

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

**BEDALE & DISTRICT METHODIST**

**Church**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2023**

**RIPON & LOWER DALES**

**Circuit**

**Circuit no.**

**29/24**

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

**1168843**

**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 Gareth Baron**

**Church Stewards:**

**Clare Dalton**

**Amanda Milner**

**Jean Coates**

**Lister Baynes**

**Alyson Whitehouse**

**Kathleen Edmondson**

**Treasurer:**

**Kathleen Lowrie**

## **Bedale & District Methodist Church**

### **Trustees Annual Report for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

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#### **Introduction**

Bedale & District Methodist Church serves the communities of Bedale, Aiskew, surrounding villages and farms by offering God's love and pastoral care through a variety of services and outreach to bring the love of Christ to all who seek his presence.

#### **Aims and organisation**

Bedale & District Methodist Church aims to become a source of hope and encouragement to all those living in Bedale and surrounding villages by offering opportunities to know the love of God through varied worship, relevant teaching and learning and to committed service in the community and in the world.

The Church Council, working alongside the Minister for Pastoral Care, act as the Managing Trustees and meet at least 3 times a year to oversee the work and mission of the church. There are sub-groups that concentrate on particular areas: these are Stewards, Finance, Property, Worship & Prayer, Pastoral and Display.

#### **Review of the Year**

Following the restrictions due to the Coronavirus epidemic, the church is once more able to meet its aims of providing a space for worship, quiet time of prayer and reflection, Bible Study, plus on-line and written services for those unable to attend in person. There are regular church activities of Coffee Mornings, Lunches, and an Art & Crafts group to provide opportunities for socialising. Tuesday Open Doors is a popular warm space for meeting up for friendship and care in a less busy environment. Lego Journeys continued to grow with new families joining the sessions of learning about Jesus through building stories and will be renamed in the following year to Awesome Adventures. The building is also used by the wider community with sessions of Yoga, Pilates, Ukulele, Friendship Choir, and a Craft group.

Finghall, now a Class of the church set up Friends of Finghall Christian Home Group who meet monthly for fellowship and worship in various houses in the village.

Sage & Time sadly didn't prove popular, but the team organising those sessions began to visit two local Care Homes, where they have been welcomed and activities of craft, prayers and hymn singing have proved popular with the residents.

Men's Breakfast was re-introduced during the year, a time for the menfolk to meet up over a meal for friendship and reflect on their faith journey.

The church members continued to be generous in their support of charities. Hambleton Foodshare was the chosen Charity of the Year and received £1513, Syria/Turkey Earthquake Appeal £531, All We Can Harvest Appeal £350 and Herriot Hospice Homecare £300. The church continued to support the Methodist Connexional charities with financial gifts too.

#### **Moving Forward**

Financially, the church has been able to meet its commitments, mainly Assessment and Utility costs, but Direct Giving is less than the previous year, which is a concern moving forward. Funds have been raised to allow for a larger radiator to be installed in the meeting room and replace the wooden

doors on the storage cupboard, which are proving to be unsuitable. Audio visual equipment is to be investigated for the hall and upgraded in the church.



SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		36,117		36,117	25,804
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		17		17	
a4	Lettings		3,074		3,074	2,665
a5	Other receipts		8,581	434	9,015	17,108
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>47,789</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>48,223 (a7)</b>	<b>45,577</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		29,600		29,600	22,725
b3	Donations		750		750	450
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		1,511		1,511	2,376
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		7,119		7,119	5,875
b6						
b7	Other payments		5,855	437	6,292	13,179
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>44,835</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>45,272 (b9)</b>	<b>44,605</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	2,954	(3)	2,951	972
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		16,042	113	16,155 (c6)	15,183
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	18,996	110	19,106	16,155
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>18,996</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>19,106 (c8)</b>	<b>16,155 (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 above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		(228)	70
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		4,828	3,290
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		4,706	3,588
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>(106)</b>	<b>(228)</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	Wycar Arts & Crafts	513	483	30		88	118
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	513	483	30		88 (e11)	118 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	48,223 (a7)	45,272 (b9)	2,951	(c7)	16,155 (c6)	19,106 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>48,736</b>	<b>45,755</b>	<b>2,981</b>		<b>16,243 (x)</b>	<b>19,224 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		100
f2	Bank Current Account	12,125	11,504
f3	Bank Deposit Account	30	1,661
f4	Central Finance Board		
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	3,771	5,841
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>15,926 (c6)</b>	<b>19,106 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>88 (e11)</b>	<b>118 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>16,014 (x)</b>	<b>19,224 (y)</b>

**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)	3,058,072	3,369,754
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)



## 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 ..... *F Lowe* ..... Date ..... 12 / 10 / 23

Name and address of treasurer:

Ashlea, Londonderry, Northallerton DL7 9ND

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 12th October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Gareth Baron* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Gareth Baron Date 12.10.2023

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

### Bedale & District Methodist Church

Charity Number 1168843

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bedale & District Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 2 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.

Name of Church BEDALE & DISTRICT METHODIST CHURCH No 29/24

### 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 ..... 

Name of independent examiner ..... ALAN SHINKFIELD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 8 OAK TREE DRIVE, BEDALE

..... Post Code ..... DL8 1UH

Date ..... 20/10/23

\* delete or circle as appropriate