

# LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1170840

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2016-12-20

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

## Contact

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**Address** Lancaster Methodist Church  
Scotforth Road  
Lancaster  
LA1 4TE

**Phone** 01524 840027

**Website** <http://www.lancastermethodistchurch.org.uk>

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION BEING A SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

**Activities:** Lancaster Methodist Church serves the city of Lancaster in NW England. We aim to be an inclusive Christian community, with a deep commitment to justice and peace, which affirms and values everyone. The main church building is on the A6 South of the city, The Cornerstone, used in partnership with various charities serving disadvantaged people, is in the centre of the city, near the town hall.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **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

- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£133,824	£165,326	-	-
2024-08-31	£147,864	£158,089	-	-
2023-08-31	£182,449	£177,372	-	-
2022-08-31	£184,938	£246,141	-	-
2021-08-31	£355,404	£190,440	-	-
2020-08-31	£165,656	£162,302	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Linda Jane Catlow</b>	Chair	2023-08-01
ALISON MARY LOVE		2016-09-01
Alexandra Stephanie Usselmann		2021-07-04
Andrew Lund		2023-05-21
BRIAN GIFFARD SMITH		2025-05-18
Clive Horsford		2022-06-19
David Spybey		2025-05-18
Geraldine Ansah		2021-07-04
IAN LOVE		2016-09-01
Joseph Hicks		2025-05-18
LESLEY ANNE BROOKBANKS		2016-09-01
PAUL ARTHUR BOWDEN MA, NPQH		2016-09-01
ROBERT MILLER		2020-08-01
Wendy Jacqueline Ford		2017-09-01

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# Accounts

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We have a toddler group called Little Pebbles which is run by a lay employee. In July 2025 we appointed a new leader therefore when the School Term began, the day moved from Thursday to Tuesday morning at Scotforth Road and continues to be popular with the local community. For our children and youth we run a Sunday Junior Church and also a monthly Youth Fellowship. There are a number of groups where people are nurtured and faith conversations take place: Monday Meeting Point attended by older members of our congregation; an evening fortnightly Housegroup.

This year our Mission Plan was to focus on Pastoral Care. Our new adventure was starting up BASE Groups: Belong, Accept, Support, Enable. Three groups started up in April 2025. Each has two facilitators who are there to coordinate the meetings. The aim is to provide spaces where friendships can grow as we share, laugh and perhaps occasionally cry together. BASE Groups are offered as places for both compassion and celebration. We have also set up a Pastoral Team who organises visits to those who are struggling through illness, bereavement or a difficulty in life.

We believe in reaching out to offer help to our community. On both our sites we run weekly Warm Spaces for those looking for a safe place to keep warm in a friendly, comfortable environment. Free refreshments are available as this activity is funded by Lancashire County Council. This year we opened our Cornerstone Café on a Tuesday for lunches, with a snazzy name of ‘Chewsday’! It is run by volunteers and attracts a variety of customers who come for light bites.

At the Cornerstone our full-time Chaplain’s work continues to grow: caring for those who are bereaved by offering a counselling service and support café; working with those who have addictions; leading spiritual groups for those with or without faith. There is also a team of volunteers who assist the Chaplain with the various groups. This year the Church Council made the decision to employ a part time Cornerstone Centre Manager. They began work in August 2025. We still have volunteer Receptionists to be ‘front of house’, a welcoming friendly face as people enter the Cornerstone. The Management Team ensure the Cornerstone is open for special events like Lancaster Music Festival, when we are a Busk Stop; Light up Lancaster; Fairtrade Fair; Lancaster Pride.

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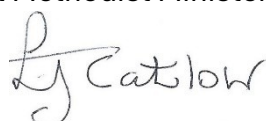
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This year our finances have remained in a healthy position and we are able to continue our Reserve policy of retaining six months' typical expenditure. At present the church employs the full-time Cornerstone Chaplain, the part-time Cornerstone Centre Manager, the part-time LMC Bookings Officer, the part-time Little Pebbles leader. The external funding for our Chaplain ended in November 2024 but the Church Council (Trustees) agreed this is a priority and are able to fund the position for another year. We are therefore now seeking funding for both the Chaplain and Cornerstone Centre Manager so that these positions can continue to care for the Cornerstone and all those who use the building.

Lancaster Methodist Church continues to seek God's will in all we do and to reflect the love of Jesus Christ to all people.

Rev Linda J Catlow

Superintendent Methodist Minister/Chair of Trustees of Lancaster Methodist Church:

Signature: 

Date: 04/04/2025

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Lancaster Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

North Lancashire	Circuit	Circuit no.	0125
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1170840

If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and  
Customs Gift Aid number

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Minister:

Revd Linda J Catlow

Church Stewards:

Paul Bowden	
Lesley Brookbanks	
Andy Lund	
Alison Love	
Joseph Hicks	

Treasurer:

Dr Ian Love

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	43,387		<b>43,387</b>	43,460
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,400		<b>6,400</b>	6,759
a4	Lettings	69,591		<b>69,591</b>	64,072
a5	Other receipts	7,336	7,110	<b>14,446</b>	33,573
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>126,714</b>	<b>7,110</b>	<b>133,824 (a7)</b>	<b>147,864</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	40,000		<b>40,000</b>	37,800
b3	Donations	320		<b>320</b>	270
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	17,835		<b>17,835</b>	18,691
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,836		<b>19,836</b>	20,345
b6					
b7	Other payments	66,952	20,383	<b>87,335</b>	80,983
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>144,943</b>	<b>20,383</b>	<b>165,326 (b9)</b>	<b>158,089</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(13,273)</b>	<b>(31,502)</b>	<b>(10,225)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	206,230	21,038	<b>227,268 (c6)</b>	237,417
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>7,765</b>	<b>195,766</b>	<b>227,192</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(78)		<b>(78) (c7)</b>	76
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>7,765</b>	<b>195,688 (c8)</b>	<b>227,268 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			(7)	(3)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			4,427	4,562
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			4,422	4,566
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		<b>(2)</b>	<b>(7)</b>

Lancaster 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 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	133,824 (a7)	165,326 (b9)	(31,502)	(78) (c7)	227,268 (c6)	195,688 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	133,824	165,326	(31,502)	(78)	227,268 (x)	195,688 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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	383	317
f2 Bank Current Account	79,578	62,663
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	48,506	47,083
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	98,801	85,625
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	227,268 (c6)	195,688 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	227,268 (x)	195,688 (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)	6,069,961	6,217,571
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

(please refer to Note 1)

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 .....Lancaster Methodist ..... No...012522

## 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 ..... Ian Love ..... Date... 20/12/2025 .....

Name and address of treasurer ..... Dr Ian Love.....

10 Johnson Close, Lancaster..... Post Code LA1 5EU

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 14 Oct 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... Linda J Catlow .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Rev Linda J Catlow..... Date 17/12/2025 .....

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

### Lancaster Methodist Church

Charity Number 1170840.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lancaster 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

Name of Church .....Lancaster Methodist Church..... No...012522

**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 ..... 

Name of independent examiner ..... PETER BOWKER

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 23 MOWBRAY DRIVE, BURTON, CARNFORTH

..... Post Code LA6 1NF

Date ..... 16/03/26

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Name of Church ...Lancaster Methodist Church..... No...211622

## **Notes to the Accounts**

Note 1:

The Church buildings are entered at their insured value, as is standard Methodist practice. However, they are not realisable by the local church (by sale or mortgage, for example) and so the church does not have the right to dispose of the buildings, or to gain from their disposal.

The two properties for which we are responsible enable the charity to carry out its objectives, and to generate income by hiring facilities to outside bodies. TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) is the custodian trustee.

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Signature:



Date: 04/04/2025

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Dr Ian Love

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a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,759		<b>6,759</b>	4,011
a4	Lettings		64,072		<b>64,072</b>	55,513
a5	Other receipts		14,073	19,500	<b>33,573</b>	75,105
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>128,364</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>147,864 (a7)</b>	<b>182,449</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		37,800		<b>37,800</b>	36,000
b3	Donations		270		<b>270</b>	1,784
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		15,496	3,195	<b>18,691</b>	30,164
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		20,345		<b>20,345</b>	16,782
b6	<i>Capital Works</i>					6,042
b7	Other payments		64,283	16,700	<b>80,983</b>	86,600
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>138,194</b>	<b>19,895</b>	<b>158,089 (b9)</b>	<b>177,372</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	(9,830)	(395)	<b>(10,225)</b>	5,077
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		215,984	21,433	<b>237,417 (c6)</b>	232,448
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	206,154	21,038	<b>227,192</b>	<b>237,525</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		76		<b>76 (c7)</b>	(108)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>206,230</b>	<b>21,038</b>	<b>227,268 (c8)</b>	<b>237,417 (c6)</b>

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		(3)	132
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		4,562	6,426
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		4,566	6,561
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>(3)</b>

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances	
e1							
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e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)	
e9	<b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	147,864 (a7)	158,089 (b9)	(10,225)	76 (c7)	237,417 (c6)	227,268 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	147,864	158,089	(10,225)	76	237,417 (x)	227,268 (y)
	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 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	278	383
f2 Bank Current Account	106,591	79,578
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	36,145	48,506
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	94,403	98,801
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>237,417 (c6)</b>	<b>227,268 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>237,417 (x)</b>	<b>227,268 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	(please refer to Note 1) 5,172,351	6,069,961
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		
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Name of Church .....Lancaster Methodist ..... No...012522

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 ..... *Ian Love* ..... Date..... 12 Oct 2024..

Name and address of treasurer ..... Dr Ian Love.....

10 Johnson Close, Lancaster..... Post Code LA1 5EU

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 17 October 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *L. Catlow* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Rev Linda J Catlow..... Date ..... 17 Oct 2024

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

### Lancaster Methodist Church

Charity Number 1170840.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lancaster Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to .... 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

Name of Church ..... Lancaster Methodist ..... No...211622

**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:

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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 ..... 

Name of independent examiner ..... PETER BOWKER

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 23 MOWBRAY DRIVE, BURTON, CARNFORTH

..... Post Code LA6 1NF

Date ..... 31 JAN 25

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Name of Church ...Lancaster Methodist..... No...211622

## **Notes to the Accounts**

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Form Reviewed Aug-24

**LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170840

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# Accounts

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lancaster Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023

North Lancashire	Circuit	Circuit no.	2116
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1170840

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:

Revd Stephen J Charman

Church Stewards:

Paul Bowden

Lesley Brookbanks

Andy Lund

Alison Love

Treasurer:

Dr Ian Love

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	47,820		47,820	50,459
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,011		4,011	214
a4	Lettings	55,513		55,513	45,206
a5	Other receipts	12,224	62,881	75,105	89,059
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>119,568</b>	<b>62,881</b>	<b>182,449 (a7)</b>	<b>184,938</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	36,000		36,000	36,000
b3	Donations	1,784		1,784	1,389
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	13,764	16,400	30,164	12,834
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,782		16,782	18,086
b6	Capital Works	6,042		6,042	52,848
b7	Other payments	51,858	34,742	86,600	124,984
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>126,230</b>	<b>51,142</b>	<b>177,372 (b9)</b>	<b>246,141</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(6,662)</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>5,077</b>	<b>(61,203)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	230,385	2,063	232,448 (c6)	293,701	
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>223,723</b>	<b>13,802</b>	<b>237,525</b>	<b>232,498</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(108)		(108) (c7)	(50)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>223,615</b>	<b>13,802</b>	<b>237,417 (c8)</b>	<b>232,448 (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	132	297	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	6,426	5,729	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	6,561	5,894	
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>132</b>

## SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

## SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	182,449 (a7)	177,372 (b9)	5,077	(108) (c7)	232,448 (c6)	237,417 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	182,449	177,372	5,077	(108)	232,448 (x)	237,417 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	381	278
f2 Bank Current Account	105,529	106,591
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	24,907	36,145
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	101,631	94,403
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	232,448 (c6)	237,417 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	232,448 (x)	237,417 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) (please refer to Note 1)	4,803,319	5,172,351
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 ...Lancaster Methodist..... No...211622

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 ..... *Ian Love* ..... Date.....21.12.2023

Name and address of treasurer .....Dr Ian Love.....

10 Johnson Close, Lancaster..... Post Code LA1 5EU

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...5th October 2023.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *L J Catlow* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting .... Rev Linda J Catlow ..... Date: 31/12/2023

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

### Lancaster Methodist Church

Charity Number 1170840

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ... *LANCASTER METHODIST* ... Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages *2* to *6*. 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.

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Name of Church ...Lancaster Methodist..... No...211622

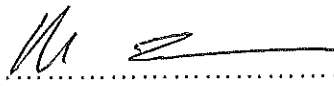
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Signature of independent examiner ..... 

Name of independent examiner ..... COLIN JOHNSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCCA.

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 3 RAYGARTH, KIRKBY LONSDALE

..... Post Code LAB 2DS

Date ..... 14 JUNE 2024

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ...Lancaster Methodist..... No...211622

## Notes to the Accounts

Note 1:

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**2022-2023 Lancaster Methodist Church**  
**Annual Report for The Charity Commission**

This was the final year of Rev Steve Charman's ministry at LMC, which was earlier than expected due to his appointment to a senior position in charge of the Methodist Church in Shetland. His ministry had been greatly appreciated and members were keen to wish the Charman family all the best. Rev Linda Catlow became the new minister and superintendant of the Circuit on September 1st 2023 and has been warmly welcomed.

Sunday morning worship at Scotforth Road is well attended, with a number of new people attending, including visitors from a number of countries. The service continues to be offered on Zoom, which is much appreciated, especially by those living at a distance and by those who are unwell. Our Sunday evening worship at the Cornerstone is continuing to develop in an informal and interactive style - regularly welcoming reflections and contributions from the congregation. Reflect in the City is a short mid-week evening worship and reflection service from the Cornerstone and also on zoom, which has enabled more to attend..

The church has continued to offer same-sex marriages, and the first celebrated was a most exciting event, with an extremely full church.

At Scotforth Road the Little Pebbles toddler group continues to grow and be appreciated by the community. The Youth Group continues on Sunday evenings. The Public Living Room, welcoming a number of local people to join together for coffee, is held once a week. Also, the building continues to be used by a wide range of groups from across the city for their activities.

There has been a major change at The Cornerstone as it has proved necessary to end the contract of the Centre Manager, due to inadequate funds. The Chaplain remains in charge and with volunteer help runs the many outreach activities that are offered. These include the Bereavement Support Café every Monday, a 'music jam' café, an emotional support group for those with Learning Disabilities, and

'Emotions anonymous' an emotional well-being group based on the '12 Steps'. Our Tuesday night 'Moving to Freedom' group has morphed into the 'Big Questions' group for no-holds barred discussion of the biggest theological and spiritual questions that we struggle with. Our Chaplain has continued to offer a very valuable and effective ministry in the city centre - offering a ministry of presence through pastoral care, the various support groups mentioned, teaching, awareness raising, and events which draw-in and connect with the wider community. He also takes his turn leading the evening service and facilitates a theological book group that takes place on zoom.

The Justice, Peace and Environment Group have continued to raise awareness of campaigns and also identify appropriate charities for our fundraising activities. The monthly pop-up Foodbank Collection Point has continued to be well supported by folk from within the church and to some extent by the wider community. Special collections were made at Christmas supporting those organized by the City Council.

Our finances have remained in a healthy position and we are able to continue our Reserve policy of retaining six month's typical expenditure. However, we expect increased energy charges, and the need to provide a great part of the salary of The Cornerstone Chaplain over the next few years.

At Scotforth we have renewed the flat roofs and carried out an investigation to reduce energy requirements and a feasibility study of alterations to the building with the aim of making more use of it. The Cornerstone has had substantial internal alterations, to reorganize and improve the rooms, enabling better utilization for partners and room hirings.

The problem of recruiting people to contribute to leadership remains, and also a need for members to help lead worship continued. However, two more people have been appointed as Leadership Stewards, which has created a team to support the minister and maintain awareness of matters needing decisions in the church.

Rev Linda J Catlow  
Superintendent Methodist Minister/Chair of Trustees of Lancaster Methodist  
Church:

Signature: 

Date: 23/5/2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lancaster Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023

North Lancashire	Circuit	Circuit no.	2116
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## SECTION F

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

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## SECTION G

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Name of Church ...Lancaster Methodist..... No...211622

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer ..... *Ian Love* ..... Date.....21.12.2023

Name and address of treasurer ..... Dr Ian Love.....

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### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...5th October 2023.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *L J Catlow* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting .... Rev Linda J Catlow ..... Date: 31/12/2023

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

### Lancaster Methodist Church

Charity Number 1170840

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ... *LANCASTER METHODIST* ... Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages *2* to *6*. 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.

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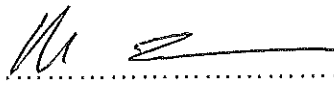
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Signature of independent examiner ..... 

Name of independent examiner ..... COLIN JOHNSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCCA.

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 3 RAYGARTH, KIRKBY LONSDALE

..... Post Code LAB 2DS

Date ..... 14 JUNE 2024

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## Notes to the Accounts

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**LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170840

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# Accounts

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## **2021-22 LMC Annual Report for The Charity Commission**

The highlight of the year was that the Church Council voted to welcome same-sex marriages in both of our buildings, with great delight and enthusiasm. The necessary documentation for registration with the General Registry Office has been completed and our registration has been confirmed.

Our Sunday morning Worship, and also our midweek Reflect in the City worship, have both continued to operate in a 'hybrid' manner throughout the year - enabling those who cannot attend the building to participate fully in worship - this has been very much appreciated. Our Sunday evening worship is continuing to develop in an informal and interactive style - regularly welcoming reflections and contributions from the congregation.

A number of new folk have become part of our congregations at both Scotforth Road and at The Cornerstone and we have welcomed some of them into membership.

We are seeking ways to build the relationship between the morning congregation at Scotforth Road and the evening congregation at The Cornerstone, we are planning ahead for joint services in an afternoon during the autumn - Harvest and Christmas.

Our Little Pebbles toddler group has grown, regularly welcoming over 25 families / child minders. Our work on Sundays with children and young people continues and, though we have relatively small numbers, the involvement with the youngsters is very much valued.

We completed the Church Development Plan - not as a 'finalised' document, but as a continuous 'work in progress'. Our finances have remained in a healthy position and we managed to secure a grant of £36,000 (over the next three years) towards the salary of The Cornerstone Chaplain, from the Lancashire District.

Through the work of our Centre Manager, we have continued to build relationships with the wider community and discover the needs of the community - particularly at the Scotforth Road building.

The Cornerstone continues to be a hive of activity throughout the week with hundreds of people visiting each week for a wide variety of activities. We provide a variety of different events for the community: Grief Group, Dementia Cafe, Drop-in events, Bereavement Group for those with Learning Disabilities, Moving to Freedom. We are delighted that other community organisations provide additional events and activities in the building which are very much valued by the wider community - Lancaster & District Community & Voluntary Solutions (LDCVS), Lancashire Youth Challenge, Let's Befriends, City of Sanctuary, Lancashire Adult Learning, The Making Place, Food Club, Lancaster Men's Hub, Socialease, Refugee & Asylum Immigration Support, Poverty Truth Commission. Our Chaplain has continued to offer a very valuable and effective ministry in the city centre - offering a ministry of presence through pastoral care, various support groups (eg.grief, addiction, emotions), teaching, awareness raising and events which draw-in and connect with the wider community. We made some physical alterations to the central section of The Cornerstone - to make the space more usable for ourselves and for our partners / hirers.

The Justice, Peace and Environment Group have continued to raise awareness of campaigns and also identify appropriate charities / focusses for our fundraising activities. The monthly pop-up Foodbank Collection Point has continued to be well supported by folk from within the church and also by the wider community. This was especially the case in December for the Christmas collection. We also held a very successful pop-up Toy Collection Point to collect gifts for children who are receiving support from the County Council Social Services.

Our greatest challenge through the year has been that we have struggled to recruit people to various roles and responsibilities - this seems to be a more significant issue post-lockdown - we are aware that other churches and voluntary organisations are experiencing a similar difficulty.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Lancaster Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2022

North Lancashire	Circuit	Circuit no.	2116
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<b>Registered Charity - Charity Registration number</b>	1170840
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If not a registered charity <b>Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number</b>	
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(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:

Revd Stephen J Charman
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Church Stewards:

Paul Bowden
Lesley Brookbanks

Treasurer:

Dr Ian Love
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	50,459		<b>50,459</b>	49,306
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	214		<b>214</b>	149
a4	Lettings	45,206		<b>45,206</b>	25,084
a5	Other receipts	14,334	74,725	<b>89,059</b>	276,618
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>110,213</b>	<b>74,725</b>	<b>184,938 (a7)</b>	<b>351,157</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	36,000		<b>36,000</b>	36,000
b3	Donations	1,389		<b>1,389</b>	1,548
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,834		<b>12,834</b>	8,794
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	18,086		<b>18,086</b>	10,436
b6	Capital works	45,848	7,000	<b>52,848</b>	3,154
b7	Other payments	43,071	81,913	<b>124,984</b>	126,558
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>157,228</b>	<b>88,913</b>	<b>246,141 (b9)</b>	<b>186,490</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(14,188)</b>	<b>(61,203)</b>	164,667
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	277,450	16,251	<b>293,701 (c6)</b>	129,035
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>230,435 (c1+c2)</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>232,498</b>	<b>293,702</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(50)		<b>(50) (c7)</b>	(1)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>230,385 (c3+c4)</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>232,448 (c8)</b>	<b>293,701 (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	297	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,729	4,246
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,894	3,949
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>132 (d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>297</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 2022 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	184,938 (a7)	246,141 (b9)	(61,203)	(50) (c7)	293,701 (c6)	232,448 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>184,938</b>	<b>246,141</b>	<b>(61,203)</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>293,701 (x)</b>	<b>232,448 (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 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	86	381
f2 Bank Current Account	140,302	105,529
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	24,803	24,907
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	128,510	101,631
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>293,701 (c6)</b>	<b>232,448 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>293,701 (x)</b>	<b>232,448 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,441,014	4,803,319
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	(20,000)	zero
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

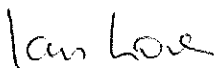
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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..... 26.6.2023 .....

Name and address of treasurer .....Dr Ian Love.....

10 Johnson Close, Lancaster..... Post Code LA1 5EU

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 ~~were~~/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .29.6.23.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Revd Stephen J Charman... Date ..... 26.6.23 .....

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

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Charity Number 1170840

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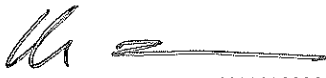
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Name of independent examiner ..... (COLIN JOHNSON)

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... fcca.

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 3 RAYGARTH, KIRKBY LONSDALE

..... Post Code ..... LA6 2DS

Date ..... 27 JUNE 2023

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**LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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## **Charity Commission Annual Report Year ending August 2021**

As a church and as a community, we have continued to live with the impact of the Covid19 pandemic. This has created great difficulty, throughout the year, in planning ahead as there was such uncertainty about what restrictions would be in place at any given time. Much of our face-to-face work continued to be suspended during the year, but we offered as much as possible through online means. When appropriate we resumed activities in our buildings in a Covid-secure manner.

### **Worship & Spirituality**

Worship was held purely online for much of the year - worship at our buildings only resumed in July 2020! However, at the point that we resumed worship at our Scotforth Road building we also provided an option for people to engage in worship through Zoom - ie. hybrid worship. This has been tremendously valued by those who are unable to attend worship at the building. It has created many challenges as we adapt to a hybrid way of working and also demanded much time and energy from our IT volunteers. Our Wednesday evening 'Reflect in the City' continued online throughout the pandemic and has transitioned to a hybrid style relatively easily. During the year we welcomed a number of new members who had become part of the congregation via Zoom.

### **Spirituality**

For the majority of the pandemic we have been able to facilitate two Zoom groups for people who are 'searching'. One of these has been a book group which looks at interesting theology. The other is a 'house group' that meets fortnightly to explore the scriptures together. These groups obviously have another purpose, as well, which is to provide meeting points for those who are isolated.

### **Learning and Caring**

#### **Pastoral Care - Caring Cakes initiative**

This project started during the first lockdown seeking to offer a small gift and also a socially distanced chat to keep in contact with folk. After the initial infancy of the project, people received a small box with up to half a dozen cakes inside – brownies, scones, carrot cake, flapjack, cookies, millionaire shortbread and lots more besides. Over time, various members of the church community wanted to take part in the project - baking and delivering - and so we were able to widen our radius. We set up a Facebook page to let people know what cakes we had delivered and as a consequence, we able to receive requests from people who did not necessarily have any connection to the church. While one of the highlights of the project was an interview with Graham Liver live on the BBC Radio Lancashire breakfast programme, the real highlight of the project was the socially distanced conversations with people when we dropped off the cakes, especially those people who were unable to get out during the lockdowns.

#### **Pastoral Care - Bereavement Support**

We successfully supported a small group of bereaved people via Zoom then began a fortnightly in-person support group when we were permitted to do so. That group has had 6 regular attenders but another 15 or so irregular attenders. There has also been a Zoom bereavement support group for about 10 adults with learning disabilities. This has mainly met fortnightly and will resume as an in-person group when this is safe and appropriate. Our chaplain has also given one-to-one bereavement support to upwards of 30 people – some via Zoom or phone but most in-person. We also managed to commission a piece of artwork which acts as a memorial for all those in our community who have lost a loved one.

### **Inclusive Church**

As part of our commitment to be an inclusive church, we appointed a Disability Champion - to raise awareness and promote inclusion in all areas of our mission and ministry.

### **Same Sex Marriage**

In July 2021, as part of our commitment to be an inclusive church, the Church Council agreed the following proposal - "Lancaster Methodist Church Council welcomes the decision of the Methodist

Conference to authorise same-sex marriages within our buildings. As soon as we are permitted to do so, Lancaster Methodist Church will seek the legal authority and appropriate registration with the registry office to conduct same-sex marriages at Scotforth Road and at The Cornerstone, Sulyard Street.” This decision was sent out in a press release and also through our website and social media channels. The decision has been received very positively by the wider community.

### **Mental Health Support**

We have been developing a mental health programme based on The 12 Steps called ‘Moving to Freedom’. We have run it successfully on Zoom with 2 groups. When it was possible, we moved one of the groups to an in-person meeting and that has continued as a support group ever since. Another offshoot of that group was a faith-sharing group called ‘Walking the Way’ based on some resources produced by the Methodist Church. This will continue to be a monthly support group.

### **Lancaster Men’s Hub**

Our chaplain has been heavily involved in working with a small group to explore specific ways of helping men improve their mental health and wellbeing and also get connected to the wider community. The group was nurtured and inspired by a Zoom group for men that met fortnightly through the various lockdowns. This led to the formation of ‘Lancaster Men’s Hub’ which now has charitable status. This group began organizing in-person activities for men in July and is moving towards a weekly drop-in and a series of talks and workshops on men’s health issues.

### **Learning**

At the start of the year we completed a series of online events under the heading ‘Build Back Better’ - these were open to the wider community as well as our own members and reflected upon ways that we should emerge, and things we should learn, from our experiences during the pandemic. Each session had 2 or more guest speakers who introduced the topics (things such as health, education, housing, young people, employment and social security). The attendance was excellent and the conversations were profound.

## **Service & Evangelism**

### **Staffing**

We continue to be blessed with many volunteers, but some people have stepped back from their responsibilities and it has been quite a challenge to recruit people to take-on the more significant roles and responsibilities - we continue to hold a number of vacant roles. This is most evident in our work with children and young people which is dependent upon a very small number of committed volunteers.

In October 2020, we appointed a Centre Manager to work at both sets of premises. The focus for the Centre Manager at The Cornerstone is to consolidate existing work and secure funding to ensure the long-term viability of the work. The focus at the Scotforth Road site is to connect and engage with the wider community in order to identify an appropriate strategy for the redevelopment of the site.

### **Property**

Our Scotforth Road building has been designated as the South Lancaster Community Emergency Centre - providing a community base if required as a result of flood / storm / power cuts etc. impacting the local community.

### **Finance**

Our finances have remained healthy despite the pandemic - our members have continued to give very generously to sustain our work. We also received a substantial legacy from a member who had died (£128,395.38) - the majority of this sum is to be allocated to the future redevelopment of the Scotforth Road.

### **The Cornerstone Café**

Towards the end of the year we had to make the decision to close The Cornerstone Café - During the pandemic, hospitality sector grants and the government furlough scheme enabled us to retain the café staff despite the cafe being closed for many months. We re-opened the café when permitted during the year, but the income from sales was well below that needed to make the café financially viable. As the furlough scheme was coming to an end, we reluctantly concluded that the café would have to close and the staff would be made redundant.

### **Black History Group**

Towards the end of 2020 we were invited to get involved with the 'Lancaster Black History Project' which was seeking to explore Lancaster's connection with the slave trade. We put together a small group of amateur researchers to look specifically at how slave trade money had been used to develop Dalton Square and the area around The Cornerstone. This served 2 purposes – enabling people to develop their interest in local history, and providing another way for people to connect up with others.

### **Community Partnerships**

Despite issues with the café, The Cornerstone has continued to work effectively as a community hub. We have maintained excellent relationships with various charities and groups that share our ethos and outlook. Some have hired our rooms – others have been given free space in the building. These groups include – City of Sanctuary, Refugee Advice and Information Service, 'CanChat' (cancer support group), 'Socialease', Morecambe Bay Credit Union, the Poverty Truth Commission, and 'Christians Against Poverty'. We really hope that some of these partnerships will open up other areas of work and support for some of Lancaster's most vulnerable people.

### **Outreach**

Our Justice, Peace & Environment Group have remained very active throughout the pandemic. One project emerged to assist with the food shortage at the Morecambe Bay Foodbank: on the first Saturday of each month we held a 'pop-up' food collection point at our Scotforth Road site. This was advertised to the local community and was very well supported by our own members and also by local residents.

### **Development Plan**

Towards the end of the year, we completed a 'business development plan' for the church - recognising that this is not a document 'set-in-stone' but a working document which will adapt and change according to the circumstances we face over the coming months and years.

### **Conclusion**

Overall, the year was very challenging but there have also been many, many things to celebrate.

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021**

	Notes to the account s	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020-21 £
<b>Income</b>						
1 Offerings		38,785				38,785
2 Donations	4	5,553	128,395	4,246		138,194
3 Gift aid		10,521				10,521
4 Interest and investment income	5	34	115			149
5 Income from investment properties						0
6 Internal organisations						0
7 Other charitable income	6	80,436		87,319		167,755
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>135,329</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>91,565</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>355,404</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
9 Circuit assessment or share		36,000				36,000
10 Grants and donations	7	1,771		3,949		5,720
11 Property maintenance		8,199				8,199
12 Insurance, utilities etc		12,390				12,390
13 Depreciation						0
14 Office expenses		3,307				3,307
15 Other expenditure	8	55,110		69,714		124,824
16 Internal organisations						0
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>116,777</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73,663</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190,440</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>18,552</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>164,964</b>
21 Transfers between funds						0
22 Other gains/(losses)						0
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>18,552</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>164,964</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		129,034				129,034
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>147,586</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>293,998</b>

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020**

	Notes to the account s	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
<b>Income</b>						
1 Offerings		36,100				36,100
2 Donations		4,819		1,549		6,368
3 Gift aid		8,706				8,706
4 Interest and investment income		176				176
5 Income from investment properties						0
6 Internal organisations						0
7 Other charitable income		93,785		22,000		115,785
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>143,586</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>167,135</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
9 Circuit assessment or share		45,000				45,000
10 Grants and donations		841		1,618		2,459
11 Property maintenance		11,848				11,848
12 Insurance, utilities etc		12,856				12,856
13 Depreciation						0
14 Office expenses		959				959
15 Other expenditure	8	68,747		22,000		90,747
16 Internal organisations						0
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>140,251</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,618</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>163,869</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>3,335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,266</b>
21 Transfers between funds						0
22 Other gains/(losses)		44				44
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>3,379</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,310</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		125,655		69		125,724
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>129,034</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,034</b>

Name of Church: Lancaster Methodist Church

Church No 2116/22

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2021	Totals 2020
Notes to the Accounts	£	£	£	£	£	£

### Fixed Assets

Church building and other property	9	0			0	0
Investment properties					0	0
Investments					0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments		2,104			2,104	2,638
Loans by the Churches					0	0
Investments with TMCP			128,510		128,510	0
Central Finance Board Deposits		24,803			24,803	24,769
Cash at Bank and in hand		122,783		17,902	140,685	104,265
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>149,690</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>296,102</b>

### Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)		5,876			5,876	1,893
Grants payable within 2020-21					0	0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>5,876</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,893</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>143,814</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>290,226</b>

<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>143,814</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>290,226</b>
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<b>Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)</b>							
Grants payable after 2020-21						0	
Loans to the Church				20,000		20,000	20,000
						0	
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>143,814</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>-2,098</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>270,226</b>	<b>109,779</b>

**Funds of the Church**

General Fund (Unrestricted)		143,814				143,814	129,034
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			128,510			128,510	0
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>						<b>272,324</b>	<b>129,034</b>
Restricted Funds				-2,098		-2,098	-20,000
Endowment Funds					0	0	
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>143,814</b>	<b>128,510</b>	<b>-2,098</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>270,226</b>	<b>109,034</b>

Signed

Church Treasurer

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Signed

*Jan Cox*

Church Treasurer

## Notes to the Accounts

### 1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 - the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

### 2. Funds

The funds held constitute General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted; Designated Funds are from the Thom Bequest and are for Capital Development; Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose, comprising grants and donations for specific appeals. There are no Endowment funds.

### 3. Accounting policies

#### Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of The Church's financial position and activities.

#### Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive The resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

#### Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

#### VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

#### Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500.

## Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

## Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA

## Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include rental income.

## Creditors

Creditors include outstanding bills for utilities.

## 4. Donations

General Fund comprises unrestricted donations to the Church; Designated Funds are those from the Thom Bequest, lodged with TMCP; Restricted Funds are those donations received for our appeals and for Monday Meeting Point expenses:

	2020-21	2019-20
Morecambe Bay Food Bank	£3611	
Christian Aid	£588	£497
Monday Meeting Point	£47	
All We Can		£781
Deaf Children's Society		£270
total	£4,246	£1,549

## 5. Interest

2020-21: CFB £34 and TMCP Thom Bequest £115

2019-20: CFB £176

## 6. Other charitable Income

	2020-21		2019-20	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
rentals	£25084		£40315	
grants	£34471	£63839	£7500	£22000
JRS		£23480	£13721	
Cafe sales	£12779		£30467	
Miscellaneous	£8102		£1782	
total	£80,436	£87,319	£93,785	£22,000

## 7. Expenditure - Grants and Donations:

	2020-21	2019-20
From Appeal donations	£3949	£1618
Anticipated Gift Aid for Appeals	£771	£143
City of Sanctuary	£1000	
Homeless Action		£500
other		£198
total	£5,720	£2,459

## 8. Other expenditure:

	2020-21		2019-20	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
salaries	£46580	£61899	£57046	£22000
Cafe purchases	£3154		£7583	
Miscellaneous	£5376	£7815	£4118	
total	£55,110	£69,714	£68,747	£22,000

## 9. Fixed Assets:

The Church buildings are entered as of zero value as they are not realisable by the local church (by sale or mortgage, for example) and so to apply a financial value would misrepresent the charity's financial situation. The two properties for which we are responsible enable the charity to carry out its objectives, and to generate income by hiring facilities to outside bodies. TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) is the custodian trustee.

## 10. Paid employees

### Staff costs paid during the year

	2020-21	2019-20
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£99371	£71636
Employees National Insurance costs	£6525	£4117
Pension costs	£5024	£3442
Total staff costs	£110920	£79195
Average number of FTE employees in the year	4.18	3.19

Total Redundancy in 2020-21: £1968

## 11. Government Grants

Received and paid in full

	2020-21	2019-20
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	£21993	£15793
Local council - closure and restricted business	£32971	N/A

## 12. Payment to Trustees

No payments were made to trustees, except for reimbursement of purchases made for and settlement of bills of the Church.

Name of Church LANCASTER METHODIST No. 2116/22

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 Ian Love Date 10 March 2022

Name and address of treasurer Dr IAN LOVE  
10 JOHNSON CLOSE, LANCASTER Post Code LA1 5EU

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev. S. J. CHARMAN Date ~~2 Feb 2022~~  
& 29 Mar 2022

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

LANCASTER METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1170840

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lancaster Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to .... 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.

Name of Church LANCASTER METHODIST No 2116/22

**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 M. Richardson

Name of independent examiner Michael Richardson

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 12 Windsor Road Garstang

Preston Post Code PR3 1ED

Date 21-2-22

\* delete or circle as appropriate

## RESERVES POLICY of

**Lancaster Methodist Church Council**

1. <b>General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2021</b>	Unrestricted: £135329 Designated: £128510
2. <b>Restricted Funds held</b>	£17902
3. <b>Endowment Funds held</b>	£0

4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

The Designated Funds are the Thom Bequest and devoted to Capital Development. Currently Covid-9 restrictions mean that our income is reduced. We aim to keep approximately six months' expenditure for circuit assessment and running costs. Without taking the loan into account, this would be approximately £95,000. We anticipate increased maintenance expenditure in the next few years. Any excess income over expenditure and reserve from Cornerstone goes towards the repayment of the Circuit loan (currently £20,000).

5. **Policy for Restricted Funds**

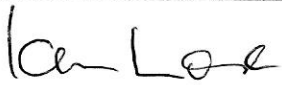

This includes grants from Circuit and District for the Cornerstone Chaplain which we expect to receive during the year; grants from various providers for outreach and development work; funds from various appeals for national and international charitable work.

6. **Terms relating to Endowment Funds held**

N/A

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

**Church Council**(\*Church Council /Circuit Meeting /District )

Treasurer: Dr Ian Love	Trustee
Full name: Ian Love	Full Name STEPHEN JAMES CHARMAN
Signature 	Signature 

**LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170840

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Report 2019-20**

### **Lancaster Methodist Church**

#### **Covid-19**

Along with many other charities, for us the most significant event of the year 2019-20 was the outbreak of Covid-19. Inevitably, this had a significant impact upon our activity. All face-to-face activity ceased from 23rd March 2020 and very little was able to happen within our buildings for the remainder of the year.

Appropriate risk assessments were completed and suitable procedures were implemented with respect to people entering our buildings for any reason (mostly contractors eg. fire alarm checks, fire extinguisher checks; and also weekly water flushing to minimise the risk of legionella).

We had to furlough our café staff and also our cleaner and bookings administrator, but our Chaplain continued to work full-time throughout the pandemic continuing to offer pastoral care and support groups on Zoom. We were very grateful for the furlough financing from the government and also for grants we received from the Council to help cover our core costs while our buildings were closed during the pandemic.

#### **The Cornerstone**

Until the lockdown in March, many activities at The Cornerstone were going very well indeed.

A new support project was started called 'Moving to Freedom'. Our aim with this is to use the spirituality of the '12 Steps' and Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount we want to offer:

- a spiritual path to a more fulfilling life
- perspective about our anxieties and fears
- a method for facing the mistakes of the past and trying to put them right

We also offered a grief support group on Zoom which has recently become a face-to-face group.

We began the process of formulating a 5 year business plan for The Cornerstone but this had to be postponed as we were unable to meet due to the pandemic. We hope to complete this project in 2020-21.

We instigated a 'Friends of The Cornerstone' scheme as a way to encourage a sense of commitment from the wide range of people associated with The Cornerstone. 'Friends' are those who have an interest in the concerns and work of The Cornerstone and want to offer a commitment and maintain a connection with it. They support the work of The Cornerstone with a donation of at least £10 per annum and receive:

- Three issues a year of The Cornerstone newsletter
- The Cornerstone Annual Report if requested
- Information about events, courses, and other opportunities at The Cornerstone.

#### **Worship**

Our focus for advent and Christmas 2019 was The Chrismon Tree - exploring the many symbols associated with it.

The transition from worship in our buildings to online worship via the Zoom platform happened relatively smoothly, starting on Good Friday. We managed to recruit a team of volunteers to work in the background and oversee the technical aspects of Zoom and we arranged for 2 people to share in the leadership of our worship each week. Almost immediately we had over 50 people attending the Sunday worship via Zoom and the attendance continued to be between 50 and about 100 people throughout the pandemic. We have also provided our weekly 'Reflect in the City' via Zoom throughout the pandemic, this has seen a much larger attendance than when we held it in the building - most weeks the attendance has been over 20 on Zoom whereas when we met in the building the attendance was usually 4-15 people. We have begun exploring how we might continue to offer our worship using the Zoom platform once we have resumed worship in our buildings.

Most of our regular congregation have participated in the Zoom worship on a Sunday, but we have also welcomed many people from the wider community - mainly locally, but also some from elsewhere in the UK.

A highlight of our worship via Zoom has been the creativity of our worship leaders, seen for example in the writing and 'performing' of reflective monologues which have been very much appreciated. For the members of our worshipping community who have been unable to connect online through Zoom we have continued to deliver weekly worship resources on paper, which has been much appreciated.

### **Service**

In October we held a Community 'Drop-in' at our Scotforth Road premises - inviting all user groups to have a display of their activities. This was to raise awareness of the different activities already present in the building, but also to hear the views of local residents about what is needed in our community and how the building could be more effectively used. We delivered leaflets in the streets surrounding the church inviting people to visit, but sadly, we had very few visitors - however, the sharing between the different user groups proved to be well worthwhile.

Following the difficulty of recruiting volunteers to oversee our Little Pebbles (Parent and Toddler group), we made the decision to recruit a part-time member of staff. We successfully recruited a member of staff in March 2020, but unfortunately, due to lockdown, she was unable to begin. We hope that in due course she will be a great asset to our work with families.

We made a commitment to disinvest from fossil fuels. At this point, we decided to put pressure on the Methodist Central Finance Board by making it clear that unless they divest from fossil fuels then we will withdraw our funds from them - we await their decision.

### **Evangelism**

We sang Christmas carols as part of the Dalton Square Ice Rink activities on the evening of 23rd December - we partnered with Lancaster Brass Band who provided the musical accompaniment. It was a fantastic event with many people from the local community joining in with the singing and we are very much committed to be involved in similar ways in the future.

Towards the end of the year we began a series of themed online sessions under the title 'Build Back Better' - these were open to the wider community as well as our own members and reflected upon ways that we should emerge, and things we should learn, from our experiences during the pandemic. Each session had 2 or more guest speakers who introduced the topics (things such as health, education, housing, young people, employment and social security). The attendance was excellent and the conversations were profound.

### **Learning and Caring**

We held a reflection evening on the Methodist Conference report "God in Love Unites Us", where we discovered significant support for the report and a desire to see it adopted by Methodist Conference. Our AGM had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, but the Church Council continued to meet via Zoom to oversee all aspects of the charity. We have continued to seek the views of our members, most notably with a significant survey in July 2020 to discern when people would feel ready to resume worship in the building - it was very clear that people felt that we should wait until such time as the many Covid restrictions were lifted.

After a few months of the pandemic, we realised that our Cornerstone Chaplain was being pulled in too many different directions - continuing to offer pastoral care to many people (through phone calls, emails and Zoom calls) and offering support groups via Zoom, but also trying to oversee the risk-assessments and Covid-security of The Cornerstone. Having had the plan of employing a Centre Manager on the back-burner for some time, we felt that the time was now right to recruit someone to oversee both our buildings (Scotforth Road and The Cornerstone) and also to assist in our community development work and fundraising. The post was advertised towards the end of this financial year and we hope to recruit early in the next year.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>Lancaster Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

<b>North Lancashire</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>21-16</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1170840

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 Stephen J Charman
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Church Stewards:

Paul Bowden
Lesley Brookbanks
Susan Pye

Treasurer:  
Dr Ian Love

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		44,805		<b>44,805</b>	45,163
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		176		<b>176</b>	162
a4	Lettings		40,316		<b>40,316</b>	48,627
a5	Other receipts		58,359	22,000	<b>80,359</b>	81,845
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>143,656</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>165,656 (a7)</b>	<b>175,797</b>
<b>SECTION B</b>						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		45,000		<b>45,000</b>	27,000
b3	Donations		698		<b>698</b>	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		11,694		<b>11,694</b>	18,476
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		12,856		<b>12,856</b>	15,675
b6			7,583		<b>7,583</b>	13,871
b7	Other payments		62,471	22,000	<b>84,471</b>	69,638
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>140,302</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>162,302 (b9)</b>	<b>144,660</b>
<b>SECTION C</b>						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	3,354		<b>3,354</b>	31,137
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		126,884		<b>126,884 (c6)</b>	94,871
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	130,238		<b>130,238</b>	<b>126,008</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(1,204)		<b>(1,204) (c7)</b>	876
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>129,034</b>		<b>129,034 (c8)</b>	<b>126,884 (c6)</b>
<b>SECTION D</b>						
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>						
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				69	21
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				1,789	4,144
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				1,858	4,096
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>				<b>69</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 2020 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							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)	
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	165,656 (a7)	162,302 (b9)	3,354	(1,204) (c7)	126,884 (c6)	129,034 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>165,656</b>	<b>162,302</b>	<b>3,354</b>	<b>(1,204)</b>	<b>126,884 (x)</b>	<b>129,034 (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 2020	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	442	417
f2	Bank Current Account	101,849	103,848
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	24,593	24,769
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>126,884 (c6)</b>	<b>129,034 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>126,884 (x)</b>	<b>129,034 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

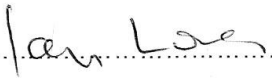
	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020	
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,439,000	4,441,014
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	20,000	20,000
g5	Other Liabilities		

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 .. Lancaster Methodist Church

## Declarations and Scrutiny


I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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..... 19.11.20.....

Name and address of treasurer ..... Dr Ian Love .....  
..... 10 Johnson Close, Lancaster ..... Post Code..... LA1 5EU .....

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ..... 19.11.20 .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Rev Stephen Charman ..... Date ..... 19.11.20 .....

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

### Lancaster Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1170840

### Responsibilities and basis of report

Lancaster Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 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

Name of Church: Lancaster Methodist Church

**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:

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- 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 ..... M. Richardson

Name of independent examiner ..... MICHAEL RICHARDSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 12 WINDSOR ROAD, GARSTANG

..... PRESTON ..... Post Code PR3 1ED

Date ..... 26-10-2020

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