

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>BEDALE &amp; DISTRICT METHODIST</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2024**

<b>Ripon &amp; Lower Dales</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>24/29</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1168843

If not a registered charity **His 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
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**Church Stewards:**

Clare Dalton

Lister Baynes

Jean Coates

Kathleen Edmonson

Alyson Whitehouse

**Treasurer:**

Kathleen Lowrie

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	30,695		<b>30,695</b>	36,117
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	146		<b>146</b>	17
a4	Lettings	3,309		<b>3,309</b>	3,074
a5	Other receipts	9,925	3,044	<b>12,969</b>	9,015
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>44,075</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>47,119 (a7)</b>	<b>48,223</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	30,812		<b>30,812</b>	29,600
b3	Donations				750
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8,402	2,371	<b>10,773</b>	1,511
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,545		<b>7,545</b>	7,119
b6					
b7	Other payments	4,882	71	<b>4,953</b>	6,292
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>51,641</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>54,083 (b9)</b>	<b>45,272</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(7,566)</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>(6,964)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	19,102	110	<b>19,212 (c6)</b>	16,155
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>11,536</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>12,248</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>11,536</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>12,248 (c8)</b>
					<b>(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	(106)	(228)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,840	4,828
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	3,734	4,706
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>		<b>(106)</b>
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</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 2024 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	524	396	128		118	246
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	524	396	128		118 (e11)	246 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	47,119 (a7)	54,083 (b9)	(6,964)	106 (c7)	19,106 (c6)	12,248 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>47,643</b>	<b>54,479</b>	<b>(6,836)</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>19,224 (x)</b>	<b>12,494 (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 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	100	
f2	Bank Current Account	11,504	8,999
f3	Bank Deposit Account	1,661	793
f4	Central Finance Board		
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	5,841	2,456
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>19,106 (c6)</b>	<b>12,248 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>118 (e11)</b>	<b>246 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>19,224 (x)</b>	<b>12,494 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,369,754	3,470,844
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 : BEDALE & DISTRICT METHODIST No 29/24

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 ..... *K Lowrie* ..... Date..... *17/09/24*

Name and address of treasurer: KATHLEEN LOWRIE

Ashlea, Londonderry, Northallerton. Post Code DL7 9ND

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 7th October 2024

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV GARETH BARON Date *07.10.24*

## 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 2024 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.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church : BEDALE & DISTRICT METHODIST      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 1UL

Date ..... 22/9/24 .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate



# **Bedale & District Methodist Church**

## **Trustees Annual Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

### **Introduction**

Bedale & District Methodist Church serves the communities of Bedale and neighbouring 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.

The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2014.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Bedale & District Methodist Church is a registered Charity – Number 1168843. It is governed by the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the Annual Conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Council who are the Trustees of the charity. They are elected annually at the General Church Meeting, usually held in July, with pastoral oversight from the Minister, and representatives appointed by the Circuit.

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Church to support effective running of the church, e.g. the leaflet "The role of a trustee in the Methodist Church".

The church is part of the Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit, who are part of the Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church in England and N Ireland.

The Treasurer is Mrs Kathleen Lowrie

Independent Examiner Mr Alan Shinkfield

Bank Accounts Barclays Bank and Skipton Building Society

### **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 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. We have representatives for Safe-guarding and Data Protection, supported by the Circuit.

### **Review of the Year**

The church continues to meet its aims of providing a space for worship; quiet times of prayer and reflection; Bible Study and offers on-line and written services for those unable to attend in person. Tuesday Open Doors is a popular warm space for meeting up for friendship and care in a less busy environment. Awesome Adventures, for children & their families, is a time of learning about Jesus through building Bible stories with Lego. There are regular church activities of Coffee Mornings, Lunches, and Men's Breakfast to allow people to meet up over a meal for friendship and care.

An Art & Crafts group provides opportunities for socialising.

The Friends of Finghall Christian Home Group meet monthly for fellowship and worship in various homes to provide a Christian presence in the village.

Messy Vintage sessions are held in two local Care Homes, where our volunteers have been welcomed and activities of craft, prayers and hymn singing have proved popular with the residents and the Minister, Rev Gareth Baron visits the local primary schools to lead Collective Worship with the children, which is also well received by the youngsters and their teachers.

Two new ventures were started in the summer, Bible Journalling ( a creative Bible study session) and Talk Life (Real Life, Real Conversations, Real Love offered over coffee in a local café)

The building is also used by the wider community. This year has seen sessions of Yoga, Pilates, Ukulele, Friendship Choir, Craft group, Creative writing, Lego Club and Alcoholics Anonymous all taking part. Many of these became involved with our Community Christmas Tree Festival, along with businesses and charities based in the town.

The church members continue to be generous in their support of charities. Water Aid was the chosen Charity of the Year and received £772, All We Can Harvest Appeal raised £350, Christian Aid £300, Herriot Hospice Homecare £700 and Action for Children £253.

The Friends of the Friarage Hospital and Yorkshire Air Ambulance also benefited from donations at a Bucket Collection taken when we hosted the Bedale Car Boot in September and May.

The church continued to support the Methodist Connexional charities with financial gifts of £450 too.

### **Financial Review**

Financially, the church has been able to meet its commitments, mainly the Assessment and Utility costs. Funds had been raised to allow for a larger radiator to be installed in the meeting room, which improved the ambience in the winter months, but a major maintenance issue occurred when heavy rain leaked into the new foyer. On investigation it was the oldest part of the church that needed repair on decorative brickwork, so the Reserve Fund has been reduced by £3,000.

### **Moving Forward**

Although there are facing increased costs from the Assessment (our contribution to the Circuit expenditure), this is being offset by reductions in Utility costs as new Contracts begin in the next financial year. Fund-raising, mainly from monthly Lunches and occasional concerts, will be used to return the Reserves held to appropriate levels, as will be set out by the Reserves Fund to be adopted in October 2024,

### **Sight and Sound Project**

Due to the rising costs incurred during the Redevelopment Project Of 2017-2019, one section of work was omitted. It is the aim of the Church Council, during the next financial year, to complete that final stage by installing Audio Visual equipment in the Hall. At the same time an upgrade of the current system in the church will take place to improve sound quality and allow Live streaming of services.

The 1906 Conacher church organ is now at the stage that it needs major restoration, something the Church Council would like to carry out for the benefit of today's listeners, but also for generations to come, therefore grants have been applied for to help us achieve our vision in these two areas.