

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

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
Lesley Meredith
Karen Phillips
Margaret Smith
Sylvia Walton
Ian Wright
Rodney Wright (died 16 November 2021)
Wendy Wright
Susan Yelland

Minister

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 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

A handwritten signature in dark 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
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2021

Southport	Circuit	Circuit no	18/17
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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	Rod Wright (to 16 November 2021)
Wendy Wright	

Treasurer:

Ian Wright

Ian Wright

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	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	TOTAL RECEIPTS	126,178	2,794	128,972 (a7)	256,111

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
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	TOTAL PAYMENTS	102,365	38	102,403 (b9)	128,862

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

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	591	368
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	591	368
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

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

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 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/ 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)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 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 1 January 2021	At 31 December 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 *g Wright* Date 12TH APRIL 2022

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 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

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