



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Nov 2024 Period start date

To 31 10 25 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">• Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for families, individuals, and children in a deprived part of Warrington• Providing regular public worship open to all.• Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved.• Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.• Providing free activities to which the

		<p>public are welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a weekly youth club with a Christian ethos. • Distributing evangelistic materials. • Giving an opportunity for both individuals & groups to support the advancement of the Christian religion in other areas, eg the charity / church • 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. • The charity a collects food for the local Foodbank. • Financially supporting other Christian and social causes as the need arises based in the UK and abroad.
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	Para 1.38	The charity operates a foodbank collection point. The Harvest Service food collection was donated to the foodbank. The offering from Harvest Sunday was donated to Tearfund Harvest Appeal

		<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 which charity(s) to donate it to.</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. The group is free and costs met by the church. The group 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</p>

		<p>club on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Kent Street Kiddiwinks and the Harvest Breakfast Bar had to close during the year due to lack of suitable volunteers to run them.</p> <p>A fortnightly friendship groups started during the year, this has been advertised within the local community.</p> <p>A men's breakfast is held around every couple of months.</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. Members have had the opportunity to nominate charities, and the charity has donated 30% of its receipts to causes in line with the charitable objectives of the church.</p> <p>One off donations are often made as the need arises. This is often via speakers who may represent 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>
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		<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>Several windows were replaced, and an additional emergency exit door was installed during the year.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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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, with a surplus for the year of £4411.</p> <p>The Charity was able to maintain its regular established financial support to other causes / charities, as continue to give additional one off donations to other causes / charities. All expenses were met. This included undertaking building maintenance.</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</p>

		<p>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 charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no concerns.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity's main source 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	<p>Experiencing a significant drop in income due to ageing congregation</p> <p>There is a need for younger trustees to be able to continue the work into the future.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution

(trust deed, royal charter)		
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 is then elected or rejected by the Members Meeting.</p> <p>Trustees are reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.</p>

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> <p>The charity pays for a worker from Warrington Youth for Christ to attend the youth club.</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	Elder		Members Meeting
6	David Holmes	Leader		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 14 January 2026

Kent Street Community Church

Financial Statements for the
Year to 31 October 2025

Kent Street Community Church
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st October 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>BusPrem</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
Offerings	19,030.31		19,030.31	18,902.31
S. S. UK	13,979.85		13,979.85	14,529.88
Donations received	1,695.00		1,695.00	2,107.00
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	86.00		86.00	250.65
Kiddiwinks	0.00		0.00	103.10
Sale of Buckley Street Church	6,175.00		6,175.00	0.00
Bequest	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00
Others	0.00		0.00	0.00
Transfers	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00
Interest		262.52	262.52	242.48
	<u>41,966.16</u>	<u>5,262.52</u>	<u>47,228.68</u>	<u>38,135.42</u>

Kent Street Community Church
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st October 2025 (Continued)

<u>Payments</u>	<u>General Account</u>	<u>BusPrem Account</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
UCB Donation	240.00		240.00	240.00
E Greenhalgh Donation	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,200
Fees	2,209.86		2,209.86	1,858.72
Utilities	4,517.80		4,517.80	5,563.63
Donations	8,498.11		8,498.11	9,936.00
Printing, Postage & Stationery	532.00		532.00	611.08
Maintenance & Sundry	11,246.28		11,246.28	10,123.62
Catering & Cleaning	466.76		466.76	1,165.19
Music and Sound	1,660.80		1,660.80	1,049.47
Kiddiwinks	10.80		10.80	0.00
Encounter Youth Club & WYFC	339.77		339.77	557.67
Ellel Donation	700.00		700.00	600.00
Accountancy & Valuation	318.00		318.00	318.00
Insurance	1,528.13		1,528.13	1,493.69
Elim Mission	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,400.00
Speaker	2,050.00		2,050.00	2,350.00
Transfers	5,000.00		5,000.00	2,000.00
Other	199.00		1,99.00	272.00
	<u>42,817.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42,817.31</u>	<u>41,739.07</u>

<u>Summary</u>	<u>General Account</u>	<u>BusPrem Account</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
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Total Receipts	41,966.16	5,262.52	47,228.68	38,135.42
Total Payments	<u>42,817.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42,817.31</u>	<u>41,739.07</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(851.15)	5,262.52	4,411.37	(3,603.65)

Kent Street Community Church

Balance Sheet

As at 31st October 2025

Assets

	£	£
General Fund Account	3,985.63	
Business Premium Account	21,552.89	
Cash	189.37	
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		25,727.89

Represented by:

General Fund Brought Forward	21,316.52
Surplus for year	<hr/> 4,411.37
General Fund Carried Forward	<hr/> 25,727.89

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 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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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

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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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12th December 2025

Kent Street Community Church

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