



Annual Report for Period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

Charity Commission Registered Number **1166757**

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, 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.

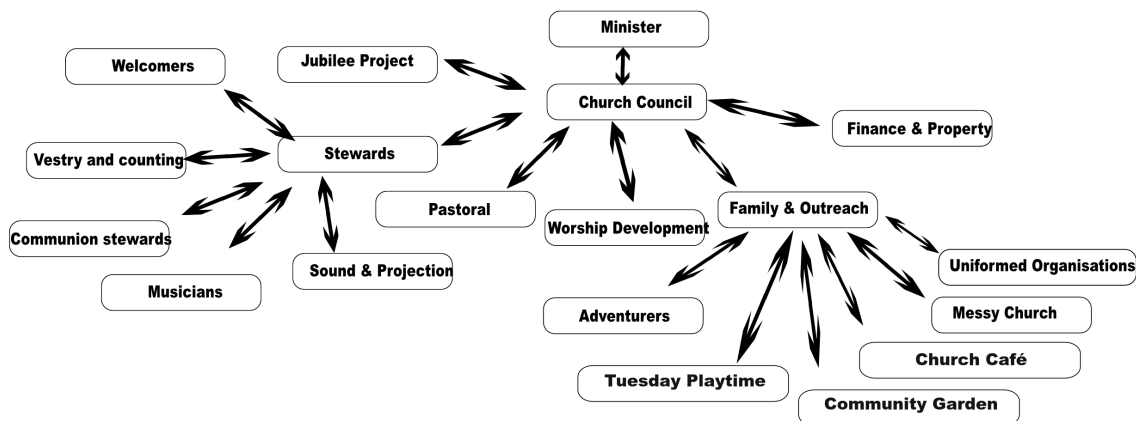
Managing Trustees at 31st August 2019

Name	Role(s)
Rev. Andy Lindley	Minister, Chairman
David Blamire	Steward, Communion Steward
Janet Holdaway	Steward
Tim Short	Steward, Property, Communion Steward
Robin Taylor	Treasurer
Gillian Mason	Steward
Helen Rough	Steward, Welcomer, Family & Outreach
Judith Pinder	Pastoral
Olive Waterfield	Member
Heather Harding	Vestry Steward, Welcomer
Henry Rough	Property
Michael North	Property
Dr Phil Hasnip	Family & Outreach
Sheila Blamire	Communion Steward
Joan North	Member
Rob Harrison	AV for worship
Kirstie Wilkinson	Steward, Safeguarding
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



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
-----------------	--------

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

YORK	Circuit	Circuit no	29/33
------	---------	------------	-------

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	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	15,783	35,927	44,345
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		65,132	15,863	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	(d1+d2-d3)	1,076	931

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)	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)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2019**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	51,324	62,181
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	579	743
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	260	260
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	52,163 (c6)	63,184 (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	52,163 (x)	63,184 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,282,117	3,367,460
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 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 [Signature] 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 [Signature]

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 29/33

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.

[the [the

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 5 WANDHILL, HAXBY, YORK

NORTH YORKSHIRE Post Code YO32 2FW

Date 29th October 2020

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-19