

The **Methodist** Church

Radcliffe-on-Trent

Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission, Financial Review, and Other Information for the Year ended 31st August 2025

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Annual report for the year ended 31st August 2025

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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 has had an action-packed year, where worshipping God has been at the core of who we are and the inspiration to serve each other and the wider community.

Worship

Sunday worship is at the heart of all we do at Radcliffe Methodist Church. Twice a month, our services have focused around 'A Methodist Way of Life'; twelve spiritual practices which can draw us deeper into Christ and send us out to transform our community for good. Every Sunday there are children's activities, either within the service or the children leave for age-appropriate teaching.

We have held many special services including the chapel anniversary, the harvest festival (with gifts for the food bank), a family hot chocolate and Christingle service, carol services, and Mothering Sunday worship—where flowers were gifted to people in the high street. A particular highlight was our scratch nativity where congregants and guests came dressed as their favourite nativity character (having several Marys was not a problem!) and took part in a lively, chaotic, unrehearsed nativity play. The Easter morning Communion service was especially well attended, and we had to prepare extra bread and wine during the service.

Life is not always full of joy and so we have made space for services which acknowledge our pain and to offer it into God's hands. In November we held a reflective service for those who had been bereaved. Our Christmas Eve service made space for quietly wondering at Jesus' birth. We held an ash-ing service at the beginning of lent giving us space to reflect on the things that we have done wrong and God's amazing forgiveness. Our Tenebrae and Good Friday services made space to reflect on Christ's agony at the Crucifixion and how God is with us in our pain.

We held a pilot Messy Church (craft-based family worship) in the Spring which was attended by church members and people from the community. Following a second Messy Church in the summer holiday, we agreed to hold the event once every half-term.

The church offers various prayer meetings and a Bible study group.

Pastoral Care

Radcliffe Methodist Church has a large team of trained pastoral visitors. Each member of the congregation (with their consent) is allocated a pastoral visitor who may offer encouragement and prayer support when needed. The pastoral visitors inform the minister if a member is especially struggling or would appreciate a home Communion service.

During the Spring, the pastoral visitors took part in a four-session training course 'Who Cares?' written by the Methodist Church. Particular highlights included having the space to reflect on what it means to be bereaved, and the space to learn new ways of supporting people spiritually.

Serving the community

Radcliffe Methodist Church continues to organise many regular community events. Activities provided for adults include Tuesday Lite (a social group for the elderly), a well-attended monthly soup lunch and ever popular coffee mornings and community Café. These are mostly attended by older people.

Children are served well through the provision of a weekly Little Angels toddler group. The minister leads assemblies and occasional lessons at Radcliffe Junior School. South Nottingham Academy's gardening club sent vegetables to our harvest festival. Many of the children attending our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Youth Group received bronze, silver and gold awards in a special ceremony in December. Unfortunately, due to a change in the personal circumstances of the key leader, this group has become less active as the year progressed.

Radcliffe Methodist Church loves to celebrate life and so we organised a community art project at the village carnival (where we also won second prize for our float), invited the community to our lively advent fayre, and hosted beautiful flower festival. Food always goes down well, and we have feasted our way through cream teas, harvest suppers and an amazing Garden party. We have raised money for several local and international charities, including Christian Aid where we ran a pop-up café and plant stall in the village's High Street.

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 2025/2026

During the coming year, we intend to continue these activities, with the exception of the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme, which is currently suspended and likely to close due to the withdrawal of support from Nottingham County Council and a change in the key leader's circumstances. We continue to discern the best way forward for this group, and the church as a whole.

Specific plans include:

- A vision day planned for October 11th lead by staff from the Methodist District to review where we are at set priorities for the coming months.
- Completing the Methodist Way of Life service series.
- To further embed a monthly prayer meeting focused on the church and local community needs.
- To increase the regularity of Messy Church to once a half-term
- To strengthen links with the junior school. This includes each year group coming to visit the church in November and the minister leading regular assemblies at the school.
- To build on the new and tentative links forming with the secondary school including visiting the school's gardening club and communicating with the Head of RE to see if we can help the school in anyway.
- A Christmas tree festival in place of the advent fayre as it has become less well attended over the last few years.
- To build on the tentative links being built with the local bookshop, who has asked for us to be involved in an (as yet unspecified) Christmas project.

Our minister will be taking on extra responsibilities within the Methodist Circuit commencing in the New Year.

6. Financial review

6.1 Income trends

Total income has decreased during the year from £98,030 in 2023-2024 to £93,959 this year. Income from standing order donations and the weekly collection have decreased by about £3,900, Income from lettings has increased from £13,470 to £16,367 due to increased demand. We don't expect the income from lettings to increase again next year, as we are approaching capacity. As expenses have increased this year our net income reduced by £13,206.

6.2 Expenditure trends

The major cost to the **General Fund (Unrestricted)** is the assessment paid to the Nottingham South Methodist Circuit. This was Increased to £53,316 for the year, as requested by the Nottingham South Methodist Circuit. A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers.

We have signed a new contract with EON for Gas and Electricity and expect it will cost slightly more than this year's amount.

The increase in the cost of living and a forecast rise in the employer's national insurance 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 £40,000 to £47,000. 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 2025, the church had the following balances.

£61,923 in the CFB account, of which **£47,000** is kept as reserves and **£14,923** is savings.

£21,317 in the NatWest current Account.

£2,502 is with TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes).

8. Structure, governance and management

- Radcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church is part of the Nottingham South Methodist Circuit of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, 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)
- 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 four people, Stephany Fogg, Peter Watson, Rebecca Patterson, and Sally Horn who oversee the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church. Stephany Fogg is the named contact as Treasurer.

Independent examiner

- Eva Stevens, Chief Executive, Community Accounting Plus. Units 1 and 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GY.

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 ...7th December 2025..... and signed on its behalf by:

Signature



Name :

Rev Naomi - Rachel Sporey

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 2025

Circuit	Circuit no.	22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1159370

If not a registered charity His 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. Naomi Sparey

Church Stewards:

Chris Boon	Hilary Greenhalgh
Ann Mills	Jan Sanderson
Jean Smith	Annabelle Luce

Lead Treasurer:

Stephany Fogg

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	74,580	20	74,600	78,509
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,688	114	2,802	2,842
a4	Lettings	16,367		16,367	13,470
a5	Other receipts	190		190	3,209
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	93,825	134	93,959 (a7)	98,030

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	53,316		53,316	51,276
b3	Donations	1,348		1,348	5,550
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	13,059		13,059	4,817
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,312		9,312	7,351
b6					
b7	Other payments	14,895	194	15,089	13,995
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	91,930	194	92,124 (b9)	82,989

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	1,895 (60)	1,835	15,041
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	81,275	2,632	83,907 (c6)	68,866
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	83,170	2,572	85,742
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	83,170	2,572	85,742 (c8)
					83,907 (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		23		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,937		869
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,960		846
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			23

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 2025 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 Youth Group	4,564	4,246	318		9,946	10,264
e2 Food for thought	1,526	2,422	(896)		3,601	2,705
e3 Traldcraft		13	(13)		13	(0)
e4 Community Café	3,518	3,052	466	(415)	425	476
e5 Little Angels	1,532	1,561	(29)		2,023	1,994
e6 Tuesday Fellowship		12	(12)		12	0
e7 Card Stall	1,856	1,186	469		695	1,165
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	12,796	12,492	304	(415)	16,715 (e11)	16,604
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	93,959 (a7)	92,124 (b9)	1,835	(c7)	83,907 (c6)	85,742
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	106,755	104,616	2,139	(415)	100,622 (x)	102,346
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
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	22,276	21,317
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	59,236	61,923
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	2,395	2,502
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	83,907 (c6)	85,742
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	16,715 (e11)	16,604
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	100,622 (x)	102,346

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,868,503	1,903,976
g3 Other Assets	6,407	6,124
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	(810)	(840)

Name of ChurchRadcliffe-on-Trent Methodist Church..... No 1159370

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

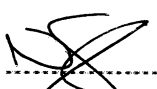
Signature of treasurer  Date 7-12-25

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 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 7th December 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev'd Naomi Sparey Date 07/12/2025

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 2025 set out on pages 10 to 14. 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 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 (other than that disclosed below*) 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 examinerEva Stevens.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examinerBSc, CPFA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...Community Accounting Plus

AddressUnits 1 & 2, Northwest

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Date

Appendix A – Church Council membership

The Church Council members during the financial year to 31st August 2024, unless otherwise stated, were:

Position	Name	Dates
Minister:	Rev'd Naomi Sparey	
Church Stewards:	Chris Boon	From 24-10-24
	Anabelle Luce	
	Jean Smith	
	Ann Mills	
	Hilary Greenhalgh	
	Jan Sanderson	
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	
	Elaine Upton	
	Neville Bemrose	Until 01-06-25
	Marion Petch	
	Gwyn Farmer	
	Stuart Mason	Until 11-02-24
	Sue Wakefield	Until 11-02-24
	Alan Wakefield	Until 11-02-24
	Jon Hancock	
	Lisa Jones	
	Angie Albery	From 01-06-25
	Andy Morley-Tyson	From 01-06-25
Youth Group Leader	Mark Greenhalgh	
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Christine Morley	Until 11-02-25
Gift Aid Co-ordinator	Peter Watson	
Charity Commission Registrar	Peter Watson	
Circuit Representative	Steve Nicholson	
Children's Representative	Andy Morley-Tyson	