

**Winterley Methodist Church**

**Charity number: 1174291**

***Mission Statement: "To invite the community and to share the love of Christ"***

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

### **STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

Winterley Methodist Church is part of the 'Methodist Church of Great Britain' whose status as a charity has historically been derived from the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. We are connected to Cheshire South Methodist Circuit which itself is part of the Chester & Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District.

We operate in the administrative unitary authority area of Cheshire East.

Our constitutional practices can be found in [www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd](http://www.methodist.org/ministers-and-office-holders/cpd)

As a Methodist Society we are accountable to Circuit, District and Connexion and are required to comply with regulations laid down in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, which is updated annually. As a Society we make decisions at Church Council meetings of which we are required to hold at least two per year and more as and when required by the local situations. Voting members of Church Council must be members of The Methodist Church of Great Britain and trustees of Winterley Methodist Church.

**Risk management** - the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified and mitigating actions are being developed. Appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and financial error.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act having due regard to public benefit as per guidance published by the Charity Commission.

### **OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

We are a local Methodist Church, situated in a semi-rural location between Crewe and Sandbach in Cheshire. We are primarily a worshipping and fellowship church. We host a preschool playgroup who have a Licence to Use a dedicated building attached to the main church building. Winterley Brass Band also practice regularly in

the building. They have a good reputation and perform at both Methodist and community events in the area. There is a regular weekly act of worship, café style services and a regular midweek coffee morning open to all. All events are well advertised to the local community in the village.

The building was totally refurbished in 2017 and the total cost has now been met and the Building Fund Account was closed on 31st August 2022.

### **ACHEIVEMENTS IN THE YEAR BEING CURRENTLY REPORTED**

Fundraising Activities, Coffee Fellowship and Social Groups were resumed after the Covid restrictions were lifted and continue to attract a significant number of participants. The Winterley Band continues to have an extensive program of events and has had successful year of fundraising. Band Members also assisted in the Church Fundraising events.

### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE PERIOD**

Continue with Fundraising activities and to grow the Church by encouraging membership of the Methodist Church.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **5.1 Report**

Total receipts for the General Fund in the financial year amounted to £28,560.22 and total payments amounted to £17,946.28.

The main sources of income were regular giving (£5,618.25), fund raising (£9,915.37), and leases & lettings (£8,905.00)

The main outgoings were the contribution to circuit assessment (£6,060.00), building maintenance (£3,799.94) and utilities (£6,176.86)

The bank account balance of all funds amounted to £22,161.88 at the 31st August 2023.

#### **5.2 Accounts (incorporated into PDF)**

#### **5.3 Report on Assets & Liabilities (incorporated into PDF)**

#### **5.4 Independent examiners report (incorporated into PDF)**

### **6. RESERVES POLICY**

The reserves policy for 2023/2024 is to hold at least £6000 in readily available funds in the General Fund (unrestricted), which is sufficient to meet typical general expenditure for a period of six months.

## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **1. Appointments in the 2022/2023 financial year**

Minister and Chair of Trustees: Reverend Jim Needham

Treasurer: Robina Lowndes

Trustees: Audrey Clarke

Ellen Cieka

Rita Whittaker

Sheila Scragg

There were 4 volunteers providing administrative support to the running of the charity in various roles.

### **2. Principal address for Correspondence**

Winterley Methodist Church & Community Centre,

Crewe Road,

Winterley,

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### **3. Independent examiner**

Glenn Parkes & Co Ltd

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### **4. Bankers**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31st AUGUST 2023GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED) FUND RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

|  |             | 2022/23     | 2021/2022  |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>A RECEIPTS</b>                                      |             |             |            |
| <b>1 Voluntary receipts</b>                            |             |             |            |
| <i>Regular Giving</i>                                  |             |             |            |
| Cash   | £ 5,164.75  |             | £ 3,877.55 |
| Envelopes  | £ 453.50    |             | £ 552.00   |
| Income Tax recovered                                   | £ 1,741.30  | £ 7,359.55  | £ 947.39   |
| <i>Other voluntary receipts</i>                        |             |             |            |
| Donations  | £ 120.00    |             |            |
| Easter Offerings                                       | £ 20.00     | £ 140.00    | £ 6,758.51 |
|  |             |             | £ 6,758.51 |
| <b>1a Legacies</b>                                     |             |             |            |
| <b>2 Receipts from activities for generating funds</b> |             |             |            |
| Fund Raising   | £ 9,915.37  |             | £ 1,284.00 |
| Donations  | £ 1,849.10  |             | £ 1,338.50 |
| Funeral Fees   | £ 150.00    | £ 11,914.47 | £ 150.00   |
|  |             |             | £ 2,772.50 |
| <b>2a Grants</b>                                       |             |             |            |
| <b>3 Receipts from Investments</b>                     | £ 241.20    | £ 241.20    | £ 28.44    |
|  |             |             |            |
| <b>4 Receipts from trading activities</b>              |             |             |            |
| Room Lettings  | £ 8,905.00  | £ 8,905.00  | £ 6,290.00 |
|  |             |             |            |
| <b>5 Other income</b>                                  | £ -         | -           | £ -        |
|  |             |             |            |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                  | £ 28,560.22 |             | £21,226.39 |

**B PAYMENTS****2022/23****2021/2022****1 Principle payments for church activities**

|                                   |                    |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Circuit Assessment                | £ 6,060.00         | £ 4,231.92         |
| Premises repairs/maintenance/fire | £ 3,799.94         | £ 2,300.54         |
| Utilities                         | £ 6,176.86         | £ 5,377.54         |
| Insurance                         | £ 818.69           | £ 723.90           |
| Other costs                       | £ 1,070.79         | £ 794.23           |
| Other payments                    | £ -                | £ 8,585.39         |
| Easter Offerings                  | £ 20.00            | £ -                |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>             | <b>£ 17,946.28</b> | <b>£ 22,013.52</b> |

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|                    | <u>OPENING</u>     | <u>RECEIPTS</u>    | <u>PAYMENTS</u>    | <u>CLOSING</u>     |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                    | <u>BALANCE</u>     |                    |                    | <u>BALANCE</u>     |
| Unrestricted Funds | £ 17,997.94        | £ 28,560.22        | £ 17,946.28        | £ 22,161.88        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>£ 17,997.94</b> | <b>£ 28,560.22</b> | <b>£ 17,946.28</b> | <b>£ 22,161.88</b> |

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st AUGUST 2023***Monetary assets*

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Cash in hand                                       | £ -        |
| Current bank account- Old Account                  | £ 9,426.74 |
| Current bank account- New Internet Banking Account | £ 8,612.23 |
| Central Finance Board                              | £ 4,122.71 |

**TOTAL FUNDS****£ 22,161.68**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Winterley Methodist Church  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023  
Charity No. 1174291**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- . follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- . state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent examiner's report**

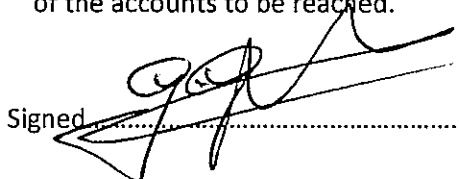
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

30/6/24

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