	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Memorial Gifts			£2,825.00	£950.71	£588.17	£1,287.42		
Lettings			£18,615.00	£12,865.87	£238.50	£119.50		
Interest			£1,213.21	£64.97	£7,039.09	£6,457.04		
Gift Day			£5,890.00	£7,745.00	£0.00	£3,184.46		
Gift Aid			£8,684.41	£10,056.55	£360.59	£538.74		
Church Organisations			£6,567.53	£6,147.69	£6,643.80	£7,878.64		
External Organisations			£1,250.28	£1,015.77	£4,035.57	£6,053.69	£164.12	
Total Receipts			£97,503.79	£86,952.91	£69,689.44	£80,552.85	£164.12	
Balance B/F			£40,979.61		£68,793.96		£69,853.56	
Total			£138,483.40		£138,483.40			

Income	£97,503.79
Delta	£27,814.35
Expenditure	£69,689.44

Net Assets - Accounts at 31/08/2022

661030 CFB Redevelopment	£0.00	£0.00 RDF
661010 CFB Current Deposits	£18,725.27	
41347168 RBS Gold	£22,001.62	£40,979.61 GCF
41347141 RBS Current	£252.72	
	£40,979.61	£40,979.61

Net Assets - Accounts at 31/08/2023

661010 CFB Current Deposits	£28,124.86	
41347168 RBS Gold	£40,404.34	
41347141 RBS Current	£264.76	
	£68,793.96	£68,793.96
		£27,814.35

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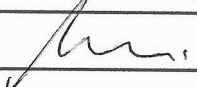
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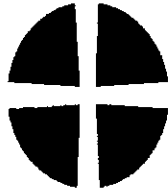
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CHORLEY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1151134

Accounts



Church
Accruals Accounts
2021-2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2022

Chorley Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number

1151134

Chorley & Leyland	Circuit No	41203
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Minister

Revd Helen Millwood

Church Stewards

Bill Almond

Lesley Duckworth

Barry Hodson

Caroline Lifitt

Ruth Malarkey

David Hulse

Neil Saunt

Chorley Methodist Church

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Introduction

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Structure, Governance and 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).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

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 / or training sessions .

Legal framework

Full Name of Charity / Church: Chorley Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number: 1151134

Date of registration: 7 March 2013

Main communication address Gillibrand Walks, Chorley, PR7 2EZ

The members of the Chorley Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full list of Church Council members who served during the year are shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: **Mr Simon Hardacre**

Mr Simon Hardacre acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mr Kieran Brophy BA ACA

Smith & Goulding Limited
2-4 Southport Road
Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 1LD

**Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes**

Related parties

The Church is part of the Chorley & Leyland Circuit which is part of the Lancashire District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Trustees donated monies amounting to £30,678 by way of weekly giving and one off donations.

The internal organisations linked to this church are Chorley Methodist Church Mother and Toddler Group, Chorley Methodist Church Ladies Group and Chorley Methodist Church Senior Social Club.

Review of the year

Weekly Sunday morning worship has now completely resumed since the pandemic. The Sunday evening service has not resumed but online services continue since initiation in 2020. In addition, Advent groups ran on weekdays before Christmas, carol singing groups went into the community and a full programme of Christmas services were held this year including a midnight communion service. A full programme of services took place this year at Easter, alongside Spendmore Lane, with services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and at CMC a morning service on Good Friday. The Church is still in the process of considering the "God in Love Unites Us" report from the Methodist Conference.

The new minister, Reverend Helen Millward, who was welcomed at a special service during the year has been requested by Westwood Care Home to do a bimonthly service at their premises. There has also been a request from Fosterfields for contacts with Christian communities.

The Church has been actively exploring a vision and mission for the future in the light of the impact of Covid on many areas of our Church life with special reference to the Halls which is where our key links with the community have traditionally taken place. The Halls had very important uses during the pandemic especially with the continuation of the Genesis Day Care Centre for those with Alzheimer's and Dementia. They are now back in use for Toddler Group and Uniformed organisations plus others. However, the Halls are currently financially unsustainable and so there has been a process of consultation with the Church to look at ways forward. This has included a working party plus a consultation of all these groups in particular open meetings, a survey and an Art Show which was designed to bring the community of users together and encourage expression of ideas and reflections about the halls and the change with Covid. Chorley Council supported this event with a small grant and the Mayor of Chorley attended; many groups and individuals were represented. From all this it seems clear that we have felt a sense of celebration that the Halls have played an important role in our past but the future is still uncertain.

The church continued to look outwards and supported several charities. These include donations to Chorley Help The Homeless, Ukraine, Christian Aid collections and World Vision.

Links with Gillibrand Primary School have grown and they appreciated using the church space for the major celebrations and the church had been invited into school for worship and harvest festival.

The church is well aware that it has expansive premises and the hall with associated rooms needs a programme of maintenance and upgrade when funds are available. It serves the community by offering groups the use of its premises at near cost. On 30th June 2021 the quinquennial inspection took place with many repairs needing addressing in the short and medium term if the building is to continue as a Community Centre. Discussions, which include all stakeholders, are now underway as to how to address the immediate issues as well as to explore a vision and mission for the future.

Financial Review

Income trends

Church income is primarily drawn from the Sunday collections, Gift aid tax credit and lettings income paid by the congregation and external users of the building. A rebate from the Circuit Assessment of £2,400 and an increase in lettings and offerings boosted the total income and helped to increase the Unrestricted Funds by £5,482 this year.

Last years "bumper" Gift Day appeal in March was not expected to be repeated but, in the event, the 2022 Gift Day appeal in March raised £9,375 which is a fantastic result and has been a great help towards breaking even. Our caretakers made the very generous decision to step down as paid employees but continue as volunteers which has also been an enormous help.

Expenditure trends

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Chorley & Leyland Circuit. This amounts to 64.5% of our total cost. The Circuit assessment has decreased by £2,404 from last year. All the other expenditure decreased by £1044 compared to last year.

The Circuit Assessment calculation has been refreshed to address imbalances in size of assessment payments across the various Churches in the Circuit. This has resulted in a reduction of approximately £8,000 per annum for our Church. This is to be phased in over 3 years incrementally, therefore this year our net reduction will be approximately £6,000, building up to a total annual reduction of £8,000 in 2024-2025.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the unrestricted funds were £39,920 (2021 - £33,459), giving approximately 6 Months' cover for expenditure. The restricted funds were £535 (2021 - £1,839).

Plans for 2022/23

As a Church, we will continue our outreach activities when able with the community, such as support to the Food Bank service (financially and materially). Our support to uniformed youth organisations and Church youth club will continue to be built on. We will continue to support external charities through regular giving and specific collections. We will encourage more groups to return and bring more people into church.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

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 Chorley Methodist 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 Chorley Methodist 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.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent of three to six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

Simon Hardacre

Date

13/10/22

Name

Simon Hardacre

Address

67, Park Road
Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 1QZ

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

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

13/10/2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

H Millwood

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Helen Millwood

Date

30/11/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Chorley Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

SMITH +
GOULDING LIMITED (appointed examiner)

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 and the 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~):

(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;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

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

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name Kieran Brophy

Signature 

Relevant Professional qualification or body ICAEW

Address Smith & Goulding Limited, 4 Southport Road, Chorley, PR7 1LD 2-

Date 31. 8. 23

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2				68,013	71,797
- Collections and tax credit		51,854			51,854	52,639
- Donations		16,158	-		16,158	19,158
Charitable activities	3				3,767	1,056
- Fund raising		3,767	-		3,767	1,056
Other trading activities	4				12,866	7,184
- Lettings		12,866	-		12,866	7,184
Investments	5	65	-		65	21
Other	6				1,728	783
- Internal organisations			1,482		1,482	783
- Miscellaneous			246		246	-
Total		84,711	1,728	-	86,439	80,841
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	9	3,184			3,184	3,420
Circuit Assessment		51,080			51,080	53,484
Maintenance on Church buildings and property		5,716			5,716	4,988
Property refurbishment					-	-
Utilities (insurance, light and heat, water etc.)		14,566			14,566	11,910
Church activities					-	-
Printing, postage and stationery		1,574			1,574	1,632
Independent Examiner's fee	8	360			360	276
Internal organisations			1,806		1,806	1,022
Grants and donations		1,409			1,409	240
Other expenditure		1,339	246		1,585	861
Total		79,229	2,052	-	81,281	77,833
Net income/(expenditure)		5,482	(324)	-	5,158	3,008
Transfer between funds		980	(980)			
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Net movemet in funds		6,462	(1,304)	-	5,158	3,008
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		33,458	1,839	-	35,297	32,289
Total funds carried forward		39,920	535	-	40,455	35,297

For Information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

239	194
1,833	924
1,606	879
466	239

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Church building and other property				0	0
Investment properties				0	0
Investments				0	0
Total fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	0	0	0	0	0
Loans by the Churches	0	0	0	0	0
Investments with TMCP	0	0	0	0	0
Central Finance Board Deposits	18,725	0	0	18,725	11,800
Cash at Bank and in hand	21,555	0	1,000	22,555	24,434
Total current assets	40,280	0	1,000	41,280	36,234

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	360	0	465	825	936
Loans to the Church	0	0	0	0	0
Total current liabilities	360	0	465	825	936
Net current assets/liabilities	39,920	0	535	40,455	35,298

Total assets less current liabilities	39,920	0	535	40,455	35,298
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Long term liabilities

(due after more than one year)					
Grants payable after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0
Loans to the Church	0	0	0	0	0
				0	0
Net assets	39,920	0	535	40,455	35,298

Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	39,920			39,920	33,458
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		0		0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds				39,920	33,458
Restricted Funds			535	535	1,839
Endowment Funds				0	0
Total Funds	39,920	0	535	40,455	35,297

Signed
Church Treasurer

Chorley Methodist Church

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at quoted market price for UK listed investments. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity is responsible in law.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts. There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

1.3 Funds

Endowment funds are funds which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established. Income arising from the fund is recognised within unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity.

Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 14. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

1.4 Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

1. the Charity becomes legally entitled to the benefit of use of the resources;
2. an inflow of economic benefit is probable; and
3. the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.5 Resources expended

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

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters. All the governance costs have been included in Charitable Activities as a whole rather than be apportioned.

Grants payable are charged in the year in which it is probable they will become payable except in those cases where the offer is conditional. Such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attached are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are not accrued as expenditure.

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the financial statements in accordance with s.10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a reducing balance at 20% p.a. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

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

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
2. Donations and legacies				
Collections	41,801		41,801	42,531
Tax credits	10,056		10,056	10,108
Donations	16,158		16,158	19,158
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Total	68,015	-	68,015	71,797

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
3. Charitable activities				
Fund raising	3,767	-	3,767	1,056
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	3,767	-	3,767	1,056

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
4. Other trading activities				
Lettings	12,866	-	12,866	7,184
Total	12,866	-	12,866	7,184

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
5. Investment income				
Central Finance Board	54	-	54	19
Other	11	-	11	2
Total	65	-	65	21

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
6. Other Income				
Internal organisations		1,482	1,482	783
Miscellaneous		246	246	-
Total	-	1,728	1,728	783

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	This year	Last year
7. Payment to Trustees		
None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them)	-	-
8. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts		
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the	£ 360	£ 276
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
9. Paid employees		
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 3,184	£ 3,420
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
Total staff costs	£ 3,184	£ 3,420
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	1	1
10. Related Parties		
The Church is part of the Chorley & Leyland Circuit which is part of the Lancashire District and is also		
11. Analysis of current assets	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income		
Other debtors	-	-
Total debtors and prepayments	-	0
Analysis of cash at bank		
Bank balance held in Royal Bank of Scotland	22,002	22,356
Bank balance held in Royal Bank of Scotland	19	239
Bank balance held in Church Finance Board	18,725	11,800
Bank balance held in Church Finance Board		0
Bank & cash held by Internal organisations	535	1,839
Total Cash and Bank	41,281	36,234
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	360	697
Other Creditors	465	239
Total Current Liabilities	825	936

12. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2022 the Church has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

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13. Loan and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
Circuit Loan (interest free)	0	0	0	0	0
					0
					0
					0
	0	0	0	0	0

Repayment due

Totals

Due within 12 months	0
Due after more than 12 months	0
Total	0

14. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds	33,458	84,711	79,229	980		38,940
						0
						0
						0
Totals	33,458	84,711	79,229	980	0	38,940

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Mother and Toddler Group	139	911	829			221
Ladies Group	112	570	369			313
Senior Social Club	1,588		608	-980		0
Chorley Council grant Arts	0	246	246			0
Totals	1,839	1,727	2,052	-980	0	534

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2				71,797
- Collections and tax credit		52,639			52,639
- Donations		19,158	-		19,158
Charitable activities	3				1,056
- Fund raising		1,056	-		1,056
Other trading activities	4				7,184
- Lettings		7,184	-		7,184
Investments	5	21	-		21
Other	6				783
- Internal organisations		-	783		783
- Miscellaneous		-			-
Total		80,058	783	-	80,841
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	9	3,420			3,420
Circuit Assessment		53,484			53,484
Maintenance on Church buildings and property		4,988			4,988
Property refurbishment					-
Utilities (insurance, light and heat, water etc.)		11,910			11,910
Church activities					-
Printing, postage and stationery		1,632			1,632
Independent Examiner's fee	8	276			276
Internal organisations			1,022		1,022
Grants and donations		240			240
Other expenditure		861			861
Total		76,811	1,022	-	77,833
Net income/(expenditure)		3,247	(239)	-	3,008
Transfer between funds					
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Net movemet in funds		3,247	(239)	-	3,008
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		30,211	2,078	-	32,289
Total funds carried forward		33,458	1,839	-	35,297

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

194
924
879
239

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2021
	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Church building and other property				0
Investment properties				0
Investments				0
Total fixed assets	0	0	0	0

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	0	0	0	0
Loans by the Churches	0	0	0	0
Investments with TMCP	0	0	0	0
Central Finance Board Deposits	11,800	0	0	11,800
Cash at Bank and in hand	22,356	0	2,078	24,434
Total current assets	34,156	0	2,078	36,234

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	697	0	239	936
Loans to the Church	0	0	0	0
Total current liabilities	697	0	239	936
Net current assets/liabilities	33,459	0	1,839	35,298

Total assets less current liabilities	33,459	0	1,839	35,298
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)				
Grants payable after 1 year	0	0	0	0
Loans to the Church	0	0	0	0
				0
Net assets	33,459	0	1,839	35,298

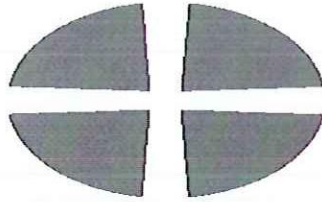
Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	33,458			33,458
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		0		0
Total Unrestricted Funds				33,458
Restricted Funds			1,839	1,839
Endowment Funds				0
Total Funds	33,458	0	1,839	35,297

CHORLEY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1151134

Accounts



**Church
Accruals Accounts
2020-2021**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

Chorley Methodist Church

Registered Charity - Registration number

1151134

Chorley & Leyland	Circuit No 41203
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Minister

Revd Phil Gough

Church Stewards

Bill Almond

Lesley Duckworth

Barry Hodson

Caroline Lifitt

Ruth Malarkey

Ian McCallum

Chorley Methodist Church

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Introduction

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Structure, Governance and 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).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

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 / or training sessions .

Legal framework

Full Name of Charity / Church: Chorley Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number: 1151134

Date of registration: 7 March 2013

Main communication address Gillibrand Walks, Chorley, PR7 2EZ

The members of the Chorley Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

Full list of Church Council members who served during the year are shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Mr Simon Hardacre

Mr Simon Hardacre acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mr Simon Worswick BA FCA

Smith & Goulding Limited
2-4 Southport Road

Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 1LD

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Related parties

The Church is part of the Chorley & Leyland Circuit which is part of the Lancashire District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Trustees donated monies amounting to £27,658 by way of weekly giving and one off donations.

The internal organisations linked to this church are Chorley Methodist Church Mother and Toddler Group, Chorley Methodist Church Ladies Group and Chorley Methodist Church Senior Social Club.

Review of the year

In March 2020 Chorley Methodist Church had to close due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Worship had to move to virtual services for those able to and still continue each week. Live services were restarted in September 2020. However, there were further interruptions later on during the winter with additional lockdowns.

All church groups previously mentioned in annual reports continued to meet up to March 2020. Since then virtual meetings have been held by various groups and some have sent out activity packs to their members.

The church continued to offer opportunities, through virtual means, for fellowship and faith development throughout the year.

A new minister, Reverend Helen Millward, was welcomed at a special service on 1st September 2021. Helen replaces Reverend Phil Gough who resigned from Chorley Methodist Church in August 2021 and now has a new role as Circuit Superintendent. Phil was thanked for his huge contributions during the pandemic at Chorley Methodist Church.

The multi-purpose space created by the redevelopment completed in September 2013 continued to be used by different community and church groups until March 2020. It provides a comfortable and welcoming versatile space for small and large groups, for traditional worship and contemporary worship (such as Messy Church) and events such as concerts and public meetings. No groups had met in the space since the pandemic started until the dementia day care service reopened. The first groups back into the building after the reopening were the girls' uniformed organisations which helped the Leadership team to gauge the process of allowing groups to return. This went well and most of the groups wishing to return have done so.

The church continued to look outwards and supported several charities. These include donations to Chorley Foodbank, Methodist Women in Britain, and World Vision.

Links with Gillibrand Primary School have grown and they appreciated using the church space for the major celebrations and the church had been invited into school for worship and harvest festival.

The church continued to host a dementia day care service, attended by up to 30 service users 4 days a week. The church seeks greater involvement with this work through volunteering opportunities. Since the pandemic started the day care service was not able to be open. However since the status changed to an essential service in August 2020 the service has been able to resume with all COVID precautions in place.

The church is well aware that it has expansive premises and the hall with associated rooms needs a programme of maintenance and upgrade when funds are available. It serves the community by offering groups the use of its premises at near cost. On 30th June 2021 the quinquennial inspection took place with many repairs needing addressing in the short and medium term if the building is to continue as a Community Centre. Discussions, which include all stakeholders, are now underway as to how to address the immediate issues as well as to explore a vision and mission for the future.

Financial Review

Income trends

Church income is primarily drawn from the Sunday collections, Gift aid tax credit and lettings income paid by the congregation and external users of the building. A Gift Day Appeal resulted in £14,280 being raised which boosted the income but in total the income in the Unrestricted Fund showed a decrease of £5,836 on last year.

The rental income relates to the hire of the church halls to various groups in the community. This has dropped significantly as the only income has been from the day care service at a reduced rate.

Expenditure trends

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Chorley & Leyland Circuit. This amounts to 68.7% of our total cost. The Circuit assessment has decreased by £3,200 from last year. All the other expenditure decreased by £4157 compared to last year.

A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the unrestricted funds were £33,459 (2020 - £30,211), giving approximately 5 Months' cover for expenditure. The restricted funds were £1,839 (2020 - £2,078).

Plans for 2021/22

As a Church, we will continue our outreach activities when able with the community, such as support to the Food Bank service (financially and materially). Our support to uniformed youth organisations and Church youth club will continue to be built on. We will continue to support external charities through regular giving and specific collections. We will encourage more groups to return and bring more people into church.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

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 Chorley Methodist 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 Chorley Methodist 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.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent of three to six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

Simon Hardacre

Date

10.11.2021

Name

Simon Hardacre

Address

67, Park Road
Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 1QZ

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

10/11/2021

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

H Millward

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Helen Millward

Date

6/01/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Chorley Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

SMITH & GOULDING LIMITED (APPOINTED EXAMINER)

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 and the 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 (~~other than that disclosed below*~~):

(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;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

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

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address 2-

Date

Chorley Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2				71,797	66,321
- Collections and tax credit		52,639			52,639	55,127
- Donations		19,158	-		19,158	11,194
Charitable activities	3				1,056	2,449
- Fund raising		1,056	-		1,056	2,449
Other trading activities	4				7,184	16,955
- Lettings		7,184	-		7,184	16,955
Investments	5	21	-		21	127
Other	6				783	4,262
- Internal organisations		-	783		783	4,204
- Miscellaneous		-			-	58
Total		80,058	783	-	80,841	90,114
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	9	3,420			3,420	7,535
Circuit Assessment		53,484			53,484	56,684
Maintenance on Church buildings and property		4,988			4,988	5,466
Property refurbishment					-	-
Utilities (insurance, light and heat, water etc.)		11,910			11,910	9,019
Church activities					-	702
Printing, postage and stationery		1,632			1,632	3,204
Independent Examiner's fee	8	276			276	384
Internal organisations			1,022		1,022	5,274
Grants and donations		240			240	150
Other expenditure		861			861	786
Total		76,811	1,022	-	77,833	89,204
Net income/(expenditure)		3,247	(239)	-	3,008	910
Transfer between funds						
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Net movemet in funds		3,247	(239)	-	3,008	910
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		30,211	2,078	-	32,289	31,379
Total funds carried forward		33,458	1,839	-	35,297	32,289

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

194	135
924	3,532
879	3,473
239	194

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
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Fixed Assets

Church building and other property				0	0
Investment properties				0	0
Investments				0	0
Total fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	0	0	0	0	0
Loans by the Churches	0	0	0	0	0
Investments with TMCP	0	0	0	0	0
Central Finance Board Deposits	11,800	0	0	11,800	15,092
Cash at Bank and in hand	22,356	0	2,078	24,434	18,135
Total current assets	34,156	0	2,078	36,234	33,227

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	697	0	239	936	938
Loans to the Church	0	0	0	0	0
Total current liabilities	697	0	239	936	938
Net current assets/liabilities	33,459	0	1,839	35,298	32,289

Total assets less current liabilities	33,459	0	1,839	35,298	32,289
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)					
Grants payable after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0
Loans to the Church	0	0	0	0	0
				0	0
Net assets	33,459	0	1,839	35,298	32,289

Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	33,458			33,458	30,211
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		0		0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds				33,458	30,211
Restricted Funds			1,839	1,839	2,078
Endowment Funds				0	0
Total Funds	33,458	0	1,839	35,297	32,289

Signed
Church Treasurer

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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at quoted market price for UK listed investments. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity is responsible in law.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts. There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

1.3 Funds

Endowment funds are funds which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established. Income arising from the fund is recognised within unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity.

Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 14 . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

1.4 Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

1. the Charity becomes legally entitled to the benefit of use of the resources;
2. an inflow of economic benefit is probable; and
3. the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.5 Resources expended

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

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters. All the governance costs have been included in Charitable Activities as a whole rather than be apportioned.

Grants payable are charged in the year in which it is probable they will become payable except in those cases where the offer is conditional. Such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attached are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are not accrued as expenditure.

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the financial statements in accordance with s.10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a reducing balance at 20% p.a. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

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

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
2. Donations and legacies				
Collections	42,531		42,531	45,768
Tax credits	10,108		10,108	9,359
Donations	19,158		19,158	11,194
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Total	71,797	-	71,797	66,321

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
3. Charitable activities				
Fund raising	1,056	-	1,056	2,449
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	1,056	-	1,056	2,449

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
4. Other trading activities				
Lettings	7,184	-	7,184	16,955
Total	7,184	-	7,184	16,955

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
5. Investment income				
Central Finance Board	19	-	19	80
Other	2	-	2	47
Total	21	-	21	127

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
6. Other Income				
Internal organisations	783		783	4,204
Miscellaneous			-	58
Total	783	-	783	4,262

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	This year	Last year
7. Payment to Trustees		
None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them)	-	-

8. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts		
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the	£ 276	384
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£ -	-

9. Paid employees		
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 3,420	7,535
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ -	-
Pension costs	£ -	-
Total staff costs	£ 3,420	7,535
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	1	1

10. Related Parties

The Church is part of the Chorley & Leyland Circuit which is part of the Lancashire District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Trustees donated monies amounting to £27,658 by way of weekly giving and one off donations. The internal organisations linked to this church are Chorley Methodist Church Mother and Toddler Group, Chorley Methodist Church Ladies Group and Chorley Methodist Church Senior Social Club.

	This year £	Last year £
11. Analysis of current assets		
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income		
Other debtors	-	-
Total debtors and prepayments	-	0

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in Royal Bank of Scotland	22,356	15,789
Bank balance held in Royal Bank of Scotland	239	268
Bank balance held in Church Finance Board	11,800	15,092
Bank balance held in Church Finance Board		0
Bank & cash held by Internal organisations	1,839	2,078
Total Cash and Bank	36,234	33,227

Current Liabilities

Trade Creditors	697	744
Other Creditors	239	194
Total Current Liabilities	936	938

12. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2021 the Church has no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

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13. Loan and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
Circuit Loan (interest free)	0	0	0	0	0
					0
					0
					0
	0	0	0	0	0

Repayment due

Totals

Due within 12 months	0
Due after more than 12 months	0
Total	0

14. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds	30,211	80,058	76,811			33,458
						0
						0
						0
Totals	30,211	80,058	76,811	0	0	33,458

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Mother and Toddler Group	145	0	6			139
Ladies Group	112	0	0			112
Senior Social Club	1,821	783	1,016			1,588
Circuit Assessment Donation	0					0
Totals	2,078	783	1,022	0	0	1,839

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2				66,321
- Collections and tax credit		55,127	-		55,127
- Donations		10,694	500		11,194
Charitable activities	3				2,449
- Fund raising		2,449	-		2,449
Other trading activities	4				16,955
- Lettings		16,955	-		16,955
Investments	5	127	-		127
Other	6				4,262
- Internal organisations		484	3,720		4,204
- Miscellaneous		58	-		58
Total		85,894	4,220	-	90,114
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	9	7,535			7,535
Circuit Assessment		56,184	500		56,684
Maintenance on Church buildings and property		5,466			5,466
Property refurbishment		-			-
Utilities (insurance, light and heat, water etc.)		9,019			9,019
Church activities		702			702
Printing, postage and stationery		3,204			3,204
Independent Examiner's fee	8	384			384
Internal organisations		238	5,036		5,274
Grants and donations		150			150
Other expenditure		786			786
Total		83,668	5,536	-	89,204
Net income/(expenditure)		2,226	(1,316)	-	910
Transfer between funds					
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Net movement in funds		2,226	(1,316)	-	910
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		27,985	3,394	-	31,379
Total funds carried forward		30,211	2,078	-	32,289

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year	135
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	3,532
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	3,473
Balance carried forward	194

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2020 £
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Fixed Assets

Church building and other property				0
Investment properties				0
Investments				0
Total fixed assets	0	0	0	0

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	0	0	0	0
Loans by the Churches	0	0	0	0
Investments with TMCP	0	0	0	0
Central Finance Board Deposits	15,092	0	0	15,092
Cash at Bank and in hand	15,863	0	2,272	18,135
Total current assets	30,955	0	2,272	33,227

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	744	0	194	938
Loans to the Church	0	0		0
Total current liabilities	744	0	194	938
Net current assets/liabilities	30,211	0	2,078	32,289

Total assets less current liabilities	30,211	0	2,078	32,289
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)				
Grants payable after 2017-18	0	0	0	0
Loans to the Church	0	0	0	0
				0
Net assets	30,211	0	2,078	32,289

Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	30,211			30,211
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		0		0
Total Unrestricted Funds				30,211
Restricted Funds			2,078	2,078
Endowment Funds				0
Total Funds	30,211	0	2,078	32,289

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Appendix A

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP & KEY LAY WORKERS WHO SERVED DURING THE YEAR

MINISTER

Revd Phil Gough

CHURCH STEWARDS

Bill Almond
Lesley Duckworth
Barry Hodson
Caroline Linfitt
Ruth Malarkey
Ian McCallum

TREASURER

Simon Hardacre

SECRETARY

Caroline Linfitt

CHURCH SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR

Lesley Duckworth

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

Keith Ashton
Glenys Blundell
Margaret Boulton
Pauline Curwen
Margery Dowling
Freda Eccles
Kathryn Hodson
Christine Hulse
David Hulse
Mary Lace
Wilf Lace
Chris Marrow
Valerie Marsden
Timothy Melling
Sue Proctor
Ruth Raynor
Lincoln Shields
Sue Stout