

## **Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church**

**Charity number: 1170226**

*Mission Statement: 'To Show Christ to Others'*

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2022**

#### **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](http://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 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

Previous year

*Regular Giving*

|                                   |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 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-memoriam donations**

|  |         |         |           |           |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|  | £301.42 | £301.42 | £2,620.00 | £2,620.00 |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|

**3 Receipts from Investments**

|  |        |        |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | £46.32 | £46.32 | £23.64 | £23.64 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|

**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 |  |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--|

**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 |  |
|--|------------|--|------------|--|



**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           |
| <b>Total of restricted funds</b>                   | <b>£0.00</b>    | <b>£3,867.16</b> | <b>£2,892.80</b> | <b>£974.36</b>  |

**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         |
| <b>total</b>                        | <b>£32,768.12</b> | <b>£59,816.17</b> | <b>£67,409.38</b> | <b>£25,174.91</b> |

**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         |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>£25,174.91</b> |

**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 |
|---------------------------|-------|


|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 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          |
| 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          |
| <b>total</b>                    | <b>£834.39</b>   | <b>£2,884.47</b> | <b>£2,648.61</b> | <b>£1,070.25</b> |

includes adjustment of £39.56

Approved by the trustees on 27-3-23

signed   
DJ Priaulx ( treasurer)

Date 4/2/2023

signed 

Date 27-3-23

Revd. Robin Fox, (Chair of Church Council)

5.3

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

This Report relates to the Church Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

It is the examiners 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 Examiner's 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 Examiner's 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 ~~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: *ROGER PATE*

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

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

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

Date: *28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023*

## **6.RESERVES POLICY**

The reserves policy for 2022/2023 is ideally to 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.

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:

[www.nantwichmethodist.co.uk](http://www.nantwichmethodist.co.uk) Nantwich Methodist Church



## **7.2 Principal address for correspondence**

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## **7.3 Independent examiner**

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