

# **Great Ayton Methodist Church**

## **Charity Commission Annual Report Year ended 31st August 2021**

### **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

The intention is to 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 again and its impact on members and the Church will be felt for many years to come. With the Church being closed for a significant period and restrictions placed on services and activities it significantly reduced our effectiveness to reach out and support our members, friends, local 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. Covid has impacted on everyone's lives and it poses a new challenge for the Church as to how we interact and support members and the wider community.

No grants were applied for or received from the Government furlough programme.

### **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 and crafts, toddler groups, film nights and coffee mornings. Unfortunately, most of this had to be stopped or limited 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. Again these were reduced in number and in scale.

## **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 would normally offer two services; one with a band and one more traditional. However, since Covid took effect we have not been able to function as before and services have been limited to the one when restrictions allowed.

Since March 2020 Sunday services have been 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 to grow. It has also supported people who are housebound or felt unsure of mixing with other people. House Groups were also unable to function at the same level but again this moved online.

During 2020 the Stokesley Circuit was reduced to one Minister. We thank Andrew Robinson for being our Minister during this period and we look forward to working with Rob Weir who was been appointed in September 2021.

## **Pastoral**

Current Membership is 106 with the combined 'Membership and Friends' at 167.

Unfortunately, Covid has restricted the interactions that members normally enjoy and this is a concern.

Pastoral visitors have played a vital part in supporting members often who are elderly or live on their own during this difficult time.

## **Charity**

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

During 2020/21 we raised £5278 and paid out £8214. This included the final payment of £6000 to Teesside Hospice (eventually raising £12000). Over the last four years we have raised and paid out £44000 to such causes as Texas, Smiles, Teesside Hospice and now the Headlight Charity. For a small community this is testament to the value we place on helping others less fortunate.

We also thank our members and supporters of the local Food Bank who give up their time and donate money and food to support people in need.

## **Property**

To enable us to support members who were viewing the services online we invested £10717 in new equipment to improve our provision.

## **Financial Performance**

Covid continued to have a major impact on Church finances during the year. Income of £88k was £10k down on pre Covid levels. Expenditure increased by a further £6k to £75k. After last years dramatic reduction, we were therefore able to improve our Net Income to £13k.

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:	£153k.
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Traidcraft and Church in the Community Funds:	£6k
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Total Funds:	£159k.
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Cash at Bank:	£130k.
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In line with the Methodist Church Recommendations Reserves were increased to £90k which reduced the Unallocated Funds available to support Church activities.

## **Governance & Management**

The full Church Council has continued to meet four times a year and the Leadership Stewards monthly under stewardship of the Minister. Unfortunately, member's meetings which would have happened twice a year were curtailed. Predominately meetings have been undertaken via Zoom..

## **Safeguarding**

There were no reportable incidents between 01/09/20 and 31/08/21.

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.

Safeguarding policies and procedures are reviewed in line with guidance from the Methodist Church safeguarding team.

## **Volunteers**

Our volunteers continued to support all age groups from nursery up to the elderly who were unable to come to Church or the many activities which would normally have been available.

The Church would not function without people who freely give up their time. We are blessed that we have a group of people who have continued to manage the Church affairs, look after property and make our Church a lively and supportive community.

JH Whitehead

Treasurer

13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

**Great Ayton Methodist Church**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2021**

<b>Stokesley</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>1305</b>
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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	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	76,718		76,718	72,349
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	16		16	181
a4	Lettings	290		290	3,026
a5	Other receipts	11,790		11,790	2,127
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>88,814</b>		<b>88,814</b>	<b>77,683</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	43,392		43,392	43,392
b3	Donations	500		500	405
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,962		3,962	4,507
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,848		6,848	7,288
b6					
b7	Other payments	20,530		20,530	14,257
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>75,232</b>		<b>75,232</b>	<b>69,849</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	13,582	13,582	7,834
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		142,568	142,568	134,300
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	156,150	156,150	142,134
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(2,215)	(2,215)	434
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>153,935</b>	<b>153,935</b>	<b>142,568 (c6)</b>

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		3,683	4,103
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		5,506	9,402
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		8,214	9,822
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>		<b>975</b>	<b>3,683</b>

# 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	2,652	2,433	219		4,198	4,417
e2	Church in the Community	Nil	Nil	Nil		1,516	1,516
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,652	2,433	219		5,714	5,933 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	88,814	75,232	13,582	(2,215)	142,568	153,935 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	91,466	77,665	13,801	(2,215)	148,282	159,868 (y)
	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 2018

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	21,474	21,672
f3	Bank Deposit Account	119,058	130,270
f4	Central Finance Board		
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	2,036	1,993
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	142,568	153,935 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	5,714	5,933 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	148,282	159,868 (y)

### SECTION G

#### OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		1 September 2017	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

*J H Whitehead*

Date

13/03/2021

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

13/03/2021

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

*Rob Weir*

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rob Weir

Date

13/03/2021

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Great Ayton Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August

2021

### 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 28/01/2022

## 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 assurance that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts presented in the statement of accounts are a true and fair view. The scope of the examination 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 in the statement of accounts) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the records of the charity:

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

- 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 understanding of the records 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	<b>Ron Kirk</b>
Signature	Ron Kirk
Relevant Professional qualification or body	FCA,CTA
Address	2 Rosehill, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, TS9 6BH

Date

28/01/2022
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