

Cleckheaton Methodist Church Annual Report: September 2023 - August 2024

Minister: Revd M. Olsen; Treasurer: Mrs M. Brancken.

At the end of the year our church membership was 74 and the average congregational attendance at services was 58.

We continue to hold weekly Sunday morning services of worship with holy communion and all age worship each held monthly. Junior church meets with engaging activities provided to help young people and leaders explore the Christian faith. Throughout the year we also have several own arrangement services and benefit from the gifts in leading worship which members of the congregation have. During the year we have welcomed new people into our congregation. Most of our services have been live-streamed and available to watch afterwards via Facebook. This provision has been very much appreciated by those not able to attend worship in person.

We have been involved with Churches together in Cleckheaton and District and have held special services to mark the Christian festivals.

During Advent and Lent we met together for fellowship and to discuss the Bible, sharing with members from St Andrew's Methodist Church, Liversedge and other churches.

The church has a good network of pastoral visitors and pastoral support is a very important part of what we do. We held a memorial service to which we invited the families and friends of those whose loved ones had their funeral services in the church during the previous year.

In summer 2023 church volunteers began a new Breakfast club initiative which runs on Thursday mornings during school holidays. This offers a free breakfast and drinks alongside a space for families to come and meet, to play games, do crafts and share together at the end of the morning in a short act of worship suitable for children. Attendance grew throughout the year and from what parents who came along said, this has provided a much-needed place of welcome.

Church volunteers have been busy working in partnership with Acts 435 to support people in need locally. We have also continued to support and host Cleckheaton foodbank. There is an awareness of the level of need in the community around us: the church community fund is maintained to enable further support to be made as appropriate.

The Wednesday lunch club continues to gain new members, providing food, company and entertainment to older people. The weekly Friday coffee morning helps us to engage with people from the surrounding community. The monthly Meeting Place continues to be popular, providing a space for people to gather for food and company, jigsaws, games and table tennis are on offer. Table tennis and snooker groups also provide the opportunity for people to play, socialise and offer mutual support. Each of these church-run activities has been well received by the local community, we have formed new relationships and appreciate these opportunities to show God's welcome and love to our neighbours.

We are glad to be able to let our premises to a variety of user groups and, in particular, to support the Brownies and Guides who meet weekly and who joined us for our Remembrance Sunday service in November 2023.

During the year, we have taken time to explore our mission statement and to develop our priorities and an action plan. We are continuing to work on this together.

Mission statement: Our vision is to be a Church that welcomes all, who meet for worship, prayer and fellowship. We exist to share the light of Christ with our community, by our service and sharing of the good news of Jesus.

Priorities:

To offer opportunities for worship which are welcoming and accessible to all who seek God through Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit:

- offer an active welcome to any who join us and take the time to get to know them
- ensure the worship space is as accessible as possible
- encourage a range of worship styles and themes to be as inclusive as possible
- provide a variety of worship resources including continuing to stream worship

To be a community centred on Christ for people of all ages and grow in discipleship together:

- continue to develop Bible study/fellowship groups and prayer group
- support and encourage the involvement of families and young people
- create further opportunities to explore and live out the word of God together
- explore ways of evangelism and outreach around the Christian festivals and, where appropriate, as part of Churches Together in Cleckheaton and District

To serve the community of Cleckheaton and the surrounding area:

- offer a welcoming space within the church building for people to meet for fellowship and to combat social isolation
- host Cleckheaton Foodbank and provide a venue for other community initiatives
- support people in need in practical ways through the community fund and Acts 435 and speak out on behalf of those who find it hard for their voices to be heard
- to be aware of our impact on the environment, to encourage and where possible provide opportunities for recycling

To be a good neighbour globally:

- pray for global issues as well as national and local issues
- support charities locally and globally which promote social justice
- develop and promote understanding of how God's call to love our neighbour leads us to respond to global issues including climate change
- work towards achieving net zero as a church community in line with Methodist Church policy

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	39,918		39,918	29,257
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,844		6,844	2,810
a4	Lettings	19,614		19,614	14,796
a5	Other receipts	67,170	8,069	75,239	87,760
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	133,546	8,069	141,615 (a7)	134,623

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	34,020		34,020	32,400
b3	Donations	4,627		4,627	2,019
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	21,584		21,584	47,742
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,464		11,464	9,127
b6					
b7	Other payments	65,288	12,424	77,713	15,761
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	136,984	12,424	149,408 (b9)	107,049

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(3,438)	(4,355)	(7,793)	27,574
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	60,560	77,909	138,468 (c6)	110,894
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	57,122	73,554	130,675	138,468
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	57,122	73,554	130,675 (c8)	138,468 (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	508	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,558	3,877
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,976	3,370
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	90	508

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	141,615 (a7)	149,408 (b9)	(7,793)	(c7)	138,468 (c6)	130,675 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	141,615	149,408	(7,793)		138,468 (x)	130,675 (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 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	(508)	(90)
f2	Bank Current Account	10,886	8,078
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	96,537	116,548
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	31,553	6,139
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	138,468 (c6)	130,675 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,492,467
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)

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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.....

Name and address of treasurer ~~Marsia Brancken~~

....~~20 Hill Street, Cleckheaton~~..... Post Code.....~~BD19 3NP~~

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were~~d~~will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ..~~26 February 2025~~

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting~~Rev. Marian Olsen~~..... Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number~~1163144~~

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to 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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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~~/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.

J R Lister

Signature of independent examiner

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