

CANTLEY METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT to the CHARITY COMMISSION

for the year ended 31 August 2021

Charity Name

The name of the charity is Cantley Methodist Church.

Legal status

Cantley Methodist Church is registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales – Registered Charity Number 1163447.

Principal address and correspondence address:

Cantley Methodist Church, Highbury Avenue, Cantley, Doncaster DN4 6BT.

Trustees

The following were members of the Church Council as the Trustee body, and thus trustees of the charity at the date of this Report

Presbyter and Chair of Trustees: Revd. Dr. Jonathan Gichaara

Pastor: Mrs. Susanna Brookes

David Beardsall, Margaret Beardsall, David Clarke, Henry Curtis, Susan Curtis, Gwentyth Derry, Peter Goodman, Susan Hawley, Alison Hudson, Alan Mendum, Brenda Mendum, Colin Parrish, Jean Reynolds, Graham Robinson, Mary Scott, Michael Scott, Cathryn Street, Alan Unsworth, Stuart Willerton

Hazel Hepworth (Doncaster Methodist Circuit appointee)

Some Trustees are appointed because of their role in the Church: Church Stewards, Team Leaders, Church Treasurer.

Some are elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Church which is open to all members of the Church.

Structure, Governance and Management

Cantley Methodist Church forms part of Doncaster Methodist Circuit which in turn forms part of the Sheffield Methodist District of the Methodist Church.

The legal framework within which the Methodist Church is governed is given by the Methodist Church Act 1976 and provides for the Methodist Conference as the governing body of the Methodist Church.

The Church Council of Cantley Methodist Church serves as the Trustees Meeting and is the local managing body. Quarterly meetings are held to make decisions relating to the life of the Church. Appointments to the Church Council are governed by the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church.

Aims of the Organisation:

Mission Statement:

To gather to worship Christ

Together to grow in Christ.

To go and show Christ's love and make him known

Summary of Activities 2020-21

Structure and Management

* Church Council met four times during the year, all conducted on Zoom. Church Council continued to provide a robust decision making and monitoring body. It received written reports from the Teams and considered proposals from the Teams.

* Teams of 4/5 members performed the operational activity within the Church. The Teams are: Communications, Finance & Property, Outreach & Mission, and Worship; Pastoral and Safeguarding Teams are mandatory. Each team had a representative from the Stewards who both raised matters from the Stewards and reported back to the Stewards.

* Ad hoc teams can be established for specific purposes.

The importance and value of Communications within the Church

The Connexional Year 2020-21, with its dominant feature being the pandemic, emphasized the importance of communications both within the Church and in the wider Circuit. The Church was in lockdown with no services held in November 2020 and between January and March 2021 – a total of four months within the year. When the Church was opened for services, these were limited to one short service each Sunday and governed by the strict risk assessments embodied in Government and Methodist Church regulations. Inevitably, the numbers attending worship declined to an approximate average of 40 from a previous average of approximately 70.

To serve our wider congregation and to ensure that communication was effective, morning worship was broadcast online and CDs were also made available. A monthly Newsletter was distributed to all members and adherents by email or by post/hand delivery. Shepherds kept in regular contact with their flocks, particularly to those living alone. The Circuit also provided support with short daily acts of worship on the You Tube channel. Further methods of communication are given below.

Finance & Property

The Standard Form of Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 is attached.

The 2020-21 Financial Year was anything but a 'normal' year in Church finances, as in everything else. The impact of the pandemic on the Church's financial position was serious – to the extent that, after the first quarter of the year, a revised budget was presented to Church Council to cover the remaining nine months of the year. The comments below relate to the revised budget.

Income

* Personal giving: the budget prediction of £58,000 was exceeded by 16% to £67,306. The generosity of our members is noted and appreciated as is the fact that many turned to contribution by Standing Order, thus allowing a regular monthly income.

* Income received from the Gift Aid tax refund scheme (£21,105) was double the normal expected amount as it included a late payment from the previous year.

* Income derived from lettings inevitably suffered from the lockdown and, despite a recovery in the last quarter of the year, at £12,666, failed to reach the budget prediction of £14,000.

Expenditure

* The Church maintained its full contribution to the Circuit.

* Expenditure on utilities appears to have declined but this is largely due to the non-collection of due payments for electricity by our supplier. Cleaning charges increased as, in the pandemic, additional cleaning was required notably in the Church Hall.

* Expenditure on planned property projects largely consisted of the renovation of the rear entrance and a footpath alongside the Wesley Room.

Summary

Income 2020-21: £82,194

Expenditure 2020-21: £84,248

Deficit: Expenditure over Income £2,054

Reserves Policy. The policy agreed by the Trustees is to maintain unrestricted funds at a level that equates to three months' budgeted annual expenditure - £23,000 for the year under review. Reserves have been held at this level or more throughout the financial year ended 31st August 2021.

The building and contents are fully insured, and the Church carries public liability at an appropriate level.

How the church's work has developed towards fulfilling its aims during the past year.

The pandemic impacted on a number of groups who either ceased to meet throughout the year or confined themselves to meeting remotely on Zoom or Skype. These included:

- * Three house groups
- * Cantley Community Coffee Shop
- * C4 Community Lunch club
- * Living At Home under the auspices of Methodist Homes for the Aged.
- * Annual Memorial Service for families of the bereaved was cancelled.
- * Visits to Care Homes

However, some activities could continue:

- * A Prayer Chain enabled requests for prayer to flow across the membership.
- * A Whats App pastoral group was set up to enable Shepherds to keep in touch with one another and to share prayer requests.
- * A Christingle service was able to be held and was well supported by local children and parents
- * An 'after school' group for young children was able to continue.
- * The church continued to be available for baptisms, weddings and funerals but adherence to strict Covid regulations was required.

Safeguarding – all DBS checks were up to date as was all safeguarding training.

Progress of any special projects

- * Foodbank – items continued to be donated weekly to the local Food Bank by church members. Generous donations of money have also been made, especially when the Church was closed.
- * Traidcraft goods continued to be available.
- * The 'Shoebox' Operation Christmas Child appeal continued on a more limited scale and enabled us to send 55 boxes of presents to children in central Africa.
- * The Outreach and Mission Team continued its focus on behalf of the Doncaster Children's Air Ambulance charity. There has been continued support for All We Can. Funds have been raised for other charities, in all totaling £2.200 over the year.

Signed:



Date

02/02/2022

Minister and Chair of Trustees

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CANTLEY METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

DONCASTER

Circuit

Circuit no

25/14

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1163447

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 DR JONATHAN GICHAARA

Church Stewards:

ALAN UNSWORTH

ALISON HUDSON

STUART WILLERTON

BRENDA MENDUM

ALAN MENDUM

JEAN REYNOLDS

Treasurer:

STUART WILLERTON

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	67,306	1,107	68,413	45,503
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	67		67	290
a4	Lettings	12,666		12,666	19,297
a5	Other receipts	1,048		1,048	4,506
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	81,087	1,107	82,194 (a7)	69,596

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	59,500		59,500	44,625
b3	Donations	250		250	1,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	17,677		17,677	25,767
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,557		4,557	7,168
b6					
b7	Other payments	2,264		2,264	2,985
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	84,248		84,248 (b9)	81,545

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(3,161)	1,107	(2,054)		(11,949)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		52,085	4,543	56,628	(c6)	68,577
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	48,924	5,650	54,574		56,628
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	48,924	5,650	54,574	(c8)	56,628 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,198	2,055
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,198	2,055
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 2021 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 NETWORK		155	(155)		598	443
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds		155	(155)		598 (e11)	443 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	82,194 (a7)	84,248 (b9)	(2,054)	(c7)	56,628 (c6)	54,574 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	82,194	84,403	(2,209)		57,226 (x)	55,017 (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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	34	57
f2 Bank Current Account	14,699	21,119
f3 Bank Deposit Account	41,895	33,398
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	56,628 (c6)	54,574 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	598 (e11)	443 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	57,226 (x)	55,017 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,935,382	1,937,305
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)

Name of Church .. CANTLEY METHODIST CHURCH

No: 1163447

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 Stuart Willerton Date 20-9-2021

Name and address of treasurer STUART WILLERTON

35 GATESBRIDGE PARK, FINNINGLEY, DONCASTER Post Code: DN9 3NZ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19-10-21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Jonathan Gichaara

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV DR JONATHAN GICHAARA

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CANTLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number .. 1163447

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Cantley Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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 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 ALAN BURBANKS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 7 VICARAGE CLOSE, CANTLEY,

..... DONCASTER Post Code: DN4 6RL

Date 8.10.2021