

The **Methodist** Church

Radcliffe-on-Trent

Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission, Financial Review, and Other Information for the Year ended 31st August 2023

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Annual report for the year ended 31st August 2023

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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

Radcliffe Methodist Church continues to be a vibrant church community. We try to celebrate the good news in public ways, so many can join in from the wider community, as well as sustaining our worship which is the heart of all we do. We share worship, purpose and encouragement, working under God with the 9 local Methodist Churches in this circuit and ecumenically.

During the year ended 31st August 2023 we had open events for the community at harvest, celebrating with huge displays and a harvest lunch. At Christmas we provided Christingles for all children, who dressed as shepherds, wise men or angels, bringing their parents, and offered hot chocolate from a van in the car park. On Christmas Day, Christmas lunch was served to room full of people who might otherwise have been on their own.

The Coronation of King Charles was celebrated in style with a Crowns and Coronets event with afternoon tea. The Christian Aid plant stall raised money out in the car park and Friday coffee morning each week helps many elderly, lonely and isolated people. The Memory Cafe has continued to grow, meeting the needs of many people, especially those who live with memory loss, and their carers. It is a source of help and mutual support. The end of the year saw special summer holiday events, with a 3 fun days packed with activities for people of all ages, as well as a Lego café that ran on Wednesdays through out August.

A party from the Methodist Church in Neustadt, Germany, visited us at Easter. This was the 40th anniversary of the friendship between our churches. We enjoyed worshipping and eating with them, as well as showing them some of the sights of the area.

One of our beloved members, Joe Burrows, was a prolific artist. After he died, his family and friends put on an exhibition of some of his works and generously donated the proceeds, of just over £1,200, to the church.

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 have also raised funds for a number of local, national and international charities.

At the end of the year we had the sad news that the Reverend Nichola Jones would be leaving Radcliffe to take up an appointment in Cornwall. We said farewell to her in July at a special service to celebrate her ministry. The Reverend Mark Roberts has now taken over as Minister for the coming year.

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 2023/2024

The church continues to explore ways in which it can grow in faith, grow in number and grow in engagement with our communities. In October 2023 we will celebrate the 130th anniversary of the church building with a special flower festival. Beyond that we plan to continue with our regular activities and the programme of special events.

During the year the Nottingham South Circuit will be seeking a new Minister as a permanent replacement for Reverend Nichola Jones, and members at Radcliffe will play a full part in this process.

6. Financial review

6.1 Income trends

Total income has increased during the year from £84,061 in 2021/2022 to £92,409. Lettings have increased from £2,623 to £7,526 due to the restarting of community groups and event bookings following the renovation of the church building and Covid concerns. Standing Order donations have decreased by about £2,000 but this was more than offset by an increase in weekly offerings of £662 and by donations made for specific community events of £3,841. We expect the income from lettings to increase again next year.

The increase in the cost of living is likely to adversely affect our income in the coming year.

6.2 Expenditure trends

The major cost to the **General Fund (Unrestricted)** is the assessment paid to the Nottingham South Circuit. This was £51,276 for the year up from £51,024 for the year 2021-2022. Next year our contribution is expected to rise again. A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers.

We remain on a fixed tariff with our energy supplier until April 2024, which is a significant help in the current energy situation. However, when our contract ends, we expect an increase in energy costs. This is likely to be significant in 2024/25 year.

The increase in the cost of living is likely to increase our general expenditure in the coming year.

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. This year we have reviewed our reserve amount and increased it from £34,500 to £40,000. 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 2023, the church had the following balances.

£41,518 in the CFB account, of which **£40,000** is kept as reserves and **£1,518** is interest.

£25,051 in the NatWest current Account.

£2,297 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)
- Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship
- Radcliffe Methodist Traidcraft
- Radcliffe Community Cafe
- Youth Group
- Food for Thought
- Card Stall

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 19/10/23 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature



Name : MARK CONNOR

Position :-Chair of the meeting

:-Signature



-Name :

Margery Syggs

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 2023

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 ; Rev. Mark Roberts

Church Stewards:

Annabelle Luce	Jean Smith
Ann Mills	Hilary Greenhalgh
Jan Sanderson	

Treasurer:

Stephany Fogg, Carol Fishburn, Peter Watson

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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	75,706	233	75,939	80,639
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,373	72	1,445	149
a4	Lettings	7,526		7,526	2,623
a5	Other receipts	5,534	1,965	7,499	650
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	90,139	2,270	92,409 (a7)	84,061
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	51,276		51,276	51,024
b3	Donations	1,214	2,081	3,295	1,249
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,140		7,140	14,374
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,499		8,499	6,082
b6					
b7	Other payments	17,863	164	18,027	13,793
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	85,992	2,245	88,237 (b9)	86,522
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	4,147	25	4,172	(2,461)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	61,681	3,012	64,693 (c6)	67,154
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	65,828	3,037	68,865	64,693
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	65,828	3,037	68,865 (c8)	64,693 (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
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,557		6,089
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,557		6,238
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)				

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 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 Community Café	3,012	3,098	(86)		455	369
e2 Little Angels	1,527	1,238	289		905	1,194
e3 Youth Group	6,433	4,766	1,667		8,448	10,115
e4 Traidcraft		220	(220)		233	13
e5 Food for Thought	2,355	1,571	784		1,230	2,014
e6 Tuesday Fellowship					12	12
e7 Card Stall	2,404	2,119	285			285
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	15,731	13,012	2,719		11,283 (e11)	14,002 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	92,409 (a7)	88,237 (b9)	4,172	(c7)	64,693 (c6)	68,865 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	108,140	101,249	6,891		75,976 (x)	82,867 (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	27,802	25,051
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	34,645	41,518
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	2,246	2,296
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	64,693 (c6)	68,865 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	11,283 (e11)	14,002 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	75,976 (x)	82,867 (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)	1,749,084	1,819,380
g3 Other Assets	7,245	6,209
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	(3,584)	-732

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 Registered Charity No 1159370

Declarations and Scrutiny

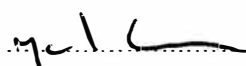
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 1-12-23

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 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19th October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Mark Roberts..... Date 5/12/23

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 2023. 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.

Name of Church . Radcliffe on Trent Methodist Church Registered Charity No 1159370

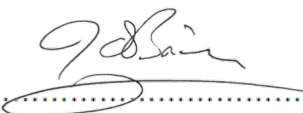
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 examiner John 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.....

Date04/01/2024.....

Appendix A – Church Council membership

The Church Council members during the financial year to 31st August 2023, unless otherwise stated, were:

Position	Name	Dates
Minister:	Rev Nichola Jones Rev Mark Roberts	Until 2 nd July 2023 From 3 rd July 2023
Church Stewards:	Annabelle Luce	
	Jean Smith	
	Ann Mills	
	Hilary Greenhalgh	
	Jan Sanderson	From 27 th September 2022
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	
	Gill Shirtcliffe	
	Elaine Upton	
	Neville Bemrose	
	Marion Petch	
	Gwyn Farmer	
	Stuart Mason	
	Sue Wakefield	
	Alan Wakefield	
Youth Group Leader	Mark Greenhalgh	
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Yvonne Ellison	
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Christine Morley	
Gift Aid Co-ordinator	Malcolm Anderson	Until 7 th March 2023
Charity Commission Registrar	Malcolm Anderson	Until 7 th March 2023
Gift Aid Co-ordinator	Peter Watson	From 7 th March 2023
Charity Commission Registrar	Peter Watson	From 7 th March 2023
Circuit Representative	Steve Nicholson	
Children's Representative	Andy Morley-Tyson	From 27 th September 2022