

Great Ayton Methodist Church

Charity Commission Annual Report Year ended 31st August 2020

Objectives:

The Church is committed to enabling as many people within the Community to worship within the Church and use its facilities.

Mission & Vision Plan

The key elements of our plan are:

- Vibrant in Worship and Being
- Ecumenical
- Prayerful
- Attractive to the Community
- Community Integrated
- Sustainable growth in spirit and member numbers
- A Place for all

Its implementation will ensure that:

- The Church is sustainable in the long term
- It has Methodist Values at its heart
- It is Community Based
- It will be a Place for All

Covid

Like many institutions our Church and members have been effected by the Covid restrictions. Its been a challenging year and its impact will b felt for many years to come.

With the Church being closed for a significant period it significantly reduced our activities in Church, community and our charity fund raising

When we did reopen it was for a limited period and social distancing and protective measures limited what could be achieved. It is not expected that we will get back to some normality until 2021/22

Church Life

We take a holistic view that all stages of life should be catered for and we aim to support all ages including children, youth, family and older age groups.

In addition to offering Church services on a Sunday we also offer a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship.

Church in the Community

We normally run a busy program of weekly events including: primetime games, community lunch, coffee & crafts, toddler groups, film nights and coffee mornings.

Wesley Mouse was introduced last year by Hannah Jackson which continues to be a great success.

During the year we hosted the mission team from Heritage Park Baptist Church in Texas in which they worked in the community. Unfortunately, this had to be cut short due to Covid.

Children & Youth

We continue to reach out to young people and support young families in the community.

Activities are normally available throughout the week including Sunday 'Kings kids', J Time, Messy Church, Family Fun Time and wider Youth activities.

Worship

We offer a range of prayer services during the week. As a Church we continue to try and create different worship styles and events for members. On a Sunday we offer two services; one with a band and one more traditional.

In early 2020 Covid took effect and we were no longer able to function as before.

Since March 2020 Sunday services and 7 children's story programs were viewed online. Feedback from members and the wider community throughout the country has been very positive and it is expected that this format will continue.

We also hosted Zoom breakfasts, lunches and after service coffee meetings.

House Groups were also unable to function at the same level but again this moved online.

We would like to thank our Minister Lisa Quarmby for all her work in Great Ayton and the surrounding Churches during the past 5 years. Whilst she will be a great loss to our community we are sure that her work will be of benefit to her new ministry in Sheffield. We wish her well.

Pastoral

Current Membership is 113 with the combined 'Membership & Friends' at 175

Charity

Being able to help vulnerable people throughout the world is fundamental to members' commitment to giving and the community.

During 2019 (paid in January 2020) we raised £7000 for the Smiles Foundation for their charity work in Romania. The nominated charity for 2020 was Teesside Hospice (eventually raising £12000)

Property

Following the previous year's refurbishment and upgrade no major works were undertaken in 2019/20

Financial Performance

Covid had a major impact on Church finances during the year. Income dropped £12k to £77k and expenditure declined by £2k to £69k. Net Income therefore fell by £10k to £8k

Additional investment was undertaken to upgrade our website and communications to enable us to reach out to the wider community especially during Covid.

Given the circumstances it should be judged as a successful outcome and we continued to improve reserves. Total Church Funds as at August 2020 were £142568 and cash at Bank stood at £134300.

Governance & Management

The full Church Council meets four times a year, The Leadership Stewards normally meet monthly under stewardship of the Minister and there are members meetings twice a year.

Safeguarding

There were no reportable incidents between 01/09/19 and 31/08/20.

We would like to thank our safeguarding officer for all the work he does in ensuring all Church activities are safe, training is undertaken and monitored and people are made aware of their responsibilities.

Volunteers

We help and support all age groups from Nursery up to Community Lunches for the elderly.

The Church would not function without people who freely give up their time. We are blessed that we have a group of people who make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

JH Whitehead

Treasurer

10th February 2021

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Great Ayton Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

Stokesley	Circuit	Circuit no	1305
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

(since Dec 2016)

1170323

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs**

Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status.

Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Andrew Robinson

Church Stewards:

Steve Smith

Howard Whitehead

David Kent

Eileen Cowen

Sally Chaplain

Chris Stokeld

Jeanette Hardy

Treasurer:

John Howard Whitehead

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	72,349		72,349	79,042
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	181		181	190
a4	Lettings	3,026		3,026	4,390
a5	Other receipts	2,127		2,127	5,655
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	77,683		77,683 (a7)	89,277

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	43,392		43,392	40,662
b3	Donations	405		405	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,507		4,507	8,741
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,288		7,288	7,563
b6					
b7	Other payments	14,257		14,257	15,292
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	69,849		69,849 (b9)	72,258

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,834	7,834	17,019
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		111,964	22,336	134,300
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	119,798	22,336	142,134
c4	Transfers and adjustments		434	434 (c7)	3,213
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	120,232	22,336	142,568 (c8)
					134,300 (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			4,103	5,984
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			9,402	7,696
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			9,822	9,577
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID			3,683	4,103

Great Ayton Methodist Church

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 2016 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	Traidcraft	4,157	4,758	(601)		4,799	4,198
e2	Church in the Community	1,910	1,652	258		1,258	1,516
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6,067	6,410	(343)		6,057	5,714 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	77,683	69,849	7,834	434	134,300	142,568 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	83,750	76,259	7,491	434	140,357	148,282 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2018

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	21,011	21,474
f3	Bank Deposit Account	111,266	119,058
f4	Central Finance Board		
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	2,018	2,036
f6	Other funds	5	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	134,300 (c6)	142,568 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	6,057 (e11)	5,714 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	140,357 (x)	148,282 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2017	At 31 August 2018
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	Nil	Nil
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	Nil	Nil
g3	Other Assets	Nil	Nil
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	Nil	Nil
g5	Other Liabilities	Nil	Nil

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)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

Date

10/02/2021

Name

John Howard Whitehead

Address

33 Skottowe Crescent, Great Ayton, TS96DS

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

10/02/2021

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Andrew Robinson

Date

10/02/2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Great Ayton Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2020

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 my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my 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 (other than that disclosed below*):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

(3) I have 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"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name

Ron Kirk

Signature

Ron Kirk

Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCA,CTA

Address

2 Rosehill, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, TS9 6BH

Date

08/02/2020

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. It includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with the accounting records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and discussions with the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the information required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts presented in 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 (other than that disclosed in the accounts) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the records:

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- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2006;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper conclusion to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

(3) I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Life of the Church of England ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name Ron Kirk

Signature Ron Kirk

Relevant Professional qualification or body FCA,CTA

Address 2 Rosehill, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, TS9 6BH

Date

08/02/2020

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