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of  
**The Methodist  
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**Trinity Church, Leek  
Accounts for the year  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to  
August 31<sup>st</sup> 2025**

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**Ministers Report. Rev Denise Williamson for Church Annual General Meeting. 25th January 2026.**

**In 2025 we renewed Trinity's Mission Statement which is now:**

**Trinity is a welcoming and inclusive church:  
Living and sharing God's love and serving community.**

**Trinity Church has been on a journey this year which has seen it open its doors and its hearts to many different people and opportunities.**

**We supported the Leek Pride Festival with our window display which received many positive comments. It encouraged a transvestite female to join us for several weeks for worship and Wednesday Coffee before she moved back to Scotland. Many got to know her during her time with us and we were able to learn from her as well as love, encourage and support her.**

**We also hosted Beresford School for the Hope Journey at Christmas as well as hosting Holiday Club Days during the summer and during the half terms and also on Christmas Eve. We had many families come to join us who enjoyed the warmth of the welcome they received.**

**We opened the doors of the Church on the Totally Locally Sunday in Advent and welcomed people in to have a coffee and make Christmas tree decorations. We look forward to making this a regular activity.**

**We have appointed a Church and Community Worker who will begin working with us on March 19th 2026. We have much to look forward to in the coming year. A Steering Group for the Lay Worker comprising of church members will help to develop the work and mission of the post holder.**

**One of the biggest projects this year has been the provision of a drop in centre for people who are on the edges of our community due to various reasons. This will open on Thursdays between 9.30am and 12.30. Trinity has formed a partnership with Saltbox which is a Charity began in 1983 based in Burslem which supports people on a journey towards independence and empowerment. We have the support of local Police, housing and many other charities and both the Methodist and URC churches for this project. The project based in the Russell Street Annexe will be called The Grace Centre and will run for a trial period of 6 months. If successful and further funding can be found we will be looking at continuing the project beyond 6 months.**

**We have been fortunate to have been able to invite leaders of worship from outside the Circuit, including Rev David Willis the Methodist District Mission Enabler. In the coming months we will be receiving Rev Andrew Willetts, the URC Mission Enabler, Rev Steve Faber the URC moderator of the West Midlands Synod and Rev Richard Pope in September to lead worship.**

**Numbers attending worship have remained steady with a very good attendance at the Carol Service and Christmas Day services where many non -church folk attended and said how they had enjoyed the services.**

**Trinity remains committed to the Churches Together in Leek group and last week had been hosting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity midday prayer gatherings. It has been good to invite new Clergy to churches in Leek and in the wider area. We continue to meet for Sunday Worship with St Edwards and this year will share worship on the 5th Sundays of the month. This gives us 4 occasions this year where we will meet together. We are also**

planning a weekend retreat together at Shallowford House near Stone. Dates to be confirmed either for this year or next.

Bible Study groups were held during Lent and Advent which were thought provoking and well attended. However it would be good to see more people engaging with the word of God by attending these groups.

Much work has been done during the past year to reduce our running costs and raising our income. The Finance report will show that we are still carrying a hefty debit each year. Fund raising events have boosted income but an increase in regular giving is what is needed to ensure security in our finances. A letter was sent to every member asking if they could consider increasing their giving to the church. Please do prayerfully consider if you can contribute more to Trinity.

It has been a joy to get to know you better over the last year. We have much going on during 2026 as Trinity seeks to be a welcoming and inclusive church, living and sharing God's love and serving community. I hope that you all feel part of God's mission through Christ in our church and excited and inspired to continue your faith journey led by the Holy Spirit.

Every blessing  
Rev Denise



## Trinity Church Leek: Receipts and Payments Accounts - Year Ending August 31st 2025

2023-24 RECEIPTS		2024-25		2023-24 PAYMENTS		2024-25	
£53,872.43	Collections S/O etc AO1,2,3	£52,119.49		£55,000.00	Assessments(Tfr to CFB) x0	£52,000.00	
£12,617.09	Tax reclaimed AO4	£12,024.34		£324.00	Ministry under COVID T09	£207.50	
£7,654.18	Special Appeals F01-1.5, excl F10	£4,359.00		£322.00	Minister's Pastoral Support Fee M12	£46.00	
£74,144.40	Subtotal			£0.00	First Aid Training Elders M12	£289.00	
£0.35	HMCourts Repay B12	£0.37		£55,646.00	Subtotal		£52,542.50
£0.35	Subtotal			£5,300.00	Donations from Church Funds D01-5,7,9	£5,050.00	
£4,965.89	Coffee Mornings B02	£6,538.90		£7,654.88	Special Appeals G01-1.5 excl G10	£4,859.00	
-£762.30	Meals (net) C05/6	-£35.00		£875.61	Donations Equiv to Gift Aid Due D08	£746.25	
£6,550.00	Lettings B01	£9,621.75		£425.13	Meals during Holidays re: Fisher Fund G18	£1,044.30	
£10,753.39	Subtotal			£14,255.62	Subtotal		£11,699.55
£2,905.34	Films A11	£2,414.78		£7,952.05	Repairs/Renewals R01,2	£5,217.95	
£675.50	Donations (Funerals) A12	£768.50		£0.00	Major Work R03	£5,961.70	
£1,100.00	Funerals/Weddings net fees/Tax A13/17	£642.50		£612.78	Cleaning-Sanitary Provision T04,T05	£554.00	
£15,000.00	Sundries, sale of plants, cards, toddlers A15,16,C11	£192.41		£9,248.83	Subtotal	£857.88	
£500.00	Fisher Fund Grant for Holiday Meals F18	£1,267.92		£19,294.40	Wages: Staff&Cover&Tax(S01-7(excl S03)		£12,601.53
£5,136.19	RSC (rent) B09	£889.63		£19,294.40	Subtotal		£18,538.08
£15,000.00	-£1.44 Booleilall net C01/2	£24.32		£14,054.14	Gas/Elec U01/2		
£25,330.59	Subtotal			£705.56	Water rates U03	£7,902.63	
£110,228.98	SUBTOTALS			£511.57	Telephone B/B U04	£716.44	
	Funds reported separately 2023-24 p2			£6,213.95	Insurance( inc copier Ins) U05	£563.21	
£503.80	Fund t(A18), t/S03 taxes-funerals/staff	£1,212.09		£1,108.37	Licences U06	£6,568.74	
£104.44	Fund b b/B04 Benevolent interest	£81.70		£143.86	Subscriptions (URC Trust (church fees) U07	£987.69	
£0.00	Fund y M05, M07, M09 Youth work	£0.00		£22,738.25	Subtotal	£143.86	
£608.24	SubTotal			£2,593.44	Paper, Printing, Copier Lease T02,6,7		£16,882.57
£9,987.15	Legacy A03	£1,293.79		£3,609.89	Sundries T03	£1,327.82	
£0.00	TFR from Cap Reserve	£3,500.00		£153.12	Worship materials Inc AAW M02,3,10	£882.39	
£0.00	TFR from TMCP Glayds Harrop CO	£0.00		£0.00	Visiting Minister expenses	£527.33	
£13,250.00	TFR from CFB (shortfall in assessment transferred)	£7,500.00		£200.00	CTLD M11	£0.00	
£23,237.15	SUBTOTAL			£747.02	Tea, Coffee, Cups for Trinity C07	£200.00	
				£204.71	Flower fund net C09/10	£540.58	
				£4,914.74	Subtotal	£122.18	£2,272.48
				£0.00	Additional Transfer to CFB	£0.00	
				£9,936.81	Transfer to Leek Building Society	£3,768.50	
				£9,936.81	Subtotal		£3,768.50
				£138,628.09	Total payments in year		£119,613.03
£134,074.32	Total Income for Year	£120,622.70		£371.14	Fund t (Tax, Pension, Nat Ins) t/TAX	£920.49	
£14,259.72	Balance b/f from prev yr (general a/c)	£9,097.71		£100.00	Fund b (b/B05) Benevolent	£0.00	
-£602.30	Balance b/f from fund t(Tax)	£72.43		£211.16	Fund y (M05, Youth Outreach)	£76.94	
£334.83	Balance b/f from fund b (Benevolent	£339.27		£9,097.71	C/F from n (General	£8,813.59	
£925.29	Balance b/f from fund y (Youth)	£714.13		£72.43	C/F from t (Tax)	£364.03	
£0.00	Balance b/f from fund r (Refugees Benevolent)	£0.00		£339.27	C/F from b (Benevolent)	£420.97	
				£714.13	C/F from y (Youth)	£637.19	
				£10,223.54	Total C/F in NatWest a/c (n,b,t,y) =		£10,235.78
				£149,533.93	Grand Total of Payments		£130,846.24
£149,533.93	Grand Total of Income	£130,846.24					



**Account c: CONTINGENCY FUND (Central Finance Board, CFB) (\*)**

Balance brought forward Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	£72,132.91	Assessment > Circuit (D/D) Code (N02)	£52,000.00
Interest CFB (A06)	£3,242.38		
Transfer from Nat West General 6/11/2024	£4,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 13/01/2025	£16,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 21/01/2025	£4,000.00	<b>Balance c/f 31/08/2025</b>	<b>£67,375.29</b>
Transfer from Nat West General 23/05/2025	£7,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 5/6/2025	£8,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 27/8/2025	£5,000.00		
	£119,375.29		£119,375.29

**Account l: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Leek United Building Society)**

Balance brought forward Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	£39,274.74	No TFRs to NATWEST 2024-25	
Interest Added (A07)	£992.97		
Cheques – John Hunt/Derek Rushton	£3,250.00	<b>Balance c/f at 31/08/2025</b>	<b>£44,036.21</b>
Transfer from NatWest Gen Blanche Bentley	£518.50		
	£44,036.21		£44,036.21

**Account m: CHURCHES MUTUAL CREDIT UNION (CMCU)**

Balance Brought Forward Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	£5,046.88	No withdrawals 2024-25	£0.00
Dividend Credited 20/2	£76.06		
Dividend Credited 22/5	£25.07	<b>Balance c/f at 31/08/2025</b>	<b>£5,148.01</b>
	£5,148.01		£5,148.01

Funds within NatWest bank account = n (general), t (tax), b (benevolent) y (youth)

**Fund t TAX TO HMRC (Designated)**

Start balance 1/9/2024	72.43		
Tax on Funeral Fees (t/A18)	£7.20	Payments to HMRC (TAX) + NEST from t/TAX	£920.49
Tax + NEST pension+NI(Staff Wages) (t/S03)	£1,204.89	<b>Balance c/f at 31/8/2025</b>	<b>£364.03</b>
	£1,284.52		£1,284.52

**Fund b BENEVOLENT FUND (Restricted)**

Start balance 1/9/2024	£339.27	Withdrawals 2024-2025 b/B05	£0.00
Interest from TMCP (b/B04)	£81.70	<b>Balance c/f at 31/08/2025</b>	<b>£420.97</b>
	£420.97		£420.97

**Fund y YOUTH EVENTS FUND (Designated)**

Start balance 1/9/2024	£ 714.13	Holiday Clubs/Youth Events M05, M07	£76.94
		<b>Balance c/f at 31/08/2025</b>	<b>£ 637.19</b>
	£ 714.13		£714.13

(\*) Our assessment to the Methodist Circuit and URC Synod is transferred from our general account (a/c n) to the Methodist Central Finance Board (CFB) (a/c) during the course of the year, from where it is debited by the Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit (£52,000).



**TMCP Trinity Church Assets: as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025**

(Note: the 2025 values are taken from the TMCP summary sheets, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025)

	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Sept 2024	Sept 2025
TMCP Trust 22109 (Gladys Harrop ) (cash)	£41,374.42	£41,647.63	£36,694.20	£21,705.07	£ 8,191.41	£ 8,630.85	£1,208.32
TMCP Trust 6255 (Edward Norman Birch) (cash)	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.55 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 cash
TMCP Trust 725 (Emily Morton) Cash: Inv in CFB Mixed Fund:	£921.03 £1942.06	£921.03 £1,907.80	£921.03 £2,215.69	£921.03 £2,117.14	£921.03 Cash £2,026.08	£921.03 cash £2,183.05 invest	£921.03 cash £2,187.08 invest
TMCP Trust 725A (George Hammersley) (cash)	£385.50 Cash	£388.04 Cash	£388.50 Cash	£389.27	£400.65	£421.14 cash	£439.85 cash
TOTAL Invested	Cash £42,736.44 Invest £1,942.06	Cash £43,012.19 Invest £1,907.80	Cash £38,059.22 Invest: £2,215.69	Cash £ 23,070.92 Invest: £2,215.69	Cash £ 9,568.58 Invest: £2,026.08	Cash £10,028.51 Invest £2,183.05	Cash £ 2,624.69 Invest £2,187.08

Cash Assets are held in the Trustees Interest Fund.

The Emily Morton Investment part is in the CFB Mixed Fund

**Insurance Provision from the Insurance Statement on the Renewal document**

	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Sept 2024	Sept 2025
Insurance Value of buildings	£6,583,349	£6,978,350	£7,536,618	£8,441,013	£9,453,935	£10,021,172
Church Contents	£260,150	£273,158	£289,548	£324,294	£363,210	£385,003
Organ	£515,265	£541,029	£573,491	£642,310	£719,388	£769,552
AV Equipment	£25,139	£26,396	£27,980	£31,338	£35,099	£37,205
Employers' Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Public Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Products Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Trustee's and Officers indemnity	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000
Personal Accident Cover (Ages 5-85)	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

There are no outstanding liabilities at the year-end August 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.

The indexation on the insurance is 6% this year



### Treasurer's Report to Church, Year End August 2025

This year, has seen a small profit of £1,009.67 of receipts against outgoing payments compared to last year's deficit of £4,533.77.

As I say each year I greatly appreciate the support of everyone for continuing, and in some cases even increasing, your very generous offertories during these ongoing challenging times. It is a great help. They total £52,119.49 this year – a decrease of £1,753.14 from 2023-24 due to the sad loss of some of our members. Thanks, as well, to the dedicated teams of counters who do an excellent job of recording the collections and paying into the bank each fortnight, and to Steve and Jean Thompson, who store and collate all the Gift Aid records very meticulously. 'Tax reclaimed' on Gift Aid and GASDS was £12,024.34, a reduction of £592.75.

Coffee Mornings raised £6,538.90, a very significant increase of £1,573.01 on last year. Many thanks to Liz for co-ordinating along with her team of very dedicated helpers – it is almost getting back to Pre-Covid level now when opening hours were longer!

'Meals' just have a minor deficit of £35 this year, compared to last year's deficit of £762.50.

'Lettings' continue to be a major challenge, unfortunately, and only raised £3,621.75 this year - a reduction of £2,928.25 from 2023/24. This is a challenge, not unique to us, as organisations elsewhere are experiencing similar issues. We continue to have a regular yoga group who use the building and all Saturday foyer coffee mornings continue to get booked up, along with many Fridays. Other bookings are ad-hoc for concerts etc. The lack of bookings does, however, have a knock-on benefit of helping to reduce our outlay on Utilities

The Trinity film club raised £2,414.78, a reduction of £490.56 on last year. although once again it is a marvellous achievement. Attendances at some films weren't helped by the good weather we experienced in early spring. Many Thanks to Chris Birch for organising the programme of films as usual which provide a source of enjoyment, and much needed company, for many people.

We received £1,411 from 'Funeral fees and donations' and £192.41 of Sundry Income, from donations received plus the transfer of funds which had been held in the old SPARK newspaper account.

Maureen Wiskin is continuing to co-ordinate the Holiday Meals and has managed to obtain Grants from several sources during the year. £1,700 Grants were received plus a small surplus of £67 on the Maundy Thursday meal. £500 was transferred from here in order to offset energy costs.

Also during the year we received £15,000 from the RSC for Rental plus £889.63 for the usage of Utilities costs. As we know, we will no longer be getting these receipts as the Russell Street Centre is now under our control with the upcoming unpaid project.

We were most grateful to received two legacies during the year: £3,000 from the estate of Mr John Hunt and £500 from the estate of Reg and Blanche Bentley.

The line 'Transfer from CFB' of £8,000 relates to the quarterly assessments paid to the circuit. With other outgoings I wasn't able to transfer this amount over to the Central Finance Board account where the Direct Debit comes from so it has come from our reserves. £7,500 was transferred from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) Gladys Harrop Fund.

Following the change of ministry from URC to Methodist and subsequent discussions with the relevant bodies during the summer of 2024, our share pledge for Assessment to the Circuit (to the Methodist Circuit and the URC) was reduced to £52,000 based on our current membership. The bulk of this goes from the Circuit to the denomination providing ministry. Our outlay to nominated charities reduced slightly to £5,000, which is based on approximately 10% of our direct giving. In addition a one off donation of £50 was paid out to the Diocese of Lichfield in recognition for the work carried out by Robert Mountford, Ecumenical Officer. Our special appeals giving this year was £4,859 with Gift Aid added of £746.25, making our total giving to outside groups of £10,655.25. Please note that some donors made gifts directly to the charity, or via Trinity with a cheque payable to the charity, so the overall giving was actually higher than figures indicate.

Salary: Wages costs for this year have reduced by £776.32 as the final settlement of £930 was paid to Sylvia Bainbridge at the beginning of the year and all sick pay had completed. After Teresa had kept the Trinity Office manned during last year, with the unfortunate situation, it was a delight to formally welcome her as our new administrator. Teresa keeps all of our congregation up to date with newsletters and Circuit Notices which is much appreciated, as well as being the first point of call for people contacting the church. We also thank Pauline, our cleaner, for her usual excellent work.



The entry "Ministry under Covid" of £207.50 covers the costs of postage of notices to church members unable to receive them by e-mail, which is a reduction of £116.50 from last year. We greatly appreciate the help of the people who deliver quite a number of these by hand.

"Minister's Pastoral Support Fee" of £ 46 is part of a requirement by the URC to support all their ministers and was paid on Richard Pope's final expenses – Churches are able to claim back some of the cost, if required, but fortunately our financial position has enabled us to cover these costs.

'First Aid Training' was completed by Teresa Parker and Peter Sheldon at a cost of £240 and there were two further training courses carried out totalling £49.

'Meals during holidays' of £ 1,044.30 relates to expenses incurred for the aforementioned Holiday meals.

I am pleased to report, and somewhat relieved, that after several years of dramatic increases in Utility costs we are starting to see a steadying following the contract renewals. The Gas/Electric shows a decrease of £6,151.51 from 2023/4, whilst the Water rates show a small increase of £10.48 (NB: As previous years some water costs continue to be invoiced on estimated readings). 'Telephone costs' show an increase of £51.24.

'Licences and Subscriptions' have reduced by £120.68 on last year, when a late cost from 2022/3 had been picked up. 'Insurance costs' have increased by £354.79.

'Repairs and Renewals' and 'Major Work' show an increase of £3,227.60 during the year. Significant costs were incurred for a replacement control box for the automatic door £3,084.98 and Remedial works for the fire alarm system £ 2,876.72. A repair was also carried out to the wall at the rear of the church at a cost of £778.92. There were the usual outgoings for servicing (gas boiler, lift inspections, fire extinguisher checks, PAT Testing etc). We are continually grateful to the work undertaken by Dennis Johnson, Steve Thompson and Andrew Parker, without which these costs would be considerably more. 'Organ Tuning' was reduced by £120 as there were only two visits from Jardines during the year. 'Cleaning costs' have increased by £245 as there was a late invoice that came through which related to 2023/4

'Worship Materials' have increased costs of £374.21 this year which included the purchase of Advent packs £271.95, Peace Poppies £68 and Palm Crosses £43.80. 'Tea and Coffee' costs have fallen by £ 206.44 helped to a large extent by Teresa managing to obtain better deals through bulk buying.

'Paper and Printing costs' show a large reduction of £ 1,265.62. This has come about, primarily, by reducing colour printing to a very minimal amount, resulting in a cost saving of £ 800.68. Stationery costs have also reduced by £464.98 on 2023/4.

'Flower Fund' has a reduced spend of £82.53

'Sundry costs' show a decrease of £ 2,727.75 this year as in 2023/4 we were having to pay one- off Professional fees for our previous administrator as reported on in last year's accounts. Main items which drop into this area include the Independent Examination of Accounts, Gifts and Banners amongst others.

NOTE(1): The church gas contract continues to be with Regent Gas which is now on a fixed 24 month contract until the end of July 2026. Our Electricity contract switched to Smartest Energy from 1/11/24 which is on a 36 month fixed contract until 30/9/27. We continue to use Cost Advice services who deal with a large number of URC churches, amongst others, and do their best to ensure a good deal. The electricity is 100% Green, but renewable gas is not available in bulk. (from 2025/26 accounts we will start incurring Utility costs on the Russell Street Centre, as noted earlier, including some quite hefty costs for when it was out of contract)

NOTE (2): £ 3,768.50 was transferred to our Leek Building Society account

NOTE(3): As usual the sub accounts (n, b, t, and y) are reported on one page. They are also broken down on Page 2

NOTE (4): 'Meals for Holidays' holds a balance of £ 298.49 as at 31/8/25. From the accounts for next year this will show as a sub account on Page 2 as will the RSC Project

Robin McDuell

29/12/2025



**Treasurer's Report for Trinity Church, Leek (Methodist and United Reformed)  
to the Charity Commission, Sept 1st 2024-Aug 31st 2025 (Charity Number: 1171597)**

**General:** This year has seen a small profit between Receipts and Payments of £1,009.67. Offertories have decreased from 2023-24 by £ 1,753.14 due to the sad loss of several long standing church members. We have circulated a letter to Church members in September 2025 requesting that they look at their current level of giving. The dedication of Church Members in ensuring their Offertory envelopes reach Trinity is an enormous help. It is proving increasingly difficult to get Bookings for our Lower Hall and Foyer space and as such income has reduced by £ 2,928.25 from last year. Saturday coffee mornings continue to be fully booked as are a number of Fridays. We also have a Yoga group who use the premises on a regular basis and occasional ad hoc bookings. It does have a knock-on benefit though of reducing our spend on Utilities.

Our own regular coffee mornings which provide a social environment as well as income, have increased significantly this year with £6,538 raised and our regular film clubs have once again provided an excellent return once again of £2,414.

Our normal practice of making appeals at Festival times took place at Harvest, Christmas and Easter and several people also made donations directly to our supported Charities as well as via Trinity. (See Page 7 for details).

**Receipts:** Our Offertory continued to be sufficient for Trinity to pay its pledged Assessment to the Methodist Circuit, which, as Trinity is an LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership), transfers Ministerial costs to the United Reformed Church for our Mission and Ministry. This was reduced by £3,000 to £52,000 following the change of Ministry to a Methodist denomination from September 2024. Giving for special appeals throughout the year was paid out directly to the recipient charities. The Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was down by about £ 593.

We have begun a service providing meals to families in need during the school holidays, in conjunction with the local foodbank who point the people to us. Grants have been obtained during the year of £ 1,267.92.

Two Legacy payments totalling £3,500 were received from the estates of late members.

**Payments:** Our Ministry has continued to be enhanced by producing printed materials, which are made available to both the congregation and those unable to attend worship. These are all referenced under the tab 'Ministry under COVID', the decrease of £117 from last year is due to a combination of lower postage spend and more hand deliveries.

There were costs incurred of £ 5,961 for 'Major Work' this year which covered repairs to the automatic door and remedial works on the Fire Alarm system. 'Repairs & Renewals' includes various maintenance work, in addition to the regular costs, the biggest of which was £ 779 for a repair to a wall at the rear of the Church. Following our Quinquennial inspection, late in 2025, a couple of items were raised which will form part of next year's accounts. We are very fortunate we currently have people who are able to carry out routine repairs without the need for call-outs, keeping our costs to a minimum.

'Wages' costs have reduced by £ 776. Our previous office administrator who had been on long term sick leave left at the beginning of the year so apart from a final settlement of £ 930 there were no other associated costs.

'Gas/Electric' costs have decreased by £ 6,152 from last year due to new improved contract prices taking effect, along, with the aforementioned, lower usage of Church premises. We are currently on fixed term contracts for Gas until July 2026 and Electricity until September 2027.

Other Utility costs and the insurance premium show only minimal increases this year.

'Sundries' have reduced by £ 2,727, as in 2023-24 we picked up one off Professional HR costs to bring the issue with the administrator to a conclusion.

We had to use £ 12,000 from our reserves during the year. £ 8,000 of the final £13,250 Quarterly Assessment payment was paid from the Central Finance Board account and a further £ 7,500 was withdrawn from the Gladys

Harrop, Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, fund. Two Legacy payments totalling £ 3,500 were transferred to Leek Building Society Reserve account.

'Printing costs' have reduced by £ 1,266 as, following a review of costs, a decision was taken to avoid colour printing which saved around £ 800.

Donations: Planned Tithed giving of £5,000 (approx.10% of direct giving) to pre-agreed charities as well as our Festival giving is summarised on page 7.

Conclusion: We have managed to maintain our Assessment but had to reduce our tithed giving slightly as we have lost a number of church members

Maintenance of our building continues to be an increasing cost with a couple of substantial repairs already booked in for in 2025/26 which may once again require some more transfers from our reserves.

The tenant who has occupied the Russell Street Centre Offices vacated at the end of the year which will leave a major reduction on income in that area. Following unsuccessful attempts to market the premises a decision was taken to utilise this area as a drop-in project to help people in need. It is hoped that this will be able to start during the second half of the year

Robin McDuell (Church Treasurer). December 2025



**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Trinity Church, Leek**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church, Leek, on pages 1-4 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

**Responsibilities and basis of report.**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with these records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination'.

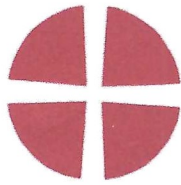
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Oliver Newey FCA

Signed:



Date: 16 January 2026



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**Trinity Church Accounts 2024-2025**

The accounts on Pages 1 to 4 were presented to, and approved by, the

Church Meeting held on 25th January 2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Rev Denise Williamson (Chairperson) D. E. Williamson

Dr Maureen Wiskin (Church Secretary) Maureen Wiskin

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Allocation of central church funds (tithed giving) to charities 2024-2025**

D01	Methodist Mission in Britain Fund	£550
D01	Methodist World Mission Fund	£550
D02	Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT)	£200
D02	MHA	£500
D02	Action for Children	£500
D03	URC Commitment for Life	£1,500
D03	URC West Midlands, Colin Choyce Hostel	£ 100
D04	Leek Town Centre Youth Project (@21)	£150
D05	Leek Foodbank	£250
D05	Asha	£200
D07	A Rocha UK	£500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,000</b>

**Charitable Monies in Transit, 2024-2025 (Money raised for specific appeals)**

<b>Event Income</b>	<b>Credit</b>
F01 Harvest	
Gift Aid slips sent to Christian Aid directly	£ 700.00
F02 Christmas Appeal	£1,086.00
F03 Easter Appeal	£944.00
F05 Christian Aid (Individuals also contributed online)	£953.00
F06 MHA Appeal	£240.00
F07 Action for Children (Xmas/AforC envs) (2023-24 had one of costs of £818.05)	£145.00
F08 Special Appeals (Myanmar & Middle East Appeals)	£ 483.00
F11 ASHA	£308.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£4,859.00</b>

<b>Paid Away to:&gt;</b>	<b>Debit</b>
G01 Harvest (Christian Aid)	£700.00
G02 The Toy Box (Christmas)*	£543.00
G02 UNHM Purple Bow (Christmas)*	£543.00
G03 YMCA North Staffs (Easter)*	£472.00
G03 All We Can re: Gaza (Easter)*	£472.00
G05 Christian Aid	£953.00
G06 MHA *	£240.00
G07 Action for Children*	£145.00
G08 Special Appeals (Myanmar & Middle East Appeals)*	£483.00
G11 ASHA*	£308.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£4,859.00</b>
D08 *Also donations equivalent to Gift Aid paid to Recipients marked *	£746.25