



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 Nov 2023 Period start date**

**To 31 10 24 Period end date**

**Charity name: Kent Street Community Church**

**Charity registration number:1168080**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal objective of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statements of Faith and Practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion. The Charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and / or other parts of the world.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for families, individuals, and children in a deprived part of Warrington</li><li>• Providing regular public worship open to all.</li><li>• Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved.</li><li>• Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.</li><li>• Providing free weekly social activities to which the public are</li></ul>

		<p>welcome, as well as free one off events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing a weekly youth club and toddler group with a Christian ethos.</li> <li>• Distributing evangelistic materials.</li> <li>• Giving an opportunity for both individuals &amp; groups to support the advancement of the Christian religion in other areas, eg the charity / church</li> <li>• Financially supporting a missionary in Romania and a missionary in Macedonia. Financially supporting a charity working within the Christian healing ministry; a charity working with people who have leprosy, and a charity that distributes Christian literature.</li> <li>• The charity a collects food for the local Foodbank.</li> <li>• Financially supporting other Christian and social causes as the need arises based in the UK and abroad.</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have complied with this guidance. Evidence is provided in the body of this report.

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable.
Policy on social investment including program related investment		The charity operates a foodbank collection point and the Harvest Service and food collection was donated to the foodbank.

	Para 1.38	<p>The offering from Harvest Sunday was split between the local foodbank and the local night shelter.</p> <p>Occasional hardship payments are made upon the decision of the leadership team.</p> <p>Donations are made to charities who provide disaster relief as the need presents. At the quarterly Members Meetings money is made available for the members to decide where to send donations.</p>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The charity is extremely grateful to, and thankful for, the volunteers who run the activities and complete administrative work.</p> <p>The charity is run exclusively by volunteers and could not function effectively without them.</p>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The church provides two services on a Sunday and the Kids Church is open on a Sunday morning. Volunteers provide support. This is mainly attended by children from the local area. The children engage in activities that are free of charge. Numbers in attendance have varied during the year.</p> <p>Speakers are invited by the Plan Secretary, and Members from the Church are also invited to speak. It is Charity / Church practice to give expenses to those external speakers who are invited to speak.</p> <p>The charity / church operates the Encounter Youth Club,, a weekly group for those between 10 and 16 years. This has been rebranded during the year in an effort to attract more children. The group is free and costs met by the church. The group</p>

		<p>goes on a few visits to external activities which are subsidised by the church as needed.</p> <p>The church pays Warrington Youth for Christ for a worker to assist at the youth club on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Kent Street Kiddiwinks, a weekly group for 0-3 year olds and their carers, reopened in January following a temporary closure. The families who attend are mainly from the local community. The entrance fee has remained at £1 per family since 2017, so cost does not exclude people from attending and benefiting.</p> <p>The Harvest Breakfast Bar opens weekly, and the church provides a free breakfast and social gathering to all. Numbers have varied throughout the year. Additionally, a men's breakfast is held around every six weeks.</p> <p>These three groups are advertised within the local community. The leaders are mainly church members and are assisted by other volunteers.</p> <p>The Charity distributes leaflets to the surrounding estate, inviting residents to attend the free events at the Church, and giving brief details about the Christian message.</p> <p>The Charity contributes financially towards a missionary in Romania and a missionary in Macedonia. Both are dependent upon donations for living costs. Both provide regular updates on their work.</p> <p>The charity operates a collection point for the local Foodbank with food donated by those who attend the church. The Sunday offering taken during the harvest service was donated to this charity and the local night shelter.</p> <p>The church has continued to increase its donations during this financial year.</p>
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		<p>Members have had the opportunity to nominate charities, and the charity has donated 36% of its receipts to causes in line with the charitable objectives of the church. This was an increase of 10% compared to the previous year.</p> <p>One off donations are often made as the need arises. This is often via speakers who may also work with a charity, or for people who present with social needs.</p> <p>The charity provides pastoral support to those who attend the church (members or non-members) often providing practical support if able and needed.</p> <p>The church supplemented a day trip to Llandudno by coach. Costs were kept low for travellers to enable those to enjoy a day out who may not otherwise be able to do so. This was advertised amongst the groups connected to the church.</p> <p>The church website was redesigned this year.</p> <p>The audio and TV display system was upgraded this year, largely paid for a grant from the Independent Methodist Association.</p> <p>The boilers for the building were replaced.</p> <p>An additional trustee was appointed during the year</p>
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You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity is judged to be in a stable position financially. In comparison to the previous year there was a slight reduction in receipts via donations during the year ( 11%) whilst payments via donations increased (10%).</p> <p>The Charity was able to maintain its regular established financial support to other causes / charities, as well as increase its giving via additional one off donations to other causes / charities and meet all required expenses. This included undertaking building maintenance. The largest cost was the installation of new boilers at just under £5000</p> <p>The deficit for the year was £3603.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The purpose of holding reserves is to ensure that the Charity has sufficient funds available to cope with financial issues that might arise, such as the need to fund an urgent property repair or an issue with staffing or the loss of income if several members stopped supporting the church.</p> <p>Three months running costs are held in reserves. It cost approximately £2500 per month to run the charity based on its current expenditure.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the	Para 1.23	There are no concerns.

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity's main sources of funding is through a voluntary offering taken during its Sunday services, through donations given via Stewardship UK (which facilitates the payment of Gift Aid) and that given via regular standing orders and direct credit.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Experiencing a significant drop in income due to ageing congregation
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>A person automatically becomes a Managing Trustee upon appointment to the Church Leadership Team.</p> <p>The process is as follows; The name(s) of such persons are agreed upon by existing leaders (Existing Trustees). The persons willingness to fulfil this role is sought. The proposal is announced to the Church prior to a Members Meeting, to allow for any objections or queries to be raised privately. The proposed Leader / Managing Trustee</p>

		<p>is then elected or rejected by the Members Meeting.</p> <p>Trustees are reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.</p>
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### **Additional information (optional)**

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>New trustees receive an information pack containing information recommended by the Charity Commission in the document The Essential Trustee.</p> <p>Trustees are notified of external training opportunities as they arise.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The charity is part of the Independent Methodist Connexion of Churches. An annual fee based on the number of members is paid to this organisation.</p> <p>The charity supports the work of Church Warrington</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### **Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Kent Street Community Church
Other name the charity uses	Kent Street Independent Methodist Church
Registered charity number	1168080
Charity's principal address	Kent Street, Latchford, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 1BT



**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Esther Prescott	Treasurer Secretary		Members Meeting
2	Robert Sheldon	Elder		Members Meeting
3	Christine Banner	Pastoral		Members Meeting
4	Jacqueline Cooper	Leader		Members Meeting
5	Stanley Kinsey	Leader		Members Meeting
6	David Holmes	Leader	Appointed 8 April 2024	Members Meeting
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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Independent Methodist Association		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

## **Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### **Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s) ...Esther Prescott

Full name(s) Esther Ruth Prescott

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Treasurer

Date 26 January 2025

Kent Street Community Church

Financial Statements for the  
Year to 31 October 2024

Kent Street Community Church  
Receipts and Payments Account for the  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>General</u></b>	<b><u>BusPrem</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	<b><u>Account</u></b>	<b><u>Account</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Offerings	18,902.31		18,902.31	20,394.49
S. S. UK	14,529.88		14,529.88	16,739.01
Donations received	2,107.00		2,107.00	3,037.00
Grant received	0.00		0.00	0.00
Encounter Youth Club	0.00		0.00	0.00
Lighthouse Club	0.00		0.00	7.00
Harvest Breakfast Bar	250.65		250.65	362.55
Kiddiwinks	103.10		103.10	86.95
Sundry Credits	0.00		0.00	0.00
Transfers	2,000.00		2,000.00	13,999.00
Interest		242.48	242.48	47.71
	<u>37,892.94</u>	<u>242.48</u>	<u>38,135.42</u>	<u>54,673.71</u>

Kent Street Community Church  
Receipts and Payments Account for the  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 (Continued)

<b><u>Payments</u></b>	<b><u>General</u></b>	<b><u>BusPrem</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	<b><u>Account</u></b>	<b><u>Account</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
	£	£	£	£
UCB Donation	240.00		240.00	240.00
E Greenhalgh Donation	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,200
Fees	1,858.72		1,858.72	2,397.28
Utilities	5,563.63		5,563.63	4,950.70
Donations	9,936.00		9,936.00	6,579.88
Printing, Postage & Stationery	611.08		611.08	218.22
Maintenance & Sundry	10,123.62		10,123.62	8,384.66
Catering & Cleaning	1,165.19		1,165.19	1,115.20
Music and Sound	1,049.47		1,049.47	853.57
Encounter Youth Club & WYFC	557.67		557.67	308.65
Ellel Donation	600.00		600.00	600.00
Accountancy & Valuation	318.00		318.00	300.00
Insurance	1493.69		1,493.69	1,469.15
Contribution towards Worker	0.00		0.00	0.00
Compassion Child Sponsor	0.00		0.00	0.00
Elim Mission	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,300.00
Kids Church	0.00		0.00	0.00
Speaker	2,350.00		2,350.00	1,905.00
Transfers		2,000.00	2,000.00	13,999.00
Other	272.00		272.00	694.97
	<u>39,739.07</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>41,739.07</u>	<u>47,516.28</u>

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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1846.13)	(1,757.52)	(3,603.65)	7,157.43

Kent Street Community Church

Balance Sheet

As at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

<b><u>Assets</u></b>	£	£
General Fund Account	4,769.22	
Business Premium Account	16,290.37	
Cash	256.93	
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		21,316.52

**Represented by:**

General Fund Brought Forward	24,920.17
Deficit for Year	<hr/> (3,603.65)
General Fund Carried Forward	<hr/> 21,316.52



## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kent Street Community Church

I report on the accounts of Kent Street Community Church for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under regulation 10(1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To report whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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