

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 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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2022

Southport	Circuit	Circuit no.	18/19
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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

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 (a6-b8)</b>	41,776	(925)	<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 (c1+c2)</b>	436,070	2,081	<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 (c3+c4)</b>	<b>439,070</b>	<b>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	(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	593	591
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	593	591
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (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 2022 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 <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>	182,630	141,764	40,866		408,264 (x)	449,130 (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 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING 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>	397,300 (c6)	442,982 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	10,964 (e11)	6,148 (e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	408,264 (x)	449,130 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 January 2022	At 31 December 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

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 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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lord Street West United Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 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 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, AINSDALE, SOUTHPORT

MERSEYSIDE Post Code PR8 2TA

Date 9/10/2023

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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