

ACOMB METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1166757

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2016-04-26

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF:(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Provide opportunities to explore faithExpand our provision of different worship styles to engage with all.Enable people to grow in their faith.Allow young people to develop their own ministry and discipleship.Build relationships with our community0001

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of York

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£110,868	£132,814	-	-
2023-08-31	£147,317	£160,615	-	-
2022-08-31	£145,613	£114,924	-	-
2021-08-31	£74,437	£93,881	-	-
2020-08-31	£92,016	£80,995	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID BLAMIRE		2016-04-26
Fran Taylor		2017-05-14
GERALDINE FERRY		2021-09-26
GILLIAN MARY MASON		2016-04-26
JOAN NORTH CERT ED		2016-04-26
Lois Broadbent		2024-02-08
NAOMI RUTH PRINCE		2024-05-01
OLIVE ELIZABETH WATERFIELD		2016-04-26
ROBERT JAMES HARRISON BSC PGDIP		2016-04-26
ROBIN CHARLES TAYLOR		2016-04-26
Rev John Hayward		2024-09-01
Richard Grosberg		2023-05-01
Ruth Setchell		2023-09-01
SHEILA BLAMIRE		2016-04-26
Sarah Stone		2021-10-14

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Accounts



Annual Report for Period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

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You will find us on Front Street, Acomb, York postcode YO24 3BX

The **governing documents** of the Methodist Church are the Deed Of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Section 4 Methodist Church Act 1976 states

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be Purposes deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of—

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;*
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;*
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;*
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.*

The Mission Statement of Acomb Methodist Church

Our Church's calling is to encourage growth through:

Worship

- To expand our provision of different worship styles in order to both meet the worshipping needs of our present congregation, but also to engage with those who are on the fringes or outside the church at present.*

Learning and Caring

- Provide stepping stones for developing discipleship and spiritual exploration to enable people to grow in their faith.*
- Provide particular opportunities for our young people to develop their own ministry and discipleship.*

Service

- Supporting community development and action in our context*
- Seek ways to reduce our environmental impact in tune with the connexional policy of 80% carbon reduction by 2050.*

Evangelism

- Create opportunities to build relationships with our community*
- Promote the things we do more clearly to the outside world.*
- Provide opportunities to explore faith*

The Administration of Acomb Methodist Church

The Church is held on the 1976 Model Trust by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, and the Church Council act as Managing Trustees.

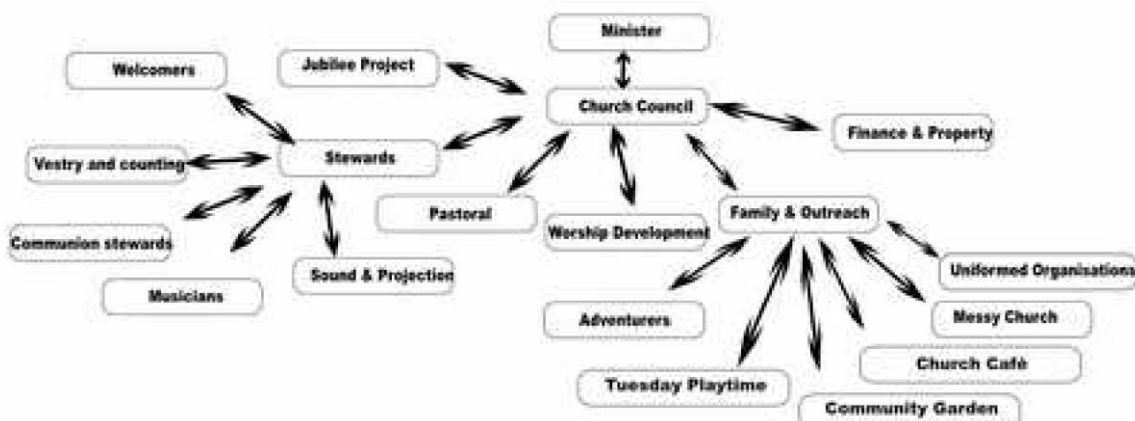
Managing Trustees at 31st August 2024

Name	Role(s)
Rev. Andy Lindley	Minister, Chair
David Blamire	Steward, Communion Steward
Robin Taylor	Treasurer
Gillian Mason	Steward
Joan North	Pastoral
Olive Waterfield	Member
Sheila Blamire	Communion Steward
Joan North	Member
Rob Harrison	AV for worship
Fran Taylor	Member
Geraldine Ferry	Steward
Richard Grosberg	Member
Sarah Stone	Member
Ruth Setchell	Member
Lois Broadbent	Member
Naomi Prince	Member

The Church Council will appoint annually all Church Officers as determined from time to time by the Council whether on the nomination of a committee or otherwise; all such appointments being for the year commencing 1 May, apart from the Church Treasurer, whose appointment will commence on 1 September. The Council will also appoint the committees of the Church, again as from 1 May each year.

Church Council members (managing trustees) are appointed by the Annual Church meeting at which all church members are eligible to vote.

Organisation of the Church



Reports from Church Outreach, Groups, Projects, and Ministries

AGM 18th May 2025

Garden (Kath Musgrove):

The Acomb Methodist Community garden is now in its 10th year and has truly gone from strength to strength.

In the beginning there was a small; but determined and dedicated group of people carving out a garden from reclaimed land. The garden gradually evolved round a central cross shape defined by the paths. The 4 quadrants were productive, playful, prayerful and colourful. In addition to these main areas, we have a winter interest garden, the lockdown bed, a herb bed, and in the centre, a water feature which trickles delightfully over cobble stones.

We have a great cohort of people on the Saturday morning monthly sessions mainly from church; but some from the wider areas who all find it offers them something, people come and tell me how much they have benefited from the sessions. The morning coffee and cake is a great opportunity for everyone to chat and get to know each other. The garden is used and enjoyed by many other people from Acomb who just come to sit and enjoy the peace and solitude it provides - a great asset for the church and everyone in the area.

Property (Robin Taylor):

It has been a fairly dramatic couple of years for our property and resourcing it. Last year Rev Andy was caretaking the property role and oversaw two fairly major updates. The windows adjacent to the side entrance and associated guttering were replaced. To be fair this was initiated by Gill Mason while she wore the property hat but she had stood down before it bore fruit. Then we spent a lot (relatively) of our reserve money updating the fire alarm system, and adding new fire doors which had been mandated by a fire risk assessment.

Coming into this Methodist year and Rev Andy had moved on and I handed over treasurer responsibilities to Fran after last year's accounts were examined in October. Richard, Fran, and I formed a resources group to look after finances and property in this big impact year as we sought to enact the vision of 'Building Sustainable Hope' to transition the building for the next 50 years. Thanks to Sue Wrenn, who has been giving us consultative support on property matters.

I am carrying the Property hat notionally, but it is fair to say we have worked collaboratively on finance, property, and project management.

As is clear to all, the construction phase of what we have been working on is upon us! As you may recall last year, we were intending to replace the pitched roof and rainwater goods over church, add on substantial solar panels (44kWh), replace the windows in church with double glazed units and replace the suspended ceiling and lighting in room 4 at a cost of c £300,000. We started working the detail with District, D3 (architects and contract manager), Circuit Resources manager Angie and our resources team. Everything went well until just before planning permission was about to be approved when we were asked to carry out a bat survey. The survey found evidence of bats in the roof. Now the grant money available has to be spent by June and planning permission would not be forthcoming without a spring survey to determine mitigations for the bat presence so the project had to pivot substantially to retain the grant money.

Long story short we decided to substitute the flat roofs over room 2 and corridors for the pitched roof, reduce the amount of solar panels to fit the flat roof space and retain the rest. District found other churches who could soak up the shortfall on solar panels as that was a key condition of the grant money. So far, we have £272,000 in hand of a project cost of £286,000 so we may end up having to find shortfall at the end depending how much contingency is used up. Fran can speak to how we do that if necessary.

So to repeat, we are replacing and insulating the flat roofs over room 2 and the corridors and that is in progress now. From the 16th May, the windows in church will begin to be replaced and continue for just over 3 weeks. The church will still be useable in the evenings and at weekends. On the 20th May, work will begin to replace the ceiling in room 4 (about 2 weeks we hope). At the beginning of June work on the solar panels will start. Projected completion is scheduled to be 13th June.

Obviously behind the scenes Richard and Linsay have been working with all the groups that use our church trying to keep the disruption to a minimum and keeping everyone informed. It does mean we have had to suspend Friday Cafe until the church windows are complete.

All our thanks to Linsay and the caretaking team as they cope with the disruptions that inevitably arise from having a live construction site, while still keeping all our lettings going.

In other property news a few things have been repaired (taps, urinal flush and sadly a leak in the flat roof – if only we had known!). Some things have been maintained and serviced – coffee machine, central heating in church and bungalow and the organ.

When the current work is complete we will get the fire alarm system and fire extinguishers serviced and start to pick up ongoing work from there. One issue we want to resolve is the curtaining in room 4 and possibly room 5. We are all aware we will be very short of money until the anticipated energy savings kick in and we can fill the money drain that is the bungalow while it is unoccupied. Richard has been in contact with the York Council's social housing department YorHomes again to see what they can do now they are in a new financial year.

Going forward, we would like to find the money to replace the roof on church, but are concerned that some of us are feeling run down from the efforts thus far; it might be a long haul of church fundraising if a magic bullet grant cannot be found. So, if you have a passion for what the church does and want it to be around for the next 50 years come and join the resources team. That goes double if you have a passion for fundraising!

Cinema (Robin Taylor):

The cinema continues to meet monthly and there is a sense of a steady adherence with maybe a gradual increase. It continues to be a place for socialising and has the feel of a night out. We try to be as accessible as possible and always run with subtitles as that helps many of our attenders.

A double header film sandwiching a splendid high tea (thanks to Sarah!) did duty as a fundraiser and a celebration of the Community Cinema. Many plaudits were given and received so it may be something we attempt again.

Numbers vary month to month in the range 30-70 and they tend to be 'regulars' for the most part but we often welcome first timers.

We are always on the lookout for helpers – particularly for serving refreshments before the film and at the half time interval. If you are interested, speak to Andrew Wrenn or Robin Taylor.

Safeguarding (Gerry Ferry):

Safeguarding is the responsibility of every one of us. Training is available, indeed mandatory, for certain roles in the church, but it is open to all who want to learn more about protecting children, young people, and vulnerable adults (warmly invited!) The two types of training are Foundation and Advanced. There is a Foundation session planned for 18 June at Haxby. Please book through the Circuit Office. Details of all these courses can be found on the District website and renewal is every four years. For details of who should go on them, please look at the Safeguarding noticeboard by the door into church. DBS checks have been undertaken for people who have changed or gotten new roles, and they have been safely recruited. Volunteer role forms are now being rolled out for all who have a role in the church. Please fill them in and return them to me. This is so that we can see where the gaps are.

I know that this seems to be a lot of form filling, but, as I said earlier, we want people to be safe, so a big thank you to everyone who works hard to make this community what it is and to continue to grow.

Boardgame Church (Isaac Broadbent):

Board Game Church has had a rocky, but promising start. I took a while to get to grips with what the afternoons should be like. This meant that it has not been advertised as much as it could, and church members have not often been given adequate notice. This has led to slightly lower turnout from church members and members of the public compared to the potential. Even still, we have had a lot of people from the wider Acomb and York areas attend. This has meant that people who might not otherwise come into the church have begun to engage with us. We have also had people kindly donate board games to the collection.

I waited to properly advertise the afternoons until I was able to update the website with the current information. There was no point telling people to look at the website for information when it was still giving Andy's contact details. This is now updated, and I will start pushing the events properly to both church members and the wider community of Acomb.

There is the possibility to raise more funds for the church with the sale of refreshments during the afternoon. This does need more thought though, and I think that a joint refreshment store with other church events could be a good method to ensure that catering supplies are not duplicated and are less likely to expire. Stock use and levels would need to be recorded accurately and communicated between church events.

I am excited for where Board Game Church is going to go, but I would love input from the Church as to what the goals of the afternoons should be and what would make it easier or more appealing for them to attend.

Friday Café:

The Pop up Café continues to be busy when it's open on Fridays during term time between 10am and 1.30pm. Our main customers are the parents and children who attend the classes that run at Church that morning – Tumble Tots, Rhythm Time, Sing & Sign, and Treasure Chest – but the café is open to all and we have a wide range of people who come in, either occasionally or on a regular basis. We believe that we host several dozen people on average each week while we are open, including both adults and children. We do not particularly push a church message to them, but we believe that the café is an important part of building

relationships and community with the users of the building. We also have the screen up giving information about all church events whilst the café is open.

Lizzie led a wonderful Christmas singalong in December and many parents and children followed the Easter Trail that Louise set up in the garden.

Sarah works extremely hard as the café manager, baking wonderful cakes every week as well as serving whilst we are open from 10 to 1.30. Richard and Robin also help in serving and working as baristas whilst Lizzie and Gerry are excellent at front of house – talking to people, serving and clearing tables. Katie has joined us this year as barista and front of house! Joan continues to bake amazing cakes each week – she is definitely our “star baker”! If you have not been to the café at all – please come on down, we would love to see you. We tend to be busiest between 10.30 and 12.

Pastoral:

1. We currently have....

Members 55

Adherents 30

Total 85

These figures include Katie and Steve Hobson, and Lois Broadbent who have transferred their membership to AMC, and Jo Lindley who has transferred out.

Also we sadly lost two of our congregation this year. Pauline Alexander and Mary Pearson. Their long and precious lives were celebrated at their funerals here in February this year.

2. Our pastoral team consists of 12 members. Geraldine Ferry also joins our meetings as safeguarding officer and we value her input. All the team do an excellent job of care. We all benefitted from taking part in a dedication service in the new year led by Rev John Hayward too.

3. At our latest team meeting, Rev John initiated a training session for us all on how to care for the bereaved or those who were grieving for whatever reason. This included “10 Best things to say to someone in grief” and “10 Worst things to say to someone in grief”. This training was very beneficial to us all.

Eco-Church:

Our Eco Church journey has taken a back seat recently and unfortunately we were not in a position to make an application for silver by the deadline of End Jan. Therefore, when we do apply, we are not subject to the more stringent requirements of the new Eco Church survey. As a member of ACT NOW, we have changed how we are operating and are no longer offering the talks, conference and fair. Instead, we are going back to our roots in supporting each other with becoming sustainable Churches and congregations whilst looking for opportunities for collaboration.

The new Eco Church Gold requirements involve a lot of policies and procedures and need to show that care for creation is embedded. It is no longer a tick box exercise and requires a real and focused commitment to everything we do. We therefore need to consider as a Church if this is truly something we want at the heart of our mission and what that would look like for us as a community. I am concerned at present that Eco Church is a want held by relatively few and not core to who we are as a Church.

However, it might be that our current Building Sustainable Hope project and new Minister might inject some passion into this area of our mission. Looking forward, we need to do

some work as a community in articulating our vision as a Church, and I am hopeful that environmental concern and care for creation will be a key part of this. Something to consider over the next year.

Tea To Go:

This project continues to be a real blessing to the community with over 40 healthy home cooked meals being prepared every week. We have run every week except for where there has been a bank holiday and have an excellent team of volunteers. The community is really very supportive and looks after each other. We are indebted to Mikey, customer turned head chef, for helping so regularly.

Funds are looking quite good as the Food Bank grant covers 45% of our costs but we will need some community donations to meet the rest of the yearly £6k budget. We have struggled with volunteers but have had a number of new people starting over the last few months. A few under 18's are doing their Duke of Edinburgh with us (following an update to our safeguarding policy) which is great for us and them.

Personally, I am still struggling with the pressure of too many roles and do need some more people to help with the administration of this key mission. There is a paid role of 2 hours per week (at Real Living Wage) for the right person, to take the orders from customers, order stock items, and recruit and manage volunteers. If anybody knows of someone who would be a good fit for volunteer management then I would be very interested in talking to them.

Other things that need doing:

- Review and update policy and procedures
- Basic safeguarding training for all volunteers
- Create constitution and committee
- Hold an AGM

Any help in these would be gratefully received.

Youth Work:

Children and Youth sessions are going well with young people engaged in our time spent out of the main worship space. Some families have to organise their weekends around this offering, and we are very glad it is working well.

We have a good volunteer base who have been safely recruited. There is scope for more (especially a doorkeeper for Godly Play), but we are able to function. It would also be useful for the young people to have a more diverse input, so all would be welcome to volunteer to help with our offering.

Katie and I had a discussion with the Young People about development of Youth work and what they like and dislike. She is going to write this up as a report, but we do feel that we need to have a 10-year development plan for Children and Young People. It is important to bear in mind that whilst there are many young people in our church congregation currently, in 5 years time many of them will be adults. An area for development is perhaps how we engage with and invite families from our communities and outreach offering to join us on a Sunday, especially those who are unchurched. We also may need to look at if there is anything different we should be doing.

As part of this, we are delighted that the Circuit is intending to make some more hours available to us from the Children, Youth and Families Team. It is likely that over the next year, Amy will have more time to work with our youth and their families and develop our offering to

better meet their needs. The youth fund is also looking quite healthy (at about £8k) which will help us build this area of our ministry so we can continue to grow and develop both as a church, and the faith of our young people.

Minister's Message:

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

It is my privilege and pleasure to write a short review of the year so far. First, my thanks to all of you for the way I was welcomed into the church. It has never felt anything less than "our church" to me rather than "your church".

Before I get into my reflections on Acomb, significant changes are happening in the Circuit. Reverends David Bidnell, John Schofield and Judith Stoddart are leaving in the summer. Reverends Jill Pullan, Alex Middleton-Laing and Kate Paterson will be joining the circuit. Of course, Jill will be your minister. I have already had a handover meeting with her, and she attended our last leadership meeting and had a long conversation with the team after I left. I know she is very much looking forward to joining you in September and I hope you will be just as excited to welcome her. My last Sunday service as your minister will be on Sunday, 31st August. However, I will be Superintendent Minister for York from September, so you haven't seen the last of me.

With regards to Acomb, I don't know any other church that is as busy as this one and so well established in its community. It has been humbling to walk alongside you all through the year. I am not going to single people out by name and the details of what happens in all the different activities in church is properly left to those who run them and you will have had reports from them. However, I would like to pay tribute to all who volunteer week in and week out to ensure the smooth running of the church. Thank you to you all.

As we look around today, we see that the building work has commenced, and we are encased in a veritable spider's web of scaffolding. Very soon we will have new windows, repaired flat roofs, extra solar panels and batteries. That is good, but as I said at the beginning of the year the physical building work is in some ways the least important part of Building Sustainable Hope. The most important part is the building of hope. Hope in our church and hope in our community. I deliberately chose "Let us build a house where love can dwell" as our final hymn at this morning's service as a challenge for all of us. I pray that in the days, months and years ahead you will be that house, where love can dwell, where prophets speak, where love is found, where we reach out from our walls to our community and beyond. A house where all are named, their songs and visions heard. A place where all are loved and treasured as Christ loves and treasures each one of us.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Acomb Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

York	Circuit	Circuit no	29/33
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1166757
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If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number	
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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Andrew Lindley

Church Stewards:

David Blamire	Gillian Mason
Geraldine Ferry	Lois Broadbent

Treasurer:

Robin Taylor

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	36,920	727	37,647	35,532
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	116		116	113
a4	Lettings	51,586		51,586	42,634
a5	Other receipts	9,217	12,302	21,519	69,038
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	97,839	13,029	110,868 (a7)	147,317

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	40,848		40,848	38,498
b3	Donations	0	0	0	206
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	33,691	0	33,691	11,167
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,776		16,776	12,781
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments	36,003	5,496	41,499	97,964
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	127,318	5,496	132,814 (b9)	160,616

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(29,479)	7,533	(21,946)	(13,299)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	45,039	16,092	61,131 (c6)	74,430	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	15,560	23,625	39,185	61,131
c4	Transfers and adjustments	9,441	(9,441)	0 (c7)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	25,001	14,184	39,185 (c8)	61,131 (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	1,557	1,297
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,662	1,736
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,921	1,477
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	1,557

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

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 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			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	110,868 (a7)	132,814 (b9)	(21,946)	(c7)	61,131 (c6)	39,185 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	110,868	132,814	(21,946)	0	61,131 (x)	39,185 (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 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	60,871	38,925
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	0	0
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	260	260
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	61,131 (c6)	39,185 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	61,131 (x)	39,185 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,126,368	4,250,156
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)

Declaration and IE

Name of Church ACOMB METHODIST CHURCH No. 29/33

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 16-10-2024

Name and address of treasurer ROBIN TAYLOR

9 OTTERWOOD BANK YORK Post Code YO24 3JS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 17-10-2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting JOHN TREVOR SPURRY HAYWARD Date 17/10/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ACOMB METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1166757

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ACOMB METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 2 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (THE ACT).

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

*delete or circle as appropriate

IE Statement

Name of Church ACOMB..METHODIST...CHURCH..... No

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 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 E. E. Hannah

Name of independent examiner EILEEN ELIZABETH HANNAH

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ACOMB METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1166757

Accounts



Annual Report for Period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

Charity Commission Registered Number **1166757**

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The **governing documents** of the Methodist Church are the Deed Of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Section 4 Methodist Church Act 1976 states

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be Purposes deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of—

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;*
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;*
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;*
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.*

The Mission Statement of Acomb Methodist Church

Our Church's calling is to encourage growth through:-

Worship, Learning and Caring, Service and Evangelism

Worship

- To expand our provision of different worship styles in order to both meet the worshipping needs of our present congregation, but also to engage with those who are on the fringes or outside the church at present.*

Learning and Caring

- Provide stepping stones for developing discipleship and spiritual exploration to enable people to grow in their faith.*
- Provide particular opportunities for our young people to develop their own ministry and discipleship.*

Service

- Supporting community development and action in our context*
- Seek ways to reduce our environmental impact in tune with the connexional policy of 80% carbon reduction by 2050.*

Evangelism

- *Create opportunities to build relationships with our community*
- *Promote the things we do more clearly to the outside world.*
- *Provide opportunities to explore faith*

The Administration of Acomb Methodist Church

The Church is held on the 1976 Model Trust by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, and the Church Council act as Managing Trustees.

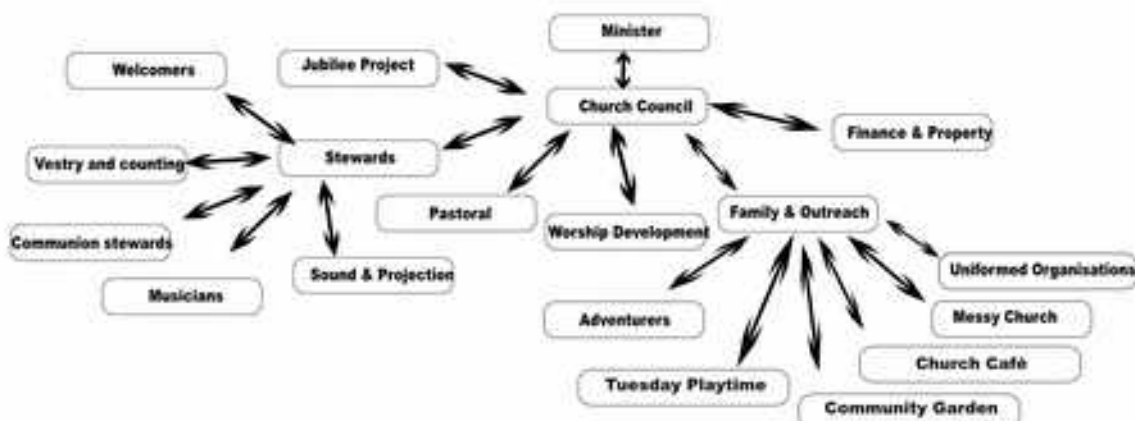
Managing Trustees at 31st August 2022

Name	Role(s)
Rev. Andy Lindley	Minister, Chairman
David Blamire	Steward, Communion Steward
Janet Holdaway	Steward
Robin Taylor	Treasurer
Gillian Mason	Steward, Property
Joan North	Pastoral
Olive Waterfield	Member
Heather Harding	Vestry Steward, Welcomer
Michael North	Property
Sheila Blamire	Communion Steward
Joan North	Member
Rob Harrison	AV for worship
Fran Taylor	Family & Outreach

The Church Council will appoint annually all Church Officers as determined from time to time by the Council whether on the nomination of a committee or otherwise; all such appointments being for the year commencing 1 May, apart from the Church Treasurer, whose appointment will commence on 1 September. The Council will also appoint the committees of the Church, again as from 1 May each year.

Church Council members (managing trustees) are appointed by the Annual Church meeting at which all church members are eligible to vote.

Organisation of the Church



Rev Andy – Overview of The Year

Considering the roller coaster of challenges that the pandemic threw at the church in the few years, with a major building scheme in progress and great uncertainty as to whether our usual rhythms of life, both as a church and busy community centre, would return, we find ourselves in a relatively healthy place, at this juncture.

I want to start by offering my grateful thanks to all those, who have stepped up, in so many ways, both big and small to restart and revitalise the various ministries we offer as a church. My special thanks to Louisa Taylor, who as Lay Pastor, now shoulders the lion's share of ministry leadership at both Acomb and now Southlands churches, since my new role as Superintendent of the Kairos circuit was established.

There is much to celebrate in each of the enclosed reports, and a real sense of connections and relationships being established between all those who engage in the varied activities and events that we host. It has also been wonderful to re-establish relationships with those who work for our local authority and with the other churches in Acomb after a period of enforced isolation. The latest such partnerships being the Thursday Takeaway, spearheaded ably by Fran Taylor, which has been funded by several partners, including our local authority, which sees volunteers drawn from across the local churches to serve those struggling to make ends meet. Equally exciting, however, is the energy released through the ACT (Acomb Churches Together) Eco group, which ran a wonderful fayre, and is now planning a conference in May. We have been spurred on, as a church, through signing up and attaining a Bronze Eco-church award and are planning the steps to move towards a Silver award. We were delighted to be chosen as part of a district bid for funding and to be awarded the funds to add solar panels to the garden studio project, which will offset its energy use. We are also thrilled that the Community Cinema was re-started, thanks to Andrew Wrenn and his team of volunteers. It is much appreciated by those who attend. Our Thursday community café acts as a linchpin for many of the community connections we have established and continue to develop and we are grateful to Sarah, our Barista for the last 10 months, and the dedicated team of volunteers that have created an oasis within our community. It is a place where friendships are formed, ideas birthed, and community is experienced and strengthened.

It is wonderful to report, that the Jubilee project, which was launched some 9 and a bit years ago, is complete. The last items, the refurbishment of the large hall, creation of the storage space and building of the garden studio have been completed. Already we have heard through the reports, how these changes have improved the experience and logistics of the activities we offer. Our property team should be rightly proud of this achievement, and we offer special thanks to them all, as well as our caretaker Janette, who managed to keep the building useable and accessible during a messy and much lengthier build than was envisaged. We are also grateful, amid this huge project that they've continued to chip away at a substantial list of repair and maintenance tasks.

There have been some challenging times recently, financially. During the lockdown, although we made use of the furlough scheme, the church did not enjoy the support that many community buildings enjoyed, and with some of our life going online, we were still employing our ministers. We are, as our treasurer explains, grateful for the support of those who maintained their giving, the circuit for offering us a reduction in our share of their costs, and the legacies gifted to us, which kept us afloat. We find ourselves in a relatively stable financial position, although with a substantial challenge facing us regarding the necessity of a new roof, and a list of aspirations on top of that to improve our eco-credentials, such as window replacements, and insulation.

Our vision day captured many of the untold stories, that take place on a daily basis in the life of the church. Sharing the stories of those who have joined our church family over the decades, was a truly humbling and moving experience. It helped us recognise the church we have become, and the charisms we offer, as a place of welcome for all ages, with a sense of family and a heart for our community. We also realise how we have been truly blessed by over 25 new friends joining us during both COVID and through the last year. We remain grateful for the small but dedicated tech team, who offer streaming of our services, which has helped us both maintain connection with those no longer able to attend in person, but also as a place many people first encounter and explore our services. Taken alongside a growing congregation, and a newfound enthusiasm for intergenerational worship, a new youth pastor on team (Amy), and a cohort of willing volunteers we have established a pattern of worship, that expresses our shared life in a wonderfully diverse way. It has also been wonderful to share in the Uniformed groups' acts of worship, as guests, rather than hosts and strengthen our connections with them.

We continue to deepen our spiritual lives through small groups, and have launched a new home group this year. We continue to partner, quite naturally, with Kairos, in offering some additional spiritual rhythms such as quiet days, online prayer times, our Northumbrian prayer, and various spiritually focussed activities in the garden and beyond. We are regular hosts to mental health counsellors in the log cabin, and we pray that the new studio will be a place of spiritual encounter, and retreat in the future, we've already welcomed a women's circle and a few Kairos gatherings.

We are not a huge congregation, and it is testament to people's passion and willingness to offer time and energy, and openness to work alongside others that we do what we do and have achieved all that we have. If we are brutally honest, many of us are ready for a quieter period to take stock, and simply enjoy the life of the church. We have to acknowledge, however, as we build new relationships, we do feel the call to respond, and we are a church that wishes to be agile in doing so, while being realistic about our limits.

We find ourselves, therefore, needing to consolidate, and protect all that we are doing, as we look to the future, such that we can maintain our rhythms, but with the spare energy to be responsive to a changing context. We now have people in several roles, who have served faithfully for many years, who are now looking to pass on the responsibility to others, and as such I would like us to explore both the opportunity for people to shadow those in such roles, in part to offer cover for illness, or holidays, but also to gain an experience of the breadth of the roles. We'd aim to do this, not with a view to taking them on wholesale in the near future, but to explore how we might delegate aspects of their roles to other people, to lighten the load. Hopefully with some revision the roles duly broken down, will become more manageable in a reality where very few people can offer substantial amounts of time and energy to any ministry, no matter how called or passionate they may be. Likewise, we may feel that some of the skills we need, are better served by people in paid roles (such as our Barista, Administrators and Caretakers, Lay Pastor and Minister). An example of this, is our pastoral visitors team, which will increasingly be focussing on those who are unable to attend the church, or require additional support, and alongside this we will be drawing on the natural network of pastoral support that exists between other members of the church family.

The Church (with a capital C) is rapidly changing, and as part of a network of churches in York and beyond, we increasingly will need to work together to manage the changing environment in which we find ourselves and so remaining open to partnerships and working together will be increasingly important in the years ahead. I hope, a time of rest, and consolidation, will enable us to play our part in that kingdom future.

Rev Andy

Garden Update – [REDACTED]



AGM 2nd April 2023

The garden at Acomb Methodist church is achieving its aims: now in its eighth year the garden has matured into the space really well and not only does it serve as a sanctuary for people, there are increased amounts of wildlife that call it their home.

Different elements within the areas are the bug hotel (soon to be renovated) kitchen garden with vegetables and fruit: raspberries, apples, gooseberries, and rhubarb. Herb beds, plenty of bulbs, two raised beds, a wild garden, four herbaceous beds, a lawned area for play and a living willow wigwam. Coming soon: a new pumpkin patch.

A good cohort of people from around the area regularly attend the monthly gardening mornings and many more from the wider community attend during daylight hours. They tell us that this fulfils a very necessary quiet space for them to sit and be tranquil or for their children to play in.

It is indeed a peaceful haven when you are immersed in it, and I believe it fulfils its original brief of prayerful productive, playful and colourful.

There is a healthy number of gardeners coming along now of differing skill sets and abilities; but all keen to learn and enjoy what is on offer, an example of this is that we are now harvesting our own willow and hazel to make small willow hurdles and our own hazel bean poles.

We have been used as a model for other churches to seek advice on, and going forward we are in a strong position -with the addition of the new bookable space- to make this a great destination for all.

My year as a Property Steward 2022-23. [REDACTED], 2nd April 2023

I stepped into the role as chair of the Property and Finance committee last spring, I had no idea what the job would entail.

1 Chairing meetings, prepared agendas, prioritising jobs, delegating where possible.in consultation with the minister and other stewards.

1. Building alterations and additions: Arranged site meetings with contractors and architect. Visiting work in progress. Meeting with company reps, circuit staff, building inspectors and surveyors. (The stage in Room 4 has been removed, new storage provided and the area redecorated. A garden studio has been erected and is fully equipped for use. Property stewards are regularly engaged in decorating, DIY jobs and garden maintenance)

3 Regular user groups have been met with to share information and to reassign storage.

4 Unlocking and locking the building when regular caretakers or key holders are unavailable.

5 Meeting weekly with the caretaker/admin person to update activities and problems.

6 Sending letters/emails to initiate work/repairs to be done on the building.

7 Facilitating repairs, arrange times for work to begin, release payment.

8 Still to be done :

Annual property return for the Methodist Church.

Fire access survey; Fire safety certificate, Fire extinguisher maintenance and provision.

Annual Gas Boiler and heating annual certificate

Electrical safety certificate. PAT testing

Work to get the repairs and maintenance items completed as described in the Quinquennial inspection in order of listed priorities.

We have to be aware at all times that there are emergency situations that need instant action (toilet/plumbing, lighting and electrical failures etc.) and other long term issues that will need addressing as and when funds or grants are available: Roofs, windows, rainwater goods ongoing.

The work of the property steward is varied and never dull, the maintenance of our building depends on many people volunteering to do their part according to their gifts and abilities. It is a rewarding and sometimes frustrating task, for we all take a comfortable, clean and safe building for granted.

As a Christian church we see our work and witness in the world as important. We serve the wider community and enable many people to enjoy what we provide in our building. It is estimated that for every £1 in rent we receive, at least 12.80 pence (source not verified.) is used in running costs. Without the room rent we, as a church, would not be able to meet our commitments to the Methodist church and those who minister to us.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to [REDACTED] who has been the face of Acomb Methodist Church for over 20 years. We will never know the extent to which she has nurtured and cared for everyone who steps over the threshold but we give thanks to her for her love and dedication. Thanks must also go to Mick who has been our Assistant Caretaker and steps up to take over more work on week days.

Please join me as we enter a new phase of life without a resident caretaker to maintain our church family home as a safe and welcoming place to belong. If you have gifts and experience in project oversight, maintenance or administration we would love to hear from you, every little helps!



37th York Rainbows – Sarah Stone

After our numbers going down during covid I am pleased to say we have had lots of new Rainbows join over the last year. We currently have 23 Girls.

The Rainbows have enjoyed earning lots of badges over the past few months. We have had 2 girls earn their bronze award and they also almost have their silver!

We also held a party with the Brownies and Guides to celebrate the Queen's jubilee which was lots of fun!

The Rainbows joined the brownies for a sleepover at wheldrake and also joined them for a day at our Christmas Brownie holiday.

We are looking forward to our coronation party, lots of summer activities, hopefully out and about as the weather allows and earning lots more badges!

We would like to thank church for their continued support and particularly for still being able to accommodate us during the building works in rooms 4 and 5!!

Sarah Stone and the Rainbow leaders



38th York Brownies – Sarah Stone

As with the Rainbows our Brownie numbers have really increased over the past year, we currently have 27 Brownies. We had a brownie earn her gold award last March and several are well on their way to their bronze and silver awards, they should all have at least their Bronze by the time we finish for summer!

We had a lovely time away with the Brownies last summer although the heat was definitely a challenge! We had to spend most of our time indoors with the curtains shut! There were though some very welcome water fights that took place!!!! The girls are enjoying earning badges which they are working really hard on but having fun at the same time. They have all just earned their 1st aid skill builder which I feel is a very important one for them to have worked on so they all now know basic 1st aid, how to get help and how to do CPR.

The girls enjoyed taking part in the harvest service, they also enjoyed carol singing at Gale Farm court just before Christmas and the girls and their families all really enjoyed the Christingle service, we had some lovely comment afterwards. (The Rainbows enjoyed being part of all of these too).

We have a district to Beamish and our summer holiday to look forward to as well as all our usual Wednesday night activities.

As with Rainbows the brownies and leaders would like to thank church for their continued support in accommodating us whilst the building work took place!

Sarah and the Brownie Leaders

Acomb popup café – Sarah Stone

I have been working at the café for 10 months and I have loved every minute of it.

It has been amazing watching how it has grown over the last 10 months.

It has been wonderful meeting so many different people.

There are several groups that meet in Acomb Methodist church buildings on a Friday morning and we have the pleasure of welcoming people from all the different groups.

‘Sing and sign’ and ‘rhythm time’ are baby/toddler and carer groups and a lot of the carers, mums, dads, grandmas etc pop into the café either before or after their classes sometimes before and after!!!

There is treasure chest which is a breast-feeding support group and we have many mums with their new born babies pop in.

There is also an Italian class, who without fail, pop in at 11am for their drinks and cakes in their break.

We now have mums and dads etc that used to go to the groups but no longer do, who still call in at the café to meet with friends for a drink and cake, which is lovely for us to be able to keep in touch with them.

We regularly have members of the congregation who come along to support us and to chat to people.

The other people that we have the pleasure of seeing regularly are members of the ‘craft and chat’ group, which has become more of a ‘chat’ group, although they do help with cutting out etc for things needed for church services. We also have [REDACTED] who are artists and they have been doing some lovely art work with this group of ladies and others.

The Wilberforce trust has been along to talk to people and let them know all about the work they do.

We have had local councilors hold meetings at the café, [REDACTED] from Acomb Explore Library come in to chat to people, the pottery lady who has been in several times and takes orders for wonderful personalised items that she produces, we also have adults with learning difficulties from ‘the bungalow’ at Gale farm court that come along with their support workers and recently we welcomed a class of children with autism from ‘Hobmoor Oaks’ school who come along every Friday afternoon.

[REDACTED] who is a community officer, and [REDACTED] who is local area coordinator for Westfield Ward are very regular visitors to the café.

As you can see we meet a very diverse group of people on a weekly basis, no two weeks are the same!

A little story to show what a difference the café can make to people. My first week at café last May a lady called [REDACTED] came along to craft and chat and I recognised her, she used to be the brownie leader for 38th York brownies when I first moved to York 29 years ago! She didn't recognise me but we had a great chat about all things brownies! Since then she always asks me how brownies are going and has given me many of her 'keepsakes including badges and tea towels! from her time in brownies! I remembered a photo and letter I had once found in the brownie cupboard of [REDACTED] and some other guiders but I thought I had thrown it away having no way of contacting [REDACTED] anymore. When we sorted the cupboards ready for the building work I found the letter and photo, I had kept it after all and was able to reunite it with it's owner the following Friday at café! [REDACTED] has, over the last few weeks, at café, been making Easter bunny stamped pictures for the Rainbows and Brownies to make Easter cards with. On Wednesday morning I rang her and asked her if she would like to come along to Brownies that evening to Help the girls make their cards, I picked her up and took her home. She had a wonderful evening with the girls, making cards and Easter boxes and watching them doing their egg hunt and we all enjoyed having her there, it was so lovely to be able to reunite her with the brownie unit she loved so much, if hadn't been for the café that would never of happened!! She hopes to visit again very soon.

The café is made up of an amazing team some of whom I have mentioned, but one other person whom I have to mention and say a huge thank you to is [REDACTED] who keeps us supplied with delicious home baking every week of which chocolate crunch is everyone's absolute favourite, so thank you Joan.

We would welcome anyone else who could offer to do some baking for us as recently what myself and Joan bake has been selling out fast!!!!

I hope the café continues with such success and I hope the day will come that we can open more than one day a week.

Sarah Stone



Tuesday Playtime – Sarah Stone

TUESDAY PLAYTIME

Tuesday Playtime parent/carer and baby/toddler group continues to be a very successful group.

We have been blessed this year by more volunteers joining our team. The team now consists of myself, Janet, Lizzie, Jean, Amanda, Judith, Amy and Sue and not forgetting Russell! which is wonderful and we now have plenty of cover if for any reason one or more us can't make it.

We currently have 46 families on our register. Our average attendance over the last half term has been 28 Adults and 36 children each week.

We have lots of grandparents, mums, dads, childminders that come along and we get such lovely comments, many saying it's the nicest group they have been to and how friendly everyone is.

We have had parents/carers that we have supported through some difficult times which they have very much appreciated

We still work to a theme each week and the children continue to enjoy many varied activities and toys. They still make their own snacks most weeks to tie in with the theme for instance they cut bunnies out of cheese slices to put on cream crackers for our Chinese new year-year of the rabbit theme!

We get messy with paint, glue, playdough, rice, cereal and water to name but a few.

We always end with a singing session, which the children and carers really enjoy.

We had a jubilee party, Christmas party and a nativity service all of which were enjoyed by all and look forward to our coronation party coming up very soon.

Russell said I have to mention how much easier setting up and clearing away it is now with the new storage areas, we are very grateful. We do miss a clock on the wall!!!!

We are, I think!, looking forward to cleaning the ride on toys next week and getting them put away for use in the garden when the weather allows!

We love the summer months being out in the garden under gazebos with paddling pools and sand, roll on summer!

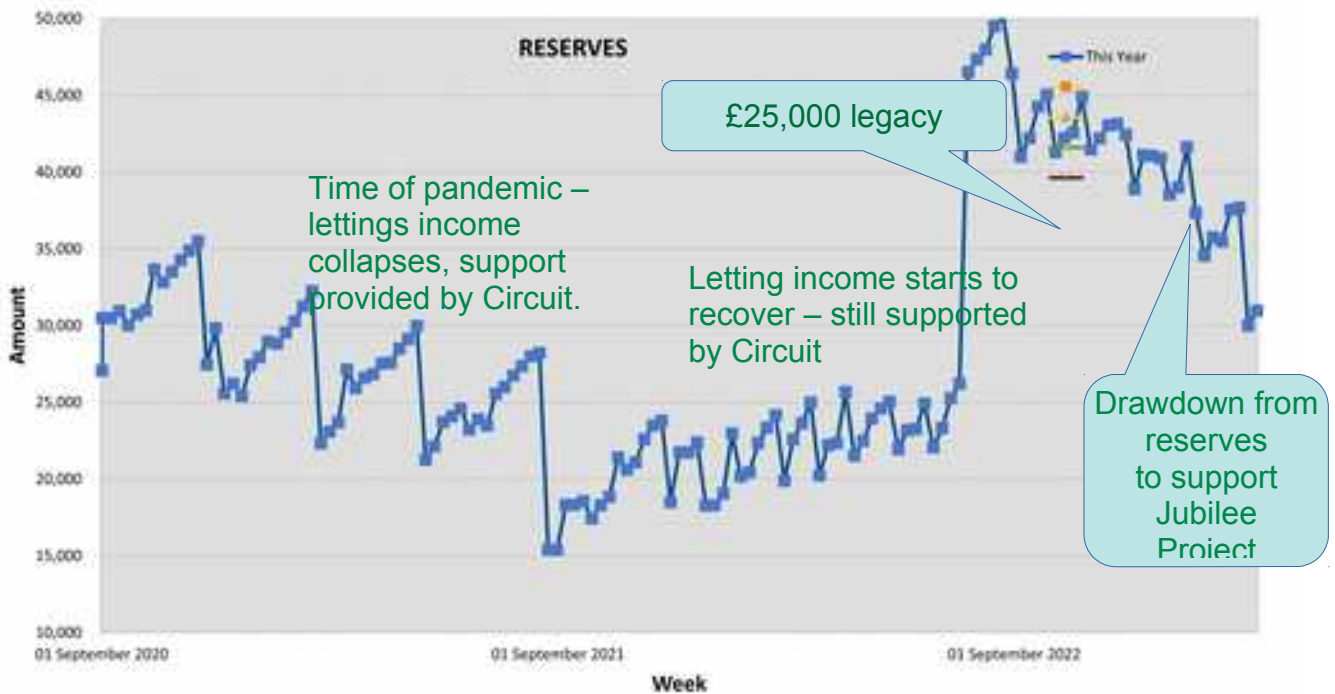
The group gives us, as volunteers, many chances to talk to people and let them know about other events happening in church.

We give thanks to church for the use of the rooms, the new storage area and the continued support you give to the group.

Sarah Stone

Finance Report – Robin Taylor

Finance Report to ACM April 2023



Three Year Reserves Tracking

Notes:

Usually I report on how we are doing against budget and the general state of the finances to the ACM. This year I have added the reserves tracking diagram to that because a snapshot of the budget does not tell the whole picture. The budget represents our receipts and payment for year to date for spending from the General fund – day to day stuff. It does not tell us about the effect of reserved projects and other external effects.

So this year we are holding our own on budget with Circuit help again. Lettings continue to recover and there is an order book of about £36,000 which if we realise that this year would mean a comfortable excess on budget at end of financial year (end of August).

As the reserves diagram above shows there has been an overspend on the Jubilee Project which depresses reserves considerably. The actual overspend is £11,816 on total spend for the project of £324,160 over the several years it has been running or £115,486 for this last phase.

Again referring to the reserves diagram we can see that we should continue to praise God for providing when we needed it and to bless the memory of Kathleen for the £25,000 legacy which buffered our accounts at exactly the right time to counter the project overspend. It is also worth remembering how concerning the financial situation was at the height of the pandemic when the Circuit support and then the recovery of lettings money pulled us back from the brink.

Looking forward there is reason to be optimistic that we can continue to grow lettings income as the Garden Studio is now available and advertised on our website. It may be that we can realize income from the caretakers bungalow at the rear of church in the fullness of time but that still needs to be scoped out. We have contracted Linsay as an administrator for our church and she will be key in streamlining and carrying forward the growth of lettings income.

Of course there are numerous challenges for the finances too. We know that the church roof requires major expenditure at some point. There will be significant costs in developing the bungalow to be an income generator. We will need to spend more on caretaking when we no longer have a live in caretaker and there will be infrastructure costs associated with different ways of working. Possibly the biggest challenge is the lack of people to focus on these issues and drive through solutions and Gillian will probably speak to part of that in her report.

Generally we are in a position to be cautiously optimistic going ahead if we rise to the challenges facing us.

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	34,682	850	35,532	37,074
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	113		113	4
a4	Lettings	42,634		42,634	27,225
a5	Other receipts	21,061	47,977	69,038	81,310
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	98,490	48,827	147,317 (a7)	145,613

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	38,498		38,498	32,102
b3	Donations	66	140	206	60
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,748	7,418	11,166	4,407
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,781		12,781	7,375
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments	22,554	75,410	97,964	70,980
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	77,647	82,968	160,615 (b9)	114,924

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	20,843 (a6-b8)	(34,141)	(13,298)	30,689
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	41,011	33,418	74,429 (c6)	43,740
c3	Sub total	61,854 (c1+c2)	(723)	61,131	74,429
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(16,815)	16,815	0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	45,039 (c3+c4)	16,092	61,131 (c8)	74,429 (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	1,297	1,076
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,736	2,671
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,476	2,450
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	1,557 (d1+d2-d3)	1,297

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

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 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/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	147,317 (a7)	160,615 (b9)	(13,298)	(c7)	74,429 (c6)	61,131 (c8)
e10	147,317	160,615	(13,298)	0	74,429 (x)	61,131 (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 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	74,169	60,871
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	0	0
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	260	260
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	74,429 (c6)	61,131 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	74,429 (x)	61,131 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,613,310	4,126,368
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 No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

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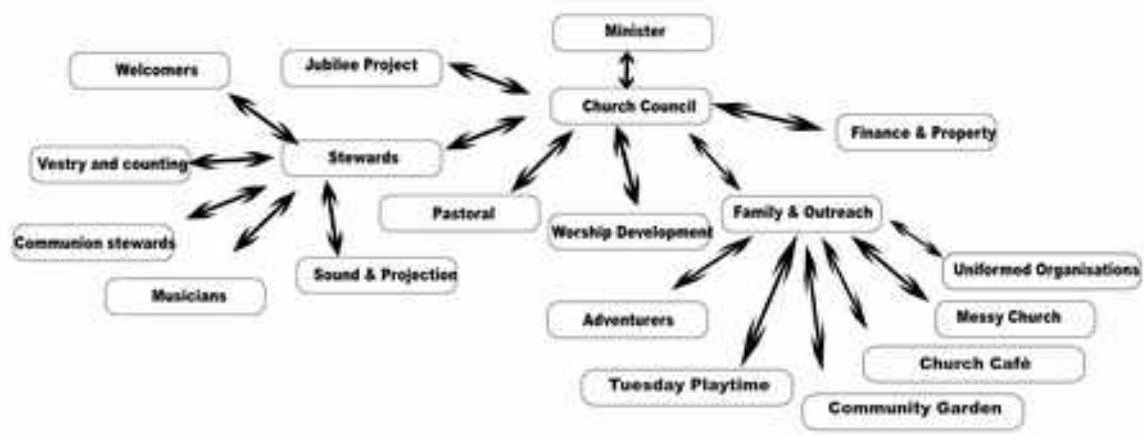
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		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	35,574	1,500	37,074	38,565
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4		4	1
a4	Lettings	27,225		27,225	8,515
a5	Other receipts	31,328	49,982	81,310	27,356
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	94,131	51,482	145,613 (a7)	74,437

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	32,102		32,102	35,703
b3	Donations	0	60	60	224
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,295	2,112	4,407	5,581
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,375		7,375	6,379
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments	19,320	51,660	70,980	45,994
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	61,092	53,832	114,924 (b9)	93,881

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	33,039 (a6-b8)	(2,350)	30,689	(19,444)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	15,390	28,350	43,740 (c6)	63,184
c3	Sub total	48,429 (c1+c2)	26,000	74,429	43,740
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(7,419)	7,419	0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	41,010 (c3+c4)	33,419	74,429 (c8)	43,740 (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	1,076	1,076
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,671	209
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,450	209
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	1,297 (d1+d2-d3)	1,076

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e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	145,613 (a7)	114,924 (b9)	30,689	(c7)	43,740 (c6)	74,429 (c8)
e10	145,613	114,924	30,689	0	43,740 (x)	74,429 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	42,736	74,169
f3		
f4	744	0
f5	260	260
f6		
f7	43,740 (c6)	74,429 (c8)
f8	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9	43,740 (x)	74,429 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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g1		
g2	3,367,460	3,613,310
g3		
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g5		

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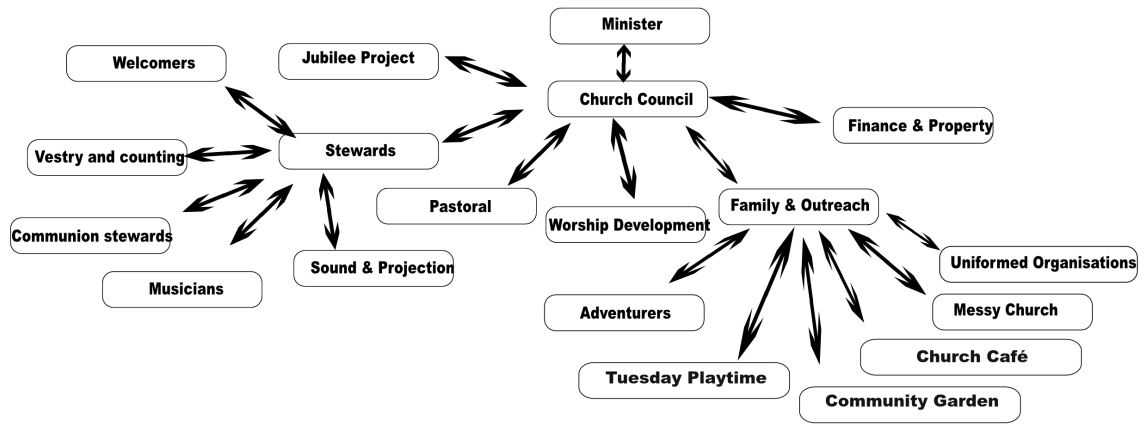
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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Acomb Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

YORK	Circuit	Circuit no	29/33
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1166757

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Andrew Lindley

Church Stewards:

David Blamire	Janet Holdaway
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Tim Short	Rev Ian Waterfield
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Gillian Mason

Treasurer:

Robin Taylor

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		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	37,062	1,503	38,565	42,693
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1		1	14
a4	Lettings	8,515		8,515	19,340
a5	Other receipts	6,623	20,733	27,356	29,969
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	52,202	22,236	74,437 (a7)	92,016

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,703		35,703	31,570
b3	Donations	0	224	224	80
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,581	3,000	5,581	2,884
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,379		6,379	10,534
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments	17,119	28,875	45,994	35,927
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	61,782	32,099	93,881 (b9)	80,995

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(9,581)	(9,863)	(19,444)	11,021
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	27,083	36,101	63,184 (c6)	52,163
c3	Sub total	17,503	26,238	43,740	63,184
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(2,112)	2,112	0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	15,391	28,350	43,740 (c8)	63,184 (c6)

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting REV ANDY LINDLEY Date 22/10/21

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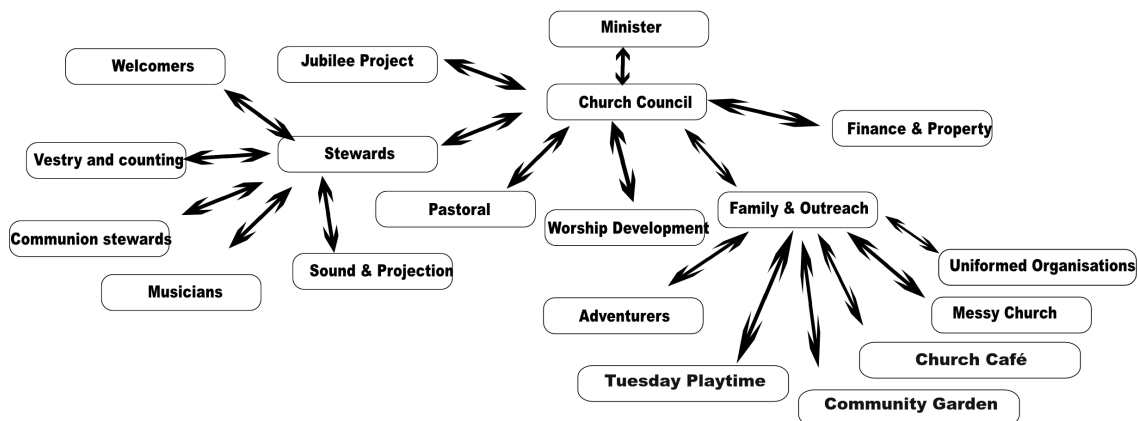
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The Church Life Report (Summary)

Pastoral:

A brief update: There have been no deaths over the past few months from within our membership for which we are thankful. Membership 68, Adherents 27. We also have 2 new categories. Ceased to meet and Worshipping elsewhere. People who are on these lists are not included in our Stats.

Housegroups: the minister is still working on setting up a digital cell. This will be for all churches.

Finance Report:

The accounts presented were for the year up to the 31st August 2020. Therefore, the majority of the accounts cover pre covid restrictions, and the church as far as lettings go mainly only missed out on Summer term fees. We did receive help from the Government under the Job Retention scheme and a reduction in the Assessment paid to Circuit. It was pleasing to see the Offerings had increased over the year. The majority of our offerings are through Standing Orders. Those on the envelope scheme have mostly found other ways to give their money. We are currently only doing basic repairs and maintenance. There has been an increase in donations to the Benevolent fund which will help us provide support to people through the coming year. Obviously, it is very difficult to assess where we will be with the accounts this year. The Circuit assessment in November will be reduced from £37,000 to £31,000. Unfortunately, we will see a huge drop in lettings income over the next year of between £24,000 and £28,000. Circuit Assessment is based on a 3-year rolling programme so this needs a close eye keeping on it. It might be worth considering consolidating lettings we do have to

certain days to enable us to cut down on heating the building every day. A suggestion that we offer reduced letting fees for a few weeks to new groups who may have been displaced from other buildings took place and it was agreed to pass this to Leadership to discuss further.

Property:

We now have the planning permission to change the side doors. A financial impact with regard to the gutters will be discussed by the Leadership Team.

A discussion took place on the possibility of researching a new internet provider that would be able to give better specification than we currently have. Current provider is BT. One main suggestion was to look into Talk Talk UFO.

A brief consultation in February/March 2020 took place on the future of the Communion Rails.

Following a brief discussion it was AGREED that we move to no rail at the present time and will review this at the next Annual Church Meeting in June 2021.

Café Logo Design: Rainbow 10 Living Stones 3 Mosaic 0

It was decided to put this on hold for the present.

Groups/Lettings:

We currently have a few of our regular groups back and some new one's meeting. Tuesday Playtime are looking at online provision until the current situation has eased.

Worship Development:

Worship is currently being held via Zoom on a Sunday with 3 other churches and with a variety of leaders and other contributors. This appears to be going well and is well received. For those who cannot access the Internet there are various other ways to stay in touch via paper services being delivered to their doors, television services etc. We are also being joined by people from areas outside of York which is good to see.

Mission:

- a) Project Bob – The proposed person was not right for this role so currently looking for alternatives.
- b) The Friday Café has restarted. It is currently running under Tier 2 Covid restrictions. If York is moved in to Tier 3 it will close immediately. We will also close if people start to not observe social distancing under Tier 2 regulations. It is being valued by the people who have come back to use it.
- c) The Cinema is currently not running and will probably need a relaunch with new people involved once we are able to use our buildings to gather in again.

d) Hard to Recycle is on hold.

Garden Room Project:

Andy showed some drawings of the old plan (2019) and a new provisional revised plan (2020) for the Garden Room project. He talked through all the changes and the reasons behind some of the changes. One aspect is to lower the staged area in Room 4 to floor level and then extend it out to the back of the building. Then put in glass doors overlooking the garden and a raised balcony with steps leading down into the garden. A discussion took place on various areas of storage being provided, glass doors/wooden partitions/bi folding doors. We need to make sure that Room 4 will reflect that it is a worship space and not just a hall. The treasurer updated on current finance for this project £19,000 in TMCP, £24,000 in restricted funds and £70,000 from Connexion still to be drawn down.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Acomb Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

YORK	Circuit	Circuit no	29/33
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1166757

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 Andrew Lindley

Church Stewards:

David Blamire

Kirsty Wilkinson

Tim Short

Janet Holdaway

Gillian Mason

Helen Rough

Rev Ian Waterfield

Treasurer:

Robin Taylor

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	40,529	2,164	42,693	41,971
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	14		14	41
a4	Lettings	19,340		19,340	24,791
a5	Other receipts	10,135	19,834	29,969	9,951
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	70,018	21,998	92,016 (a7)	76,754

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		31,570	31,570	36,874
b3	Donations		0	80	290
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		2,884	2,884	4,726
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		10,534	10,534	11,025
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments		20,144	35,927	44,345
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		65,132	80,995 (b9)	97,260

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	4,886	6,135	11,021	(20,506)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		25,462	26,701	52,163 (c6)	72,669
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	30,348	32,836	63,184	52,163
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(3,265)	3,265	0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	27,083	36,101	63,184 (c8)	52,163 (c6)

SECTION D			
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		
	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	931	541
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,786	3,386
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,641	2,996
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	1,076	931
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 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			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	92,016 (a7)	80,995 (b9)	11,021	(c7)	52,163 (c6)	63,184 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH					
	92,016	80,995	11,021	0	52,163 (x)	63,184 (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 August 2019**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	51,324	62,181
f3		
f4	579	743
f5	260	260
f6		
f7	52,163 (c6)	63,184 (c8)
f8	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9	52,163 (x)	63,184 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1		
g2	3,282,117	3,367,460
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church ACOMB METHODIST CHURCH No 29/33

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 *M.L.* Date 29/10/2020

Name and address of treasurer ROBIN CHARLES TAYLOR

9 OTTERWOOD BANK, YORK Post Code YO24 3SS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 20th October 2020

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *A.J. Lindley*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Andy Lindley Date 3/11/20

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ACOMB...METHODIST.....Church

Charity Number 1166757

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ACOMB...METHODIST... Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 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 ACOMB METHODIST CHURCH No 24/33

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.

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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 E. E. Hannah

Name of independent examiner EILEEN ELIZABETH HANNAH

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner RETIRED TEACHER OF ACCOUNTS

Name of firm (where appropriate) -

Address S. WANDHILL, HAXBY, YORK

NORTH YORKSHIRE Post Code YO32 2FW

Date 29th October 2020

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