

NANTWICH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1170226

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2016-11-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: [HTTP://METHODIST.ORG.UK/MEDIA1841903/2483_CONF_2015_CPD_VOL_2.PDF](http://METHODIST.ORG.UK/MEDIA1841903/2483_CONF_2015_CPD_VOL_2.PDF)

Activities: Worship and Christian service

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£83,218	£80,076	-	-
2024-08-31	£75,962	£64,032	-	-
2023-08-31	£75,685	£56,384	-	-
2022-08-31	£47,874	£64,517	-	-
2021-08-31	£52,179	£59,913	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID JOHN MAIDMENT		2018-10-08
DENISE MARIA CHERYL LAWSON		2018-10-08
DOREEN THOMAS		2018-10-08
EILEEN SHEILA ROBERTSON		2015-06-27
ELIZABETH GRUNDY		2018-10-08
Edward Norman George		2018-10-08
JANET DIANE EVANS		2025-06-15
JESS EVANS		2025-06-15
JOYCE PLATT		2018-10-08
Jacqueline Holland		2015-06-12
LESLIE ERIC KIRKMAN		2018-10-08
MARCUS APPLEBY		2021-05-04
MARGARET KIRKMAN		2018-10-08
Patricia Ann Maidment		2015-06-27
RUTH RHODEN-FARMER		2025-09-01
Rev OBETH RATNESAN THEVANESAN		2025-09-01
Sheila Crosbie Mrs		2018-10-08

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 Period start date
To 31st August 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church

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Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>We are a local Methodist Church, primarily a worshipping and praying fellowship of Christians. Our mission statement is to "Show Christ to Others".</p> <p>We meet for a weekly act of worship at 2 church buildings in Nantwich. A morning service takes place at Hospital Street with average attendance of 25-35 and an afternoon service at Broad Lane with average attendance of 10-15.</p> <p>Our worship is advertised and all are welcome to attend. Additional services are held at Easter and Christmas and occasional all age worship.</p> <p>There is a monthly Sunday evening Communion service which is part of the Open Table network and welcomes the LBGTQIA+ Christian community.</p> <p>We seek to provide opportunity for prayer, Bible study and fellowship through various activities at church. All groups are advertised with an open invitation to attend.</p> <p>The church is registered with the Inclusive Church Network. We welcome people of any faith, colour or background, and of every gender identity and sexual orientation.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>We provide a number of regular activities to support both members of the church and people in need within the community. We also make the building available for community use.</p> <p>Regular activities include:</p> <p>Drop'n'Shop This provides activities for primary school aged children on a Saturday morning, allowing parents free time to shop. This met monthly but moved to twice monthly in May 2025</p> <p>Friendship Group This is a monthly group to support socially isolated people. People meet for chat, games, craft activities and occasional speakers on relevant topics.</p> <p>Noah's Ark This is a weekly group aimed at very young children and their parents and carers. The aim is to introduce children to the teachings of Jesus through story, song and craft alongside time for free play.</p> <p>Fellowship Group</p>

A fortnightly group offering a programme of speakers and activities. Whilst mainly attended by church members it is open to all. As many of the attendees are elderly and living alone, the programme includes speakers who can offer relevant information and advice.

Thursday Lunches

Monthly lunches provide a further opportunity for fellowship and social interaction and are very popular.

Train Rides

Free rides are offered every Saturday morning on the miniature railway running alongside the church. This provides opportunity to engage with people and for fundraising. Donations received are split between four children's charities.

Brownies

Brownies meet at the church on a weekly basis and take part in occasional all-age worship on a Sunday morning.

Ecumenical outreach activities

Members of the church have continued to support mentoring of pupils at Brine Leas and Malbank High Schools

Assemblies have been led at Acton and Worleston primary schools.

Churches Together provided a presence at the Nantwich Show, offering a baby change facility, refreshments and Christian music.

A Christmas Day lunch was held for people who would otherwise be on their own. Transport was provided if required, a traditional Christmas meal and entertainment.

Use of premises by external organisations

The premises are used on a regular basis by a Bereavement group. We have received a grant from Cheshire East to make rooms available free of charge for community groups such as this.

The building is also offered for hire to external organisations and is being used by:

- Nantwich Choral Society
- Baby Time,
- U3A
- South Cheshire Model Engineers Club
- Insight Bereavement Counselling
- Bereavement Fellowship Group
- Cheshire Sling Library
- Stroke Survivor Group
- Chill Chat and Craft
- Cheshire Roses (cancer) Group
- Nantwich Youth Theatre & Nantwich Players
- Rethink
- Three Circles Fostering
- Coffee club at Broad Lane

Street Angels

Street Angels provide night patrols in Nantwich Town Centre on Saturdays from 10.30pm – 3.30am to offer practical support and improve the safety of people enjoying the nightclubs and entertainment in Nantwich. The scheme is operated through the Alpha and Omega WPS charity. We offer support by allowing the premises to be used as a free base and by giving advice and support to the management

	committee.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act having due regard to public benefit as per guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	We do not make grants. We make occasional collections and donations for specific purposes such as emergency disaster relief
Policy on social investment including program related investment	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	All activities are highly dependent on volunteers, mostly from church members but with some support for Drop'n'Shop, and the train from community volunteers. Noah's Ark is supported by a lay worker employed by the Circuit. We are dependent on a small number of dedicated volunteers who make an enormous contribution to the running of the church activities. The volunteers are predominantly older people who undertake as many of the tasks as they are able to.

Achievements and Performance

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.	<p>Given the dependence on a relatively small number of volunteers, we are pleased to report that all regular activities have been maintained and in some cases expanded. The buildings have been maintained as far as resources allow but are now at the point where significant expenditure is required to replace major pieces of equipment. The financial situation remains challenging with increasing costs and reliance on voluntary giving by members of the congregation. To support this, fund raising activities have increased, grant applications submitted and income from charges for use of the building maximised.</p> <p>Sunday Worship Sunday worship is a key focus and whilst largely traditional in format, we seek to be as inclusive as possible with age appropriate services for young people, services to mark special events and a monthly less formal "Open Table" Communion with opportunity for fellowship over a simple meal before the service. We have been pleased to welcome families with young children and now provide a crèche on a regular basis to enable the parents to attend the service. This includes children with special needs. We also offer a weekly Sunday Club for young people aged 10-14 in our designated youth room We have invited community organisations such as the</p>
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	<p>Brownies and Young Voices choir to take part in special services and this is always very popular.</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>All regular activities have continued throughout the year. Outreach is provided to young families through Noah's Ark and Drop'n'Shop. Drop'n'Shop was able to move from monthly to twice monthly sessions in May 2025. Outreach to older, socially isolated people is offered through the Friendship Group which is open to people with dementia. We are a "dementia friendly" church. Opportunities to socialise are provided through monthly lunches and weekly coffee mornings. A number of special events have been held throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "Santa Train" offered a train ride and a present from Santa to 234 children over 3 Saturdays in December. £792 was raised, split between th4 children's charities and the church. • 2 concerts were hosted as part of the annual Easter jazz festival in the town. • Celebrations to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day took place at both Hospital Street and Broad Lane. • A "Beetle Drive" and Fish and Chip supper in May was enjoyed by people ranging in age from 4-90 and raised £150. • "Rail 200" took place in July to mark 200 years of passenger rail travel with steam train rides, railway groups and a special service led by our Superintendent Minister and a Railway Chaplain. We were pleased to welcome the Mayors of Crewe and Nantwich and our local MP.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Performance against 2024-25 Objectives</p> <p>Appointment of a Centre Development Manager to develop the use of the church building as a community centre.</p> <p>An appointment was made and the person commenced in post in December 2024. Unfortunately, the post did not work out as anticipated and the appointment ended in May 2025. The job and person specification have been reviewed and a new appointment will be made in 2026.</p> <p>To enhance the offer of Drop'n'Shop to be fully inclusive, including neurodiverse children. This would be dependent on a successful grant application to a charitable trust.</p> <p>An application to the National Lottery for a grant to employ 2 workers with experience of working with neurodivergent children to support Drop'n'Shop was made. Notification was received in July 2025 that the application was successful and £18,500 would be allocated to fund the workers for 1</p>
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	<p>year. This will be received and reported in 2025-26. A grant of £1,500 was received from a local business for the purchase of equipment to create a sensory room in the chapel. This objective will be carried forward to 2025/26 and further grant applications made to extend the club for following years.</p> <p>To extend Drop'n'Shop to weekly rather than monthly meetings. Additional volunteers have been recruited and we were able to offer twice monthly sessions from May 2025. The aim to offer weekly sessions will be carried forward to 2025/26.</p> <p>To offer "Easter Hope" interactive events to 3 primary schools. The Easter Hope activity was delivered to Worleston, Highfields and Acton primary schools in March 2025 and was very well received.</p> <p>To develop as an "Eco-Church". Grant applications will be made for the purchase of storage batteries for the energy generated by the solar panels which are already fitted. We were very grateful to receive a grant of £10,000 from Cheshire East Council and the batteries have been installed.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Despite falling membership and attendance, income from donations is broadly in line with the previous year. Income from lunches and coffee mornings has increased as we have been able to offer more events.
Investment performance against objectives	N/A
Other	<p>Rev. Robin Fox left the church in August 2025 to move to a new appointment. We were pleased to welcome Rev. Obeth Thevanesan and his family in September 2025 and look forward to working with him.</p> <p>Objectives for 2025-26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a Church Family Committee to oversee and develop ways of strengthening the Christian faith and confidence of the existing NMC congregation at both church sites, to support the mission and outreach support. • Appointment of a Church Centre Co-ordinating Officer. • To appoint 2 suitably experienced workers (for 1 year initially) to enable Drop'n'Shop to support the needs of neurodiverse children. • To make further grant applications to enable the Drop'n'Shop support for neurodiverse children to continue. • To install equipment to enable the use of the chapel as a sensory room.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To offer the Easter Hope event for 3 local primary schools.• To offer the Christmas Hope event for 3 local primary schools.• To replace the chairs used in the worship hall and lounges with lighter chairs for ease of lifting and handling.• To review the means of projection in the main hall.• To develop further as an “Eco-Church” working towards the gold standard criteria.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Accounts attached. The budget for 2024-25 anticipated a small surplus of £5,600 of income over expenditure. The actual final position was a surplus of £3,142.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We have a small reserves account with the Methodist Central Finance Board for contingencies
Amount of reserves held	A deposit of £ 21,993 is held as at 31.08.2025
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	At present there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>The main source of income is regular giving on a weekly basis by members of the congregation. Gift Aid is claimed as appropriate. This is supplemented by various fundraising activities.</p> <p>In addition, income is received from hire of the premises and leasing car parking spaces.</p> <p>Details of grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant of £1,500 from a local business for sensory equipment (to be purchased in 2025-26) • Fischer Fund grant of £500 to support the V.E.Day celebrations at Broad Lane. • £14,300 from Cheshire East for batteries to store energy from solar panels and the installation of electric vehicle charging points..
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	As the congregation continues to age, the risk of declining membership is a reality. There is also the challenge from rising costs and the potential need for expenditure to replace equipment such as the boilers.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	<p>Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church is part of the 'Methodist Church of Great Britain' whose status as a charity has historically been derived from the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. We are connected to Cheshire South Methodist Circuit which itself is part of the Chester & Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District.</p> <p>We operate in the administrative unitary authority area of Cheshire East.</p> <p>Our constitutional practices can be found in www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd</p>
How is the charity constituted? (<p>As a Methodist Society we are accountable to Circuit, District and Connexion and are required to comply with regulations laid down in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, which is updated annually. As a Society we make decisions at Church Council meetings of which we are required to hold at least two per year and more as and when required by the local situations. Voting members of Church Council must be members of The Methodist Church of Great Britain and trustees of Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church. The Church Council is supported by a number of sub-committees responsible for such things as finance, property, stewards, pastoral care.</p>
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	<p>Church Council members are the Trustees. The Chair is the minister who is employed by the Methodist Church at national level and stationed at the invitation of the local Circuit.</p> <p>The Council is made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church stewards • Treasurer • Property Steward • Pastoral Secretary • Church Council Secretary • Representatives of the congregation. <p>The appointments are made at the Church General Meeting and confirmed annually. The appointments should be for no longer than 6 years but this can be extended by agreement if there are no alternative volunteers.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170226
Charity's principal address	Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church c/o The Church Office Hospital Street Nantwich CW5 5RP.

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	Rev. Robin Fox	Chair		
2	Sheila Crosbie	Secretary		
3	Yvonne Alcock	Treasurer	01.09.24-17.06.25	
4	John Walkington	Property Steward	01.09.24 – 09.11.24	
5	Margaret Kirkman	Pastoral Secretary		
6	Elizabeth Grundy	Senior Steward		
7	Marcus Appleby	Church Steward		
8	John Coulter	Church Steward		
9	Edward George	Church Steward		
10	David Maidment	Church Steward		
11	Eileen Robertson	Church Steward		
12	Patricia Maidment	Circuit Steward		
13	Erik Kirkman	Associated Presbyter		
14	Janet Evans		From 06.12.24	
15	Jess Evans		From 06.12.24	
16	Jaqueline Holland			
17	Denise Lawson			
18	Joyce Platt			
19	Doreen Thomas			

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	

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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Obeth Thevanesan	Sheila Crosbie
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Full name(s)	Rev Obeth Thevanesan	Sheila Crosbie
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
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Date	21.02.2026
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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Nantwich with Broad Lane	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Cheshire South	Circuit	Circuit no.	11/08
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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Minister:

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Church Stewards:

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Edward George	

Treasurer:

Vacant at Year End

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	32,910		32,910	36,033
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	954		954	905
a4	Lettings	20,543		20,543	11,548
a5	Other receipts	28,810		28,810	27,476
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	83,218		83,218 (a7)	75,962
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	34,833		34,833	35,215
b3	Donations				10
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,133		5,133	7,327
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,413		17,413	16,136
b6					
b7	Other payments	22,697		22,697	5,355
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	80,076		80,076 (b9)	64,043
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	3,142	3,142	11,919
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		55,420	55,420 (c6)	43,501
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	58,562	58,562	55,420
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	58,562	58,562 (c8)	55,420 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	

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 2025 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 Noah's Ark	257	224	33		142	174
e2 Open Table	736	217	518			518
e3 Friendship Group	233	528	(295)		376	81
e4 Drop N Shop	2,893	2,917	(24)		121	97
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,118	3,886	232		639 (e11)	871 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	83,218 (a7)	80,076 (b9)	3,142	(c7)	55,420 (c6)	58,562 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	87,336	83,962	3,374		56,059 (x)	59,433 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	27	27
f2 Bank Current Account	34,354	36,542
f3 Bank Deposit Account	21,039	
f4 Central Finance Board		21,993
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	55,420 (c6)	58,562 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	639 (e11)	871 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	56,059 (x)	59,433 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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 No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 Date.....

Name and address of treasurer

..... Post Code.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the

Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church

Charity Number 1170226

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 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

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 A Morgan

Name of independent examiner Aisling Morgan

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 1 Aaron Close, Caerleon Newport

Post Code NP18 3RE

Date 19th January 2026

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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 2025 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 Noah's Ark	257	224	33		142	174
e2 Open Table	736	217	518			518
e3 Friendship Group	233	528	(295)		376	81
e4 Drop N Shop	2,893	2,917	(24)		121	97
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,118	3,886	232		639 (e11)	871 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	83,218 (a7)	80,076 (b9)	3,142	(c7)	55,420 (c6)	58,562 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	87,336	83,962	3,374		56,059 (x)	59,433 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	27	27
f2 Bank Current Account	34,354	36,542
f3 Bank Deposit Account	21,039	
f4 Central Finance Board		21,993
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	55,420 (c6)	58,562 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	639 (e11)	871 (e12)
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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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 No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 Date.....

Name and address of treasurer

..... Post Code.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the

Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church

Charity Number 1170226

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 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

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 A Morgan

Name of independent examiner Aisling Morgan

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 1 Aaron Close, Caerleon Newport

Post Code NP18 3RE

Date 19th January 2026

* delete or circle as appropriate

NANTWICH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1170226

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2023 Period start date
To 31st August 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church

Charity registration number: **1170226**

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>We are a local Methodist Church, primarily a worshipping and praying fellowship of Christians. Our mission statement is to "Show Christ to Others".</p> <p>We meet for a weekly act of worship at 2 church buildings in Nantwich in Hospital Street and Broad Lane.</p> <p>Our worship is advertised and all are welcome to attend. Additional services are held at Easter and Christmas and occasional all age worship.</p> <p>We seek to provide opportunity for prayer, Bible study and fellowship through various activities at church. All groups are advertised with an open invitation to attend.</p>
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	<p>provides opportunity to engage with people and for fundraising. Donations received are split between four children's charities.</p> <p>A special "Santa train" operated in December with opportunity to meet Father Christmas..</p> <p>Brownies</p> <p>Brownies meet at the church on a weekly basis and take part in occasional all-age worship on a Sunday morning.</p> <p>Ecumenical outreach activities</p> <p>Members of the church have continued to support mentoring of pupils at Brine Leas and Malbank High Schools</p> <p>Assemblies have been led at Acton and Worleston primary schools.</p> <p>Churches Together provided a presence at the Nantwich Show, undertaking a litter pick as a means of engaging with people and also provided a baby change facility.</p> <p>A Christmas Day lunch was held for people who would otherwise be on their own. Transport was provided if required, a traditional Christmas meal and entertainment.</p> <p>Use of premises by external organisations</p> <p>The premises are used on a regular basis by a Bereavement group. We have received a grant from Cheshire East to make rooms available free of charge for community groups such as this.</p> <p>The building is also offered for hire to external organisations and is being used by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nantwich Choral Society • Baby Time, • U3A • Nantwich Historical Society • Nantwich Model Engineers Club • Nantwich Youth Theatre • Roses (cancer) Group • Conexus (youth mentoring)
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act having due regard to public benefit as per guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	We do not make grants. We make occasional collections and donations for specific purposes such as emergency disaster relief
Policy on social investment including program related investment	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	All activities are highly dependent on volunteers, mostly from church members but with some support for Drop'n'Shop, and the train from community volunteers. Noah's Ark is supported by a lay worker employed by the Circuit. We are dependent on a small number of dedicated

	volunteers who make an enormous contribution to the running of the church activities. The volunteers are predominantly older people who undertake as many of the tasks as they are able to..
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Achievements and Performance

<p>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.</p>	<p>Sunday Worship We have introduced a crèche to meet the need of 2 families with children with special needs who have joined the church. This enables the parents to attend the service. We have also provided age appropriate activities for an older child in the family. We have been pleased to include the Brownies in taking part in all age worship. They have prepared presentations and have assisted with special services such as harvest and a gift service at the start of advent. We have also welcomed the "Young Voices" choir to participate in special events. A "remembering" service was again held before Christmas for people who have been bereaved. We have continued to host the "Open Table" communion service monthly on a Sunday evening. This is run by, and for, LGBTQIA+ people, their friends and families. This has been well attended with people enjoying a simple meal together before the service. The church is registered with the Inclusive Church Network. We welcome people of any faith, colour or background, and of every gender identity and sexual orientation.</p> <p>Activities All regular activities have continued throughout the year. Outreach is provided to young families through Noah's Ark and Drop'n'Shop and to older, socially isolated people through the Friendship Group and lunches. The group is open to people with dementia and we are a "dementia friendly" church.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Performance against 2023-24 Objectives</p> <p>Appointment of a lay worker to support the activities of a group of churches within the circuit working together as a "hub". The South Cheshire Methodist Circuit has agreed the appointment of a community development worker for the Nantwich Whitchurch and Rural hub. It is hoped that the post will be filled in 2024-25.</p> <p>To enhance the offer of Drop'n'Shop to support neurodiverse children. A grant application to a charitable trust was made for equipment and staffing costs to support this development. Unfortunately, this was unsuccessful. Alternative grants are being pursued.</p> <p>To extend Drop'n'Shop to weekly rather than monthly meetings. This has not been possible due to the lack of sufficient</p>
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	<p>volunteers and the failure of the funding application as above.</p> <p>To support the development of a Street Angels scheme in Nantwich by offering the premises as a base. The church is providing the base for the Street Angels scheme which commenced in December 2023 operating weekly on Saturday nights.</p> <p>To work with Churches Together to publish a leaflet publicising church services and activities to distribute to the new housing developments. The leaflet was completed and published and is now available for use.</p> <p>To develop the use of the church building as a community centre. Research was undertaken about the best way to proceed, including visiting a church in Biddulph where this approach had been successful. Advice was obtained from the District Projects Officer. This resulted in a proposal to appoint a Centre Development Manager. Funding for the post has been obtained from the Circuit and a job description agreed for recruitment to proceed in 2024-25</p> <p>School outreach – to support a mentorship scheme at Malbank School. This has been implemented with volunteer mentors supporting several pupils.</p> <p>To offer the “Easter Hope” interactive event to 3 local primary schools. Three events took place in March 2024 with pupils from Highfields and Acton primary schools attending the church and volunteers delivering the event at Worleston primary school.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Despite falling membership and attendance, income from donations is broadly in line with the previous year. Income from lunches and coffee mornings has increased as we have been able to offer more events.
Investment performance against objectives	N/A
Other	<p>Objectives for 2024-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of a Centre Development Manager to develop the use of the church building as a community centre. • To enhance the offer of Drop'n'Shop to support neurodiverse children. This would be dependent on a successful grant application to a charitable trust. • To extend Drop'n'Shop to weekly rather than monthly meetings. • To offer “Easter Hope” interactive events to 3 primary schools • To develop as an “Eco-Church”. Grant applications will be made for the purchase of storage batteries for the energy generated by the solar panels which are already fitted.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Accounts attached. The financial forecast for 2023/4 was a break even position. Income from donations and fund raising has been maintained. Income from room lettings has increased. Expenditure has increased but has been carefully managed and the overall position was a financial surplus of almost £12,000.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We have a small reserves account with the Methodist Central Finance Board for contingencies
Amount of reserves held	A deposit of £21,039 is held as at 31.08.2024
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	At present there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The main source of income is regular giving on a weekly basis by members of the congregation. Gift Aid is claimed as appropriate. This is supplemented by various fundraising activities. In addition, income is received from hire of the premises and leasing car parking spaces. We also received a grant from Cheshire East Council to be a Connected Communities Centre, offering free use of the premises to voluntary groups.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	As the congregation continues to age, the risk of declining membership is a reality. There is also the challenge from rising costs and the potential need for expenditure to replace equipment such as the boilers.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	<p>Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church is part of the 'Methodist Church of Great Britain' whose status as a charity has historically been derived from the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. We are connected to Cheshire South Methodist Circuit which itself is part of the Chester & Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District.</p> <p>We operate in the administrative unitary authority area of Cheshire East.</p> <p>Our constitutional practices can be found in www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd</p>
How is the charity constituted?	<p>As a Methodist Society we are accountable to Circuit, District and Connexion and are required to comply with regulations laid down in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, which is updated annually. As a Society we make decisions at Church Council meetings of which we are required to hold at least two per year and more as and when required by the local situations. Voting members of Church Council must be members of The Methodist Church of Great Britain and trustees of Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church. The Church Council is supported by a number of sub-committees responsible for such things as finance, property, stewards, pastoral care.</p>
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	<p>Church Council members are the Trustees. The Chair is the minister who is employed by the Methodist Church at national level and stationed at the invitation of the local Circuit.</p> <p>The Council is made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church stewards • Treasurer • Property Steward • Pastoral Secretary • Church Council Secretary • Representatives of the congregation. <p>The appointments are made at the Church General Meeting and confirmed annually. The appointments should be for no longer than 6 years but this can be extended by agreement if there are no alternative volunteers.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170226
Charity's principal address	Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church c/o The Church Office Hospital Street Nantwich CW5 5RP.

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	Rev. Robin Fox	Chair		
2	Sheila Crosbie	Secretary		
3	Yvonne Alcock	Treasurer		
4	John Walkington	Property Steward		
5	Margaret Kirkman	Pastoral Secretary		
6	Elizabeth Grundy	Senior Steward		
7	Marcus Appleby	Church Steward		
8	John Coulter	Church Steward		
9	Edward George	Church Steward		
10	David Maidment	Church Steward		
11	Eileen Robertson	Church Steward		
12	Patricia Maidment	Circuit Steward		
13	Erik Kirkman	Associated Presbyter		
14	Jaqueline Holland			
15	Denise Lawson			
16	Joyce Platt			
17	Anne Robinson			
18	Doreen Thomas			

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	

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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Robin Fox

Sheila Crosie

Full name(s)

Rev Robin Fox

Sheila Crosbie

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

24.02.25

NANTWICH METHODIST CHURCH (with Broad Lane) Charity Number: 1170226
 Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31st August 2024

GENERAL FUNDS - RECEIPTS	2023 / 2024		2022 / 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Offerings & Tax recovered				
Collections cash	6,322.66		£ 6,186.17	
Regular Giving	5,740.00		£ 1,511.00	
Standing Orders	16,012.00		£18,098.96	
Gift Aid	7,957.94	36,032.60	£10,358.71	£ 36,154.84
Bank, CFB & Investment Income				
Interest (Bank & CFB)		904.68		£ 578.75
Lettings				£ 9,394.90
Room Hire		11,548.29		
Other Receipts				£ 8,945.00
Car Park Fees	9149.50			
Catering income(fund raising)	6,515.97		£ 4,464.96	
Donations to Church	5,480.87		£ 9,313.88	
Internal Organisation Donations	400.00		£ 140.00	
Donations to Church from funerals/weddings	835.00		£ 1,267.00	
Grants	3,520.00		£ 3,250.00	
Wedding/funeral fees	165.00		£ 180.00	
Solar Refund	1,409.95		£ 1,995.29	
Miscellaneous Receipts		27,476.29		£ 20,611.13
GENERAL FUNDS TOTAL RECEIPTS		75,961.86		£ 75,684.62
GENERAL FUNDS - PAYMENTS				
Circuit Assessment or Share				
Assessment		35,214.63		£ 32,250.00
Donations				
Donations - Connexional				£ 50.00
Donations - Other Funds				
Repairs & Maintenance				
Repairs & Maintenance	2611.19		£ 1,927.28	
Cleaning costs	4715.65	7,326.84	£ 1,854.45	£ 3,781.73
Utilities (Insurance, Water, Heating & lighting)				
Insurance / Licences	3,584.74		£ 3,497.76	
Utilities	12,550.99	16,135.73	£11,727.92	£ 15,225.68
Fundraising Exps	1,839.77		£ 1,334.60	
Outreach Fund	110.04		£ 338.77	
Grant expenditure	-		£ 1,330.07	
Telephone & Broadband	1,622.59		£ 965.08	
Office Exps	1,035.74		£ 993.06	
Miscellaneous payments	746.94	5,355.08	£ 115.24	£ 5,076.82
GENERAL FUNDS TOTAL PAYMENTS		64,032.28		£ 56,384.23
GENERAL FUNDS NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		11,929.58		£ 19,300.39

Approved by the Trustees on... 24/2/25

Signed...
 Y. Alcock (Treasurer)

Date... 24/2/25

Signed...
 Rev Robin Fox (Chair of Church Council)

Date... 24/2/25

Restricted Funds Receipts & Payments	Opening Bal	Receipts	Payments	Closing Bal
Conns Funds (JMA)	0.00			0.00
Conn Funds (Easter Offering/World Mission)	0.00	150.96	-150.96	0.00
Action for children	0.00	467.37	-467.37	0.00
All we Can	0.00	442.77	-462.77	-20.00
Food Bank	0.00	10.00		10.00
Pakistan	0.00			0.00
St Lukes	0.00	76.35	-76.35	0.00
MHA	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	0.00	1197.45	-1207.45	-10.00

Account Analysis

Unrestricted Funds	43500.94	75961.86	64032.28	55430.52
Restricted Funds	0.00	1197.45	1207.45	-10.00
TOTAL	43500.94	77159.31	65239.73	55420.52

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

Summary of how Funds are Held	2023/2024		2022/2023	
	£	£	£	£
Petty Cash		27.12		27.12
Bank Current Account	£	34,354.46	£	30,381.42
Central Finance Board Deposit Account 1	£	21,038.94	£	14,978.67
Central Finance Board Deposit Account 2	£	-	£	2,224.51
		55,420.52		47,611.72
Less unrepresented cheques				4,110.78
		Sub Total	£	43,500.94
Plus Income received not yet banked			£	-
		55,420.52	£	43,500.94
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		55,420.52		£ 43,500.94

Methodist Insurance Policy No: 21/MPG/9141762

	2023 / 2024		2022 / 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Buildings Assets Buildings & land.	NMC	£ 3,506,205.00		£ 3,420,715.00
	BL	£ 594,730.00		£ 580,229.00
Contents	NMC	£ 220,590.00		£ 199,541.00
	BL	£ 15,040.00		£ 14,673.00

Internal Organisations with separate funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
Women's Fellowship	393.05	309.41	-326.50	375.96
Drop 'n' Shop	310.99	3484.16	-3674.17	120.98
Men's supper club	156.81		-156.81	0.00
Friendship Group	249.68	496.45	-655.97	90.16
Church Flowers	1.28	100.00	-98.50	2.78
Pastoral Flowers	4.89	29.00	-33.00	0.89
Noah's Ark	150.19	280.10	-294.19	136.10
	1266.89	4699.12	-5239.14	726.87

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Nantwich Methodist Church

The report relates to the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is the examiner's responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act

Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act.

State whether particular matters have come to his/her attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

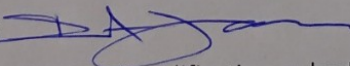
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I have obtained independent verification of all bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB)

Name: DAVID ANTHONY JONES Date: 20.01.2025

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (FCA)

Address: 28 CHADWICKE CLOSE
STAPELEY
NANTWICH, CHESHIRE
CW5 7NF.



NANTWICH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1170226

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	<p>provides opportunity to engage with people and for fundraising. Donations received are split between four children's charities.</p> <p>The train operated as a "royal train" for the coronation of the King.</p> <p>Brownies Brownies meet at the church on a weekly basis and take part in occasional all-age worship on a Sunday morning.</p> <p>Warm Spaces The church remained open after the Sunday morning service until around 3.00pm to provide a "warm space" for anyone concerned about heating their own home or for people seeking companionship in a warm safe environment. This took place weekly from October to March. People were provided with a hot drink and soup, toast or teacake.</p> <p>Ecumenical outreach activities Members of the church have continued to support mentoring of pupils at Brine Leas High School. Assemblies have been led at Acton and Worleston primary schools.</p> <p>Churches Together provided a presence at the Nantwich Show, undertaking a litter pick as a means of engaging with people and also provided a baby change facility.</p> <p>A Christmas Day lunch was held for people who would otherwise be on their own. Transport was provided if required, a traditional Christmas meal and entertainment.</p> <p>Use of premises by external organisations The premises are used on a regular basis by a Bereavement group. We have received a grant from Cheshire East to make rooms available free of charge for community groups such as this.</p> <p>The building is also offered for hire to external organisations and is being used by Nantwich Choral Society, Baby Time, U3A History Group, and the Modelling Group.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act having due regard to public benefit as per guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	We do not make grants. We make occasional collections and donations for specific purposes such as emergency disaster relief
Policy on social investment including program related investment	N/A
Contribution made by	All activities are highly dependent on volunteers, mostly from church members but with some support for

volunteers	<p>Drop'n'Shop, the train and warm spaces from community volunteers. Noah's Ark is supported by a lay worker employed by the Circuit..</p> <p>Due to a fall in member numbers and increasing age, the number of active volunteers has reduced but the volunteers we have make an enormous contribution. The expansion of activities is limited by the availability of volunteers.</p>
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Achievements and Performance

<p>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.</p>	<p>Sunday Worship</p> <p>We have been pleased to welcome the "Young Voices" choir to all age worship for Mothering Sunday and harvest festival.</p> <p>A special "remembering" service was held before Christmas for people who have been bereaved.</p> <p>A monthly Sunday evening "Open Table" communion service was introduced in December .</p> <p>We have been pleased to host open table which is run by, and for, LGBTQIA+ people, their friends and families. We welcome people of any faith, colour or background. We welcome people of every gender identity and sexual orientation. This has been well attended with people enjoying a simple meal together before the service.</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>All activities have been sustained throughout the year. Attendance has increased although some have not fully returned to pre-pandemic levels. Outreach is provided to young families through Noah's Ark and Drop'n'Shop and to older, socially isolated people through the Friendship Group and lunches. The group is open to people with dementia and we are a "dementia friendly" church.</p> <p>Warm Spaces was successful in attracting a number of younger, socially excluded people who would not traditionally attend church events.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Performance against 2021-22 Objectives</p> <p><i>Appointment of a lay worker during 2022/23 to support the activities of a group of churches within the circuit working together as a "hub"</i></p> <p>This has been deferred pending research into local needs assessment and how a lay worker could best be used..</p> <p><i>Application to Cheshire East Social Franchise to become a Connected Communities Centre.</i></p> <p>This bid was successful. In return for the grant, we have provided free rooms for Warm Space and Bereavement Support. The grant included a sum for IT which has been used to install a smart TV in the coffee lounge and main lounges</p> <p><i>Schools Outreach. To offer a Remembrance Event for 2 local primary schools in November 2022.</i></p> <p>This was not possible to plan within the timescale and availability of the lay worker.</p> <p><i>Christmas Day Lunch. To work with Churches</i></p>
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	<p>Together to host a Christmas Day lunch for people who would otherwise be alone. This was achieved and much appreciated by approximately 40 people who attended.</p> <p>To introduce regular “open table” communion services. This commenced in December 2022 on a monthly basis.</p> <p>To make an application for registration with the Inclusive Church Network. The application was supported by the Church Council in March 2023 and the application submitted and approved. The Church is registered for same sex marriage and the first same sex wedding took place in July.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>The Church has been concerned about reduced income against increased costs. This has been drawn to the attention of all members. In addition a “Gift Day” was held in August to encourage one off additional donations. This raised around £7,000.</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>Objectives for 2023-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of a lay worker to support the activities of a group of churches within the circuit working together as a “hub”. • To enhance the offer of Drop’n’Shop to support neurodiverse children. This would be dependent on a successful grant application to a charitable trust. • To extend Drop’n’Shop to weekly rather than monthly meetings. • To support the development of a Street Angels scheme in Nantwich by offering the premises as a base. • To work with Churches Together to publish a leaflet publicising church services and activities to distribute to the new housing developments. • To develop the use of the church building as a community centre. • School outreach – to support a mentorship scheme at Malbank School. To offer the “Easter Hope” interactive event to 2 local primary schools.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Accounts attached. The financial forecast for 2022/23 was that the church would need to draw on reserves. A fundraising initiative was successful, however, and some members were able to increase their regular contribution. The final position was a surplus of £19,300
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We have a small reserves account with the Methodist Central Finance Board for contingencies
Amount of reserves held	2 deposits of £14,979 and £2,224 as at 31.08.2023
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	At present there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The main source of income is regular giving on a weekly basis by members of the congregation. Gift Aid is claimed as appropriate. This is supplemented by various fundraising activities. In addition, income is received from hire of the premises and leasing car parking spaces. We also received a grant from Cheshire East Council to be a Connected Communities Centre, offering free use of the premises to voluntary groups.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	As the congregation continues to age, the risk of declining membership is a reality. There is also the challenge from rising costs and the potential need for expenditure to replace equipment such as the boilers.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	<p>Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church is part of the 'Methodist Church of Great Britain' whose status as a charity has historically been derived from the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. We are connected to Cheshire South Methodist Circuit which itself is part of the Chester & Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District.</p> <p>We operate in the administrative unitary authority area of Cheshire East.</p> <p>Our constitutional practices can be found in www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd</p>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	<p>As a Methodist Society we are accountable to Circuit, District and Connexion and are required to comply with regulations laid down in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, which is updated annually. As a Society we make decisions at Church Council meetings of which we are required to hold at least two per year and more as and when required by the local situations. Voting members of Church Council must be members of The Methodist Church of Great Britain and trustees of Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church. The Church Council is supported by a number of sub-committees responsible for such things as finance, property, stewards, pastoral care.</p>
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	<p>Church Council members are the Trustees. The Chair is the minister who is employed by the Methodist Church at national level and stationed at the invitation of the local Circuit.</p> <p>The Council is made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church stewards • Treasurer • Property Steward • Pastoral Secretary • Church Council Secretary • Representatives of the congregation. <p>The appointments are made at the Church General Meeting and confirmed annually. The appointments should be for no longer than 6 years but this can be extended by agreement if there are no alternative volunteers.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170226
Charity's principal address	<p>Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church c/o The Church Office Hospital Street Nantwich CW5 5RP.</p>

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	Rev. Robin Fox	Chair		
2	Sheila Crosbie	Secretary		
3	Yvonne Alcock	Treasurer		
4	John Walkington	Property Steward		
5	Margaret Kirkman	Pastoral Secretary		
6	Elizabeth Grundy	Senior Steward		
7	Marcus Appleby	Church Steward		
8	John Coulter	Church Steward		
9	Edward George	Church Steward		
10	David Maidment	Church Steward		
11	Eileen Robertson	Church Steward		
12	Patricia Maidment	Circuit Steward		
13	Erik Kirkman	Associated Presbyter		
14	Jaqueline Holland			
15	Denise Lawson			
16	Joyce Platt			
17	Anne Robinson			
18	Doreen Thomas			

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	

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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Rev Robin Fox	Sheila Crosbie
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

26.2.24

GENERAL FUNDS - RECEIPTS	2022 / 2023		2021 / 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Offerings & Tax recovered				
Collections cash	6,186.17		£ 5,618.64	
Regular Giving	1,511.00		£ 2,445.00	
Standing Orders	18,098.96		£ 18,631.96	
Gift Aid	10,358.71	36,154.84	£ -	£ 26,695.60
Bank, CFB & Investment Income				
Interest (Bank & CFB)		578.75		£ 46.32
Lettings				
Room Hire		9,394.90		£ 6,985.90
Other Receipts				
Car Park Fees	8945.00			£ 7,750.50
Catering income(fund raising)	4,464.96		£ 2,412.02	
Donations to Church	9,313.88		£ 591.55	
Internal Organisation Donations	140.00		£ 500.00	
Donations to Church from funerals/weddings	1,267.00		£ 301.42	
Grants	3,250.00			
Wedding/funeral fees	180.00		£ 780.00	
Solar Refund	1,995.29		£ 1,554.02	
Miscellaneous Receipts		29,556.13	£ 257.00	£ 6,396.01
GENERAL FUNDS TOTAL RECEIPTS		75,684.62		£ 47,874.33
GENERAL FUNDS - PAYMENTS				
Circuit Assessment or Share				
Assessment		32,250.00		£ 42,699.96
Donations				
Donations - Connexional				£ 2,725.00
Donations - Other Funds	50.00	50.00		
Repairs & Maintenance				
Repairs & Maintenance	1927.28		£ 4,805.84	
Cleaning costs	1854.45	3,781.73	£ 936.00	£ 5,741.84
Utilities (Insurance, Water, Heating & lighting)				
Insurance / Licences	3,497.76		£ 3,180.00	
Utilities	11,727.92	15,225.68	£ 5,502.84	£ 8,682.84
Fundraising Exps	1,334.60		£ 863.42	
Outreach Fund	338.77		£ 1,549.13	
Grant expenditure	1,330.07			
Telephone & Broadband	965.08		£ 590.98	
Office Exps	993.06		£ 985.35	
Miscellaneous payments	115.24	5,076.82	£ 678.06	£ 4,666.94
GENERAL FUNDS TOTAL PAYMENTS		56,384.23		£ 64,516.58
GENERAL FUNDS NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		19,300.39	-£	16,642.25

Approved by the Trustees on.....

Signed.....
 Y.Alcock (Treasurer)

Date..... 16.10.23

Signed.....
 Rev Robin Fox (Chair of Church Council)

Date..... 16.10.23

Restricted Funds Receipts & Payments	Opening Bal	Receipts	Payments	Closing Bal
Conns Funds (JMA)	506.99	1243.87	-1750.86	0.00
Conn Funds (Easter Offering/World Mission)	0.00	202.00	-202.00	0.00
Action for children	367.37	100.00	-467.37	0.00
All we Can	100.00	1135.00	-1235.00	0.00
Food Bank	0.00	97.10	-97.10	0.00
Pakistan	0.00	141.00	-141.00	0.00
St Lukes	0.00	57.12	-57.12	0.00
Turkey Earth quake	0.00	527.10	-527.10	0.00
Ukraine Mission	0.00	115.00	-115.00	0.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	974.36	3618.19	-4592.55	0.00

Account Analysis

Unrestricted Funds	24200.55	75684.62	56384.23	43500.94
Restricted Funds	974.36	3618.19	4592.55	0.00
TOTAL	25174.91	79302.81	60976.78	43500.94

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

Summary of how Funds are Held	2022/2023		2021/2022	
	£	£	£	£
Petty Cash		27.12	£	27.12
Bank Current Account	£	30,381.42	£	4,999.38
Broad Lane RBS	£	-	£	3,523.98
Central Finance Board Deposit Account 1	£	14,978.67	£	14,474.62
Central Finance Board Deposit Account 2	£	2,224.51	£	2,149.81
		47,611.72	£	25,174.91
Less unrepresented cheques		4,110.78	£	-
		43,500.94	£	25,174.91
Plus Income received not yet banked		-	£	-
		43,500.94	£	25,174.91
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		43,500.94		£ 25,174.91

Unrepresented Cheques

22544	1054.00
22545	467.37
22546	2018.10
22547	476.00
22548	26.25
22549	69.06
	<u>4110.78</u>

Methodist Insurance Policy No: 21/MPG/9141762	2022 / 2023		2021 / 2022	
	£		£	
Buildings Assets Buildings & land.	NMC	£ 3,420,715.00		£ 3,276,753.00
	BL	£ 580,229.00		
Contents	NMC	£ 199,541.00		£ 188,276.00
	BL	£ 14,673.00		

Internal Organisations with separate funds	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
Women's Fellowship	110.31	521.94	239.20	393.05
Drop 'n' Shop	271.60	2327.27	2287.88	310.99
Men's supper club	156.81	0.00	0.00	156.81
Friendship Group	251.94	348.28	350.54	249.68
Church Flowers	17.37	92.00	108.09	1.28
Pastoral Flowers	59.74	0.00	54.85	4.89
Noah's Ark	203.08	213.10	265.99	150.19
	<u>1070.85</u>	<u>3502.59</u>	<u>3306.55</u>	<u>1266.89</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Nantwich Methodist Church

The report relates to the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is the examiner's responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act

Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act.

State whether particular matters have come to his/her attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

1. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
2. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and regulations have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have obtained independent verification of all bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB)

Name: DAVID ANTHONY JONES Date: 17th NOVEMBER 2023.

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FCA.

Address: 28 CHADWICKE CLOSE
STAPELEY
NANTWICH
CHESHIRE CW5 7NF.

NANTWICH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1170226

Accounts

Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church

Charity number: 1170226

Mission Statement: 'To Show Christ to Others'

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022

1 STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

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We comprise 2 congregations and church buildings in Hospital Street and Broad Lane Nantwich. Due to falling numbers at Broad Lane and difficulty maintaining an independent Church Council, Broad Lane was incorporated as a class of Nantwich early in 2021.

Risk management - the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified and mitigating actions are being developed. Appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and financial error.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act having due regard to public benefit as per guidance published by the Charity Commission.

2 OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Hospital Street

We are a local Methodist Church, situated at the centre of the small rural market town of Nantwich in Cheshire. We are primarily a worshipping and praying fellowship of Christians. Our worship is advertised and all are welcome to attend. There is a weekly act of worship on Sunday mornings with some services also incorporating Holy Communion. We aim to offer alternative styles of worship such as a Café Style Service on a Sunday evening and a week day communion service. There are special additional services at Easter and Christmas and occasional all age worship. We seek to provide opportunity for prayer, Bible study and fellowship through various activities at church and within people's homes. All groups are advertised with an open invitation to attend.

We have retained a designated room equipped with video and projector and soft furnishings suitable for use by young people. Unfortunately, there are no young people attending on a regular basis making a Sunday Club unviable, but we would re-instate if required and offer it as a facility for special services such as Christenings when young people may attend.

Our current building was originally the church school rooms but in 2009 was re-opened as a multi-purpose building following a substantial refurbishment. The premises are maintained to a very high standard and comply with national legislation and Methodist Church requirements for safe and accessible premises. The premises are well used, not only for church related activities, but by community organisations. The premises are open most days of the week.

We are a dementia friendly Church.

We have introduced many features to reduce our energy use and consider ourselves an eco- friendly church, including solar panels on the roof.

We have a defibrillator located outside our main door.

Broad Lane

Broad Lane is a traditional older church built in 1863 and is situated on the edge of Nantwich. We are primarily a worshipping and praying fellowship of Christians. Our worship is advertised and all are welcome to attend. There is a weekly act of worship on Sunday afternoon with some services also incorporating Holy Communion and a popular monthly Sankey/Gospel service.

There is a weekly coffee club.

The building is also used by the Methodist District as a District Office and for Training seminars.

Train Rides

Saturday morning steam train rides started September. Free rides are offered on the miniature railway running alongside the church providing opportunity to engage with people. Donations received are split between four of children's charities.

The train operated as a "royal train" for 3 days over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. Noah's Ark also provided activities for children outside the church.

Drop'n'Shop

This provides activities for primary school aged children on a Saturday morning, allowing parents free time to shop. This re-commenced in August 2022, but the shortage of volunteers means that it can only be offered monthly rather than weekly.

Ecumenical outreach activities

Members of the church have continued to support mentoring of pupils at Brine Leas High School.

Assemblies have been led at Acton and Worleston primary schools.

Churches Together provided a presence at the Nantwich Show, undertaking a litter pick as a means of engaging with people.

Christmas Day "goody bags" were distributed to people who would otherwise have attended a Christmas Day lunch.

3.3 Use of premises by external organisations

The building has been offered for occasional use for Bereavement Counselling.

It had been agreed that the premises would be offered for use as an after school club. Unfortunately, the organisation running the service was unable to proceed.

The building is again being offered for hire to external organisations and is being used by Nantwich Choral Society, Tai Chi, U3A History Group, Modelling Group,

4 TARGETS FOR 2022/23

The priority for the next period is to maintain the current activities and to expand the offer where possible. Activities are currently limited by the number of volunteers available. This is an issue common to many churches and the Circuit is encouraging churches to work together as part of a "hub". It is hoped that the hub will be supported by the appointment of a lay worker during 2022/23.

It is proposed to submit an application to Cheshire East Social Franchise to become a Connected Communities Centre. If successful, this would provide funding to improve IT equipment. The church would be required to support local grassroots organisations through free room hire.

As part of this offer, consideration to be given to offering the building for use as a “warm space”, commencing in October 2022.

Website and IT. To work with the District Digital Enabler to improve the equipment and use made of IT to publicise activities and enable online enquiries.

Schools Outreach. To offer a Remembrance Event for 2 local primary schools in November 2022.

Christmas Day Lunch. To work with Churches Together to host a Christmas Day lunch for people who would otherwise be alone.

5.FINANCIAL REVIEW

5.1 Financial Report

General Fund (unrestricted)

Total Receipts in the year amounted to £47,874 and total payments amounted to £64,517. The main sources of income were regular giving (£26,696), car park fees (£7,150), and room lettings (£6,986). The main expenditures were; circuit assessment (£42,700), utility costs (£8,683), building maintenance (£5,503), insurance (£3,180), Connexional Reserve Pension Fund (£2,700) and a contribution to the circuit to cover the costs of a lay worker for the Noah’s Ark initiative (£1,549), Gift Aid was claimed on eligible giving but not received within the financial year.

Restricted Funds

Receipts amounting to £3,867 were received for a number of external organisations and payments amounting to £2893 were made and the balance forwarded in the next financial year. The main charities benefiting included JMA, All we Can, Action for children and Christian Aid.

The trust fund held by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes (TMCP) on behalf of the Charity was closed and the funds incorporated into the General Fund at year end. This was not considered new income as the balance had been reported separately in the prior year.

The balances of all funds amounted to £25,175 at the 31st August 2022.

5.2 Accounts including report on Assets & Liabilities

Financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts and Payments Account**A RECEIPTS****1 Voluntary receipts***Regular Giving*

			Previous year	
Cash	£5,618.64		£3,952.75	
Envelopes	£2,445.00		£4,322.30	
Standing Orders	£18,631.96		£19,544.96	
Income Tax recovered	£0.00	£26,695.60	£4,970.65	£32,790.66
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>				
Donations	£591.55		£584.56	
Internal organisation's donations	£500.00	£1,091.55		£584.56

2 Receipts from activities for generating funds

For church funds	£2,412.02		£120.00	£120.00
For outreach (designated)	£35.00			
Miscellaneous receipts	£222.00	£2,669.02		

2a Legacies & in-memorium donations

	£301.42	£301.42	£2,620.00	£2,620.00
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3 Receipts from Investments

	£46.32	£46.32	£23.64	£23.64
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4 Receipts from trading activities

room lettings	£6,985.90		£1,103.90	
car park fees	£7,750.50	£14,736.40	£7,149.50	£8,253.40

5 other income

Funeral fees	£780.00		£160.00	
Grants	£0.00		£3,942.67	
Other receipts	£1,554.02	£2,334.02	£1,735.59	£5,838.26

Total receipts

	£47,874.33	£47,874.33		£50,230.52
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B PAYMENTS**1 Principle payments for church activities**

Circuit Assessment		£42,699.96		£42,999.96
Donations		£2,725.00		£468.31
wages and associated costs		£0.00		£2,569.70
outreach fund		£1,549.13		
Premises repairs/maintenance/fire		£4,805.84		£2,604.54
Other cleaning costs		£936.00		£50.00
Utilities		£5,502.84		£3,713.58
insurance		£3,180.00		£3,086.97
Telephone and broadband		£590.98		£658.14
Office costs		£985.35		£1,287.89
fundraising costs/catering		£863.42		
Other costs		£678.06		£525.40

Total payments

		£64,516.58		£57,964.49
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Restricted funds receipts and payments	opening balance	receipts	payments	closing balance
Connexional funds [JMA]	£0.00	£1,319.85	£812.86	£506.99
Connexional funds [Easter Offering /World Mission]	£0.00	£283.50	£283.50	£0.00
Partner Charities [Action for Children]	£0.00	£488.60	£121.23	£367.37
Partner Charities [All We Can]	£0.00	£1,117.85	£1,017.85	£100.00
Other charities [Christian Aid]	£0.00	£427.36	£427.36	£0.00
Other Charities [?]	£0.00	£230.00	£230.00	£0.00
Total of restricted funds	£0.00	£3,867.16	£2,892.80	£974.36

Account analysis	opening balance	receipts	payments	closing balance
Unrestricted Funds	£32,768.12	£47,874.33	£64,516.58	£16,125.87
Restricted Funds	£0.00	£3,867.16	£2,892.80	£974.36
transfer from TMCP trust on closure		£8,074.68		£8,074.68
total	£32,768.12	£59,816.17	£67,409.38	£25,174.91

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st August 2022

Monetary assets

cash in hand (office cash)	£27.12
RBS current bank account	£3,523.98
Santander current bank account	£4,999.38
CFB account 1	£14,474.62
CFB account 2	£2,149.81
Total	£25,174.91

FOR INFORMATION :

unpresented cheques	£0.00
income received and not yet banked	£0.00
less monies received for charities and not yet distributed	£974.36


trusts held by TMCP

Value at 31st August 2022	£0.00
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Assets, buildings and land (insurance value)	£3,276,753.00
Contents (insurance value)	£188,276.00

Internal organisations with separate funds	starting balance	receipts	payments	closing balance	
Women's Fellowship/Wesley Guild	£278.00	£436.12	£603.81	£110.31	includes adjustment of £39.56
Drop 'n' Shop	£73.00	£1,711.00	£1,513.00	£271.00	
Men's Supper Club	£356.81	£0.00	£200.00	£156.81	
Friendship Group	£102.34	£338.85	£189.25	£251.94	
Church Flowers	£19.00	£40.00	£41.63	£17.37	
Pastoral Flowers	£5.24	£100.00	£45.50	£59.74	
Noah's Ark	£0.00	£258.50	£55.42	£203.08	
total	£834.39	£2,884.47	£2,648.61	£1,070.25	

Approved by the trustees on 27-3-23

signed 
DJ Priaulx (treasurer)

Date 4/2/2023

signed 
Revd. Robin Fox, (Chair of Church Council)

Date 27-3-23

5.3

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Nantwich Methodist Church

This Report relates to the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year

under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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I have ~~not~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB")

Name: *Loach Patik*

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Relevant Professional qualification or body: *COMPANY DIRECTOR (RETIRED)*

Address: *36 WESLEY AVENUE, ALSAGER ST7 2NG*

Date: *28th JANUARY 2023*

6.RESERVES POLICY

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Our restricted funds are generally derived from collections and events advertised as for other charities. This type of income is normally paid out in the same financial year and no reserves are required.

7.LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

7.1 Appointments in the 2021/22 financial year

Minister and Chair of Trustees: Reverend Robin Fox.

Treasurer: David Priaulx

Trustees: Yvonne Alcock, Marcus Appleby, Barbara Barker, John Coulter, Sheila Crosbie, Margaret Kirkman, Eric Kirkman, Eileen Robertson, Elizabeth Grundy, Anne Robinson, John Walkington, Edward George, Patricia Maidment, David Maidment, Jackie Holland, Denise Lawson, Joyce Platt, Doreen Thomas.

The following people stood down as Trustees:

Stephanie Evans, Sheila Evans, Janet Evans, Geoffrey Mace (deceased), William Mason, Rosalind Mason, May Page. Joan Shaddick.

In addition to the Trustees, many volunteers provide support to the running of the charity in various roles.

More details about our church can be found on our web site:

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7.2 Principal address for correspondence

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7.3 Independent examiner

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Royal Bank of Scotland
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(For Broad Lane)

NANTWICH METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1170226

Accounts

Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church

Charity number: 1170226

Mission Statement: 'To Show Christ to Others'

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

1 STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church is part of the 'Methodist Church of Great Britain' whose status as a charity has historically been derived from the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. We are connected to Cheshire South Methodist Circuit which itself is part of the Chester & Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District.

We operate in the administrative unitary authority area of Cheshire East.

Our constitutional practices can be found in

www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd

As a Methodist Society we are accountable to Circuit, District and Connexion and are required to comply with regulations laid down in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, which is updated annually. As a Society we make decisions at Church Council meetings of which we are required to hold at least two per year and more as and when required by the local situations. Voting members of Church Council must be members of The Methodist Church of Great Britain and trustees of Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church. The Church Council is supported by a number of sub-committees responsible for such things as finance, property, stewards, pastoral care.

We comprise 2 congregations and church buildings in Hospital Street and Broad Lane Nantwich. Due to falling numbers at Broad Lane and difficulty maintaining an independent Church Council, Broad Lane was incorporated as a class of Nantwich early in 2021.

Risk management - the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified and mitigating actions are being developed. Appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and financial error.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act having due regard to public benefit as per guidance published by the Charity Commission.

2 OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Hospital Street

We are a local Methodist Church, situated at the centre of the small rural market town of Nantwich in Cheshire. We are primarily a worshipping and praying fellowship of Christians. Our worship is advertised and all are welcome to attend. There is a weekly act of worship on Sunday mornings with some services also incorporating Holy Communion. We aim to offer alternative styles of worship such as a Café Style Service on a Sunday evening and a week day communion service. There are special additional services at Easter and Christmas and occasional all age worship. We seek to provide opportunity for prayer, Bible study and fellowship through various activities at church and within people's homes. All groups are advertised with an open invitation to attend.

We aim to offer special activities for young people at a Sunday Club which takes place in a designated room equipped with video and projector and soft furnishings. Unfortunately, the number of young people attending has fallen and Sunday Club ceased to be viable from May 2021.

Our current building was originally the church school rooms but in 2009 was re-opened as a multi-purpose building following a substantial refurbishment. The premises are maintained to a very high standard and comply with national legislation and Methodist Church requirements for safe and accessible premises. The premises are well used, not only for church related activities, but by community organisations. The premises are open most days of the week.

We are a dementia friendly Church.

We have introduced many features to reduce our energy use and consider ourselves an eco- friendly church, including solar panels on the roof.

We have a defibrillator located outside our main door.

Broad Lane

Broad Lane is a traditional older church built in 1863 and is situated on the edge of Nantwich.

We are primarily a worshipping and praying fellowship of Christians. Our worship is advertised and all are welcome to attend. There is a weekly act of worship on Sunday afternoon with some services also incorporating Holy Communion and a popular monthly Sankey/Gospel service.

There is a weekly coffee club

The building is also used by the Methodist District as a District Office and for Training seminars.

3 ACHEIVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

The year 2020/21 continued to be dominated by the Coronavirus Covid 19 Pandemic. This has affected all aspects of church life.

3.1 Sunday Worship

In line with Government guidance, all activities on church premises were suspended in March 2020. From August 2020, as restrictions were eased, preparations began to be made for Sunday worship to recommence. A full Covid 19 Risk Assessment was undertaken and protocols put in place to mitigate against the spread of Covid 19. We re-opened for worship on 4th October with a telephone booking system and a limit of 30 people attending. Mask wearing was compulsory, temperature checks on entry, hand sanitising required and 2 metre social distancing in place. Records kept for Track and Trace.

In December, 2020 as covid cases increased and a new variant emerged, Sunday worship was again suspended. This meant that there was no service on Christmas Day. Services started again at Easter and have continued since.

Services at Broad Lane started again in June 2021.

As communal worship could not take place, a newsletter and short act of worship to be used at home was introduced. This continued even when churches re-opened as many people were still cautious about attending in person. This was printed and distributed on a weekly basis to approximately 500 people, across the mission area, not just Nantwich. A final newsletter and home service sheet was distributed in June as churches re-opened and more people were able to attend. A home worship sheet has continued to be made available via e-mail or delivery for those unable to attend in person.

A similar but separate newsletter has been distributed to the young people who are current or former members of Sunday Club.

3.2 Activities

Unfortunately, none of the regular activities on church premises were able to operate within the period of this annual report.

Some ecumenical outreach activities were able to continue in a different form:

- Mentoring of pupils at Brine Leas High School took place by telephone / zoom.
- Acton and Worleston primary schools were given copies of the "Easter Hope" video.
- Street Pastors provided some early evening patrols at Brookfield Park.
- Some weekday evening bible studies held via zoom.
- Christmas Day "goody bags" distributed to people who would otherwise have attended a Christmas Day lunch.

3.3 Use of premises by external organisations

Suspended throughout the period with the exception of use of premises for local elections in May 2021.

4 TARGETS FOR 2021/22

The priority for the next period is to review and re-instate those activities which support our aims and objectives after the pandemic. Preparatory work has been planned to ensure the building is ready. A deep clean of the kitchen is scheduled to enable catering events to take place.

Activities scheduled to start are:

- Monthly Thursday Lunches
- Noah's Ark group aimed at very young children and their parents and carers. The aim is to introduce children to the teachings of Jesus through story, song and craft alongside time for free play. To start October 2021
- Friendship Group to support socially isolated people. To start September 2021
- Saturday morning train rides to start September. Free rides are offered on the miniature railway running alongside the church providing opportunity to engage with people.
- Use of premises agreed for Bereavement Counselling.
- Use of premises agreed for an after school club. This will be run by "Wishing Well" for pupils in year 6 – 10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-6pm

5 FINANCIAL REVIEW

5.1 Financial Report

The forced closure of the church building and other government guidance relating to Covid19 restrictions has inevitably affected both regular income and expenditure throughout the financial year in which this review applies.

Total receipts in the year amounted to £52,179 and total payments amounted to £59,913. The main sources of income were regular giving (£29,565), car park fees (£7,150), grants (£3,943) and legacies & in-memoriam (£2,620). The main outgoings are the contribution to circuit assessment (£43,000), utility costs (£3,213), insurance (£2,636), building maintenance (£2,099). Wages and associated costs were also incurred during the year (£2570) and the role was not replaced when the job holder left. Wherever legally possible, Gift Aid is claimed on giving and this provided valuable income for the charity. Fund raising for Methodist Church funds (called Connexional Funds) and other charities are seen as important charitable purposes by

the Church. Unfortunately, there were few opportunities to fundraise during the year. The bank account balances of all funds amounted to £32,768 at the 31st August 2021 and in addition Trust funds were valued at £8,060.

5.2 Accounts (incorporated into pdf)

5.3 Report on Assets & Liabilities (incorporated into pdf)

5.4 Independent examiners report (incorporated into pdf)

6. RESERVES POLICY

The reserves policy for 2022/2023 is to ideally hold £35,000 in readily available funds in the General Fund (unrestricted). This is sufficient to meet typical general expenditure for a normal period of six months, based on pre-Covid evidence.

Our restricted funds are generally derived from collections and events advertised as for other charities. This type of income is normally paid out in the same financial year.

7 LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

7.1 Appointments in the 2020/21 financial year

Minister and Chair of Trustees: Reverend Robin Fox from August 2020.

Treasurer: David Priaux

Trustees: Marcus Appleby (From May 21) Sheila Crosbie, Stephanie Evans, Sheila Evans, Margaret Kirkman, Eric Kirkman, Eileen Robertson, Elizabeth Grundy, Anne Robinson, William Mason, (To Nov 20) Rosalind Mason, John Walkington, Edward George, Patricia Maidment, David Maidment, Janet Evans,(To Oct 2020) Jaqueline Holland, Denise Lawson, Geoffrey Mace, Joyce Platt, Joan Shaddick, Doreen Thomas, May Page.

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Financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2021

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts and Payments Account

A RECEIPTS

1 Voluntary receipts

previous year

Regular Giving

Cash	£3,952.75		£1,858.64	
Envelopes	£4,322.30		£3,148.27	
Standing Orders	£19,544.96		£17,525.96	
Income Tax recovered	£4,970.65	£32,790.66	£7,394.05	£29,926.92
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>				
Donations	£584.56		£502.50	
Internal organisation's donations		£584.56	£917.45	£1,419.95

2 Receipts from activities for generating funds

For church funds	£120.00		£5,358.38	
For outreach (designated)			£793.29	
Miscellaneous receipts		£120.00		£6,151.67

2a Legacies & in-memorium donations

	£2,620.00	£2,620.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
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3 Receipts from Investments

	£23.64	£23.64	£41.88	£41.88
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4 Receipts from trading activities

room lettings	£1,103.90		£8,035.35	
car park fees	£7,149.50	£8,253.40	£6,590.00	£14,625.35

5 other income

assessment from MA church			£4,000.00	
Funeral fees	£160.00		£1,690.00	
Grants	£3,942.67		£1,362.40	
Other receipts	£1,735.59	£5,838.26	£1,307.37	£8,359.77

Total receipts

	£50,230.52	£50,230.52		£62,525.54
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B PAYMENTS

1 Principle payments for church activities

Circuit Assessment	£42,999.96			£40,499.96
Donations	£468.31			£200.00
wages and associated costs	£2,569.70			£4,940.50
Premises repairs/maintenance/fire	£2,604.54			£5,804.47
Other cleaning costs	£50.00			£807.71
Utilities	£3,713.58			£7,614.25
insurance	£3,086.97			£2,728.18
Telephone and broadband	£658.14			£871.33
Office costs	£1,287.89			£1,362.98
fundraising costs/catering				£1,387.08
Other costs	£525.40			£726.38

2 Other indirect expenditure

assessments forwarded for MA church				£4,000.00
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Total payments

	£57,964.49			£70,942.84
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Restricted funds receipts and payments

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	opening balance	receipts	payments	closing balance
Connexional funds [JMA]	£0.00	£1,214.13	£1,214.13	£0.00
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Other charities [Christian Aid]	£0.00	£421.59	£421.59	£0.00
Other Charities	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	£0.00
Total of restricted funds	£0.00	£1,948.72	£1,948.72	£0.00

Account analysis	opening balance	receipts	payments	closing balance
Unrestricted Funds	£40,502.09	£50,230.52	£57,964.49	£32,768.12
Restricted Funds	£0.00	£1,948.72	£1,948.72	£0.00
total	£40,502.09	£52,179.24	£59,913.21	£32,768.12

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st August 2021

Monetary assets

cash in hand (office cash)		£4.62		
current bank accounts	Santander account	£11,896.09		
	RBS account	£3,663.98		
CFB accounts	account 1	£15,062.57		
	account 2	£2,140.86		
	Total	£32,768.12		£32,768.12
less included unrepresented cheques		£0.00		
income received and not yet banked		£0.00		
less monies received for charities and not yet distributed		£0.00		


trusts held by TMCP

Value at 31st August 2021	£8,059.81
[movement in investments since previous year]	£11.00
Total funds including TMCP fund at end of year	£40,827.93
Assets, buildings and land (insurance value)	£3,276,753.00
Contents (insurance value)	£188,276.00

Internal organisations with separate funds

	starting balance	receipts	payments	osing balance
Women's Fellowship	£211.00	£0.00	£0.00	£211.00
Wesley Guild	£67.00	£0.00	£0.00	£67.00
Drop 'n' Shop	£73.00	£0.00	£0.00	£73.00
Men's Supper Club	£356.81	£0.00	£0.00	£356.81
Friendship Group	£102.34	£0.00	£0.00	£102.34
Church Flowers	£66.00	£50.00	£97.00	£19.00
Pastoral Flowers	£15.34	£5.00	£15.10	£5.24
total	£891.49	£55.00	£112.10	£834.39

Approved by the trustees on 14th March 2022

signed 
DJ Priaux (treasurer)

Date 27/6/2022

signed 
Revd. Robin Fox, (Chair of Church Council)

Date 27-6-22

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Name ROGER PASK

Signature 

Relevant Professional qualification or body COMPANY DIRECTOR (RETIRED)

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Date 12th MAY 2022