



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity name: Risley I.M. Church

Charity registration number: 1168358

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal object 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><u>Services</u></p> <p>All are welcome to all our services, held each Sunday, alternating between 10:45am and 6pm. Services are for the praise and worship of God, prayers, and the preaching and teaching of God's word (The Bible). A free-will offering and gift aid donations are collected.</p> <p>The Lord's Supper is commemorated in Sacramental services which take place on the second and third Sunday in each month after the usual service.</p> <p>Children leave the morning service to take part in their own bible learning and activities in the Sunday school (called Boomerang). Children participate in Bible Crafts once a month for the whole service duration.</p> <p>We have morning and evening services in commemoration of important dates in the Christian calendar: Easter, Harvest and Christmas and to mark Remembrance Day.</p> <p><u>Prayer meeting</u></p> <p>Each Wednesday evening, there is a prayer meeting</p>

	<p>to which all are welcome. Prayer requests (for individuals, groups, situations) are brought by those in attendance, or attached to the Prayer Tree by anyone visiting the church. Everyone is welcome to pray aloud or inwardly as they see fit.</p> <p><u>Walking day</u></p> <p>This annual event takes place on a Saturday at the end of June. Local churches (of all denominations), schools, scout and guide groups join in a procession through the local streets accompanied by marching bands. Hundreds of people show their support by lining the streets to watch the parade. After the walk we have tea together at church, and the children are presented with an envelope containing a small amount of money.</p> <p><u>Christenings, marriages, and funerals</u></p> <p>These ordinances shall take place by mutual agreement between those concerned and the Minister or President. Marriage is intended to be a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman; our church rules do not permit same-sex marriages or blessings.</p> <p><u>Prayer support and financial contribution to other charities</u></p> <p>Our church has links to other charities which we support in prayer, practically and financially:</p> <p>Warrington Food Bank, a project run by the Trussell Trust, working to provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people in crisis who are referred by professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, and police.</p> <p>Room at the Inn, which provides daytime services to homeless and vulnerable people and a 22-bed emergency accommodation unit in Museum Street, Warrington.</p> <p>Warrington Youth for Christ, part of an international organisation which takes the Gospel to young people through schools' work, youth groups, academies, and mission trips.</p> <p>Open Doors works in over 60 countries, supplying Bibles, training church leaders, providing practical support and emergency relief, and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors works to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support, and</p>
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		<p>action among Christians.</p> <p>We support worldwide charities and disaster funds as needs arise.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In pursuit of our objectives undertaken for the public benefit the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion.

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

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>All those who are trustees and members of the church perform their duties on a voluntary basis. There are those who regularly attend church services and mid-week meetings and who perform vital jobs in our fellowship, but who do not wish to become church members. Such members of the congregation are valued by the church and welcome to attend member's meetings though they are not permitted to vote or move proposals.</p> <p>Our ministers render their services without financial reward, in accordance with the apostolic practise of an unpaid ministry. We do offer expenses to ministers, as some of them travel from outside the area to preach in our church. If a minister has come as a representative of another charitable organisation, then a separate contribution to that organisation may be made.</p> <p>The church would also like to recognise the contribution made by those who voluntarily maintain our building and grounds, put out our bins, weed the garden, prune trees and replace broken fences. We also appreciate those who spend time baking and making sandwiches etc. for the occasions when we have refreshments after the service or at social events.</p> <p>Once a month we serve tea, coffee, and biscuits after the morning service, provided by members of the congregation on a voluntary rota.</p> <p>There is a coffee morning, followed by lunch, each Thursday to which everyone is welcome. This is provided by served by volunteers and entirely financed by voluntary donations (separate from Church funds).</p>

## 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>Our church services were held each Sunday, at 10:45 in the morning and 6:00 in the evening on alternate weeks.</p> <p>We continued to support our usual charities, Warrington Youth for Christ, Open Doors, and Room at the Inn financially. The collection of non-perishable food and toiletries continued for Warrington Food Bank.</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February following independent examination of our accounts. At the AGM, the election of church officers took place, and the Balance Sheet was presented and accepted by the members.</p> <p>We continued our monthly gathering for tea, coffee and biscuits in the schoolroom following the morning service. Refreshments are provided and served by volunteers and donations are made to church funds.</p> <p>During Holy Week we held an Easter Service at Padgate House which the residents were welcome to attend. A service was held at church on Good Friday morning to commemorate the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. On Easter Sunday we held morning and evening services to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The church was decorated with flowers and refreshments were served in the Schoolroom after the evening service.</p> <p>The remainder of the series of bible studies, entitled "Grow your life with Christ", was completed. This was well attended and enjoyed.</p> <p>The Thursday Coffee morning, staffed by volunteers and open to everyone, continued to be well attended. After the coffee morning a lunch consisting of soup and a roll, and a sweet treat are provided. There is no charge for the coffee morning or lunch, but donations are welcome, and these are now self-funding.</p> <p>At the beginning of May there was a collection of unwanted clothes etc which raised £152 for church funds.</p> <p>In May Christian Aid Week took place and our church raised donations of £180 for this charity.</p> <p>Our Walking Day took place at the end of June. Following</p>

	<p>the walk we returned to church for refreshments, paid for from church funds but provided and served by volunteers.</p> <p>The I.M. Church in Lymm has, for many years, sent Christmas gifts, provided by local churches, to a children's charity in Romania. This year a monetary collection was made to which our church contributed £130.</p> <p>In September we began an 8-week bible study entitled "The Bible Course" by Dr Andrew Ollerton. The course was accompanied by a handbook and covered the big picture of the Bible storyline – from Genesis to Revelation. Each session was interactive, with sections of teaching, discussion time and personal reflection. Between sessions there were daily readings to prepare for the following week.</p> <p>In September, we held a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. This included a sale of goods and £539 was raised for the support of people, and their families, affected by cancer.</p> <p>Our Harvest festival thanksgiving services took place on the first Sunday of October, in the morning and evening. There was a display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, and non-perishable food items, distributed to the sick and elderly after the evening service. Non-perishable goods were donated to Warrington food bank. The church windows were decorated, and refreshments were served following the service. Donations to Room at the Inn, a local charity for the homeless, amounted to £220.</p> <p>In November we held a Christmas Fair, with stalls (bring and buy, baked goods and food, Christmas decorations) and refreshments. This raised £481.70 for church funds.</p> <p>Our church carol services were held on 17th December. A family service in the morning included a re-telling of the Nativity events by the Boomerang children. A Candlelit Carol Service was held in the evening, followed by refreshments in the schoolroom.</p> <p>On 19th December we visited Padgate House to hold a Carol Service for the residents.</p> <p>A Christmas Praise service was held on Christmas Day morning.</p>
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		<p>Two funeral services were held in our church this year but there were no christenings or marriages.</p> <p>Our church website <a href="https://risleyimc.com">https://risleyimc.com</a>. This provides useful information: service times, visiting preachers, links to our partner charities, photo galleries and much more.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The current account and deposit account are both in credit at the end of this reporting period. There are no outstanding debts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	This charity has no formal written policy for holding reserves. There is a deposit fund which has been used as reserves when necessary to boost the current account. The trustees will formulate a reserves policy in the new year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	This charity has no formal written policy for holding reserves.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no funds in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

## Additional information (optional)

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>At most of our services there is a collection of free will offerings, including those made by Gift Aid. These offerings constitute the principal source of the church's funds.</p> <p>From time to time, we have fundraising events, such as the Christmas Shop, to raise funds but also to encourage social interaction with those from church and the wider community.</p> <p>The church also receives funds through bequests and donations in memory of loved ones. The church has no set fee for Christenings, Marriages, and Funerals, but will often receive a donation.</p> <p>Bag2School collections of used clothing and textiles also raise funds for church.</p> <p>Our expenditure enables the maintenance of the church building for the worship of God and the advancement of the Christian faith. We are also able to support other charities, as previously described.</p> <p>All member Churches constitute the Connexion of</p>

Grants from Connexion	Para 1.47	<p>Independent Methodist Churches. Groups of Churches are associated in Circuits.</p> <p>We have applied for and been given several grants from the I.M. Connexion:  A grant of £20,000 towards the cost of new windows. These have been installed and will make our church more inviting as well as reducing heating costs. A grant of £500 for the purchase of a new laptop. A grant of £400 for the development of facilities and materials to be used by the children.</p> <p>In common with other churches in the Connexion, we also received a gift grant of £4000 towards church funds in general.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees have identified no major risks or uncertainties facing the charity.

## 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	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	The churches governing document states that there should be at least 3 trustees and that trustees are selected and appointed by the church membership, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed, or as an additional charity trustee (up to a maximum of 15).

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Risley Independent Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1168358
Charity's principal address	Risley Independent Methodist Church, Fearnhead Lane, Fearnhead ,

	WA2 0BY
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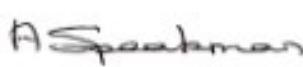
### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ronald Percival		1 <sup>st</sup> Jan - 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Church members
2	Alison Speakman	Treasurer		Church members
3	James Tobiasen	Vice President		Church members
4	Suzanne Walker			Church members
5	Kathleen Tobiasen			Church members
6	Judie Leah			Church members
7	Barbara Ellam			Church members
8	Leslie Hughes			Church members
9	Christopher Mayes	President		Church members
10	Shona Low		21 <sup>st</sup> May - 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Church members

### Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher Mayes	Alison Speakman

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President	Treasurer
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Date 15.4.25.



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Charity Name  
Risley I.M. Church

No (if any)  
1168358

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
1/1/2024

To

Period end date  
31/12/24

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	4,504	-	-	4504	-
Donations	4,444	-	-	4444	-
Gift Aid	5,667	-	-	5667	-
Social Events/Fundraising	482	-	-	482	-
Grants from Connexion	24,900	-	-	24900	-
Inland Revenue Gift Aid tax return	1,167	-	-	1167	-
Interest on Deposit Account	735	-	-	735	-
Loan	3,000	-	-	3000	-
Transfer from Deposit Account	10,000	-	-	10000	-
Credit for Bills overpaid	985	-	-	985	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>55,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,884</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,884</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Utility Bills	10,662	-	-	10,662	-
Cleaner's Wages	1,092	-	-	1,092	-
Donations to other charities	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Insurance	1,657	-	-	1,657	-
Maintenance	31,456	-	-	31,456	-
Connexional Dues/Subscriptions	1,015	-	-	1,015	-
Miscellaneous	2,552	-	-	2,552	-
Repayment of Loan	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Transfer to current account	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>62,434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,434</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,434</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 6,550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 6,550</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>21,998</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,998</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,448</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Deposit Fund	13,726	-	-
	Bank	3,216	-	-
	Cash in Hand	- 1,494	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church building and land		-	-
	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings		-	-
	Computer, projector and P.A. equipment		-	-
	Television and DVD player		-	-
	Telephone		-	-
	Photocopier		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C MAYER	24/2/25
A Speakman	A SPEAKMAN	24/2/25



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
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**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Risley I.M. Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1168358

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

*Niall Boyd*

**Date:**

20/02/25

**Name:**

Niall Boyd

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

AAT QB.

**Address:**

79 Brimstone Drive, Newton Le Willows  
Merseyside, WA12 9LY.

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).