

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CRAVEN	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2024

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
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Church Stewards:

Janet Clark
Lena Robinson
Jean Ainsworth
Phil Corp
Anne Pearson

Treasurer:

David Ayrton
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# **Craven Methodist Church**

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Craven Methodist Church was formed on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

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

The Church Council members are the Trustees of the Charity:

Minister and Chair: Rev Clare Stainsby

Secretary: Anne Pearson

Treasurer: David Ayrton

Safeguarding Officer: Vacancy

Circuit Steward: Claire Corp

Co-opted member: Norman Clark

#### **Local Representatives**

Cowling: Philip Boocock  
Tony Denning

Eastburn: Jean Ainsworth  
Rev Jennifer Lunn  
Christine Smith  
Roger Smith

Silsden: Ruth Clayton  
Sarah Halstead  
Tim Sharp  
Joan Whitfield

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

Steeton: Martin Cant  
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 and a Thursday Club in Silsden that includes support for those with mobility issues or memory loss. There was continued engagement with A Rocha's Eco Church accreditation scheme in line with The Methodist Church's commitment to Net Zero by 2030, with Silsden achieving gold status. This included positive engagement with the local community by hosting a Repair Café.

Rev Clare guided the Church forwards, helping it to consider its key priorities as the congregations continued to work more closely together. Having considered prayerfully their health and sustainability through earlier activities such as the Traffic Light Exercise, the Church Council looked ahead to where God might be leading them if they are to remain viable to provide successful mission and outreach for future generations.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Statement of Financial Activities shows the total reserves at 31 August 2024 were £210,377 (compared with £209,682 in 2023), of which £14,491 were restricted for internal organisations that report to Church Council (£14,777 in 2023). Total Income for the year to 31 August 2024 was £200,509 (£178,519 in 2023) of which £5,968 related to internal organisations (£6,068 in 2023). Expenditure for the same period was £199,814 (£170,762 in 2023) of which £6,254 was for internal organisations (£5,438 in 2023).

Overall the Church's finances remain satisfactory with the closing balance very similar to (slightly higher than) the balance at 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	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	91,022		<b>91,022</b>	101,022
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	7,677		<b>7,677</b>	3,927
a4	Lettings	43,855		<b>43,855</b>	40,797
	Adj to Balance				687
a5	Other receipts	51,987		<b>51,987</b>	26,018
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>194,541</b>		<b>194,541 (a7)</b>	<b>172,451</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	rcuit Assessment or Share	77,900		<b>77,900</b>	75,100
b3	Donations	1,617		<b>1,617</b>	2,080
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	25,147		<b>25,147</b>	22,517
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	26,640		<b>26,640</b>	32,087
b6	Wages	22,036		<b>22,036</b>	
b7	Other payments	40,220		<b>40,220</b>	33,540
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>193,560</b>		<b>193,560 (b9)</b>	<b>165,324</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)</b>	<b>981</b>		<b>981</b>	<b>7,127</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	194,905		<b>194,905 (c6)</b>	187,778
c3	<b>ib total (c1+c2)</b>	<b>195,886</b>		<b>195,886</b>	<b>194,905</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)</b>	<b>195,886</b>		<b>195,886 (c8)</b>	<b>194,905 (c6)</b>

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	549	333
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,018	12,161
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	4,705	11,945
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>549</b>

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

## SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 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	354	270	84		446	530
e2 Mainly Men	718	591	127		239	366
e3 Amnesty International	919	696	223		298	521
e4 Community Care Fund	3,977	4,697	(720)		13,794	13,074
e5						
e6						
e7						
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,968	6,254	(286)		14,777 (e11)	14,491 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	194,541 (a7)	193,560 (b9)	981	(c7)	194,905 (c6)	195,886 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	200,509	199,814	695		209,682 (x)	210,377 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	180	316
f2 Bank Current Account	54,780	47,688
f3 Bank Deposit Account	4,336	8,091
f4 Central Finance Board	40,784	38,741
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	75,855	78,837
f6 Other funds	18,970	22,213
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	194,905 (c6)	195,886 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	14,777 (e11)	14,491 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	209,682 (x)	210,377 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	5,556	
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 ..... CRAVEN

## 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 .....



Date .....

5/1/25

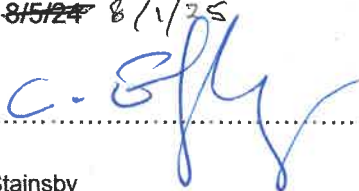
Name and address of treasurer ..... David Ayrton

6 Waterside, Silsden, BD20 0LQ

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023<sup>4</sup> were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ~~8/5/24~~ 8/1/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....



Name of the Chair of the meeting .... Rev C. Stainsby

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Church

CRAVEN

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<sup>4</sup> 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 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 Yorks ..... Post Code BD23 1HL .....

Date ..... 31/1/25 .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate