

CANTLEY METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT to the CHARITY COMMISSION

for the year ended 31 August 2024

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: Rev. Tom Read

David Beardsall, David Clarke, Marion Clarke, Janet Foster, Wilma Gibson, Alison Hudson, Alan Mendum, Brenda Mendum, Mary Scott, Cathryn Street, Alan Unsworth, Stuart Willerton

Kathryn Harris (Doncaster Methodist Circuit appointee)

Some Trustees are appointed because of their role in the Church: Church Stewards, Safeguarding Officer, Church Treasurer, Pastoral Secretary

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 2023-24

Structure and Management

* Church Council met four times during the year. It continued as a decision making and monitoring body. It received written reports from the Teams and considered proposals from the Teams.

* The Leadership Team has the overarching responsibility for the administration of the Church. It is supported by Teams of 4/5 members performing the operational activity within the Church. The Teams are Communications, Finance & Property, Outreach & Mission. Pastoral and Safeguarding Teams are mandatory. Each team had a representative from the Leadership Team who both raises matters from that team and reports back to it.

* Ad hoc teams can be established for specific purposes.

Safeguarding

All DBS checks were up to date. Safeguarding training at both Foundation and Advanced levels was undertaken by the relevant members.

The importance and value of Communications within the Church

In the Connexional Year 2023-24, the church had one Sunday morning service of worship at 10.00. The average weekly attendance across the year was 50-55.

A monthly Newsletter, distributed to all members and adherents by email or hard copy, kept all in touch with church events. Shepherds kept in regular contact with their flocks, particularly those living alone. A church prayer chain, open to all members, was in place for speedy communication. A Shepherds' What's App group shared prayer requests in a timely manner to all Shepherds.

Finance & Property

The Standard Form of Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 is attached.

Income

* In terms of income from personal giving, the actual amount received was very marginally under that estimated. Within that, there was a decline in the total received from Standing Orders (down by 6.4%). This was largely explained by a fall in membership.

* the Gift Day appeal exceeded expectations.

* the contribution from the Gift Aid Refund Scheme remained important to church finances, bringing an income of c. £11,000

* Income derived from room lettings showed an increase of 15% to that predicted. This is largely due to an additional Slimming World class and the impact of the rental increase from January 2024.

* Taking all income sources, the final total of £87,119 exceeded the budget prediction of £79,750 by 9.3%.

Expenditure

* the single biggest item of expenditure remained the contribution paid to the Circuit

* the reduction in expenditure on utilities to that estimated was the most significant item of expenditure. There were a number of reasons for this. Most importantly were a general fall in utility prices and new, more beneficial, contracts with utility companies.

* in expenditure on property, as in previous years, there were no planned projects. Expenditure on property was therefore one of general maintenance and repairs.

In Summary: Church finances realised an excess of income over expenditure of £11,713

Reserves Policy. The policy agreed by the Trustees is to maintain unrestricted funds at a level that equates to three months' budgeted annual expenditure - £19,200 for the year under review. Reserves have been held at this level or more throughout the financial year ending 31st August 2024.

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 local Care Homes at Harvest, Christmas and Easter
- * Bible study courses in Lent and June
- * Visits by a local school brought 90 pupils aged 7 to 10 into the church
- * The church continued to support home and world mission charities, and during the period of this report over £1,600 was sent to various charities.
- * The church continued to be available for baptisms, weddings and funerals
- * Foodbank: items continued to be donated weekly to the local Food Bank by church members.
- * Doncaster Homeless: items were donated for use by these charities
- * FairTrade goods continued to be available.
- * The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal continued and enabled us to send 99 boxes of presents to children in the Ukraine and Moldova.

Progress of any special projects

- * The church took the first steps to becoming recognised as an EcoChurch

Signed: J. Henry Date 12/02/25

Rev. J. Henry

Presbyter and Chair of Trustees from 1st September 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CANTLEY METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

DONCASTER	Circuit	Circuit no.	25/14
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1163447
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If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number	
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(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 TOM READ

Church Stewards:

ALAN MENDUM	MARION CLARKE
BRENDA MENDUM	ALISON HUDSON

Treasurer:

STUART WILLERTON

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		55,141		55,141	57,451
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,627		2,627	1,651
a4	Lettings		21,839		21,839	17,169
a5	Other receipts		5,262	2,250	7,512	13,297
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		84,869	2,250	87,119 (a7)	89,568

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		47,751		47,751	57,630
b3	Donations		534		534	341
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		9,161		9,161	7,937
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		9,666		9,666	15,722
b6						
b7	Other payments		3,362	4,932	8,294	8,474
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		70,474	4,932	75,406 (b9)	90,104

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	14,395	(2,682)	11,713	(536)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		49,693	7,276	56,969 (c6)	57,505
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	64,088	4,594	68,682	56,969
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	64,088	4,594	68,682 (c8)	56,969 (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		1,691	2,082
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,691	2,082
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 2024 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)	87,119 (a7)	75,406 (b9)	11,713	(c7)	56,969 (c6)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	87,119	75,406	11,713	56,969 (x)	68,682 (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	88	189
f2 Bank Current Account	12,783	6,649
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	44,098	61,844
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	56,969 (c6)	68,682 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	56,969 (x)	68,682 (y)

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)	2,365,467	2,424,584
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 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

Stuart Willerton

Date

19-9-2024

Name and address of TreasurerSTUART WILLERTON

35 GATESBRIDGE PARK, FINNINGLEY, DOMCASTER DN9 3NZ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held On 23 October 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

John Henry

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV JOHN HENRY

Date

22/10/24

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 2024 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.

Name of Church CANTLEY METHOFIDT CHURCH

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 13. OCTOBER. 2024