

The **Methodist** Church

Radcliffe-on-Trent

Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission, Financial Review, and Other Information for the Year ended 31st August 2022

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Annual report for the year ended 31st August 2022

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Trustees' Annual Report

1. Introduction

Welcome to the annual report of the managing trustees of Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church. Methodism has been present in Radcliffe since the late 18th century when residents were inspired to form a Methodist society after a visit by John Wesley to the local area. Today we are a community of people of all ages who love to follow Jesus and enjoy worshipping and working together. We are active in our village community, sharing good news about Jesus, caring, serving and joining in. We are committed to doing this together with other Christians in Radcliffe wherever possible.

2. Aims and purposes

We are part of the Methodist Church in Great Britain and as such share the same purposes, i.e. the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

In doing this in Radcliffe-on-Trent we seek to live out our Mission Statement which is :

As God's Methodist family in Radcliffe-on-Trent we commit as individuals and as a church :

- To follow Jesus and share the good news of God's love for all, united in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To grow in faith and care for all.
- To give generously and share our resources wholeheartedly to meet spiritual and social needs in our village and wider community.

3. Objectives and activities

The main activities of the church are:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

4. Review of the year

How great it is to be back in action and fully open. We tried to celebrate the good news in public ways, so many could join in from the wider community, as well as sustaining our worship which is the heart of all we do. We had open events for the community at harvest, celebrating with huge displays; we marked Christmas by lighting up the church each night in advent with candles on all the windowsills; we provided Christingles for all children, who dressed as shepherds, wise men or angels, bringing their parents; we had special coffees and gorgeous cakes at Community Cafe plus a selfie with Jesus in the stable. Children and families loved creative crafts and Lego!

Our great weekend of the Music Marathon saw many local schools, clubs, groups and soloists come to church from Friday at 9am through the night of Friday and Saturday right to Sunday Celebration. Food, available all day, was well received and delicious. Our teenagers slept overnight as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, for which we also had a most moving Awards Presentation with local Councillors and honoured guests. We presented 37 different awards and congratulated the imaginative ways in which young folk had grown and developed in confidence and courage.

'Tea and Tiaras' saw over 82 people come to a sumptuous tea, served on cakestands, like tea at the Ritz, rejoicing in the Queen's many years of service and commitment with laughter and delight. The Christian Aid plant stall raised money out in the car park and Friday coffee mornings each week helps many elderly, lonely and isolated people. The Memory Cafe has been a huge success, meeting the needs of many people, who have a dementia diagnosis, and their carers. It is a source of help and mutual support.

Besides our Sunday services our regular activities include Little Angels toddlers group on a Wednesday, a Friday Coffee Morning and Prayer meeting every week that includes communion once a month, Community Café monthly on a Saturday, Soup lunch monthly on a Thursday and a House Group monthly on a Wednesday evening.

We share worship, purpose and encouragement, working under God with the 9 local Methodist Churches in this circuit and ecumenically. We thank God for joyous worship, opening up the premises for fuller community use here, as well as serving refugee camps abroad in Bethlehem, Palestine. We want to share care, love, kindness, believing in justice and reconciliation for all God's children both here in the UK and abroad.

The amount of money raised for various charities has more than doubled this year to over £6,000.

Organisations supported include Christian Aid, Action for Children, MHA (Methodist Homes), All We Can, Toilet Twinning, The Red Cross and Rainbows. This has involved a great deal of effort by church members and friends and brought the church and local community together in fundraising activities, following the isolation of the COVID pandemic. We have hope for the future, building on all of this.

More information can be found about the life of the church and its ongoing activities on the church's website: (<http://www.radcliffemethodist.org.uk>).

5. Plans for 2022/2023

The heart of all we do is worship on a Sunday, and we have seen new members join our family. We remain enthusiastic, positive and hopeful in Christ who is the reason for all this! We hope to grow the church, increase our outreach into the local community and be more aware of world needs which affect us as part of our global commitment.

6. Financial review

6.1 Income trends

Total income has decreased during the year from £92,668 in 2020/2021 to £84,061. Last year we received £13,000 in donations specifically for the purchase of chairs for the renovated church building, which inflated the regular donation amount. Lettings have increased from £80 to £2,623 due to the restarting of community groups and event bookings following Covid restrictions. Standing Order donations have decreased by about £2,000 but this was offset by an increase in weekly offering by just under £2,000 due to church services being held each week following COVID restrictions. We expect the income from lettings to increase next year. The income from Standing Orders was decreasing towards the end of this year and is likely to decrease again next year.

6.2 Expenditure trends

The major cost to the **General Fund (Unrestricted)** is the assessment paid to the Nottingham South Circuit. This was £51,024 for the year up from £50,772 for the year 2020-2021. We increased our monthly contribution in March by 1%. Next year our contribution is expected to be £51,276. A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers.

The **Regeneration Fund (Restricted)** has been used to pay the retention on the building work of £11,149 this year. This work has now been completed and no restricted funds remain for this purpose.

Our gas and electricity bills have risen only slightly in line with an increase in the use of the building. We remain on a fixed tariff with our energy supplier until end of March 2024, which is a significant help in the current energy situation.

7. Reserves policy

It is the church's policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted general funds, if possible, that equates to six months' general expenditure. It has been agreed that **£34,500** is an appropriate amount although this is under review given rising costs. The demographics of the donors and the very generous donations of a small number of donors makes the General Fund susceptible to sudden loss of income. The church also needs to be able to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

As of 31st August 2022, the church had the following balances.

£34,645 in the CFB account, of which **£34,500** is kept as reserves and **£145** is interest.

£27,802 in the NatWest current Account of which **£329** is restricted for the Flower Fund.

£2,246 is with TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes).

8. Structure, governance and management

- Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church is part of the Methodist Nottingham South Circuit which is part of the Methodist Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.
- The governing document for the church is the Methodist 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 members of the Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church Council meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, the Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting. The Minister is appointed by the Methodist Conference; the Circuit representative is appointed by the Circuit Meeting; the Church representatives are appointed by the Church Annual Meeting; the Treasurer, Secretary and Church Stewards are appointed by the Church Council; the Safeguarding Co-ordinator is appointed by the Church Council and the Lay Worker is appointed by the Circuit Meeting. The full list of Church Council members and key lay employees is shown as Appendix A to this report.

The internal organisations linked to this church are;

- Little Angels (Carer & Toddler Group)
- The Discovery Award
- Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship
- Friday Coffee Group
- Radcliffe Methodist Traidcraft
- Radcliffe Community Cafe
- Youth Group
- Food for Thought
- Art Group

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.
- "The Essential Trustee" produced by the Charity Commission (publication CC3) has formed part of trustee training.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

9. 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.

10. 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.

The 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.

Radcliffe-on-Trent 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. Radcliffe on Trent 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.

11. Administrative information

Full Name of Charity/Church:-Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number:-1159370

Date of registration:-26th November 2014

Main communication address:

- Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church Shelford Road Radcliffe-on-Trent Nottingham NG12 2AG

Treasurer

- The Finance Team is made up of three people, Stephany Fogg, Peter Watson and Carol Fishburn who oversee the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church. Stephany Fogg is the named contact as Treasurer.

Independent examiner

- John O'Brien, Chief Executive, Community Accounting Plus. Units 1 and 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL.

Bankers

- Natwest Bank, 52 Rectory Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6FF
- **Investment Bankers** Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill St, London EC2A 4PE.
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ

12. Declarations

The Trustees Annual Report was approved by the Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church Council on 27th September 2022 and signed on its behalf by :

Signature 

Name : Rev Nicholas Jones

Position :-Chair of the meeting

:Signature 
-Name : Margery Sigg

Position :-Secretary to the meeting

13. Accounts

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Radcliffe on Trent Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Nottingham South	Circuit	Circuit no.	22/2
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1159370

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

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

Minister:

Rev. Nichola Jones

Church Stewards:

Rachael Glover	Pippa Edwards
Annabelle Luce	Jean Smith
Ann Mills	Hilary Greenhalgh

Treasurer:

Stephany Fogg, Carol Fishburn, Peter Watson

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Radcliffe on Trent Methodist	Church
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	80,639		80,639	92,359
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	145	4	149	79
a4	Lettings	2,623		2,623	80
a5	Other receipts	650		650	150
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	84,057	4	84,061 (a7)	92,668

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	51,024		51,024	50,772
b3	Donations	1,249		1,249	1,014
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,225	11,149	14,374	49,463
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,082		6,082	5,845
b6					
b7	Other payments	13,516	277	13,793	11,025
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	75,096	11,426	86,522 (b9)	118,119

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	8,961	(11,422)	(2,461)	(25,451)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	52,785	14,369	67,154 (c6)	92,605
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	61,746	2,947	64,693	67,154
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(65)	65		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	61,681	3,012	64,693 (c8)	67,154 (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	149	149
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	6,089	2,794
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	6,238	2,794
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		149

Radcliffe on Trent Methodist Church

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 2022 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 Community Café	1,976	1,573	402		53	455
e2 Little Angels	1,469	722	747		158	905
e3 Youth Group	3,481	8,570	(5,089)		13,538	8,448
e4 Traidcraft	404	325	79		154	233
e5 Food for Thought	1,194	976	218		1,011	1,230
e6 Tuesday Fellowship					12	12
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	8,524	12,167	(3,643)		14,926 (e11)	11,283 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	84,061 (a7)	86,522 (b9)	(2,461)	(c7)	67,154 (c6)	64,693 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	92,585	98,689	(6,104)		82,080 (x)	75,976 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	23,219	27,802
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	41,192	34,645
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	2,743	2,246
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	67,154 (c6)	64,693 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	14,926 (e11)	11,283 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	82,080 (x)	75,976 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,518,626	1,749,084
g3 Other Assets	7,743	7,245
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	(11,833)	(3,584)

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church ...Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church..... No ...22/2.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 18/11/22.....

Name and address of treasurer: Stephany Fogg

19 Bailey Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham Post Code: NG12 2DA

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 27th September 2022.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Nichola Jones..... Date 18/11/22.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church

Charity Number 1159370

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

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Name of Church ...Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church..... No ...22/2.....

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examinerJohn O'Brien.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ... MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Name of firm (where appropriate)CA Plus.....

Address ...Units 1 & 2 Northwest

41 Talbot Street, Nottingham,..... Post Code ...NG1 5GL.....

Date22/11/2022.....

Appendix A – Church Council membership

The church council members during the financial year to 31st August 2022 and up to the 27th September 2022, unless otherwise stated, were:

Position	Name	Dates
Minister:	Rev Nichola Jones	
Church Stewards:	Rachael Glover	Until 31 st July 2022
	Pippa Edwards	Until 31 st May 2022
	Annabelle Luce	
	Jean Smith	
	Ann Mills	
	Hilary Greenhalgh	From 12 th October 2021
Church Representatives and other members of the Church Council:		
Church Council Secretary:	Margery Siggs	
Pastoral Secretary:	Christine Anderson	
Lead Treasurer:	Stephany Fogg	
Property Steward:	Rick Sanderson	
Property Secretary:	Peter Watson	
	Helen Hancock	
	Dave Morley	
	Stuart Jones	
	Roger Allton	
	Margaret Ann Dickie	
	Jane James	
	Deanne Stevenson	Until 1 st May 2022
	Gill Shirtcliffe	
	Elaine Upton	
	Neville Bemrose	
	Marion Petch	
	Nan Westwood	Until 1 st May 2022
	Betty Conolly	Until 1 st May 2022
	Roger Holborow	
	Gwyn Farmer	
	Stuart Mason	From 1 st May 2022
	Sue Wakefield	From 1 st May 2022
	Alan Wakefield	From 1 st May 2022
Out reach Co-ordinator	Judy Holborow	
Youth Group Leader	Mark Greenhalgh	
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Yvonne Ellison	
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Christine Morley	
Gift Aid Co-ordinator	Malcolm Anderson	
Charity Commission Registrar	Malcolm Anderson	
Circuit Representative	Steve Nicholson	
Children's worker	Jan Sanderson	