

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CRAVEN	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Airedale	Circuit	Circuit no.	27/31
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1167897

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 Clare Stainsby

Church Stewards:

Janet Clark
Lena Robinson
Jean Ainsworth
Phil Corp
Anne Pearson

Treasurer:

David Ayrton

CRAVEN METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Craven Methodist Church was formed on 1st September 2021 when several separate Methodist Churches joined together under the trusteeship of Craven Methodist Church Council. Craven is a church that continues to worship in different congregations and different buildings but through a shared vision and regular shared services and activities, its identity, mission and fellowship continue to grow.

Charity Registration Number: 1167897

Craven Methodist Church was registered with the Charity Commission as Silsden Methodist Church on 28th June 2016.

Church Office Address: Craven Methodist Church
c/o Silsden Methodist Church
80 Kirkgate
Silsden
Keighley
BD20 0PA

Trustees

The Church Council members are the Trustees of the Charity:

Minister and Chair: Rev Clare Stainsby

Secretary: Anne Pearson

Treasurer: David Ayrton

Safeguarding Officer: Janet Clark

Local Representatives

Cowling: Philip Boocock
Tony Denning

Eastburn: Jean Ainsworth
Rev Jennifer Lunn
Christine Smith
Roger Smith

Silsden: Claire Corp
Sarah Halstead
Tim Sharp
Joan Whitfield

St Peter's Cross Hills: Phil Corp
Monica Dobson
Frances Greenwood
Graham Sheard

Steeton: Dean Berry
Julie Eccleshare
Christine Hambley
Joanne Stokes

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Governing Document:	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
Constituted:	Act of Parliament
Selection of Trustees:	Appointed by existing trustees (Craven Church Council) The minister is ex officio a trustee.
Structure:	Part of Airedale Methodist Circuit, which is part of the Yorkshire West District of the Methodist Church, which in turn is accountable to the Methodist Conference
Decision Making:	Craven Methodist Church Council is the decision-making body responsible for the charity. It meets in the autumn and spring and as necessary at other times to guide the mission and business of the Church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives:

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 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.

Vision and purpose:

Craven Methodist Church adopted the Vision and Purpose of Airedale Methodist Circuit, which is based on The Methodist Way of Life:

We are God's people here, listening for God's voice, worshipping, caring, encouraging faith experiences and taking action to build God's Kingdom in a variety of ways.

Worship

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

- We are committed to making worship inclusive, welcoming and accessible for all across the circuit.
- We are encouraging prayer, and seeking new opportunities for prayer experiences.
- We are encouraging people to notice God alive and at work, both in the Bible and in the World today.

Learning and Caring

The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.

- We offer care to the families of our churches, and to the people of the communities around us.
- We encourage opportunities to learn more about our faith.
- We are committed to hospitality and generosity.

Service

The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

- We are ready to offer support to help the needs of our communities, and people of the wider world.
- We are seeking ways of actively caring for creation.

- We are ready and willing to challenge injustice wherever we see it.

Evangelism

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

- We are encouraging a willingness among our church people to speak of their own experience of love of God.
- We are committed to living in a way that draws others to Jesus.
- We are seeking ways of sharing our faith with others. In all these things, we want to be a blessing within and beyond God's Church, for the transformation of the world.

Public Benefit:

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Craven Methodist Church carries out a range of activities in pursuance of its mission. The Trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who are members of the Circuit through the local Methodist churches and to the wider community.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR

Worship, pastoral care and mission activities took place under the guidance of Rev Clare Stainsby the minister, supported by many volunteers including local preachers, worship leaders, pastoral visitors and stewards.

Regular worship services were held in the different church buildings, with many shared services for the whole Church to come together. These offered vibrant and joyful opportunities to share faith and develop closer relations and also to experience different styles of worship. People were encouraged to join in events in each other's chapels, including the full programme of activities around Christmas and Easter, and youth and children's activities.

Outreach activities across the congregations included regular prayer groups, coffee mornings, a parent and toddler group, the GIFT club for young people, a Mainly Men group offering companionship, a Thursday Club in Silsden that includes support for those with mobility issues or memory loss, and a second-hand shop. A number of congregations successfully pursued A Rocha's Eco Church accreditation scheme in line with The Methodist Church's commitment to Net Zero by 2030. This included positive engagement with the local community by hosting a Repair Café.

Rev Clare continued to guide the new Church forwards and consider its key priorities in terms of where God was leading them. She encouraged the different congregations to think prayerfully about different aspects of their health and sustainability through activities such as the Traffic Light Exercise.

Following much prayer and reflection, the decision was taken to cease worship at St Andrew's in Cowling and to hand the building over to the Circuit, while at the same time exploring new opportunities for mission and outreach within the village, working together with others. The final service in August 2023 was a fitting opportunity to give thanks for many years of faithful witness, while looking ahead to consider where God might be leading next.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities shows the total reserves at 31 August 2023 were £205,882 (compared with £198,123 in 2022, a figure which includes £5,344 that had previously been classed as an investment), of which £14,777 were restricted for internal organisations that report to Church Council (£14,146 in 2022). Total Income for the year to 31 August 2023 was £178,519 (£170,646 in 2022) of which £6,068 related to internal organisations (£3,847 in 2022). Expenditure for the same period was £170,762 (£165,016 in 2022) of which £5,438 was for internal organisations (£9,324 in 2022).

Overall the Church's finances remain satisfactory with a small increase in the closing balances compared with the start of the year. The Church is very grateful for the continued faithful and generous giving of its members and friends.

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		101,022		101,022	89,847
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,927		3,927	494
a4	Lettings		40,797		40,797	31,264
	Adj to Balance		687		687	1,885
a5	Other receipts		26,018		26,018	43,309
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		172,451		172,451 (a7)	166,799

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		75,100		75,100	77,952
b3	Donations		2,080		2,080	2,640
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		22,517		22,517	14,292
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		32,087		32,087	24,289
b6						
b7	Other payments.		33,540		33,540	36,519
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		165,324		165,324 (b9)	155,692

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,127		7,127	11,107
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		183,978		183,978 (c6)	167,536
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	191,105		191,105	178,643
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	191,105		191,105 (c8)	178,643 (c6)

plus 5,334 classed
previously as investment
= 183,978

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)			
			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		605	333
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		5,380	12,161
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		5,629	11,945
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	356	549

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 Network	383	270	113		333	446
e2 Mainly Men	669	505	164		75	239
e3 Amnesty International	2,493	2,825	(332)		630	298
e4 Community Care Fund	2,523	1,838	686		13,108	13,794
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6,068	5,438	631		14,146 (e11)	14,777 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	172,451 (a7)	165,324 (b9)	7,127	(c7)	183,978 (c6)	191,105 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	178,519	170,762	7,757		198,124 (x)	205,882 (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	139	259
f2 Bank Current Account	49,508	50,903
f3 Bank Deposit Account	1,282	4,336
f4 Central Finance Board	42,598	40,784
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	74,999	75,853
f6 Other funds	15,451	18,970
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	183,977 (c6)	191,105 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	14,146 (e11)	14,777 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	198,123 (x)	205,882 (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)		
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 SILVER CRAVEN No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date..... 22/1/24
Name and address of treasurer D. Ayrton
..... 6 WATERSIDE, SILSDEN Post Code..... BD20 0LQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will ~~be~~ presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 23/1/24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Clare Stainsby Date 23/1/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... CRAVEN Church

Charity Number 1167897

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CRAVEN Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to 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 CRAVEN No 27/31

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner Edwin Tate

Name of independent examiner Edwin Tate

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 48 Princes Drive

..... Skipton, North Yorkshire Post Code BD23 1HL

Date 22 January 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate