

CANTLEY METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT to the CHARITY COMMISSION

for the year ended 31 August 2025

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, Goodison Boulevard, 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. John Henry

Pastor: Sean Worsley

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. Three meetings are held each year 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 2024-25

Structure and Management

* Church Council met three 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. This consists of the Stewards, the Safeguarding Officer and the Treasurer, and is chaired by either the Presbyter or the Pastor. 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 has 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

The Safeguarding policy for 2024-25 was approved by Church Council. All office holders now have role descriptions. Comprehensive up to date safeguarding information is displayed throughout the building with details of local, regional and national support. 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 2024-25, the church had one Sunday morning service of worship at 10.00. The average weekly attendance across the year was 45-50.

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 2025 is attached.

Income

* In terms of income from personal giving, the actual amount received was very marginally under that estimated. However, it is worthy of note that, compared with personal giving in 2023-24, there has been a decline of 5.5%. This is largely explained by a fall in membership.

* It is also worthy of highlighting the amount received through the Gift Aid Refund Scheme – in simple comparison, the £10,077 so far received (a small additional refund is expected) equates to half of the surplus achieved in the year.

* Income derived from room lettings at £22,805 showed a slight increase from 2023-24 (4%).

* Taking all income sources, the final total of £89,528 exceeded the budget prediction of £80,700 by 11%.

Expenditure

* In general expenditure, the Circuit Assessment was lower than predicted. One of the criteria for the assessment is church membership, and the decline here helps to explain the reduced amount.

* The reduction in expenditure on utilities, cleaning, etc to that estimated is the most significant item of expenditure. There are a number of reasons for this. Most importantly are a general fall in utility prices and new, more beneficial, fixed term contracts with utility companies.

* Re expenditure on property. As in previous years, no planned projects have been presented to Church Council. Expenditure on property has therefore been one of general maintenance and repairs, and these have been less than estimated.

In Summary: Church finances realised an excess of income over expenditure of £20,869

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 2025.

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 100 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 £2,000 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 101 boxes of presents to children in the Ukraine and Moldova.

Progress of any special projects

- * The church submitted an application to become recognised as an EcoChurch (Bronze Award) - this was ratified in September 2025

Signed:



Date



Rev. J. Henry

Presbyter and Chair of Trustees from 1st September 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CANTLEY METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

DONCASTER	Circuit	Circuit no.	25/14
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1163447

**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 JOHN HENRY

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		52,618		52,618	55,141
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,871		2,871	2,627
a4	Lettings		22,805		22,805	21,839
a5	Other receipts		7,987	3,247	11,234	7,512
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		86,281	3,247	89,528 (a7)	87,119

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		44,633		44,633	47,751
b3	Donations		454		454	534
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		9,165		9,165	9,161
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		9,115		9,115	9,666
b6						
b7	Other payments		2,630	2,662	5,292	8,294
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		65,997	2,662	68,659 (b9)	75,406

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	20,284	585	20,869	11,713
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		64,088	4,594	68,682 (c6)	56,969
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	84,372	5,179	89,551	68,682
c4	Transfers and adjustments		136	(136)	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	84,508	5,043	89,551 (c8)	68,682 (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					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,038		1,691
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,038		1,691
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 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						
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)	89,528 (a7)	68,659 (b9)	20,869	68,682 (c6)	89,551 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	89,528	68,659	20,869	68,682 (x)	89,551 (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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	189	520
f2	6,649	19,801
f3		
f4	61,844	69,230
f5		
f6		
f7	68,682 (c6)	89,551 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	68,682 (x)	89,551 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1		
g2	2,424,584	2,605,000
g3		
g4		
g5		

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 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 SA Willerton Date 23-9-25

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 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 29 October 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting John Henry

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV JOHN HENRY Date 29/10/25

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 2025 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 METHODIST 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 16 October 2025