



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 Period end date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Charity name: **ROMAN ROAD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH**

Charity registration number: **1169728**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The principle object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith and Practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion. The Charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the uk and/or other parts of the world.</b>
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	<b>The focus of our activities are: Worship, Prayer and Bible studies held every week at the Church premises and virtual meetings of the congregation online. Weekly children's groups, involving activities, music, bible stories and art and craft work. We welcome all young people regardless of personal background, gender or personal circumstances Summer Activity Mornings were held and were well received and attended by the community. We are holding seasonal events, coffee mornings for adults and evening quizzes and meals with speakers at various times over the year.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.  The Trustees met 3 times during the year in person.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>The Charity does not currently make any grants</b>

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Any surplus funds, which are not likely to be needed to pay for our day to day activities and maintenance costs are placed on deposit to earn interest. These funds are available to further expand our outreach into the local community and beyond.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	A great contribution is made by our volunteers, without whom we would not be able to hold our weekly activities. This year, again they have spent many hours keeping in touch, not only with our member but in the wider community via social media, zoom, speaker boxes and posting out information.
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>Our toddler groups continue to thrive with 44 children and carers attending weekly. In the summer we held 3 activity mornings, which were very well attended, with 120 children participating in the sessions. We hold monthly Messy Church sessions, which approx. 20 children attend regularly.</p> <p>We hold monthly Café~ Church services one Sunday monthly, which is all age and provides an opportunity for all to worship together in a more relaxed atmosphere. These services are very well received and have proved very popular.</p> <p>The Whats app group continues to support and inform and the zoom evening services, with speakers continue..</p> <p>The uniformed groups of Guides, Brownies and Rainbows bring a new group of youngsters into our building, developing our links with the wider community. This year we gave out 60 Bags of Hope at Christmas containing Chocolates, Greeting Cards, and bookmarks in the neighbourhood.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Because our membership is elderly we are at times struggling to attract volunteers to help with events, but the Leadership is hopeful of encouraging new people
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>In October 24 £30K was transferred to the Investment account from the current account. At the end of the period funds increased by £8894</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Any surplus funds, which are not needed to pay for our day to day activities and maintenance costs are placed on deposit to earn interest.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£82042</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None</b>

### 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	<b>We hold cake sales and coffee mornings during the year. We hire out our Church Hall to gain extra income. Our main income for this period has been freewill offerings by the congregation and donations from the community</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>Elderly volunteer base</b>
Other		

		<b>Donations to other Charitable organisations during the year totalled £1893</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>Fundraising has been improving over the year, as more events are held on a regular basis.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution agreed 20<sup>th</sup> march 2016</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Governing Document approved by Church Members meeting. 6 Church members meetings were held during the period.</b>
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	<b>Trustees are appointed by the Annual General Meeting held in January each year, by approval of Church Members. All Trustees are holding Trustees of the Church building in accordance with the Trust Deed.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>The Independent Methodist Connexion provides professional training to all Trustees. Webinar training was undertaken by 2 trustees</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>The Church is a member of the Independent Methodist Connexion.</b>  <b>The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.</b>  <b>The church is member of the Evangelical Alliance.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>See above</b>
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ROMAN ROAD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH
Other name the charity uses	ROMAN RD IM CHURCH
Registered charity number	1169728
Charity's principal address	38 Hedges Street FAILSWORTH M35 9JR GREATER MANCHESTER

## 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	PHILIP DAVIES	CHAIR -TRUSTEES		CHURCH MEMBERS
2	LILA ADAMS			CHURCH MEMBERS
3	PAUL LAMBERT	ELDER- MINISTER		CHURCH MEMBERS
4	DOROTHY KENDRICK	ELDER – MINISTER		CHURCH MEMBERS
5	JEAN TAVENER	MINISTER		CHURCH MEMBERS
6	DEREK BARRON	MINISTER		CHURCH MEMBERS
7	CHRISTINE BELL	LEADER		CHURCH MEMBERS
8	ELIZABETH BARRON	CHURCH SECRETARY		CHURCH MEMBERS
9	ALISON TIPPING	LEADER-TREASURER		CHURCH MEMBERS
10	VALERIE COCKCROFT	TREASURER		CHURCH MEMBERS
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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	
<b>ALL TRUSTEES ARE</b>		
<b>HOLDING TRUSTEES OF</b>		
<b>THE CHURCH BUILDING</b>		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A



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

**Additional information (optional)**

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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**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

NONE
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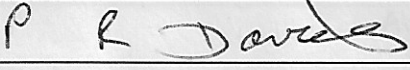
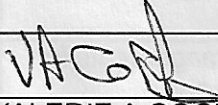
**Other optional information**

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## 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)	PHILIP R DAVIES	VALERIE A COCKCROFT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR TRUSTEES	SECRETARY

Date 19 January 2025





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No (if any)  
1169728

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/11/2024		31/10/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS	19,245	-	-	19,245	15,153
HIRE OF HALL	7,320	-	-	7,320	6,568
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	2,093	-	-	2,093	2,425
DONATIONS	958	-	-	958	5,551
OTHER RECEIPTS	1,897	-	-	1,897	7,421
BAPTIST UNION INTEREST	2,002	-	-	2,002	41
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>33,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,515</b>	<b>37,159</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
SHAWBROOK BANK	-	-	-	-	82,041
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,041</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,515</b>	<b>119,200</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
WAGES/NI/TAX	2,397	-	-	2,397	2,177
COST OF FUNDRAISING	775	-	-	775	846
MAINTENANCE	10,671	-	-	10,671	17,068
UTILITIES	2,626	-	-	2,626	2,704
TELEPHONE/BROADBAND	728	-	-	728	930
MEMBERSHIP	1,698	-	-	1,698	1,689
DONATIONS	1,893	-	-	1,893	2,570
INSURANCE	1,193	-	-	1,193	1,690
SUNDRIES	2,638	-	-	2,638	2,450
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,619</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,619</b>	<b>32,124</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
BAPTIST UNION INVESTMENT	30,000	-	-	30,000	-
SHAWBROOK BANK	-	-	-	-	50,000
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>54,619</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,619</b>	<b>82,124</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 21,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 21,104</b>	<b>37,076</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 21,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 21,104</b>	<b>37,076</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>	CO-OPERATIVE BANK	39,050	-	-
	BAPTIST UNION INVESTMENT	82,042	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	121,092	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	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>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	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
	VALERIE COOTNER	14/01/2025



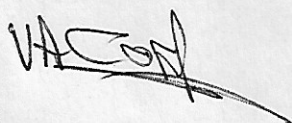
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024

Signed By Treasurer



Date: 1 January 2025

Name of Treasurer: Valerie A Cockcroft

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Roman Road Independent Methodist Church Failsworth for the year ended 31 October 2024.

#### Respective responsibilities

The church is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and considers that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

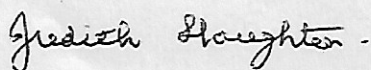
#### Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

#### Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the church, and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner:



Date: 1 January 2025

Name of the Independent Examiner: Judith Haughton B.E.M.

