



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 Period start date  
To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Nantwich with Broad Lane Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1170226

## Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<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>
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>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><b>Drop'n'Shop</b></p> <p>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><b>Friendship Group</b></p> <p>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><b>Noah's Ark</b></p> <p>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><b>Fellowship Group</b></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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

## 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><b>Sunday Worship</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We also offer a weekly Sunday Club for young people aged 10-14 in our designated youth room</p> <p>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><b>Activities</b></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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 2 concerts were hosted as part of the annual Easter jazz festival in the town.</li> <li>• Celebrations to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day took place at both Hospital Street and Broad Lane.</li> <li>• A "Beetle Drive" and Fish and Chip supper in May was enjoyed by people ranging in age from 4-90 and raised £150.</li> <li>• "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.</li> </ul>
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Achievements against objectives set	<p><b>Performance against 2024-25 Objectives</b></p> <p><b>Appointment of a Centre Development Manager to develop the use of the church building as a community centre.</b></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><b>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.</b></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><b>To extend Drop'n'Shop to weekly rather than monthly meetings.</b> 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><b>To offer "Easter Hope" interactive events to 3 primary schools.</b> The Easter Hope activity was delivered to Worleston, Highfields and Acton primary schools in March 2025 and was very well received.</p> <p><b>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.</b> 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><b>Objectives for 2025-26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>Appointment of a Church Centre Co-ordinating Officer.</b></li> <li>• <b>To appoint 2 suitably experienced workers (for 1 year initially) to enable Drop'n'Shop to support the needs of neurodiverse children.</b></li> <li>• <b>To make further grant applications to enable the Drop'n'Shop support for neurodiverse children to continue.</b></li> <li>• <b>To install equipment to enable the use of the chapel as a sensory room.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To offer the Easter Hope event for 3 local primary schools.</li> <li>• To offer the Christmas Hope event for 3 local primary schools.</li> <li>• To replace the chairs used in the worship hall and lounges with lighter chairs for ease of lifting and handling.</li> <li>• To review the means of projection in the main hall.</li> <li>• To develop further as an “Eco-Church” working towards the gold standard criteria.</li> </ul>
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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"> <li>• Grant of £1,500 from a local business for sensory equipment (to be purchased in 2025-26)</li> <li>• Fischer Fund grant of £500 to support the V.E.Day celebrations at Broad Lane.</li> <li>• £14,300 from Cheshire East for batteries to store energy from solar panels and the installation of electric vehicle charging points..</li> </ul>
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 &amp; 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 <a href="http://www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd">www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd</a></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. The Council is made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church stewards</li> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Property Steward</li> <li>• Pastoral Secretary</li> <li>• Church Council Secretary</li> <li>• Representatives of the congregation.</li> </ul> <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	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
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<b>Obeth Thevanesan</b>	<b>Sheila Crosbie</b>
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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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Cheshire South	Circuit	Circuit no.	11/08
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Treasurer:

Vacant at Year End
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	32,910		<b>32,910</b>	36,033
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	954		<b>954</b>	905
a4	Lettings	20,543		<b>20,543</b>	11,548
a5	Other receipts	28,810		<b>28,810</b>	27,476
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>83,218</b>		<b>83,218</b> (a7)	<b>75,962</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	34,833		<b>34,833</b>	35,215
b3	Donations				10
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,133		<b>5,133</b>	7,327
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,413		<b>17,413</b>	16,136
b6					
b7	Other payments	22,697		<b>22,697</b>	5,355
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>80,076</b>		<b>80,076</b> (b9)	<b>64,043</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	3,142	<b>3,142</b>	11,919
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		55,420	<b>55,420</b> (c6)	43,501
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	58,562	<b>58,562</b>	<b>55,420</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>58,562</b>	<b>58,562</b> (c8)	<b>55,420</b> (c6)

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

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 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	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>87,336</b>	<b>83,962</b>	<b>3,374</b>		<b>56,059 (x)</b>		<b>59,433 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>					

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 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	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>		<b>55,420 (c6)</b>		<b>58,562 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		<b>639 (e11)</b>		<b>871 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>		<b>56,059 (x)</b>		<b>59,433 (y)</b>

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

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 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	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>87,336</b>	<b>83,962</b>	<b>3,374</b>		<b>56,059 (x)</b>		<b>59,433 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>					

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 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	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>		<b>55,420 (c6)</b>		<b>58,562 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		<b>639 (e11)</b>		<b>871 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>		<b>56,059 (x)</b>		<b>59,433 (y)</b>

**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

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Post Code NP18 3RE

Date 19th January 2026

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