

# LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1163996

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2015-10-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 15 Stretton Drive  
Southport  
PR9 7DR

**Phone** 01704226160

**Website** [www.lordstreetwestunitedchurch.co.uk](http://www.lordstreetwestunitedchurch.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO):A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

**Activities:** a) Celebration of public worshipb) The teaching of the Christian faithc) Mission and evangelismd) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereavede) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs, andf) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Sefton

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £114,057 | £143,701    | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £111,342 | £176,283    | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £178,304 | £137,453    | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £128,972 | £102,403    | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £258,861 | £106,948    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                    | Role | Appointed  |
|-------------------------|------|------------|
| BARRY DAVID EDWARDS     |      | 2014-05-06 |
| DOROTHY ANN ANDERSON    |      | 2014-05-06 |
| HILARY MARGARET AMBROSE |      | 2014-05-06 |
| IAN WRIGHT              |      | 2014-05-06 |
| JOAN BENNETT            |      | 2022-04-12 |
| KAREN ROSE PHILLIPS     |      | 2014-05-06 |
| Lesley Meredith         |      | 2019-10-20 |
| MARIA EDWARDS           |      | 2022-04-12 |
| RUTH CAROL LANE SRC     |      | 2014-05-06 |
| Susan Patricia Yelland  |      | 2016-05-01 |
| TIM HALL                |      | 2014-05-06 |
| WENDY ANN WRIGHT        |      | 2022-09-06 |
| WENDY EILEEN ASPIN      |      | 2014-05-06 |

**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163996

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# Accounts

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LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name: Lord Street West United Church  
Charity's principal address: Lord Street West United Church  
Lord Street West  
Southport  
Merseyside PR8 2BH

Trustees during the year and since the year end:

Hilary Ambrose  
Dorothy Anderson  
Wendy Aspin  
Joan Bennett  
Barry Edwards  
Maria Edwards  
Timothy Hall  
Gillian Hill to 16 July 2025  
Ruth Lane  
Lesley Meredith  
Karen Phillips  
Ian Wright  
Wendy Wright  
Susan Yelland

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and practices of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In achieving its purpose, the charity engages in a range of activities including:

- a) The celebration of public worship;
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- c) Mission and evangelism;
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- e) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- f) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year ended 31 December 2024, Lord Street West United Church celebrated public worship every Sunday at 10.45 except on four Sundays when we had joint services with the other churches in the Southport and Formby Team Ministry and on one Sunday when we had a joint service with the other churches in the Southport Methodist Circuit. Worship is led by our ministers and by ministers and preachers from the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. The music in our worship is enhanced by our choir and organist. JAM Club (Jesus and Me) for children took place at the same time as the morning service.

On Wednesday mornings there was coffee and fellowship at 10.30am followed by a service from 11.15am to 11.45am.

Messy Church, for families, was held on some Saturdays during the year.

Pastoral care is provided by the minister, outreach and pastoral worker and pastoral visitors. Each member has a pastoral visitor, co-ordinated by our pastoral secretary.

Our Outreach and Pastoral Worker also takes Extended Communion to those who cannot attend church and organises Messy Church, Little Fishes, Baby Boogies and Matewatchers.

The work of the church was also carried out through the following church organisations:

Monday Fellowship  
Parent and Toddler Group known as Little Fishes  
Baby Boogies  
Matewatchers  
West End Players  
Youth Club

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year ended 31 December 2024, on the unrestricted funds, payments exceeded receipts by £33,798. The largest item of payments are the assessments and contributions paid to the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, which pay for the costs of ministry and the wider work of the two denominations. The unrestricted funds had balances of £343,274 at 31 December 2024, comprising General Fund of £50,000, Legacy Fund of £199,814 and Sunter Fund of £93,460. The Sunter Fund has been designated to pay for the Lay Worker.

The restricted funds of £7,980 comprised the Benevolent Fund of £366, Roof Fund of £6,351, Fridge Fund of £400 and the unspent balance of a grant received for the youth club of £863.

The church organisations had opening balances of £6,962, receipts of £4,686, payments of £2,843, contributions to the church of £2,100 and closing balances of £6,705.

## RESERVES POLICY

A minimum of £50,000 of unrestricted funds is held to cover six months' assessments, contributions and running costs.

Approved by the Church Council 8 September 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev P Evans', written in a cursive style.

Rev P Evans  
Chair

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Lord Street West United

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2024

|           |         |             |       |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| Southport | Circuit | Circuit no. | 18/19 |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-------|

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1163996

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 Patrick Evans

Church Stewards:

Hilary Ambrose

Dorothy Anderson

Barry Edwards

Ruth Lane

Lesley Meredith

Wendy Wright

Treasurer:

Ian Wright

| SECTION A |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| a1        | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             |                    |                  |                     |                  |
|           | <b>Note</b>                                 |                    |                  |                     |                  |
| a2        | Offerings and Tax recovered                 | 24,331             |                  | <b>24,331</b>       | 23,318           |
| a3        | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 7,844              |                  | <b>7,844</b>        | 9,495            |
| a4        | Lettings                                    | 44,316             |                  | <b>44,316</b>       | 54,207           |
| a5        | Other receipts                              | 30,569             | 2,311            | <b>32,880</b>       | 24,322           |
| a6        | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>107,060</b>     | <b>2,311</b>     | <b>109,371 (a7)</b> | <b>111,342</b>   |

| SECTION B |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| b1        | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                  |                     |                  |
| b2        | Circuit Assessment or Share                               | 31,363             |                  | <b>31,363</b>       | 31,670           |
| b3        | Donations   |                    |                  |                     | 2,130            |
| b4        | Repairs and Maintenance                                   | 24,569             |                  | <b>24,569</b>       | 28,807           |
| b5        | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 34,228             |                  | <b>34,228</b>       | 41,842           |
| b6        | Lay Worker  | 16,971             |                  | <b>16,971</b>       | 20,071           |
| b7        | Other payments  | 33,727             |                  | <b>33,727</b>       | 51,763           |
| b8        | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                     | <b>140,858</b>     |                  | <b>140,858 (b9)</b> | <b>176,283</b>   |

| SECTION C |  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year    |
|-----------|--|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| c1        | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  | <b>(a6-b8)</b>     | <b>2,311</b>     | <b>(31,487)</b>     | <b>(64,941)</b>     |
| c2        | Total funds brought forward from last year | 375,072            | 5,569            | <b>380,641 (c6)</b> | 442,982             |
| c3        | <b>Sub total</b>                           | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | <b>7,880</b>     | <b>349,154</b>      | <b>378,041</b>      |
| c4        | Transfers and adjustments                  | 2,000              | 100              | <b>2,100 (c7)</b>   | 2,600               |
| c5        | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>          | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>7,980</b>     | <b>351,254 (c8)</b> | <b>380,641 (c6)</b> |

| SECTION D   |  | £                 | £   |
|---|--|-------------------|-----|
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |  |                   |     |
| d   | <b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)</b> |                   |     |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year   |                   |     |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                            | 405               | 753 |
| d3  | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations                               | 405               | 753 |
| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>  | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b> |     |

**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 December 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/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening<br>balances | Closing balances   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| e1 Flower Fund  | 395                   | 559                   | (164)                     |             | 1,117               | 953                |
| e2 Monday Fellowship  | 864                   | 309                   | 555                       | (600)       | 428                 | 383                |
| e3 West End Players   | 1,972                 | 1,131                 | 841                       | (943)       | 5,159               | 5,057              |
| e4 West End Players Juniors   | 556                   | 112                   | 444                       | (557)       | 258                 | 145                |
| e5 Youth Club   | 899                   | 732                   | 167                       |             |                     | 167                |
| e6  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e7  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 4,686                 | 2,843                 | 1,843                     | (2,100)     | 6,962 (e11)         | 6,705 (e12)        |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 109,371 (a7)          | 140,858 (b9)          | (31,487)                  | 2,100 (c7)  | 380,641 (c6)        | 351,254 (c8)       |
| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH                                     | <b>114,057</b>        | <b>143,701</b>        | <b>(29,644)</b>           |             | <b>387,603 (x)</b>  | <b>357,959 (y)</b> |
| Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward  | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                    |

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 December 2024**

|  | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 14,872              | 10,804              |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account  |                     |                     |
| f4 Central Finance Board   | 179,957             | 139,804             |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  | 185,812             | 200,646             |
| f6 Other funds   |                     |                     |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts   | <b>380,641 (c6)</b> | <b>351,254 (c8)</b> |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | <b>6,962 (e11)</b>  | <b>6,705 (e12)</b>  |
| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH   | <b>387,603 (x)</b>  | <b>357,959 (y)</b>  |

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 January 2024 | At<br>31 December<br>2024 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 2,787                | 2,807                     |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) | 15,504,746           | 17,365,317                |
| 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: Lord Street West United Church No: 1163996

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 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 ..... *I Wright* ..... Date: 7th May 2025

Name and address of treasurer: Ian Wright

15 Stretton Drive, Southport, Merseyside Post Code PR9 7DR

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 8th September 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Patrick Evans* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... *REV. PATRICK EVANS* ..... Date *8/9/25* .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Lord Street West United Church

Charity Number 1163996

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lord Street West United Church for the year ended 31 December 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.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: Lord Street West United Church No: 1163996.

### 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.

Signature of independent examiner MDJ

Name of independent examiner MICHAEL DEREK SALE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FLA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 24 WALBURY AVENUE SOUTHAMPTON

Post Code SO8 2TA

Date 08/09/2025

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England & Wales - Charity number 1163996

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# Accounts

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|                   |                   |          |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
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| Dorothy Anderson  |                   |          |
| Wendy Aspin       |                   |          |
| Joan Bennett      |                   |          |
| Janet Broster     | to 21 May 2023    |          |
| Barry Edwards     |                   |          |
| Maria Edwards     |                   |          |
| Rev Patrick Evans | from 1 April 2024 | Minister |
| Timothy Hall      |                   |          |
| Gillian Hill      |                   |          |
| Sandra Jackson    | to 30 March 2024  |          |
| Rachel Kinnings   |                   |          |
| Ruth Lane         |                   |          |
| Rev Peter Lyth    | to 31 March 2024  | Minister |
| Lesley Meredith   |                   |          |
| Karen Phillips    |                   |          |
| Rev Hilary Smith  | to 31 March 2024  | Minister |
| Margaret Smith    | to 21 May 2023    |          |
| Sylvia Walton     | to 21 May 2023    |          |
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| Wendy Wright      |                   |          |
| Susan Yelland     |                   |          |

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Youth Club

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year ended 31 December 2023, on the unrestricted funds, payments exceeded receipts by £66,498. The deficit arose largely because of a payment for materials for the hall roofs and an increase in the cost of gas, electricity and water. The largest item of payments are the assessments and contributions paid to the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, which pay for the costs of ministry and the wider work of the two denominations. The unrestricted funds had balances of £375,072 at 31 December 2023, comprising General Fund of £50,000, Legacy Fund of £229,475 and Sunter Fund of £95,597. The Sunter Fund has been designated to pay for the Lay Worker.

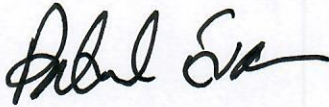
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## RESERVES POLICY

A minimum of £50,000 of unrestricted funds is held to cover six months' assessments, contributions and running costs.

Approved by the Church Council 10 September 2024



Rev P Evans  
Chair

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Lord Street West United | Church |
|-------------------------|--------|

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 December 2023**

|                  |                |                    |              |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Southport</b> | <b>Circuit</b> | <b>Circuit no.</b> | <b>18/19</b> |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

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| 1163996 |
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Minister:

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Church Stewards:

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Hilary Ambrose | Dorothy Anderson                |
| Barry Edwards  | Chris Lane (to 23 October 2023) |
| Ruth Lane      | Lesley Meredith                 |
| Wendy Wright   |                                 |
|                |                                 |
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|                |                                 |

Treasurer:

|            |
|------------|
| Ian Wright |
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| SECTION A |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| a1        | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             | Note               |                  |                     |                  |
| a2        | Offerings and Tax recovered                 | 23,318             |                  | 23,318              | 19,866           |
| a3        | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 9,495              |                  | 9,495               | 2,255            |
| a4        | Lettings                                    | 54,207             |                  | 54,207              | 59,950           |
| a5        | Other receipts                              | 21,939             | 2,383            | 24,322              | 96,233           |
| a6        | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>108,959</b>     | <b>2,383</b>     | <b>111,342 (a7)</b> | <b>178,304</b>   |

| SECTION B |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| b1        | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                  |                     |                  |
| b2        | Circuit Assessment or Share                               | 31,670             |                  | 31,670              | 36,265           |
| b3        | Donations   | 2,130              |                  | 2,130               | 1,990            |
| b4        | Repairs and Maintenance                                   | 28,807             |                  | 28,807              | 23,621           |
| b5        | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 41,842             |                  | 41,842              | 27,090           |
| b6        | Lay Worker  | 20,071             |                  | 20,071              | 18,404           |
| b7        | Other payments  | 50,937             | 826              | 51,763              | 30,083           |
| b8        | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                     | <b>175,457</b>     | <b>826</b>       | <b>176,283 (b9)</b> | <b>137,453</b>   |

| SECTION C |  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year    |                     |
|-----------|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|           |  | £                  | £                | £                | £                   |                     |
| c1        | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  | (a6-b8)            | (66,498)         | 1,557            | (64,941)            | 40,851              |
| c2        | Total funds brought forward from last year | 439,070            | 3,912            | 442,982 (c6)     | 397,300             |                     |
| c3        | <b>Sub total</b>                           | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | <b>372,572</b>   | <b>5,469</b>     | <b>378,041</b>      | <b>438,151</b>      |
| c4        | Transfers and adjustments                  | 2,500              | 100              | 2,600 (c7)       | 4,831               |                     |
| c5        | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>          | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>375,072</b>   | <b>5,569</b>     | <b>380,641 (c8)</b> | <b>442,982 (c6)</b> |

| SECTION D   |   | £   | £   |
|---|---|-----|-----|
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |   |     |     |
| 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                           | 753 | 593 |
| d3  | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations                              | 753 | 593 |
| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>   |     |     |
|   | (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 December 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/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening<br>balances | Closing balances |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| e1 Flower Fund  | 525                   | 429                   | 96                        |             | 1,021               | 1,117            |
| e2 Monday Fellowship  | 652                   | 296                   | 356                       | (500)       | 572                 | 428              |
| e3 West End Players   | 3,107                 | 951                   | 2,156                     | (1,317)     | 4,320               | 5,159            |
| e4 West End Players Juniors   | 815                   | 9                     | 806                       | (783)       | 235                 | 258              |
| e5 Youth Club   | 861                   | 861                   |                           |             |                     |                  |
| e6  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                  |
| e7  |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                  |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 5,960                 | 2,546                 | 3,414                     | (2,600)     | 6,148 (e11)         | 6,962 (e12)      |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 111,342 (a7)          | 176,283 (b9)          | (64,941)                  | 2,600 (c7)  | 442,982 (c6)        | 380,641 (c8)     |
| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH                                     | 117,302               | 178,829               | (61,527)                  |             | 449,130 (x)         | 387,603 (y)      |
|   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                  |

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 December 2023**

|  | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 47,324              | 14,872              |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account  |                     |                     |
| f4 Central Finance Board   | 222,884             | 179,957             |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  | 172,774             | 185,812             |
| f6 Other funds   |                     |                     |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts   | 442,982 (c6)        | 380,641 (c8)        |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | 6,148 (e11)         | 6,962 (e12)         |
| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH   | 449,130 (x)         | 387,603 (y)         |

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 January 2023 | At<br>31 December<br>2023 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 2,699                | 2,787                     |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) | 13,843,522           | 15,504,746                |
| 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

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Name of Church Lord Street West United Church No 1163996

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 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 ..... *I. Wright* ..... Date 24th August 2024

Name and address of treasurer Ian Wright

15 Stretton Drive, Southport, Merseyside Post Code PR9 7DR

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 10th September 2024.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Patrick Evans* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... *REV PATRICK EUANS* ..... Date *10.9.24* .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lord Street West United Church

Charity Number 1163996

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lord Street West United Church for the year ended 31 December 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

Name of Church Lord Street West United Church No 1163996

### 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:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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Signature of independent examiner ..... M.D. Sale

Name of independent examiner ..... MICHAEL DEBEK SAU

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCA - ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 24 HARBURY INSURANCE, SOUTHPORT,

..... MERSEYSIDE Post Code PR8 2TA

Date ..... 11/09/2024

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163996

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# Accounts

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LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name: Lord Street West United Church  
Charity's principal address: Lord Street West United Church  
Lord Street West  
Southport  
Merseyside PR8 2BH

Trustees during the year and since the year end:

Hilary Ambrose  
Dorothy Anderson  
Wendy Aspin  
Joan Bennett  
Janet Broster  
Barry Edwards  
Timothy Hall  
Gillian Hill  
Sandra Jackson  
Rachel Kinnings  
Ruth Lane  
Rev Peter Lyth Minister  
Lesley Meredith  
Karen Phillips  
Rev Hilary Smith (appointed 13 September 2022) Minister  
Margaret Smith  
Sylvia Walton  
Ian Wright  
Wendy Wright  
Susan Yelland

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The governing document of Lord Street West United Church is the Constitution adopted on 6 May 2014.

Lord Street West United Church is a charitable unincorporated association.  
Lord Street West United Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

The charity is administered by a body of trustees consisting of:

- a) Ex officio Trustees, being the ministers of the Local Ecumenical Partnership for the time being
- b) Thirsty six Elected trustees are elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) Not more than six co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and practices of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In achieving its purpose, the charity engages in a range of activities including:

- a) The celebration of public worship;
- b) The teaching of the Christian faith;
- c) Mission and evangelism;
- d) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- e) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- f) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year ended 31 December 2022, Lord Street West United Church celebrated public worship every Sunday at 10.45 except on four Sundays when we had joint services with the other churches in the Southport and Formby Team Ministry and on two Sundays when we had joint services with the other churches in the Southport Methodist Circuit. Worship is led by our ministers and by ministers and preachers from the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. The music in our worship is enhanced by our choir and organist. JAM Club (Jesus and Me) for children took place at the same time as the morning service.

On Wednesday mornings there was coffee and fellowship at 10.30am followed by a service from 11.15am to 11.45am.

Messy Church, for families, was held on some Saturdays during the year.

Pastoral care is provided by the minister, outreach and pastoral worker and pastoral visitors. Each member has a pastoral visitor, co-ordinated by our pastoral secretary.

Our Outreach and Pastoral Worker also takes Extended Communion to those who cannot attend church and organises Messy Church, Little Fishes, Baby Boogies and Matewatchers.

The work of the church was also carried out through the following church organisations:

Monday Fellowship

Parent and Toddler Group known as Little Fishes

Baby Boogies

Matewatchers

West End Players

Youth Club

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year ended 31 December 2022, on the unrestricted funds, receipts exceeded payments by £41,776. The surplus arose because of legacies of £57,000. The largest item of payments are the assessments and contributions paid to the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, which pay for the costs of ministry and the wider work of the two denominations. The unrestricted funds had balances of £439,070 at 31 December 2022, comprising General Fund of £50,000, Legacy Fund of £286,440 and Sunter Fund of £102,630. The Sunter Fund has been designated to pay for the Lay Worker.

The restricted funds of £3,912 comprised the Benevolent Fund of £342, Roof Fund of £1,881 and the unspent balance of grants received for the youth club and toddler groups of £1,689. The church organisations had opening balances of £10,964, receipts of £4,326, payments of £4,311, contributions to the church of £4,831 and closing balances of £6,148.

## RESERVES POLICY

A minimum of £50,000 of unrestricted funds is held to cover six months' assessments, contributions and running costs.

Approved by the Church Council 26 September 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P J Lyth', written in a cursive style.

Rev P J Lyth  
Chair

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Lord Street West United

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2022

|           |         |             |       |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| Southport | Circuit | Circuit no. | 18/19 |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-------|

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1163996

**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. Peter Lyth

Church Stewards:

Hilary Ambrose

Dorothy Anderson

Barry Edwards

Chris Lane

Ruth Lane

Wendy Wright

Treasurer:

Ian Wright

| SECTION A |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| a1        | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             | <b>Note</b>        |                  |                     |                  |
| a2        | Offerings and Tax recovered                 | 19,866             |                  | <b>19,866</b>       | 18,597           |
| a3        | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 2,255              |                  | <b>2,255</b>        | 4,353            |
| a4        | Lettings                                    | 59,950             |                  | <b>59,950</b>       | 37,843           |
| a5        | Other receipts                              | 96,183             | 50               | <b>96,233</b>       | 68,179           |
| a6        | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>178,254</b>     | <b>50</b>        | <b>178,304 (a7)</b> | <b>128,972</b>   |

| SECTION B |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| b1        | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                  |                     |                  |
| b2        | Circuit Assessment or Share                               | 36,265             |                  | <b>36,265</b>       | 33,764           |
| b3        | Donations   | 1,990              |                  | <b>1,990</b>        | 3,180            |
| b4        | Repairs and Maintenance                                   | 23,621             |                  | <b>23,621</b>       | 20,632           |
| b5        | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 27,090             |                  | <b>27,090</b>       | 19,048           |
| b6        | Pastoral and Outreach                                     | 18,404             |                  | <b>18,404</b>       | 18,112           |
| b7        | Other payments  | 29,108             | 975              | <b>30,083</b>       | 7,667            |
| b8        | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                     | <b>136,478</b>     | <b>975</b>       | <b>137,453 (b9)</b> | <b>102,403</b>   |

| SECTION C |  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds     | Totals this year    | Totals last year    |
|-----------|--|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|           |  | £                  | £                    | £                   | £                   |
| c1        | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  | <b>(a6-b8)</b>     | <b>41,776 (925)</b>  | <b>40,851</b>       | 26,569              |
| c2        | Total funds brought forward from last year | 394,294            | 3,006                | <b>397,300 (c6)</b> | 370,731             |
| c3        | <b>Sub total</b>                           | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | <b>436,070 2,081</b> | <b>438,151</b>      | <b>397,300</b>      |
| c4        | Transfers and adjustments                  | 3,000              | 1,831                | <b>4,831 (c7)</b>   |                     |
| c5        | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>          | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>439,070 3,912</b> | <b>442,982 (c8)</b> | <b>397,300 (c6)</b> |

| SECTION D   |  | £                 | £   |
|---|--|-------------------|-----|
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |  |                   |     |
| d   | <b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b> |                   |     |
| d1  | Balance brought forward from last year   |                   |     |
| d2  | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                                  | 593               | 591 |
| d3  | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations                                     | 593               | 591 |
| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>  | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b> |     |

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

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| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS   | Receipts              | Payments              | Net Receipts/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening<br>balances | Closing balances   |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| e1 <b>Flower Fund</b>  | 340                   | 438                   | (98)                      | 20          | 1,099               | 1,021              |
| e2 <b>Monday Fellowship</b>  | 538                   | 147                   | 391                       |             | 181                 | 572                |
| e3 <b>West End Players</b>   | 2,703                 | 3,636                 | (933)                     | (4,424)     | 9,677               | 4,320              |
| e4 <b>West End Players Juniors</b>   | 745                   | 90                    | 655                       | (427)       | 7                   | 235                |
| e5   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e6   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e7   |                       |                       |                           |             |                     |                    |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                                   | 4,326                 | 4,311                 | 15                        | (4,831)     | 10,964 (e11)        | 6,148 (e12)        |
| e9 <b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b> | 178,304 (a7)          | 137,453 (b9)          | 40,851                    | 4,831 (c7)  | 397,300 (c6)        | 442,982 (c8)       |
| e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>                                     | <b>182,630</b>        | <b>141,764</b>        | <b>40,866</b>             |             | <b>408,264 (x)</b>  | <b>449,130 (y)</b> |
|  | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                     |                    |

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 December 2022**

|  | OPENING<br>BALANCES | CLOSING<br>BALANCES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                     |                     |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 6,668               | 47,324              |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account  |                     |                     |
| f4 Central Finance Board   | 197,273             | 222,884             |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  | 193,359             | 172,774             |
| f6 Other funds   |                     |                     |
| f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>  | <b>397,300 (c6)</b> | <b>442,982 (c8)</b> |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | <b>10,964 (e11)</b> | <b>6,148 (e12)</b>  |
| f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>  | <b>408,264 (x)</b>  | <b>449,130 (y)</b>  |

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 January 2022 | At<br>31 December<br>2022 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 2,667                | 2,699                     |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) | 13,080,614           | 13,843,522                |
| g3 Other Assets                                    |                      |                           |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end   |                      |                           |
| g5 Other Liabilities                               | 3,875                | 7,135                     |

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g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church Lord Street West United Church No 1163996

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 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 ..... *J Wright* ..... Date *26/9/23* .....

Name and address of treasurer *IAN WRIGHT* .....  
*15 STRETTON DRIVE, SOUTHPORT, MERSEYSIDE* ..... Post Code *PR9 7DR* .....

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *26 SEPTEMBER 2023*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *[Signature]* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting *REV. BETTE LYTH* ..... Date *26/9/23* .....

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

#### Lord Street West United Church

Charity Number 1163996

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner ..... M.D Sale

Name of independent examiner ..... MICHAEL DEREK SALE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCA - ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 24 HARBURY AVENUE, AINSTALE, SOUTHPORT

..... MERSEYSIDE Post Code PR8 2TA

Date ..... 9/10/2023

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**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163996

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# Accounts

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LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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Southport  
Merseyside PR8 2BH

Trustees during the year and since the year end:

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Wendy Aspin  
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Timothy Hall  
Gillian Hill  
Sandra Jackson  
Rachel Kinnings  
Ruth Lane  
Rev Peter Lyth  
Lesley Meredith  
Karen Phillips  
Margaret Smith  
Sylvia Walton  
Ian Wright  
Rodney Wright (died 16 November 2021)  
Wendy Wright  
Susan Yelland

Minister

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- f) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year ended 31 December 2021, Lord Street West United Church was not able to celebrate public worship from 10 January to 16 May owing to the Covid pandemic. The United Reformed Church Southport and Formby Team Ministry held services on Zoom and the Southport Methodist Circuit provided online worship during this time. Worship services have been held every Sunday at 10.45 from 23 May except on four Sundays when we had joint services with the other churches in the Southport and Formby Team Ministry. Worship is led by our ministers and by ministers and preachers from the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. The music in our worship is enhanced by our choir and organist. JAM Club (Jesus and Me) for children took place at the same time as the morning service.

On Wednesday mornings the coffee and fellowship at 10.30am followed by a service from 11.15am to 11.45am, started again in September 2021.

Messy Church, for families, was not able to be held for most of the year because of the pandemic but did resume on Saturday 4 December.

Pastoral care is provided by the minister, outreach and pastoral worker and pastoral visitors. Each member has a pastoral visitor, co-ordinated by our pastoral secretary.

Our Outreach and Pastoral Worker takes Extended Communion to those who cannot attend church and organises Messy Church, Little Fishes, Baby Boogies and Matewatchers.

The work of the church was also carried out through the following church organisations:

Monday Fellowship  
Parent and Toddler Group known as Little Fishes  
Baby Boogies  
Matewatchers  
West End Players  
Youth Club

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year ended 31 December 2021, on the unrestricted funds, receipts exceeded payments by £23,813. The surplus arose because of an increase in the value of the investments of £23,362. The largest item of payments are the assessments and contributions paid to the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, which pay for the costs of ministry and the wider work of the two denominations. The unrestricted funds had balances of £394,294 at 31 December 2021, comprising General Fund of £50,000, Legacy Fund of £229,440 and Sunter Fund of £114,854. The Sunter Fund has been designated to pay for the Lay Worker.

The restricted funds of £3,006 comprised the Benevolent Fund of £342 and a grant received for the youth club of £2,664.

The church organisations had opening balances of £10,035, receipts of £2,024, payments of £1,095 and closing balances of £10,964.

#### RESERVES POLICY

A minimum of £50,000 of unrestricted funds is held to cover six months' assessments, contributions and running costs.

Approved by the Church Council 12 April 2022



Rev P J Lyth  
Chair

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Lord Street West United</b> | <b>Church</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2021

|                  |                |                   |              |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Southport</b> | <b>Circuit</b> | <b>Circuit no</b> | <b>18/17</b> |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1163996

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. Peter Lyth |
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Church Stewards:

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Hilary Ambrose | Dorothy Anderson                 |
| Barry Edwards  | Chris Lane                       |
| Ruth Lane      | Rod Wright (to 16 November 2021) |
| Wendy Wright   |                                  |
|                |                                  |
|                |                                  |
|                |                                  |

Treasurer:

|            |
|------------|
| Ian Wright |
|------------|

| SECTION A |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| a1        | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             | Note               |                  |                     |                  |
| a2        | Offerings and Tax recovered                 | 18,597             |                  | 18,597              | 24,799           |
| a3        | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 4,353              |                  | 4,353               | 3,317            |
| a4        | Lettings                                    | 37,843             |                  | 37,843              | 27,122           |
| a5        | Other receipts                              | 65,385             | 2,794            | 68,179              | 200,873          |
| a6        | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>126,178</b>     | <b>2,794</b>     | <b>128,972 (a7)</b> | <b>256,111</b>   |

| SECTION B |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year    | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|           |   | £                  | £                | £                   | £                |
| b1        | <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                    |                  |                     |                  |
| b2        | Circuit Assessment or Share                               | 33,764             |                  | 33,764              | 34,203           |
| b3        | Donations   | 3,180              |                  | 3,180               | 2,030            |
| b4        | Repairs and Maintenance                                   | 20,632             |                  | 20,632              | 30,212           |
| b5        | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 19,048             |                  | 19,048              | 17,175           |
| b6        | Lay Worker  | 18,112             |                  | 18,112              | 14,972           |
| b7        | Other payments  | 7,629              | 38               | 7,667               | 30,270           |
| b8        | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                     | <b>102,365</b>     | <b>38</b>        | <b>102,403 (b9)</b> | <b>128,862</b>   |

| SECTION C |  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year    |                     |
|-----------|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|           |  | £                  | £                | £                | £                   |                     |
| c1        | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  | <b>(a6-b8)</b>     | <b>23,813</b>    | <b>2,756</b>     | <b>26,569</b>       | <b>127,249</b>      |
| c2        | Total funds brought forward from last year | 370,481            | 250              | 370,731 (c6)     | 243,102             |                     |
| c3        | <b>Sub total</b>                           | <b>(c1+c2)</b>     | <b>394,294</b>   | <b>3,006</b>     | <b>397,300</b>      | <b>370,351</b>      |
| c4        | Transfers and adjustments                  |                    |                  |                  | 380 (c7)            |                     |
| c5        | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>          | <b>(c3+c4)</b>     | <b>394,294</b>   | <b>3,006</b>     | <b>397,300 (c8)</b> | <b>370,731 (c6)</b> |

| SECTION D   |   | £                 | £   |
|---|---|-------------------|-----|
| <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |   |                   |     |
| 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                           | 591               | 368 |
| d3  | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations                              | 591               | 368 |
| d4  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>   | <b>(d1+d2-d3)</b> |     |

**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 December 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/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening balances | Closing balances |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| e1 Flower Fund  | 265                   | 296                   | (31)                      | 20          | 1,110            | 1,099            |
| e2 Monday Fellowship  | 181                   | 30                    | 151                       |             | 30               | 181              |
| e3 West End Players   | 1,017                 | 437                   | 580                       | 299         | 8,798            | 9,677            |
| e4 West End Players Juniors   | 561                   | 332                   | 229                       | (319)       | 97               | 7                |
| e5  |                       |                       |                           |             |                  |                  |
| e6  |                       |                       |                           |             |                  |                  |
| e7  |                       |                       |                           |             |                  |                  |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                            | 2,024                 | 1,095                 | 929                       |             | 10,035 (e11)     | 10,964 (e12)     |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 128,972 (a7)          | 102,403 (b9)          | 26,569                    | (c7)        | 370,731 (c6)     | 397,300 (c8)     |
| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH                                     | 130,996               | 103,498               | 27,498                    |             | 380,766 (x)      | 408,264 (y)      |
|   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |                           |             |                  |                  |

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 December 2021**

|  | OPENING BALANCES | CLOSING BALANCES |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| f1 Cash in hand  |                  |                  |
| f2 Bank Current Account  | 15,894           | 6,668            |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account  |                  |                  |
| f4 Central Finance Board   | 354,837          | 197,273          |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  |                  | 193,359          |
| f6 Other funds   |                  |                  |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts   | 370,731 (c6)     | 397,300 (c8)     |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | 10,035 (e11)     | 10,964 (e12)     |
| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH   | 380,766 (x)      | 408,264 (y)      |

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|  | At<br>1 January 2021 | At<br>31 December<br>2021 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| g1 Investments (include Endowments)                | 2,686                | 2,667                     |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) | 12,359,905           | 13,080,614                |
| g3 Other Assets                                    |                      |                           |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end   |                      |                           |
| g5 Other Liabilities                               | 2,741                | 3,875                     |

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: Lord Street West United Church No 1163996

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 December 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 ..... *I Wright* ..... Date..... 12TH APRIL 2022

Name and address of treasurer ..... IAN WRIGHT

..... 15 STRETTON DRIVE, SOUTHPORT, MERSEYSIDE ..... Post Code..... PA9 7DR

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 12th April 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *[Signature]* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... REV. PETER LUTH ..... Date ..... 12/4/22

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Lord Street West United Church

Charity Number 1163996

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lord Street West United Church for the year ended 31 December 2021 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

Name of Church Lord Street West United Church No 1193996

**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.

Signature of independent examiner Michael Sale

Name of independent examiner MICHAEL SALE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 24 HARBURY AVENUE, SOUTHPORT

Post Code PR8 2TA

Date 30/09/2022

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163996

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# Accounts

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**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**MINISTER'S REPORT**

"How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?"

These words from Psalm 137 describe our experience over the last 12 months.

This is a generic report that is sent to all the churches in the Southport and Formby team ministry, but the comments herein apply across all the churches.

Possibly the most used word in 2020 was "Unprecedented" and I would say that it is appropriate to use this word in relation to the life of the churches during the year. I have divided the report into headings for the various subjects.

**Covid-19**

This has been the dominant factor in our lives over the past year. The churches all elected to close due to the pandemic in March 2020, this was reinforced by the lockdown a few days later which closed places of worship until further notice. Churches were allowed to open for individual prayer from July and services resumed at three of the churches from the beginning of August with the remainder opening in September. This was disrupted further by a short 4 week lockdown in November. Throughout that time, weekly printed services were made available to the churches, largely distributed by the Elders (or equivalent). During the first lockdown, some sermons were recorded on Youtube with a limited number on Zoom. However, by November, confidence in Zoom was growing so that more services were made available on that medium. Zoom has become the norm for united services as restriction on numbers due to social distancing precluded physical united services.

To their credit, the churches have all successfully implemented Covid protocols, including socially distanced seating, one-way systems and sanitising. Attendances held up well until latterly when news about the new variant seemed to put people off.

It appears that this is going to be a way of life for some time to come.

Meetings have been conducted on Zoom. This has been remarkably successful – indeed this may be a tool that can be used in the future to reduce the need for travel.

One other effect was that I was unable to take my Sabbatical as planned. As travel is likely to be restricted for some time yet, it is more than likely that it will be postponed until 2022, although pencilled in for late 2021.

**Vacancy**

Janet Calderley moved to the Fylde in March leaving a vacancy. In the meantime, this has meant that my time has been spread across the six churches. I have managed to make pastoral phone calls to the majority of the congregation members prioritising those referred by Elders. It has been one of the privileges of the past year to get to know the three churches that previously were largely under Janet's charge.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020  
Outreach**

Outreach has obviously been disrupted by the pandemic. Memory Matters, the team dementia café had limped along for some time. This was suspended for the first lockdown and has not resumed. I have been in discussions with Sefton CVS (Council for Voluntary Services) regarding collaboration in order to best target our resources.

Ainsdale has collaborated with Churches Together in Ainsdale in TLG (Transforming lives for good) distributing "bags of hope" – food for families in need. In addition they distributed hampers at Christmas. They also take clothes etc to South Sefton for refugees.

During the pandemic, Joanne (my wife) and I have volunteered as telephone befrienders with Sefton Carers Service and this may be a way forward.

Rev P J Lyth  
Chair

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Charity name: Lord Street West United Church  
Charity's principal address: Lord Street West United Church  
Lord Street West  
Southport  
Merseyside PR8 2BH

Charity registration number: 1163996

Trustees during the year and since the year end:

Hilary Ambrose

Dorothy Anderson

Wendy Aspin

Joan Bennett (retired 11 October 2020)

Anthony Blundell (retired 11 October 2020)

Janet Broster

Barry Edwards

Maria Edwards (retired 11 October 2020)

Elsie Fairclough (retired 11 October 2020)

John Fairclough (retired 11 October 2020)

Timothy Hall

Gillian Hill

Thomas Howson (retired 11 October 2020)

Sandra Jackson

Rachel Kinnings

Ruth Lane

Rev Peter Lyth

Minister

Lesley Meredith

Karen Phillips

Margaret Smith

Dennis Tickle (retired 11 October 2020)

Sylvia Walton

Ian Wright

Rodney Wright (retired 11 October 2020)

Wendy Wright (retired 11 October 2020)

Susan Yelland

# **LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The governing document of Lord Street West United Church is the Constitution adopted on 6 May 2014.

Lord Street West United Church is a charitable unincorporated association.  
Lord Street West United Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

The charity is administered by a body of trustees consisting of:

- a) Ex officio Trustees, being the ministers of the Local Ecumenical Partnership for the time being
- b) Thirty six Elected trustees are elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) Not more than six co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The purpose of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and practices of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In achieving its purpose, the charity engages in a range of activities including:

- a) The celebration of public worship;
- b) The teaching of the Christian faith;
- c) Mission and evangelism;
- d) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- e) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- f) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The worship and activities were impacted by Covid-19 during the year ended 31st December 2020. Lord Street West United Church celebrated public worship every Sunday morning from 5th January to 15th March, except on 23rd February when we joined with other churches for the Circuit Service. Worship was led by our ministers and by ministers and preachers from the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. The music in our worship was enhanced by our choir and organist. JAM Club (Jesus and Me) for children took place at the same time as the morning service. In order to comply with Covid-19 restrictions, services were suspended from 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Services resumed on 2nd August until 1st November and after the second lockdown services were held from 6<sup>th</sup> December to 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Southport Methodist Circuit has provided online worship weekly and the United Reformed Church Team Ministry has organised services on Zoom. Weekly sheets with prayers and sermons have been emailed or delivered to members.

## **LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

On Wednesday mornings there was coffee and fellowship at 10.30am followed by a service from 11.15am to 11.45am. These were suspended after 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Messy Church, for families, normally held on several Saturdays during the year, was also suspended.

Pastoral care is provided by the minister, outreach and pastoral worker and pastoral visitors. Each member has a pastoral visitor, co-ordinated by our pastoral secretary.

Our Outreach and Pastoral Worker takes Extended Communion to those who cannot attend church, organises Messy Church, Little Fishes and Baby Boogies, and leads assemblies at schools. This work was suspended from 15<sup>th</sup> March and contact has been maintained by telephone. The Outreach and Pastoral Worker has been working on the website and Facebook page to improve online contact.

The work of the church was also carried out through the following church organisations:

- Monday Fellowship
- Parent and Toddler Group known as Little Fishes
- Baby Boogies
- West End Players
- West End Players Juniors

These have also had to be suspended from 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During the year ended 31st December 2020, on the unrestricted funds, income exceeded expenditure by £129,575. The surplus arose because of a legacy of £200,000 which was received. Offerings fell from £23,531 to £18,627 because of the cessation of in person worship. The hall could not be hired during the pandemic and the closure of non-essential shops meant that use of the car park declined. Income from the halls and car park fell from £61,625 to £27,122. The largest item of payments are the assessments and contributions paid to the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church, which pay for the costs of ministry and the wider work of the two denominations. The value of investments fell by £22,298. The unrestricted funds had balances of £377,775 at 31st December 2020, comprising General Fund of £57,294, Legacy Fund of £228,440 and Sunter Fund of £92,041. The Sunter Fund has been designated to pay for the Lay Worker.

The restricted funds comprised the Benevolent Fund. The Benevolent Fund is used to meet requests for assistance. There was a balance brought forward of £226 and receipts of £24, giving a closing balance of £250.

The endowment fund gives its income to the Monday Fellowship. The balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £2,683.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

A minimum of £50,000 of unrestricted funds is held to cover six months' assessments, contributions and running costs.

**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the trustees with professional advice taken as required.

**SAFEGUARDING**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

Lord Street West United Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

Lord Street West United Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained persons that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

**BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 have been prepared in accordance with SORP (FRS102) as updated, being the current version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice.

**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

For each financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year and to prepare an annual report for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using the accruals method
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed the applicable SORP and accounting standard, SORP(FRS102) as updated
- adopted the going concern basis

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and ensuring their proper application under charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Church Council on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Rev. Peter Lyth  
Chair of trustees

**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

|   | Notes to<br>the<br>accounts | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Endowment<br>Funds | Total<br>2020 | Total<br>2019 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   |                             | £                     | £                   | £                  | £             | £             |
| Income and Endowments<br>from:                      |                             |                       |                     |                    |               |               |
| Donations and legacies                              | 5                           | 225,321               | 24                  | -                  | 225,345       | 47,621        |
| Charitable activities                               | 6                           | 3,061                 | -                   | -                  | 3,061         | 6,827         |
| Other trading activities                            | 7                           | 27,122                | -                   | -                  | 27,122        | 61,683        |
| Investments   | 8                           | 3,317                 | -                   | 16                 | 3,333         | 6,884         |
| Total income  |                             | 258,821               | 24                  | 16                 | 258,861       | 123,015       |
| Expenditure on:                                     |                             |                       |                     |                    |               |               |
| Raising funds                                       |                             | -                     | -                   | -                  | -             | -             |
| Charitable activities                               | 9                           | 106,948               | -                   | -                  | 106,948       | 106,029       |
| Total expenditure                                   |                             | 106,948               | -                   | -                  | 106,948       | 106,029       |
| Gain/(loss) on investments                          | 12                          | (22,298)              | -                   | -                  | (22,298)      | 19,978        |
| Net income/(expenditure)                            |                             | 129,575               | 24                  | 16                 | 129,615       | 36,964        |
| Transfers between funds                             | 16                          | 19                    | -                   | -19                | -             | -             |
| Net movement in funds                               |                             | 129,594               | 24                  | -3                 | 129,615       | 36,964        |
| Reconciliation of funds                             |                             |                       |                     |                    |               |               |
| Total funds brought<br>forward                      |                             | 248,181               | 226                 | 2,686              | 251,093       | 214,129       |
| Total funds carried<br>forward                      | 16                          | 377,775               | 250                 | 2,683              | 380,708       | 251,093       |
| Collections for external organisations              |                             |                       |                     |                    |               |               |
| Brought forward from last year                      |                             |                       | -                   | -                  | -             | -             |
| Offerings/gifts received for external organisations |                             |                       | 368                 | -                  | 368           | 1,766         |
| Offerings/gifts passed to external organisations    |                             |                       | 368                 | -                  | 368           | 1,766         |
| Carried forward to next year                        |                             |                       | -                   | -                  | -             | -             |

**LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**  
Registered charity number 1163996

|  |       | Unrestricted<br>General | Unrestricted<br>Designated | Restricted | Endow<br>ments | Total<br>2020 | Total<br>2019 |
|--|-------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Notes | £                       | £                          | £          | £              | £             | £             |
| <u>Tangible fixed assets</u>               |       |                         |                            |            |                |               |               |
| Land and buildings                         |       | -                       | -                          | -          | -              | -             | -             |
| Equipment                                  |       | -                       | -                          | -          | -              | -             | -             |
| Investments                                | 12    | -                       | -                          | -          | -              | -             | 196,826       |
| Total fixed assets                         |       | -                       | -                          | -          | -              | -             | 196,826       |
| <u>Current assets</u>                      |       |                         |                            |            |                |               |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                   | 13    | 25,679                  | -                          | 250        | -              | 25,929        | 24,257        |
| Central Finance Board                      | 14    | 31,615                  | 323,222                    | -          | 2,683          | 357,520       | 33,286        |
| Total current assets                       |       | 57,294                  | 323,222                    | 250        | 2,683          | 383,449       | 57,543        |
| <u>Current liabilities</u>                 |       |                         |                            |            |                |               |               |
| Creditors and accruals due within one year | 15    | -                       | 2,741                      | -          | -              | 2,741         | 3,276         |
| Net current assets/(liabilities)           |       | 57,294                  | 320,481                    | 250        | 2,683          | 380,708       | 54,267        |
| Total assets less current liabilities      |       | 57,294                  | 320,481                    | 250        | 2,683          | 380,708       | 251,093       |
| Net assets                                 |       | 57,294                  | 320,481                    | 250        | 2,683          | 380,708       | 251,093       |
| <u>Funds of the church</u>                 |       |                         |                            |            |                |               |               |
| Unrestricted funds                         | 16    | 57,294                  | 320,481                    | -          | -              | 377,775       | 248,181       |
| Restricted funds                           | 16    | -                       | -                          | 250        | -              | 250           | 226           |
| Endowment funds                            | 16    | -                       | -                          | -          | 2,683          | 2,683         | 2,686         |
| Total funds                                |       | 57,294                  | 320,481                    | 250        | 2,683          | 380,708       | 251,093       |

Approved by the Church Council on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Rev. Peter Lyth  
Chair of trustees

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**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with SORP(FRS102) as updated, being the current version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice.

**2. Funds**

The funds held constitute:

General funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted.

Designated funds held for a purpose decided by the Church Council which is Unrestricted.

Restricted funds which are held for a particular purpose specified by the donor.

Endowment funds which retain the capital and use the income for a particular purpose.

Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16.

**3. Accounting policies**

**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

**Income**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

**Pensions**

The church operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as an expense when they are due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in an independently administered fund.

**VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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**3. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Investments**

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

**Creditors**

Creditors include outstandings relating to salaries for December, and repairs.

**4. Land and buildings**

The Church land and buildings are vested in the name of the United Reformed Church (Mersey Province) Trust Limited, and are valued for insurance at £12.4m.

**5. Donations and legacies**

|              | Unrestricted   | Restricted | Endowment | 2020<br>Total  | 2019<br>Total |
|--------------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
|              | £              | £          | £         | £              | £             |
| Offertory    | 18,603         | 24         | -         | 18,627         | 23,531        |
| Gift Aid     | 6,196          | -          | -         | 6,196          | 6,412         |
| Donations    | 422            | -          | -         | 422            | 1,867         |
| Legacies     | 200,100        | -          | -         | 200,100        | 15,811        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>225,321</b> | <b>24</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>225,345</b> | <b>47,621</b> |

**6. Income from charitable activities**

|                      | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | 2020<br>Total | 2019<br>Total |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | £            | £          | £         | £             | £             |
| Weddings             | 95           | -          | -         | 95            | 219           |
| Funerals             | 232          | -          | -         | 232           | -             |
| Church organisations | 2,734        | -          | -         | 2,734         | 6,608         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>3,061</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>  | <b>3,061</b>  | <b>6,827</b>  |

**7. Other trading activities**

|               | Unrestricted  | Restricted | Endowment | 2020<br>Total | 2019<br>Total |
|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
|               | £             | £          | £         | £             | £             |
| Car park      | 18,737        | -          | -         | 18,737        | 33,844        |
| Hall lettings | 8,385         | -          | -         | 8,385         | 27,781        |
| Fund raising  | -             | -          | -         | -             | 58            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>27,122</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>  | <b>27,122</b> | <b>61,683</b> |

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**8. Investment income**

|                       | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | 2020<br>Total | 2019<br>Total |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
|                       | £            | £          | £         | £             | £             |
| Central Finance Board | 150          | -          | 16        | 166           | 196           |
| Pool units            | 3,167        | -          | -         | 3,167         | 6,586         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>3,317</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>3,333</b>  | <b>6,782</b>  |

**9. Expenditure on charitable activities**

|                      | Unrestricted   | Restricted | Endowment | 2020<br>Total  | 2019<br>Total  |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | £              | £          | £         | £              | £              |
| Ministry and mission | 106,029        | -          | -         | 106,029        | 103,478        |
| Church organisations | 919            | -          | -         | 919            | 2,551          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>106,948</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>  | <b>106,948</b> | <b>106,029</b> |

|                      | Direct charitable<br>expenditure | Support<br>costs | 2020<br>Total  | 2019<br>Total  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | £                                | £                | £              | £              |
| Ministry and mission | 103,426                          | 2,603            | 106,029        | 103,478        |
| Church organisations | 919                              | -                | 919            | 2,551          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>104,345</b>                   | <b>2,603</b>     | <b>106,948</b> | <b>106,029</b> |

**10. Support costs**

|                            | 2020         | 2019         |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                            | £            | £            |
| Post, telephone & internet | 1,273        | 1,704        |
| Licences and fees          | 910          | 984          |
| Subscriptions              | 25           | 25           |
| Payment processing         | 395          | 15           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>2,603</b> | <b>2,728</b> |

**11. Staff costs**

|                       | 2020          | 2019          |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                       | £             | £             |
| Wages and salaries    | 25,671        | 26,638        |
| Social security costs | 1,204         | 1,158         |
| Pension costs         | 1,436         | 1,438         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>28,311</b> | <b>29,234</b> |

The trustees were not paid during the year (2019: £nil).  
No expenses were paid to trustees (2019: £nil).  
The insurance policy covers claims against trustees.

The average number of staff employed during the year was 3 (2019: 3).

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**11. Staff costs (continued)**

|                              | 2020 | 2019 |
|------------------------------|------|------|
| Pastoral and Outreach Worker | 1    | 1    |
| Cleaner                      | 1    | 1    |
| Organist                     | 1    | 1    |
| Total                        | 3    | 3    |

**12. Investments**

United Reformed Church (Mersey Province) Trust Investment Pool

|                                   | 2020<br>Total | 2019<br>Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                   | £             | £             |
| Market value                      |               |               |
| At 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020   | 196,826       | 176,848       |
| Net investment gain/(loss)        | -22,298       | 19,978        |
| Proceeds                          | -174,528      | -             |
| At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 | -             | 196,826       |
| Historical cost                   | -             | 115,000       |

**13. Cash at bank and in hand**

|       | 2020   | 2019   |
|-------|--------|--------|
|       | £      | £      |
| Bank  | 24,709 | 21,098 |
| Cash  | 1,220  | 3,159  |
| Total | 25,929 | 24,257 |

**14. Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

|                  | 2020    | 2019   |
|------------------|---------|--------|
|                  | £       | £      |
| CFB Deposit Fund | 357,520 | 33,286 |
| Total            | 357,520 | 33,286 |

**15. Creditors**

|                 | 2020  | 2019  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
|                 | £     | £     |
| Trade creditors | 2,741 | 3,276 |
| Total           | 2,741 | 3,276 |

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**16. Analysis of charitable funds**

Analysis of unrestricted fund movements

|                   | Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 | Income         | Expenditure    | Loss on investments | Transfers | Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 |
|-------------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---|
|                   | £                                       | £              | £              | £                   | £         | £   |
| General fund      | 55,305                                  | 55,554         | 91,976         | -                   | 38,411    | 57,294                                    |
| Designated funds: |   |                |                |                     |           |   |
| Legacy fund       | 28,340                                  | 200,100        | -              | -                   | -         | 228,440                                   |
| Sunter fund       | 164,536                                 | 3,167          | 14,972         | -22,298             | -38,392   | 92,041                                    |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>248,181</b>                          | <b>258,821</b> | <b>106,948</b> | <b>-22,298</b>      | <b>19</b> | <b>377,775</b>                            |

|                   | Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 | Income         | Expenditure    | Gain on investments | Transfers | Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 |
|-------------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---|
|                   | £                                       | £              | £              | £                   | £         | £   |
| General fund      | 55,707                                  | 100,497        | 91,377         | -                   | -9,522    | 55,305                                    |
| Designated funds: |   |                |                |                     |           |   |
| Legacy fund       | 12,529                                  | 15,811         | -              | -                   | -         | 28,340                                    |
| Sunter fund       | 143,088                                 | 6,586          | 14,652         | 19,978              | 9,536     | 164,536                                   |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>211,324</b>                          | <b>122,894</b> | <b>106,029</b> | <b>19,978</b>       | <b>14</b> | <b>248,181</b>                            |

The Legacy fund is to be used at the discretion of the Church Council.  
The Sunter fund is used to pay for the lay worker.

Analysis of restricted fund movements

|                 | Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 | Income    | Expenditure | Transfers | Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 |
|-----------------|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|---|
|                 | £                                       | £         | £           | £         | £   |
| Benevolent fund | 226                                     | 24        | -           | -         | 250                                       |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>226</b>                              | <b>24</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>  | <b>250</b>                                |

|                 | Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 | Income     | Expenditure | Transfers | Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 |
|-----------------|---|------------|-------------|-----------|---|
|                 | £                                       | £          | £           | £         | £   |
| Benevolent fund | 104                                     | 102        | -           | -         | 226                                       |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>104</b>                              | <b>102</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>  | <b>226</b>                                |

The benevolent fund is used to relieve hardship.

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**16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)**

Analysis of endowment funds

|              | Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup><br>January 2020 | Income | Expenditure | Transfers | Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup><br>December 2020 |
|--------------|--|--------|-------------|-----------|--|
|              | £  | £      | £           | £         | £  |
| Bowland fund | 2,686                                      | 16     | -           | -19       | 2,683  |
| Total        | 2,686                                      | 16     | -           | -19       | 2,683  |

|              | Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup><br>January 2019 | Income | Expenditure | Transfers | Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup><br>December 2019 |
|--------------|--|--------|-------------|-----------|--|
|              | £  | £      | £           | £         | £  |
| Bowland fund | 2,681                                      | 19     | -           | -14       | 2,686  |
| Total        | 2,681                                      | 19     | -           | -14       | 2,686  |

The income from the Bowland fund is given to the Monday Fellowship.

**17. Analysis of net assets**

Year ended 31 December 2020

|                     | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total   |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                     | £                  | £                | £               | £       |
| Current assets      | 380,516            | 250              | 2,683           | 383,449 |
| Current liabilities | 2,741              | -                | -               | 2,741   |
| Total net assets    | 377,775            | 250              | 2,683           | 380,708 |

Year ended 31 December 2019

|                     | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total   |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                     | £                  | £                | £               | £       |
| Investments         | 196,826            | -                | -               | 196,826 |
| Current assets      | 54,631             | 226              | 2,686           | 57,543  |
| Current liabilities | 3,276              | -                | -               | 3,276   |
| Total net assets    | 248,181            | 226              | 2,686           | 251,093 |

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**18. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities Information**

In order to comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102 which requires comparative information to be provided for all amounts, this note provides the necessary disclosure for comparative purposes of the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2019.

|                             | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Endowment<br>Funds | Total<br>Funds |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                             | £                     | £                   | £                  | £              |
| Income and Endowments from: |                       |                     |                    |                |
| Donations and legacies      | 54,229                | 102                 | -                  | 54,331         |
| Charitable activities       | 219                   | -                   | -                  | 219            |
| Other trading activities    | 61,683                | -                   | -                  | 61,683         |
| Investments                 | 6,763                 | -                   | 19                 | 6,782          |
| Total income                | 122,894               | 102                 | 19                 | 123,015        |
| Expenditure on:             |                       |                     |                    |                |
| Raising funds               | -                     | -                   | -                  | -              |
| Charitable activities       | 106,029               | -                   | -                  | 106,029        |
| Total expenditure           | 106,029               | -                   | -                  | 106,029        |
| Gain/(loss) on investments  | 19,978                | -                   | -                  | 19,978         |
| Net income/(expenditure)    | 36,843                | 102                 | 19                 | 36,964         |
| Transfers between funds     | 14                    | -                   | -14                | -              |
| Net movement in funds       | 36,857                | 102                 | 5                  | 36,964         |

**19. Legal Status**

Lord Street West United Church is a charitable unincorporated association.

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### Report to the trustees of Lord Street West United Church On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 Set out on pages 8 to 16 inclusive

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lord Street West United Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity'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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than in any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed: *M D Sale*

Date: *21/10/2021*

Name: M D Sale

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:  
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales