

CANTLEY METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT to the CHARITY COMMISSION

for the year ended 31 August 2023

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.

Pastor and Chair of Trustees: Mrs. Susanna Brookes

David Beardsall, David Clarke, Marion Clarke, Janet Foster, Wilma Gibson, Alison Hudson, Alan Mendum, Brenda Mendum, Jean Reynolds (to March 2023), Linda Ross (to April 2023), Mary 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 2022-23

Structure and Management

* Church Council met four times during the year. 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.

In the Connexional Year 2022-23, the church had one Sunday morning service of worship at 10.00. The average weekly attendance across the year was 60-65.

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 those living alone. The church prayer chain was updated. A Shepherds' What's App group was established to enable prayer requests to be shared by all Shepherds in a timely manner.

Finance & Property

The Standard Form of Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023 is attached.

Income

* In terms of income from personal giving, the target of £60,500 was not reached by 5%. A fall in membership as a result of the number of deaths and those leaving the church very largely explains this. It was more noticeable in the decline in monies received in the weekly collections rather than in monies received from Standing Orders.

* In contrast, the Gift Day Appeal exceeded expectations.

* Gift Aid Tax Refund continued to make an important contribution to church finances – a steady £11,000 per annum.

* Income derived from lettings was less than anticipated by about 10%.

* Additional sources of income in the year included donations, a rise in interest rates, and a Warm Spaces grant of £500. Combined these amounted to c. £10,000.

Expenditure

* In general expenditure, the main reason for the underspend was the reduced church assessment payment to the Circuit.

* In expenditure on property, the great unknown at this point last year was the cost of utilities. The overspend of the budget estimate of £835 was not as great as had been feared - and was largely made up by the grant of £500 for Warm Spaces.

* The one significant property project was the replacement of the audio system in the main church. This was paid for by monies received from bequests.

Summary

Income 2022-23: £89,567

Expenditure 2022-23: £90,104

Deficit: Expenditure over Income: £537

Reserves Policy. The policy agreed by the Trustees is to maintain unrestricted funds at a level that equates to three months' budgeted annual expenditure - £23,600 for the year under review. Reserves have been held at this level or more throughout the financial year ending 31st August 2023.

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 following are provided as examples:

* Cantley Community Coffee Shop

* Network for All

* Living At Home under the auspices of Methodist Homes for the Aged

* Annual Memorial Service for families of the bereaved

* Visits to Care Homes at Harvest, Christmas and Easter

* Prayer and Praise session bi-monthly

* 'Churches Together in Cantley' organised carol singing at the local shops; and a joint service in the Week for Christian Unity

* A Christingle service was held and was well supported by local children and parents

* A visit by a local school brought 60 pupils aged 9/10 into the church

* The church continued to support home and world mission charities, and during the period of this report over £2,000 was sent to various charities.

* The church continued to be available for baptisms, weddings and funerals

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

Progress of any special projects

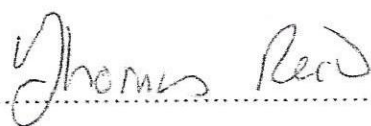
* Foodbank – items continued to be donated weekly to the local Food Bank by church members.

* Doncaster Homeless – items were donated for use by this charity

* FairTrade goods continued to be available.

* The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal continued and enabled us to send 96 boxes of presents to children in the Ukraine and Moldova.

Signed:



Date 19 February 2024

Rev. T. Read

Presbyter and Chair of Trustees

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CANTLEY METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

DONCASTER	Circuit	Circuit no.	25/14
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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:

PASTOR SUSANNA BROOKES

Church Stewards:

ALAN MENDUM

MARION CLARKE

Treasurer:

STUART WILLERTON

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	57,451		57,451	57,955
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,651		1,651	184
a4	Lettings	17,169		17,169	19,833
a5	Other receipts	6,867	6,430	13,297	9,507
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	83,138	6,430	89,568 (a7)	87,479

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	57,630		57,630	59,797
b3	Donations	341		341	4,084
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,937		7,937	8,225
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,722		15,722	8,546
b6					
b7	Other payments	2,206	6,268	8,474	3,896
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	83,836	6,268	90,104 (b9)	84,548

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(698)	162	(536)	2,931
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	50,391	7,114	57,505 (c6)	54,574
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	49,693	7,276	56,969	57,505
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	49,693	7,276	56,969 (c8)	57,505 (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	2,082	3,380
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,082	3,380
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 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	89,568 (a7)	90,104 (b9)	(536)	(c7)	57,505 (c6)	56,969 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	89,568	90,104	(536)		57,505 (x)	56,969 (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	26	88
f2 Bank Current Account	7,474	12,783
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	50,005	44,098
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	57,505 (c6)	56,969 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	57,505 (x)	56,969 (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)	2,148,447	2,365,467
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)

Name of Church .. CANTLEY METHODIST CHURCH

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 *Stuart Willerton* Date *18-9-23*

Name and address of Treasurer STUART WILLERTON

35 GATESBRIDGE PARK, FINNINGLEY, DONCASTER DN9 3NZ

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 16 October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Tom Read*

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV TOM READ Date *16/10/23*

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 2023 set out on pages 2 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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No 1163447

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 October 2023