

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**

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Treasurer:

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SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
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a5	Other receipts		12,224	62,881	75,105	89,059
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		119,568	62,881	182,449 (a7)	184,938

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
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	TOTAL PAYMENTS		126,230	51,142	177,372 (b9)	246,141

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(6,662)	11,739	5,077	(61,203)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		230,385	2,063	232,448 (c6)	293,701
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	223,723	13,802	237,525	232,498
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(108)		(108) (c7)	(50)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	223,615	13,802	237,417 (c8)	232,448 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			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	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		(3)	132

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

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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)	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.

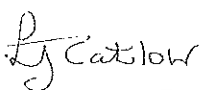
Signature of treasurer  Date.....21.12.2023

Name and address of treasurerDr 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 

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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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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 COLIN JOHNSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 3 RAYGARTH, KIRKBY LONSDALE

..... Post Code LA6 2DS

Date 14 JUNE 2024

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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.

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

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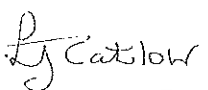
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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA.

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Address 3 RAYGARTH, KIRKBY LONSDALE

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