

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174772

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-09-21

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION 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 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: Christian worship, fellowship and community activities for all age groups within Chadderton and the surrounding area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Oldham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£64,896	£64,589	-	-
2024-08-31	£49,693	£104,485	-	-
2023-08-31	£60,703	£92,485	-	-
2022-08-31	£83,588	£54,013	-	-
2021-08-31	£61,336	£94,841	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Kennedy Gondongwe	Chair	2022-09-01
Andrina Baxter		2023-10-01
Beverley Anne Jones		2022-06-12
CLAIRE REBECCA OGDEN		2025-10-05
Carol Shepherdson		2018-02-26
Christina Potts		2022-06-12
Dr David Schofield		2023-06-12
John Paul Wilkinson		1991-04-17
Luton Stanley Edghill		2022-06-12
Lynne Jean Radcliffe		2025-02-24
MR PAUL SHEPHERDSON		2015-11-15
MRS JENNIE GILPIN		2016-10-17
MRS SYBIL LAMB		2014-06-22
Margaret Brumell		2023-10-01
Michael John Brierley		2022-06-12
Pamela Taylor		2025-10-05
Pauline Jackson		2019-04-09
SALLY ANNE ELIZABETH WILKINSON B.A.		2017-02-27

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name:	South Chadderton Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number:	1174772
Charity Principal Address:	Thompson Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8LX
Names of Charity Trustees:	The trustees are the members of South Chadderton Methodist Church Council. Attachment A lists the names of all trustees who served during the reporting period and also any appointed between 31 st August 2025 and the date of approval of this report
Names of Trustees for the Charity:	The church building is held on Model Trusts and the custodian trustees, holding legal title for the property, are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). South Chadderton Methodist Church Council acts as managing trustees for the church building.

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

South Chadderton Methodist Church is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Type of Governing Document:	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the Charity is Constituted:	Act of Parliament
Trustee Selection Methods:	<p>The minister appointed by the Oldham Methodist Circuit Meeting to be responsible for South Chadderton Methodist Church is ex-officio chair of the trustees. Other ex-officio trustees include the church stewards appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting, the church treasurer, the assistant treasurer, the church council secretary, the director of music in worship, the property steward, and the pastoral secretary.</p> <p>Up to eight trustees may be appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting and also some trustees may be appointed by existing trustees to ensure that the different ministries within the church are represented.</p> <p>One trustee may be appointed by the circuit stewards of the Oldham Methodist Circuit.</p> <p>On appointment, all trustees are made aware of the duties and responsibilities of trustees through relevant guidance notes issued by the Charity Commission.</p>

Additional Information:

Structure

South Chadderton Methodist Church is currently one of thirteen churches in the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which in turn is part of the newly formed North West England District from 1st September 2024.

The church treasurer plus one church steward are now ex-officio members of the Oldham Methodist Circuit Meeting, providing the trustees with an important link to the wider structures of the Methodist church.

Governance

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) by order of the annual Conference.

Organisation and Management

The trustees (the Church Council) normally meet three times per year. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters associated with the church's mission, and for management of the church's property and funds.

Three normal plus one extraordinary Church Council meetings took place during the year ended 31st August 2025.

A church leadership team, consisting of the minister, the six church stewards, the director of music in worship, the church treasurer and the property steward, is responsible for providing leadership over the whole range of

the church's life and activity. The team meets around nine times per year. It acts in accord with the decisions and policies of the trustees and has limited powers to transact business on behalf of the trustees between trustees' meetings.

Risk Management

The trustees regularly review the risks faced by the church, both financial and otherwise; professional advice is taken, when required. Procedures and guidelines for mitigating risks issued by the Methodist Church and others are also consulted, for example:

Safeguarding Procedures. The Methodist Church's robust safeguarding policy and safeguarding procedures are adopted by the church in its 'Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy', which is reviewed annually. All volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults receive formal safeguarding training. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

Data Protection Procedures. The church complies with the Methodist Church's Data Protection Policy concerning the use and protection of personal data. A GDPR audit is conducted annually.

Health and Safety Procedures. The church has a written health and safety policy which is subject to annual review; health and safety is also normally an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

C. CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

Summary of the Objects of the Charity set out in its Governing Document

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Summary of the Main Activities undertaken for Public Benefit in Relation to these Objects

We confirm that the trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

South Chadderton Methodist Church aims to live out the Calling of the Methodist Church, summarised as:

- To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
- To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care.
- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.
- To make more followers of Jesus Christ.

This is encapsulated within the church's mission statement 'Celebrating God's love, connecting with Jesus, and caring for Chadderton and beyond'. This has been expanded to "To be a community of Christians who:

- Worship and glorify God
- Serve one another and the local community
- Demonstrate God's love, mercy and compassion to all
- Equip everyone to grow in their relationship with God to achieve their full potential"

In accord with the mission statement, the trustees are committed to reaching as many people as possible in the local area in numerous ways, normally including:

- Weekly Sunday morning services of worship, which are free-of charge and open to all who wish to attend. Provisions are made for children attending worship, including weekly activities for older children (Kidsworx) and opportunities to contribute to the occasional all-age worship.
- Provision of a Prayer Room, offering sacred space for prayer and reflection to all who wish to use it.
- Nurturing people's faith, helping them to grow as Christians and contribute to a better and fairer society.
- Alpha Courses (a 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith) aimed at people who wish to find out more about Christianity.
- Pastoral care (including visiting the sick and bereaved) to demonstrate compassion and concern for people's welfare.

- A Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association Company which trains and develops children and young people and promotes 'the advancement of Christ's kingdom' amongst those who wish to join.
- Activities for children and parents/carers, including a weekly toddler group (Tots' Time) and Messy Church afternoons around Christmas and Easter. Both activities support young families by providing opportunities for social contact between young children and between their parents/carers.
- A social café (known as Meeting Point) for the local community which opens weekly during term-time, offering food, fellowship and various activities.
- Supporting local community groups including Street Pastors, Street Angels, Christians Against Poverty and local Foodbanks; contributing practical support, financial support and volunteers.
- Providing financial and practical support to local and national charitable bodies, including both Methodist and other Christian organisations.

Almost all these activities are heavily reliant on the input of volunteers who give freely of their time and talents to assist with the ministries of the church. The trustees extend their thanks to all who contribute in this way.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Minister in Pastoral Charge

Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe, a minister from Zimbabwe, took pastoral charge of the church from 1st September 2022.

Community Work Development and Building Development Projects

Community Work Development. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, as part of the exercise to become more accessible to the local community, Meeting Point was introduced. Meeting Point offers a warm welcome, a simple meal, and a gentle exercise session. Meetings continued weekly throughout the reporting period on Wednesdays from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. apart from during holiday periods. Around 30 people plus volunteer helpers attend each session.

Building Development. Having completed the redevelopment of the church kitchen, the Trustees continue to consider the needs of the building to carry out the mission of the Church and are considering how to meet this. They are having discussions regarding how to best use the existing rooms and possibly alter these where this will be of benefit.

Worship, Prayer and Discipleship

Sunday worship services in church took place weekly at 10.45 a.m. On several occasions during the year the form of worship at 10.45 a.m. was structured as All-Age Worship to include the whole of the church family.

To provide the wider community with an opportunity to participate in worship, the necessary equipment for live-streaming Sunday worship was purchased in summer 2021 and from September 2021, services were live-streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to view retrospectively

Five small groups of church members (Home Groups) continued weekly meetings for fellowship and Bible study.

Pastoral Care

75 people were identified as church members in June 2025 the same as in the previous year. The existing system for providing pastoral care continued. Six people now act as pastoral visitors, three others act as pastoral links to households, and home group leaders act as pastoral links to members of their home group.

Work with Children and Young People

Tots' Time (Thursdays 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.). Tots' Time continued to meet weekly during termtime. Around 30 children plus adults now attend each session and they find it to be a good and safe place for the children to meet. New people continue to turn up on a regular basis.

Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association (Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.). Meetings continued, with activities for Anchors and Juniors (boys and girls from five to eleven years old). 10 children regularly attend.

Kidsworx. Kidsworx on Sunday mornings has continued and up to 20 children of varying ages now meet with their leaders during Sunday morning worship in 2 separate age groups. It is hoped to plan for 3 age groups in the near future.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG). Volunteers work within local schools as coaches to children who struggle in the school environment for various reasons, supporting a national project to provide hope and a future for disadvantaged children.

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Accounts for Year Ended 31st August 2025

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts during the year ended 31st August 2025 totalled £54,930, (approximately £5000 higher than in the previous year).

Receipts from the weekly/monthly offerings of the congregation and the associated Gift Aid/GASDS tax recovery amounted to £45,575. The tax recovered included in this sum was £4,272. The total receipts from these sources were slightly lower than the previous year (£48,421). Receipts from the offering/tax recovery remain considerably lower than in the year before the pandemic.

Letting of part of the church premises to 2 local schools meant increased income from lettings (£3775) and other receipts including donations amounted to £5,057.

Payments from unrestricted funds totalled £59,909 with the most significant item being the payment of the annual assessment levied by the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which amounted to £31,536. This was lower than the previous year (£37,288) as the Circuit continued to support local churches with surplus funds held by the Circuit. In addition, significant reductions in both unrestricted income and "reserves" held as unrestricted funds of the church since 2022, have contributed to reducing the annual assessment levied.

The church continues to commit at least 10% of unrestricted receipts from the offering and tax recovered to charities and causes nominated by the trustees. This is known as the 'missionary tithe' and the list of recipients is normally reviewed by the trustees every three years. The 'donations' section of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025 includes the payment of the missionary tithe for the year, amounting to £6,000.00 which was divided equally among four different charities (Tearfund, Transforming Lives for Good, Boaz and Christians Against Poverty). Other, smaller, charitable donations together amounted to £1,586, resulting in total gifts of £7,586 to charitable causes (very slightly higher than the previous year).

Payments for repairs/maintenance amounted to £6,808, significantly less than the previous year due to the completion of the works carried out in the previous two years regarding the roof, and kitchen work. Payments for utilities amounted to £3,365 and insurance £3,149. Other payments totalled £7465. This included church cleaning (£2730), photocopying (£1183), website/IT (£136), telephone (£769), CCLI licences (£621) and a number of smaller payments, together totalling £2026.

The sum held as unrestricted funds decreased from £107,248 at the start of the year to £102,269 at 31st August 2025, a decrease of £4,979.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds receipts (£9,966) during the year ended 31st August 2025 comprised £5,036 Meeting Point grants and receipts, £100 received for Cliff College weekend for young people, £50 gifts for a defibrillator and £4,780 for a special summer appeal. The restricted fund payments (£4,679) were largely associated with the Meeting Point project (£4,085), and the Cliff College weekend for young people (£513). £80 held from 2023-24 was passed to Boaz and TLG. As at 31st August 2025, the balance held as restricted funds was £29,357.

Money Received for and Passed on to External Organisations

Funds received and passed on to external organisations in the year ended 31st August 2025 amounted to £2,094.

Funds of Internal Organisations Reporting to the Church Council

Organisations reporting to the Church Council (Tots' Time and Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association) received total receipts of £1,721 during the reporting period and after payments totalling £1,428, held funds totalling £2,850 at 31st August 2025.

Reserves Policies

Unrestricted Funds (£102,269)

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations, including payment of the annual assessment to the Oldham Methodist Circuit, and to provide for the possibilities of future income failing to keep pace with church expenditure or for unanticipated or emergency expenditure, the church must maintain sufficient 'free' unrestricted reserves. 'Free' reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves, less funds already designated by the trustees for specific purposes. In line with guidance provided by the Methodist Church, the trustees have historically aimed to maintain 'free' reserves at a level around six months' expenditure, typically £40,000.

Although £102,269 was held as unrestricted funds at 31st August 2025, the large balance resulted mainly from the balance of gifts and bequests received in earlier years. Much of this had previously been designated for work to the kitchen, repairs to the roof to prevent water ingress and improvement to the front of the worship area. Most of this work was completed during the previous year.

The trustees are now looking at carrying out improvements to the lounge area adjoining the worship area, and to carry out refurbishment and decoration and a sum of £20,000 is designated for this purpose.

The trustees will continue to commit at least 10% of the Church's gross offertory income to the 'missionary tithes'. In 2025/26 this is expected again to amount to £6,000. Designated funds therefore total £26,000. Financial projections also indicate that it is likely that use of reserves will be necessary to meet our Circuit Assessment for 2025-26 and in future years due to the decline in receipts from offertory income and the lack of other sources of income. Hence, the trustees do not consider the level of 'free' reserves to be excessive.

Restricted Funds (£29,357)

Church Building and Community Development Project (£7851)

These funds are the balance of a National Lottery grant for community work and building development

Meeting Point Project (£15,902)

These funds include grants and other funds received for the running costs of Meeting Point. The funds are intended to cover the cost of food, activities, heating/lighting etc. .

Special summer appeal (£4779) Gifts received for an appeal for help for the 'Presbyter's family

Sensory Equipment (£775). These funds are gifts for this equipment in the room used for childrens' work.

Other (£50)

This is a gift for the defibrillator.

F. OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

No further information is provided.

G. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at a trustees' meeting held on 23rd February 2026.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature

1. *K Gondou Nawe*

2. *M Sybil Lamb*

Full Name

1. *KENWEDY GONDOUNAWE*

2. *MIRIAM SYBIL LAMB*

Position

1. *MINISTER*

2. *SECRETARY TO CHURCH COUNCIL*

Date

23rd February 2026

ATTACHMENT A

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees Serving during the Reporting Period or up to the Date of Approval of this Report.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole period)	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe	Church Minister (Chair)	-	Ex-officio
Mr Mike Brierley	Church Steward/ Safeguarding Officer	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Jennie Gilpin	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Bev Jones	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Christina Potts	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Ruth Radcliffe	Church Steward	To 31 st August 2025	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Carol Shepherdson	Church Steward/ Mission Secretary	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Claire Ogden (2)	Church Steward/ Kidswork Leader	From 9 th June 2025	Trustees
Mrs Andrina Baxter (1)	Church Treasurer	-	Trustees
Mr Paul Shepherdson	Property Steward	-	Trustees
Mr John Wilkinson	Director of Music in Worship	-	Trustees
Mrs Sally Wilkinson	Pastoral Secretary	-	Trustees
Mr David Schofield	Assistant Treasurer	-	Trustees
Mr Luton Edghill	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Pauline Jackson	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Margaret Brumell	-	-	Annual General Meeting
Mrs Lynne Radcliffe	-	-	Trustees
Mrs Sybil Lamb	Church Council Secretary	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Pamela Taylor	-	from 5 th October 2025	Annual General Church Meeting

- (1) To 26.02.24 appointed by Annual General meeting as Trustee, from 26.02.24 appointed by Trustees as Treasurer
 (2) To 5.10.25 appointed by Trustees as Kidswork leader ex officio, from 5.10.25 appointed as Steward by Annual General Church Meeting

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Chadderton Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

Oldham	Circuit	Circuit no.	1/27
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1174772
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If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number	
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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:

Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe

Church Stewards:

Ruth Radcliffe
Mike Brierley
Jennie Gilpin
Bev Jones
Christina Potts
Carol Shepherdson

Treasurer:

Andrina Baxter

**South Chadderton
Methodist Church**

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	45,575		45,575	48,421
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	523		523	536
a4	Lettings	3,775		3,775	230
a5	Other receipts	5,057	9,966	15,023	14,281
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	54,930	9,966	64,896 (a7)	63,468

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	31,536		31,536	37,288
b3	Donations	7,586	80	7,666	8,061
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,808		6,808	39,351
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,515		6,515	3,941
b6	Bank charges	164		164	187
b7	Other payments	7,300	4,599	11,900	20,989
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,909	4,679	64,589 (b9)	109,817

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(4,979)	5,287	307
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	107,248	24,070	131,319 (c6)	177,667
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	102,269	29,357	131,626
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	102,269	29,357	131,626 (c8)
					131,319 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,095	961
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,095	961
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	

South Chadderton 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 Tots Time	1,106	1,067	39		178	217
e2 Boys' Brigade	616	361	255		2,378	2,633
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,721	1,428	293		2,557 (e11)	2,850 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	64,896 (a7)	64,589 (b9)	307	(c7)	131,319 (c6)	131,626 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	66,617	66,016	601		133,876 (x)	134,476 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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		
f2 Bank Current Account	87,756	104,456
f3 Bank Deposit Account	25,792	26,270
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	900	900
f6 Bank Missions Account	16,871	0.00
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	131,319 (c6)	131,626 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,557 (e11)	2,850 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	133,876 (x)	134,476 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	298	298
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2572815	2701000
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 . South Chadderton Methodist Church

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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  Date 14 October 2025

Name and address of treasurer Andrina Baxter

8 Hannerton Road, Shaw, Oldham Post Code OL2 8HS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 23.2.26

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting KENNEDY GOODWIN Date 23rd 10/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Chadderton Methodist Church

Charity Number 1174772

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Chadderton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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 South Chadderton Methodist Church No 1174772

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 MICHAEL WILSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 37 DENTON LANE, CHADDERTON

..... Post Code OL9 9EA

Date 17/10/25

* delete or circle as appropriate

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	45,575		45,575	48,421
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	523		523	536
a4	Lettings	3,775		3,775	230
a5	Other receipts	5,057	9,966	15,023	14,281
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	54,930	9,966	64,896 (a7)	63,468

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	31,536		31,536	37,288
b3	Donations	7,586	80	7,666	8,061
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,808		6,808	39,351
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,515		6,515	3,941
b6	Bank charges	164		164	187
b7	Other payments	7,300	4,599	11,900	20,989
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,909	4,679	64,589 (b9)	109,817

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(4,979)	5,287	307
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	107,248	24,070	131,319 (c6)	177,667
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	102,269	29,357	131,626
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	102,269	29,357	131,626 (c8)
					131,319 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,095	961
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,095	961
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	

South Chadderton Methodist Church

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

SECTION E

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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 Tots Time	1,106	1,067	39		178	217
e2 Boys' Brigade	616	361	255		2,378	2,633
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,721	1,428	293		2,557 (e11)	2,850 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	64,896 (a7)	64,589 (b9)	307	(c7)	131,319 (c6)	131,626 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	66,617	66,016	601		133,876 (x)	134,476 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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		
f2 Bank Current Account	87,756	104,456
f3 Bank Deposit Account	25,792	26,270
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	900	900
f6 Bank Missions Account	16,871	0.00
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	131,319 (c6)	131,626 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,557 (e11)	2,850 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	133,876 (x)	134,476 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	298	298
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2572815	2701000
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 . South Chadderton Methodist Church

1174772

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  Date 14 October 2025

Name and address of treasurer Andrina Baxter

8 Hannerton Road, Shaw, Oldham Post Code OL2 8HS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 23.2.26

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting KENNEDY GOODWIN Date 23rd 10/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Chadderton Methodist Church

Charity Number 1174772

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Chadderton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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 South Chadderton Methodist Church No 1174772

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 MICHAEL WILSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 37 DENTON LANE, CHADDERTON

..... Post Code OL9 9EA

Date 17/10/25

* delete or circle as appropriate

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174772

Accounts

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31ST AUGUST 2024

A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name:	South Chadderton Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number:	1174772
Charity Principal Address:	Thompson Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8LX
Names of Charity Trustees:	The trustees are the members of South Chadderton Methodist Church Council. Attachment A lists the names of all trustees who served during the reporting period and also any appointed between 31 st August 2024 and the date of approval of this report
Names of Trustees for the Charity:	The church building is held on Model Trusts and the custodian trustees, holding legal title for the property, are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). South Chadderton Methodist Church Council acts as managing trustees for the church building.

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

South Chadderton Methodist Church is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Type of Governing Document:	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the Charity is Constituted:	Act of Parliament
Trustee Selection Methods:	<p>The minister appointed by the Oldham Methodist Circuit Meeting to be responsible for South Chadderton Methodist Church is ex-officio chair of the trustees. Other ex-officio trustees include the church stewards appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting, the church treasurer, the assistant treasurer, the church council secretary, the director of music in worship, the property steward, and the pastoral secretary.</p> <p>Up to eight trustees may be appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting and also some trustees may be appointed by existing trustees to ensure that the different ministries within the church are represented.</p> <p>One trustee may be appointed by the circuit stewards of the Oldham Methodist Circuit.</p> <p>On appointment, all trustees are made aware of the duties and responsibilities of trustees through relevant guidance notes issued by the Charity Commission.</p>

Additional Information:

Structure

South Chadderton Methodist Church is currently one of fourteen churches in the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which in turn is part of the Manchester and Stockport District of the Methodist Church. This became part of the newly formed North West District from 1st September 2024.

The church treasurer plus one church steward are now ex-officio members of the Oldham Methodist Circuit Meeting, providing the trustees with an important link to the wider structures of the Methodist church.

Governance

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) by order of the annual Conference.

Organisation and Management

The trustees (the Church Council) normally meet three times per year. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters associated with the church's mission, and for management of the church's property and funds.

Three Church Council meetings took place during the year ended 31st August 2024.

A church leadership team, consisting of the minister, the six church stewards, the director of music in worship, the church treasurer and the property steward, is responsible for providing leadership over the whole range of

the church's life and activity. The team meets around nine times per year. It acts in accord with the decisions and policies of the trustees and has limited powers to transact business on behalf of the trustees between trustees' meetings.

Risk Management

The trustees regularly review the risks faced by the church, both financial and otherwise; professional advice is taken, when required. Procedures and guidelines for mitigating risks issued by the Methodist Church and others are also consulted, for example:

Safeguarding Procedures. The Methodist Church's robust safeguarding policy and safeguarding procedures are adopted by the church in its 'Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy', which is reviewed annually. All volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults receive formal safeguarding training. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

Data Protection Procedures. The church complies with the Methodist Church's Data Protection Policy concerning the use and protection of personal data. A GDPR audit is conducted annually.

Health and Safety Procedures. The church has a written health and safety policy which is subject to annual review; health and safety is also normally an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

C. CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

Summary of the Objects of the Charity set out in its Governing Document

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Summary of the Main Activities undertaken for Public Benefit in Relation to these Objects

We confirm that the trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

South Chadderton Methodist Church aims to live out the Calling of the Methodist Church, summarised as:

- To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
- To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care.
- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.
- To make more followers of Jesus Christ.

This is encapsulated within the church's mission statement 'Celebrating God's love, connecting with Jesus, and caring for Chadderton and beyond'. This has been expanded to "To be a community of Christians who:

- Worship and glorify God
- Serve one another and the local community
- Demonstrate God's love, mercy and compassion to all
- Equip everyone to grow in their relationship with God to achieve their full potential"

In accord with the mission statement, the trustees are committed to reaching as many people as possible in the local area in numerous ways, normally including:

- Weekly Sunday morning services of worship, which are free-of charge and open to all who wish to attend. Provisions are made for children attending worship, including weekly activities for older children (Kidsworx) and opportunities to contribute to the occasional all-age worship.
- Provision of a Prayer Room, offering sacred space for prayer and reflection to all who wish to use it.
- Nurturing people's faith, helping them to grow as Christians and contribute to a better and fairer society.
- Alpha Courses (a 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith) aimed at people who wish to find out more about Christianity.
- Pastoral care (including visiting the sick and bereaved) to demonstrate compassion and concern for people's welfare.

- A Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association Company which trains and develops children and young people and promotes 'the advancement of Christ's kingdom' amongst those who wish to join.
- Activities for children and parents/carers, including a weekly toddler group (Tots' Time) and Messy Church afternoons around Christmas and Easter. Both activities support young families by providing opportunities for social contact between young children and between their parents/carers.
- A social café (known as Meeting Point) for the local community which opens weekly during term-time, offering food, fellowship and various activities.
- Supporting local community groups including Street Pastors, Street Angels, Christians Against Poverty and local Foodbanks; contributing practical support, financial support and volunteers.
- Providing financial and practical support to local and national charitable bodies, including both Methodist and other Christian organisations.

Almost all these activities are heavily reliant on the input of volunteers who give freely of their time and talents to assist with the ministries of the church. The trustees extend their thanks to all who contribute in this way.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Minister in Pastoral Charge

Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe, a minister from Zimbabwe, took pastoral charge of the church from 1st September 2022.

Community Work Development and Building Development Projects

Community Work Development. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, as part of the exercise to become more accessible to the local community, Meeting Point was introduced. Meeting Point offers a warm welcome, a simple meal, and a gentle exercise session. Meetings continued weekly throughout the reporting period on Wednesdays from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. apart from during holiday periods. Around 30 people plus volunteer helpers attend each session.

Building Development. Having hoped to carry out development of the building in previous years the Trustees reconsidered the needs of the Church and the funding available and it was decided to carry out alterations to provide a new extended kitchen. Plans were drawn up and the work commenced towards the end of the year ended 31st August 2023. This was completed during the reporting period.

Worship, Prayer and Discipleship

Sunday worship services in church took place weekly at 10.45 a.m. On several occasions during the year the form of worship at 10.45 a.m. was structured as All-Age Worship to include the whole of the church family.

To provide the wider community with an opportunity to participate in worship, the necessary equipment for live-streaming Sunday worship was purchased in summer 2021 and from September 2021, services were live-streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to view retrospectively

Five small groups of church members (Home Groups) continued weekly meetings for fellowship and Bible study.

Pastoral Care

75 people were identified as church members in April 2024, an increase from the figure in 2023. The existing system for providing pastoral care continued. Six people now act as pastoral visitors, three others act as pastoral links to households, and home group leaders act as pastoral links to members of their home group.

Work with Children and Young People

Tots' Time (Thursdays 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.). Tots' Time continued to meet weekly during termtime... Around 30 children plus adults now attend each session and they find it to be a good and safe place for the children to meet. New people continue to turn up on a regular basis.

Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association (Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.). Meetings continued, with activities for Anchors and Juniors (boys and girls from five to eleven years old). 11 children regularly attend.

Kidsworx. Kidsworx on Sunday mornings has continued and up to 20 children of varying ages now meet with their leaders during Sunday morning worship in 2 separate age groups. It is hoped to plan for 3 age groups in the near future.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG). Volunteers work within local schools as coaches to children who struggle in the school environment for various reasons, supporting a national project to provide hope and a future for disadvantaged children.

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Accounts for Year Ended 31st August 2024

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts during the year ended 31st August 2024 totalled £49,693, (approximately £8,000 lower than in the previous year).

Receipts from the weekly/monthly offerings of the congregation and the associated Gift Aid/GASDS tax recovery amounted to £48,421. The tax recovered included in this sum was £3,239. The total receipts from these sources were slightly higher than the previous year (£45,074). Receipts from the offering/tax recovery remain considerably lower than in the year before the pandemic.

Letting of the church premises as a Covid-19 vaccination centre having ceased, there was very little income from lettings (£230) and other receipts also only amounted to £506, as unlike previous years there had been no substantial gifts or legacies.

Payments from unrestricted funds totalled £104,485 with the most significant item being the payment of the annual assessment levied by the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which amounted to £37,288. This was lower than the previous year (£42,432) as a one-off reduction was granted to member churches to acknowledge the common financial difficulties faced by churches and with regard to surplus funds held by the circuit.

The church continues to commit at least 10% of unrestricted receipts from the offering and tax recovered to charities and causes nominated by the trustees. This is known as the 'missionary tithe' and the list of recipients is normally reviewed by the trustees every three years. The 'donations' section of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 includes the payment of the missionary tithe for the year, amounting to £6,000.00 which was divided equally among four different charities (Tearfund, Transforming Lives for Good, Boaz and Christians Against Poverty). Other, smaller, charitable donations together amounted to £1,402, resulting in total gifts of £7,402 to charitable causes (lower than the previous year).

Payments for repairs/maintenance amounted to £39,351, significantly more than the previous year due to the completion of the extension and re-fitting of the church kitchen begun in the previous year, and major roof works to address water ingress. This work also included alteration and improvement of the front of the worship area. Payments for utilities/insurance amounted to £3,941. Other payments totalled £16,316. This included streaming equipment (£8,100) church cleaning (£2,730), printing/stationery (£1,432), website/IT (£1,044), telephone (£958), CCLI licences (£593) and a number of smaller payments, together totalling £1,459.

The sum held as unrestricted funds decreased from £162,041 at the start of the year to £107,248 at 31st August 2024, a decrease of £54,793.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds receipts (£13,775) during the year ended 31st August 2024 comprised grants totalling £11,537 received for the Meeting Point project, £600.00 other Meeting Point receipts, £368 received for work with young people, £775 gifts received for sensory equipment for the children's room, £290 gifts for a defibrillator, £30 received for Transforming lives for Good and £50 received for Boaz. The restricted fund payments (£5,331.60) were largely associated with the Meeting Point project (£1,444.35), work with young people (£720.00) and £2,383.19 for the purchase of the defibrillator to be installed on the external wall of the church for use by the community. As at 31st August 2024, the balance held as restricted funds was £24,070.

Money Received for and Passed on to External Organisations

Funds received and passed on to external organisations in the year ended 31st August 2024 amounted to £961.

Funds of Internal Organisations Reporting to the Church Council

Organisations reporting to the Church Council (Tots' Time and Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association) received total receipts of £1,386 during the reporting period and after payments totalling £1,485, held funds totalling £2,557 at 31st August 2024.

Reserves Policies

Unrestricted Funds (£107,248)

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations, including payment of the annual assessment to the Oldham Methodist Circuit, and to provide for the possibilities of future income failing to keep pace with church expenditure or for unanticipated or emergency expenditure, the church must maintain sufficient 'free' unrestricted reserves. 'Free' reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves, less funds already designated by the trustees for specific purposes. In line with guidance provided by the Methodist Church, the trustees have historically aimed to maintain 'free' reserves at a level around six months' expenditure, typically £40,000.

Although £107,248 was held as unrestricted funds at 31st August 2024, the large balance resulted mainly from the balance of gifts and bequests received in earlier years. Much of this had previously been designated for work to the kitchen, repairs to the roof to prevent water ingress and improvement to the front of the worship area. Most of this work was completed during the reporting period.

The trustees are now looking at carrying out improvements to the lounge area adjoining the worship area, with the intention of trying to provide an additional separated area for the work with the young people, and carry out refurbishment and decoration and a sum of £20,000 is designated for this purpose.

The trustees have revoked their decision to set aside a previous voluntary donation to the Ministerial Pension Fund as this is no longer required by the Methodist Church Connexion but will continue to commit at least 10% of the Church's gross offertory income to the 'missionary tithe'. In 2023/4 this is expected again to amount to £6,000. Designated funds therefore total £26,000. Financial projections also indicate that it is likely that use of reserves will be necessary to meet our Circuit Assessment for 2024-25 and in future years due to the decline in receipts from offertory income and the lack of other sources of income. Hence, the trustees do not consider the level of 'free' reserves to be excessive.

Restricted Funds (£24,070)

Church Building and Community Development Project (£7,851)

These funds are the balance of a National Lottery grant for community work and building development

Meeting Point Project (£14,951)

These funds include grants and other funds received for the running costs of Meeting Point. The funds are intended to cover the cost of food, activities, heating/lighting etc.

Work with Young People (£413). These funds are gifts donated to cover costs of attendance at 3Generate, the Children's and Youth Assembly of the Methodist Church

Sensory Equipment (£775). These funds are gifts for this equipment in the room used for children's work.

Other (£80)

These funds are gifts awaiting payment to Transforming Lives for Good and Boaz.

F. OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

No further information is provided.

G. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at a trustees' meeting held on 9th June 2025.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature	1. <i>K Gondouane</i>	2. <i>M Sybil Lamb</i>
Full Name	1. <i>KENNEDY GONDOUNANE</i>	2. <i>MIRIAM SYBIL LAMB</i>
Position	1. <i>MINISTER</i>	2. <i>CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY</i>
Date	<i>9th June 2025</i>	

ATTACHMENT A

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees Serving during the Reporting Period or up to the Date of Approval of this Report.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole period)	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev Dr Adrian Burdon	Superintendent Minister	-	Ex-officio
Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe	Church Minister (Chair)	-	Ex-officio
Mr Mike Brierley	Church Steward/ Safeguarding Officer	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Jennie Gilpin	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Bev Jones	Church Steward		Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Christina Potts	Church Steward		Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Ruth Radcliffe	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Carol Shepherdson	Church Steward/ Mission Secretary	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mr Steve Jones	Church Treasurer	To 14.12.2023	Trustees
Mr Paul Shepherdson	Property Steward	-	Trustees
Mr John Wilkinson	Director of Music in Worship	-	Trustees
Mrs Sally Wilkinson	Pastoral Secretary	-	Trustees
Mr David Schofield	Assistant Treasurer		Trustees
Mr Luton Edghill	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mr Alan Heywood	-	-To 28.5.24	Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Pauline Jackson	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Sybil Lamb	Church Council Secretary	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Margaret Brumell	-	from 1.10.23	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Andrina Baxter (1)	Church Treasurer	from 1.10.23	Annual General Church Meeting

(1) To 26.02.24 appointed by Annual General meeting as Trustee, from 26.02.24 appointed by Trustees as Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Chadderton Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Oldham	Circuit	Circuit no.	19/6
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174772

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 Dr Kennedy Gondongwe

Church Stewards:

Ruth Radcliffe

Mike Brierley

Jennie Gilpin

Bev Jones

Christina Potts

Carol Shepherdson

Treasurer:

Andrina Baxter

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	48,421		48,421	45,074
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	536		536	210
a4	Lettings	230		230	5,990
a5	Other receipts	506	13,775	14,281	9,429
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	49,693	13,775	63,468 (a7)	60,703

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	37,288		37,288	42,432
b3	Donations	7,402	659	8,061	10,012
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	39,351		39,351	25,257
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	3,941		3,941	5,206
b6	Bank charges	187		187	188
b7	Other payments	16,316	4,673	20,989	9,390
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	104,485	5,332	109,817 (b9)	92,485

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR				
	(a6-b8)	(54,792)	8,443	(46,349)	(31,782)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	162,041	15,627	177,667 (c6)	209,450
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	107,248	131,319	177,667
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	107,248	131,319 (c8)	177,667 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
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d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	961	295
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	961	295
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0

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e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

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Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 37 Denton Lane, Chadderton, Oldham

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Chadderton Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Oldham	Circuit	Circuit no.	19/6
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174772

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 Dr Kennedy Gondongwe

Church Stewards:

Ruth Radcliffe

Mike Brierley

Jennie Gilpin

Bev Jones

Christina Potts

Carol Shepherdson

Treasurer:

Andrina Baxter

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	48,421		48,421	45,074
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	536		536	210
a4	Lettings	230		230	5,990
a5	Other receipts	506	13,775	14,281	9,429
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	49,693	13,775	63,468 (a7)	60,703

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	37,288		37,288	42,432
b3	Donations	7,402	659	8,061	10,012
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	39,351		39,351	25,257
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	3,941		3,941	5,206
b6	Bank charges	187		187	188
b7	Other payments	16,316	4,673	20,989	9,390
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	104,485	5,332	109,817 (b9)	92,485

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR				
	(a6-b8)	(54,792)	8,443	(46,349)	(31,782)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	162,041	15,627	177,667 (c6)	209,450
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	107,248	131,319	177,667
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	107,248	131,319 (c8)	177,667 (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	0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	961	295
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	961	295
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0

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 2024 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 Tots Time	1,000	936	64		115	178
e2 Boys' Brigade	386	549	(163)		2,542	2,379
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
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SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174772

Accounts

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31ST AUGUST 2023

A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name:	South Chadderton Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number:	1174772
Charity Principal Address:	Thompson Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8LX
Names of Charity Trustees:	The trustees are the members of South Chadderton Methodist Church Council. Attachment A lists the names of all trustees who served during the reporting period and also any appointed between 31 st August 2023 and the date of approval of this report
Names of Trustees for the Charity:	The church building is held on Model Trusts and the custodian trustees, holding legal title for the property, are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). South Chadderton Methodist Church Council acts as managing trustees for the church building.

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

South Chadderton Methodist Church is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Type of Governing Document:	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the Charity is Constituted:	Act of Parliament
Trustee Selection Methods:	<p>The minister appointed by the Oldham Methodist Circuit Meeting to be responsible for South Chadderton Methodist Church is ex-officio chair of the trustees. Other ex-officio trustees include the church stewards appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting, the church treasurer, the church council secretary, the director of music in worship, the property steward, and the pastoral secretary.</p> <p>Up to eight trustees may be appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting and also some trustees may be appointed by existing trustees to ensure that the different ministries within the church are represented.</p> <p>One trustee may be appointed by the circuit stewards of the Oldham Methodist Circuit.</p> <p>On appointment, all trustees are made aware of the duties and responsibilities of trustees through relevant guidance notes issued by the Charity Commission.</p>

Additional Information:

Structure

South Chadderton Methodist Church is currently one of fourteen churches in the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which in turn is part of the Manchester and Stockport District of the Methodist Church.

The church treasurer plus one church steward are now ex-officio members of the Oldham Methodist Circuit Meeting, providing the trustees with an important link to the wider structures of the Methodist church.

Governance

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) by order of the annual Conference.

Organisation and Management

The Church council Secretary resigned during the reporting period and a new secretary was appointed. An assistant treasurer was also appointed and appointed as a trustee

The trustees (the Church Council) normally meet three times per year. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters associated with the church's mission, and for management of the church's property and funds.

Three Church Council meetings took place during the year ended 31st August 2023.

A church leadership team, consisting of the minister, the six church stewards, the director of music in worship, the church treasurer and the property steward, is responsible for providing leadership over the whole range of the church's life and activity. The team meets around nine times per year. It acts in accord with the decisions and policies of the trustees and has limited powers to transact business on behalf of the trustees between trustees' meetings.

Risk Management

The trustees regularly review the risks faced by the church, both financial and otherwise; professional advice is taken, when required. Procedures and guidelines for mitigating risks issued by the Methodist Church and others are also consulted, for example:

Safeguarding Procedures. The Methodist Church's robust safeguarding policy and safeguarding procedures are adopted by the church in its 'Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy', which is reviewed annually. All volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults receive formal safeguarding training. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

Data Protection Procedures. The church complies with the Methodist Church's Data Protection Policy concerning the use and protection of personal data. A GDPR audit is conducted annually.

Health and Safety Procedures. The church has a written health and safety policy which is subject to annual review; health and safety is also normally an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

C. CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

Summary of the Objects of the Charity set out in its Governing Document

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Summary of the Main Activities undertaken for Public Benefit in Relation to these Objects

We confirm that the trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

South Chadderton Methodist Church aims to live out the Calling of the Methodist Church, summarised as:

- To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
- To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care.
- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.
- To make more followers of Jesus Christ.

This is encapsulated within the church's mission statement 'Celebrating God's love, connecting with Jesus, and caring for Chadderton and beyond'. This has been expanded to "To be a community of Christians who:

- Worship and glorify God
- Serve one another and the local community
- Demonstrate God's love, mercy and compassion to all
- Equip everyone to grow in their relationship with God to achieve their full potential

In accord with the mission statement, the trustees are committed to reaching as many people as possible in the local area in numerous ways, normally including:

- Weekly Sunday morning services of worship, which are free-of charge and open to all who wish to attend. Provisions are made for children attending worship, including weekly activities for older children (Kidsworx) and opportunities to contribute to the occasional all-age worship.
- Provision of a Prayer Room, offering sacred space for prayer and reflection to all who wish to use it.
- Nurturing people's faith, helping them to grow as Christians and contribute to a better and fairer society.
- Alpha Courses (a 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith) aimed at people who wish to find out more about Christianity.

- Pastoral care (including visiting the sick and bereaved) to demonstrate compassion and concern for people's welfare.
- A Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association Company which trains and develops children and young people and promotes 'the advancement of Christ's kingdom' amongst those who wish to join.
- Activities for children and parents/carers, including a weekly toddler group (Tots' Time) and Messy Church afternoons around Christmas and Easter. Both activities support young families by providing opportunities for social contact between young children and between their parents/carers.
- A social café (known as Meeting Point) for the local community which opens weekly, offering food, fellowship and various activities.
- Supporting local community groups including Street Pastors, Street Angels, Christians Against Poverty and local Foodbanks; contributing practical support, financial support and volunteers.
- Providing financial and practical support to local and national charitable bodies, including both Methodist and other Christian organisations.

Almost all these activities are heavily reliant on the input of volunteers who give freely of their time and talents to assist with the ministries of the church. The trustees extend their thanks to all who contribute in this way.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Minister in Pastoral Charge

Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe, a minister from Zimbabwe, took pastoral charge of the church from 1st September 2022.

Community Work Development and Building Development Projects

Community Work Development. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, as part of the exercise to become more accessible to the local community, Meeting Point was introduced. Meeting Point offers a warm welcome, a simple meal, and a gentle exercise session. Meetings continued weekly throughout the reporting period on Wednesdays from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. apart from during holiday periods. Around 25 people plus volunteer helpers attend each session.

Building Development. Having hoped to carry out development of the building in previous years the Trustees reconsidered the needs of the Church and the funding available and it was decided to carry out alterations to provide a new extended kitchen. Plans were drawn up and the work commenced towards the end of the reporting period.

Worship, Prayer and Discipleship

Sunday worship services in church took place weekly at 10.45 a.m. On several occasions during the year the form of worship at 10.45 a.m. was structured as All-Age Worship to include the whole of the church family.

To provide the wider community with an opportunity to participate in worship, the necessary equipment for live-streaming Sunday worship was purchased in summer 2021 and from September 2021, services were live-streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to view retrospectively

Five small groups of church members (Home Groups) continued weekly meetings for fellowship and Bible study.

Pastoral Care

73 people were identified as church members in March 2023, a fall of 7 members from the 2021 figure. The existing system for providing pastoral care continued. Six people now act as pastoral visitors, three others act as pastoral links to households, and home group leaders act as pastoral links to members of their home group.

Work with Children and Young People

Tots' Time (Thursdays 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.). Tots' Time continued to meet weekly during termtime... Around 30 children plus adults now attend each session and they find it to be a good and safe place for the children to meet. New people continue to turn up on a regular basis.

Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association (Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.). Meetings continued, with activities for Anchors and Juniors (boys and girls from five to eleven years old). 11 children regularly attend.

Kidsworx. Kidsworx on Sunday mornings has continued and about 14 children of varying ages now meet with their leaders during Sunday morning worship. Plans have been formulated for a change in structure from September 2023 so that there will be 2 separate age groups

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG). Volunteers work within local schools as coaches to children who struggle in the school environment for various reasons, supporting a national project to provide hope and a future for disadvantaged children.

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Accounts for Year Ended 31st August 2023

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts during the year ended 31st August 2023 totalled £57,563.50, (£21,495.22 lower than in the previous year).

Receipts from the weekly/monthly offerings of the congregation and the associated Gift Aid/GASDS tax recovery amounted to £45,073.92 (£38,130.02 from the offering and £6,943.90 from Gift Aid/GASDS tax recovery). The total receipts from these sources were similar to the previous year (£45,014.07). Receipts from the offering/tax recovery remain around £20,000 lower than in the year before the pandemic.

£5990.00 was received from letting the church premises as a Covid-19 vaccination centre (£10,185.00 less than the previous year since use of the premises for this purpose ceased in Spring 2023) Income from lettings will thus fall in the coming year.

'Other receipts' amounted to £6290.00, a decrease of £11,566.26 from the previous year when a substantial legacy (£17,501.26) was received. An appeal for church funds in January 2023 raised £3035.00, two gifts of £1,000 each and a legacy of £1,000 were also received during the year.

Payments from unrestricted funds totalled £89,970.98 with the most significant item being the payment of the annual assessment levied by the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which amounted to £42,432.00. This was substantially higher than the previous year (£31,824) when a one-off reduction of 25% was granted to member churches to acknowledge the common financial difficulties arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The church continues to commit at least 10% of unrestricted receipts from the offering and tax recovered to charities and causes nominated by the trustees. This is known as the 'missionary tithe' and the list of recipients is normally reviewed by the trustees every three years. The 'donations' section of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023 includes the payment of the missionary tithe for the year, amounting to £6,000.00 which was divided equally among four different charities (Tearfund, Transforming Lives for Good, Boaz and Christians Against Poverty). A gift of £2,500 was made in response to a medical emergency and a further gift of £900.00 was made to Transforming Lives for Good. Other, smaller, charitable donations together amounted to £612.00, resulting in total gifts of £10,012.00 to charitable causes (as compared with £7,032 in the previous year).

Payments for repairs/maintenance amounted to £25,256.80, significantly more than the previous year (£2,183.64). The increase was largely associated with the extension and re-fitting of the church kitchen (21,353.06) to accommodate the extra catering associated with the continuing expansion of community work through Meeting Point etc. A professional survey of the roof over the worship area (cost £1,000.00) was undertaken, prior to commencing major roof works in 2023-2024 to address water ingress. Payments for utilities/insurance amounted to £5,206.48, similar to the previous year. Other payments, totalled £6,876.31. This included church cleaning (£2,845.00), printing/stationery (£1,356.42), telephone (£1,013.77), CCLI licences (£552.88) and a number of smaller payments, together totalling £1108.24.

The sum held as unrestricted funds decreased from £194,448.19 at the start of the year to £162,040.71 at 31st August 2023, a decrease of £32,407.48.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds receipts (£3,139.23) during the year ended 31st August 2023 comprised grants totalling £1308.87, received for the Meeting Point project, £600.00 other Meeting Point receipts, £765.45 received for work with young people, £369.91 received for Transforming lives for Good and £95.00 received for All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund). The restricted fund payments (£2,513.87) were largely associated with the Meeting Point project (£1498.87), work with young people (615.00) and a gift to an associate supernumerary minister (£400.00). As at 31st August 2023, the balance held as restricted funds was £15,626.67.

Money Received for and Passed on to External Organisations

Funds received and passed on to external organisations in the year ended 31st August 2023 amounted to £295.00, largely funds raised for Tear Fund (£265.00).

Funds of Internal Organisations Reporting to the Church Council

Organisations reporting to the Church Council (Tots' Time and Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association) received total receipts of £1,405.90 during the reporting period and after payments totalling £1,308.76, held funds totalling £2,656.43 at 31st August 2023.

Reserves Policies

Unrestricted Funds (£162,040.71)

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations, including payment of the annual assessment to the Oldham Methodist Circuit, and to provide for the possibilities of future income failing to keep pace with church expenditure or for unanticipated or emergency expenditure, the church must maintain sufficient 'free' unrestricted reserves. 'Free' reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves, less funds already designated by the trustees for specific purposes. In line with guidance provided by the Methodist Church, the trustees have historically aimed to maintain 'free' reserves at a level around six months' expenditure, typically £40,000.

Although £162,040.71 was held as unrestricted funds at 31st August 2023, the large balance resulted mainly from the receipt of a bequest totalling £168,803 over the period 2020-2022 and a gift of £30,000 in 2017-2018.

The sum of £45,000 has been designated, from the bequest funds, for major repairs to the roof at the north end of church, to cure the chronic problem of water ingress. It is planned that the roofing work will be completed in Autumn 2023, with a budget of £25,000 for this phase of the project. It is proposed that the central portion of the inner wall at the north end of church will then be resurfaced to provide a suitable surface for projection, thereby aiding visibility from the rear of church. An improved projector will also be purchased, the cost for this coming from the contingency built into the original cost provision (£10,000). In addition the lighting in this area will be improved, and more generally in church will be replaced by LED rather than strip lights which should see an ongoing cost saving.

The Church has designated £10,000 of its unrestricted funds as a voluntary donation to the Ministerial Pension Fund and will continue to commit at least 10% of its gross offertory income to the 'missionary tithe'. In 2023/4 this is expected again to amount to £6,000. Designated funds therefore total £61,000. Financial projections also indicate that it is likely that use of reserves will be necessary to meet our Circuit Assessment for 2023-24 and in future years. Hence, the trustees do not consider the level of 'free' reserves to be excessive.

Restricted Funds (£15,626.67)

Church Building and Community Development Project (£9,944.22)

These funds are from a National Lottery grant for community work and building development

Meeting Point Project (£4,257.94)

These funds include grants and other funds received for the running costs of Meeting Point. The funds are intended to cover the cost of food, activities, heating/lighting etc.

Work with Young People (£765.45). These funds are gifts donated to cover costs of attendance at 3Generate, the Children's and Youth Assembly of the Methodist Church

Other (£659.06)

These funds are gifts awaiting payment to Transforming Lives for Good, All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund) and the local Foodbank.

F. OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

No further information is provided.

G. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at a trustees' meeting held on 10th June 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature	1.	2.
Full Name	1.	2.
Position	1.	2.
Date		

ATTACHMENT A

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees Serving during the Reporting Period or up to the Date of Approval of this Report.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole period)	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev Dr Adrian Burdon	Superintendent Minister	-	Ex-officio
Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe	Church Minister (Chair)	-	Ex-officio
Mr Mike Brierley	Church Steward/ Safeguarding Officer	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Jennie Gilpin	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Bev Jones	Church Steward		Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Christina Potts	Church Steward		Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Ruth Radcliffe	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Carol Shepherdson	Church Steward/ Mission Secretary	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Lynne Radcliffe	Church Council Secretary	to 14.11.2022	Trustees
Mr Steve Jones	Church Treasurer	To 14.12.2023	Trustees
Mr Paul Shepherdson	Property Steward	-	Trustees
Mr John Wilkinson	Director of Music in Worship	-	Trustees
Mrs Sally Wilkinson	Pastoral Secretary	-	Trustees
Mr David Schofield	Assistant Treasurer	from 12.06.23	Trustees
Mr Luton Edghill	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mr Alan Heywood	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Pauline Jackson	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Sybil Lamb (1)	Church Council Secretary	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Margaret Brumell	-	from 1.10.23	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Andrina Baxter (2)	Church Treasurer	from 1.10.23	Annual General Church Meeting

(1) To 23.03.23 appointed by Annual General meeting as Trustee, from 23.03.23 appointed by Trustees as Secretary

(2) To 26.02.24 appointed by Annual General meeting as Trustee, from 26.02.24 appointed by Trustees as Treasurer

Funds of Internal Organisations Reporting to the Church Council

Organisations reporting to the Church Council (Tots' Time and Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association) received total receipts of £1,405.90 during the reporting period and after payments totalling £1,308.76, held funds totalling £2,656.43 at 31st August 2023.

Reserves Policies

Unrestricted Funds (£162,040.71)

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations, including payment of the annual assessment to the Oldham Methodist Circuit, and to provide for the possibilities of future income failing to keep pace with church expenditure or for unanticipated or emergency expenditure, the church must maintain sufficient 'free' unrestricted reserves. 'Free' reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves, less funds already designated by the trustees for specific purposes. In line with guidance provided by the Methodist Church, the trustees have historically aimed to maintain 'free' reserves at a level around six months' expenditure, typically £40,000.

Although £162,040.71 was held as unrestricted funds at 31st August 2023, the large balance resulted mainly from the receipt of a bequest totalling £168,803 over the period 2020-2022 and a gift of £30,000 in 2017-2018.

The sum of £45,000 has been designated, from the bequest funds, for major repairs to the roof at the north end of church, to cure the chronic problem of water ingress. It is planned that the roofing work will be completed in Autumn 2023, with a budget of £25,000 for this phase of the project. It is proposed that the central portion of the inner wall at the north end of church will then be resurfaced to provide a suitable surface for projection, thereby aiding visibility from the rear of church. An improved projector will also be purchased, the cost for this coming from the contingency built into the original cost provision (£10,000). In addition the lighting in this area will be improved, and more generally in church will be replaced by LED rather than strip lights which should see an ongoing cost saving.

The Church has designated £10,000 of its unrestricted funds as a voluntary donation to the Ministerial Pension Fund and will continue to commit at least 10% of its gross offertory income to the 'missionary tithe'. In 2023/4 this is expected again to amount to £6,000. Designated funds therefore total £61,000. Financial projections also indicate that it is likely that use of reserves will be necessary to meet our Circuit Assessment for 2023-24 and in future years. Hence, the trustees do not consider the level of 'free' reserves to be excessive.

Restricted Funds (£15,626.67)

Church Building and Community Development Project (£9,944.22)

These funds are from a National Lottery grant for community work and building development

Meeting Point Project (£4,257.94)

These funds include grants and other funds received for the running costs of Meeting Point. The funds are intended to cover the cost of food, activities, heating/lighting etc.

Work with Young People (£765.45). These funds are gifts donated to cover costs of attendance at 3Generate, the Children's and Youth Assembly of the Methodist Church

Other (£659.06)

These funds are gifts awaiting payment to Transforming Lives for Good, All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund) and the local Foodbank.

F. OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

No further information is provided.

G. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at a trustees' meeting held on 10th June 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature	1. <i>KGondongwe</i>	2. <i>Miriam Sybil Lamb</i>
Full Name	1. KENNEDY GONDONGWE	2. MIRIAM SYBIL LAMB
Position	1. MINISTER	2. SECRETARY
Date	10th June 2024	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Chadderton Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Oldham	Circuit	Circuit no.	19/6
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174772

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^d Dr Kennedy Gondongwe

Church Stewards:

Ruth Radcliffe

Mike Brierley

Jennie Gilpin

Bev Jones

Christina Potts

Carol Shepherdson

Treasurer:

Steve Jones / David Schofield

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	45,073.92		45,073.92	45,014.07
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	209.58		209.58	13.39
a4	Lettings	5,990.00		5,990.00	16,175.00
a5	Other receipts	6,290.00	3,139.23	9,429.23	21,231.26
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	57,563.50	3,139.23	60,702.73 (a7)	82,433.72

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	42,432.00		42,432.00	31,824.00
b3	Donations	10,012.00		10,012.00	7,032.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	25,256.60		25,256.60	2,183.64
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,206.48		5,206.48	5,351.76
b6	Bank Charges	187.59		187.59	151.11
b7	Other payments	6,876.31	2,513.87	9,390.18	6,274.35
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	89,970.98	2,513.87	92,484.85 (b9)	52,816.86

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(32,407.48)	625.36	(31,782.12)	29,616.86
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		194,448.19	15,001.31	209,449.50 (c6)	179,832.64
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	162,040.71	15,626.67	177,667.38	209,449.50
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	162,040.71	15,626.67	177,667.38 (c8)	209,449.50 (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	0.00	239.27
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	295.00	906.06
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	295.00	1,145.33
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0.00

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 2023 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 Tots Time	749.50	797.60	(48.10)		162.79	114.69
e2 Boys' Brigade	656.40	511.16	145.24		2,396.50	2,541.74
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,405.90	1,308.76	97.14		2,559.29 (e11)	2,656.43 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	60,702.73 (a7)	92,484.85 (b9)	(31,782.12)	(c7)	209,449.50 (c6)	177,667.38 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	62,108.63	93,793.61	(31,684.98)		212,008.79 (x)	180,323.81 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	170,481.42	136,556.38
f3 Bank Deposit Account	25,132.10	25,307.99
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	900.97	900.00
f6 Bank Missions Account	12,935.01	14,903.01
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	209,449.50 (c6)	177,667.38 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,559.29 (e11)	2,656.43 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	212,008.79 (x)	180,323.81 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	289	277
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,174,033	2,369,700
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 **South Chadderton Methodist Church** No 1174772

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 David Schofield Date 23/05/2024

Name and address of treasurer ...David Schofield

3 Croft Brow, Oldham

Post Code OL8 3AJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 10th June 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting K Kennedy Gondongwe

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev^d Dr Kennedy Gondongwe Date 10/06/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Chadderton Methodist Church

Charity Number 1174772

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Chadderton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages P1 to P3. 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

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174772

Accounts

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 TO 31ST AUGUST 2022

A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name:	South Chadderton Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number:	1174772
Charity Principal Address:	Thompson Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8LX
Names of Charity Trustees:	The trustees are the members of South Chadderton Methodist Church Council. Attachment A lists the names of all trustees who served during the reporting period and also any appointed between 31 st August 2022 and the date of approval of this report
Names of Trustees for the Charity:	The church building is held on Model Trusts and the custodian trustees, holding legal title for the property, are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). South Chadderton Methodist Church Council acts as managing trustees for the church building.

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

South Chadderton Methodist Church is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Type of Governing Document:	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the Charity is Constituted:	Act of Parliament
Trustee Selection Methods:	<p>The minister appointed by the Oldham Methodist Circuit Meeting to be responsible for South Chadderton Methodist Church is ex-officio chair of the trustees. Other ex-officio trustees include the church stewards appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting, the church treasurer, the church council secretary, the director of music in worship, the property steward, and the pastoral secretary.</p> <p>Up to eight trustees may be appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting and also some trustees may be appointed by existing trustees to ensure that the different ministries within the church are represented.</p> <p>One trustee may be appointed by the circuit stewards of the Oldham Methodist Circuit.</p> <p>On appointment, all trustees are made aware of the duties and responsibilities of trustees through relevant guidance notes issued by the Charity Commission.</p>

Additional Information:

Structure

South Chadderton Methodist Church is currently one of fourteen churches in the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which in turn is part of the Manchester and Stockport District of the Methodist Church. Until 31st August 2021, the church was part of the Oldham and Saddleworth Methodist Circuit, which on 1st September 2021 merged with the Shaw and Royton Methodist Circuit to form the Oldham Methodist Circuit.

The church treasurer plus one church steward are now ex-officio members of the Oldham Methodist Circuit Meeting, providing the trustees with an important link to the wider structures of the Methodist church.

Governance

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) by order of the annual Conference.

Organisation and Management

Four trustees retired during the reporting period and five new trustees were appointed in June 2022.

The trustees (the Church Council) normally meet three times per year. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters associated with the church's mission, and for management of the church's property and funds.

Four Church Council meetings took place during the year ended 31st August 2022. Three were normal business meetings and the fourth in March was solely to vote on resolutions required by the Methodist Church concerning consent to solemnisation of marriages of same-sex couples on the church premises and consent to blessing of a marriage of a same-sex couple on the church premises where the marriage had already been solemnised elsewhere. Neither resolution was carried.

A church leadership team, consisting of the minister, the six church stewards, the director of music in worship, the church treasurer and the property steward, is responsible for providing leadership over the whole range of the church's life and activity. The team meets around nine times per year. It acts in accord with the decisions and policies of the trustees and has limited powers to transact business on behalf of the trustees between trustees' meetings.

Risk Management

The trustees regularly review the risks faced by the church, both financial and otherwise; professional advice is taken, when required. Procedures and guidelines for mitigating risks issued by the Methodist Church and others are also consulted, for example:

Safeguarding Procedures. The Methodist Church's robust safeguarding policy and safeguarding procedures are adopted by the church in its 'Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy', which is reviewed annually. All volunteers working with children and vulnerable receive formal safeguarding training. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

Data Protection Procedures. The church complies with the Methodist Church's Data Protection Policy concerning the use and protection of personal data. A GDPR audit is conducted annually.

Health and Safety Procedures. The church has a written health and safety policy which is subject to annual review; health and safety is also normally an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

C. CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

Summary of the Objects of the Charity set out in its Governing Document

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Summary of the Main Activities undertaken for Public Benefit in Relation to these Objects

We confirm that the trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

South Chadderton Methodist Church aims to live out the Calling of the Methodist Church, summarised as:

- To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
- To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care.
- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.
- To make more followers of Jesus Christ.

This is encapsulated within the church's mission statement 'Celebrating God's love, connecting with Jesus, and caring for Chadderton and beyond'.

In accord with the mission statement, the trustees are committed to reaching as many people as possible in the local area in numerous ways, normally including:

- Weekly Sunday morning services of worship, which are free-of charge and open to all who wish to attend. Provisions are made for children attending worship, including weekly activities for older children (Kidsworx) and opportunities to contribute to the monthly all-age worship.
- Provision of a Prayer Room, offering sacred space for prayer and reflection to all who wish to use it.
- Nurturing people's faith, helping them to grow as Christians and contribute to a better and fairer society.
- Alpha Courses (a 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith) aimed at people who wish to find out more about Christianity.

- Pastoral care (including visiting the sick and bereaved) to demonstrate compassion and concern for people's welfare.
- A Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association Company which trains and develops children and young people and promotes 'the advancement of Christ's kingdom' amongst those who wish to join.
- Activities for children and parents/carers, including a weekly toddler group (Tots' Time) and Messy Church afternoons around Christmas and Easter. Both activities support young families by providing opportunities for social contact between young children and between their parents/carers.
- A social café (known as Meeting Point) for the local community which now opens weekly during term time, offering food, fellowship and various activities.
- Supporting local community groups including Street Pastors, Street Angels, Christians Against Poverty and local Foodbanks; contributing practical support, financial support and volunteers.
- Providing financial and practical support to local and national charitable bodies, including both Methodist and other Christian organisations.

Almost all these activities are heavily reliant on the input of volunteers who give freely of their time and talents to assist with the ministries of the church. The trustees extend their thanks to all who contribute in this way.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Following the end of the restrictions associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, church life started to return to normal at the beginning of the reporting period; activities which had been temporarily suspended began once again.

Minister in Pastoral Charge

Rev Dr Adrian Burdon, Superintendent Minister of the Oldham Methodist Circuit, remained in temporary pastoral charge of the church and continued as chair of trustees. Rev Ian Coverdale, an associate supernumerary minister provided pastoral support throughout the year, also covering for the absence of Rev Dr Adrian Burdon during a three-month sabbatical from April 2022. The trustees are extremely grateful for the ministry of Rev Coverdale, which terminated at the end of August 2022.

Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe, a minister from Zimbabwe, will take pastoral charge of the church from 1st September 2022.

Community Work Development and Building Development Projects

Community Work Development. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, as part of the exercise to become more accessible to the local community, Meeting Point was introduced. Meeting Point offers a warm welcome, a simple meal, and a gentle exercise session. Meetings re-started at the beginning of September 2021, bi-monthly on Wednesdays from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. at first, but from May 2022 a trial period of weekly meeting during term time began. Around 20 people plus volunteer helpers attend each session. In June, an Afternoon Tea Party, attended by local Council dignitaries, was held to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The church premises continued to be used as a Covid-19 vaccination centre for the local community; volunteers from the church help with stewarding etc.

Building Development. Having considered the alternatives of a new church building or re-development of the existing building to meet the future needs of church and community, the trustees decided in July 2018 to proceed with a major project to develop the existing building. The financial strategy for funding the project was dependent on successful applications for grant aid. Since funding constraints suggest that it will be difficult to obtain the necessary grant aid, the trustees are re-examining the plan and are currently looking at the redevelopment/refurbishment of the west wing of the church building

Worship, Prayer and Discipleship

Sunday worship services in church took place weekly at 10.45 a.m. Generally on one Sunday each month, the form of worship at 10.45 a.m. was structured as All-Age Worship to include the whole of the church family.

To provide the wider community with an opportunity to participate in worship, the necessary equipment for live-streaming Sunday worship was purchased in summer 2021 and from September 2021, services were live-streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to view retrospectively.

From October through to December 2021, a programme of Tuesday evening prayer meetings, entitled 'A Season of Prayer', took place in church to help discern God's plans for the church.

In February 2022, five small groups of church members (Home Groups) restarted weekly face-to-face meetings for fellowship and Bible study, having met previously in 'virtual' form since the onset of the pandemic.

Pastoral Care

80 people were identified as church members in October 2021, a fall of 22 members from the 2020 figure. The existing system for providing pastoral care was reviewed during the reporting period. Six people now act as pastoral visitors, three others act as pastoral links to households, and home group leaders act as pastoral links to members of their home group.

Work with Children and Young People

Tots' Time (Thursdays 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.). Tots' Time restarted at the end of September 2021. Around 30 children plus adults now attend each session and they find it to be a good and safe place for the children to meet. New people continue to turn up on a regular basis.

Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association (Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.). Meetings restarted in November 2021, with activities for Anchors and Juniors (boys and girls from five to eleven years old). 11 children regularly attend.

Kidsworx. Kidsworx on Sunday mornings restarted in September 2021; about 14 children of varying ages now meet with their leaders during Sunday morning worship

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) Volunteers work within local schools as coaches to children who struggle in the school environment for various reasons, supporting a national project to provide hope and a future for disadvantaged children.

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Accounts for Year Ended 31st August 2022

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts during the year ended 31st August 2022 totalled £79,059, considerably higher than the previous year (£60,577). Receipts from the weekly/monthly offerings of the congregation and the associated Gift Aid/GASDS tax recovery amounted to £45,014 (£38,363 from the offering and £6,651 from Gift Aid/GASDS tax recovery). The total receipts from these sources were £10,188 lower than in the year ended 31st August 2021, largely associated with a reduction in the number of contributors. Immediately prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, annual receipts from the offering/tax recovery totalled £65,575. Thus, receipts from the offering/tax recovery are now around £20,000 lower than in the year before the pandemic.

£16,175 was received from lettings (£13,875 more than the previous year), resulting from the use of the church premises as a Covid-19 vaccination centre. Income from this source will reduce in the coming year.

'Other receipts' amounted to £17,856, an increase of £14,790 from the previous year. They included a bequest of £17,501, gifts amounting to £275 in memory of a well-respected church member and an £80 receipt from a Craft Fair.

Payments from unrestricted funds totalled £52,686 with the most significant item being the payment of the annual assessment levied by the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which amounted to £31,824. This was substantially lower than the previous year (£42,432) because of a one-off reduction of 25% granted to member churches to acknowledge the common financial difficulties arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The church continues to commit around 10% of unrestricted receipts from the offering and tax recovered to charities and causes nominated by the trustees. This is known as the 'missionary tithe' and the list of recipients is normally reviewed by the trustees every three years. The 'donations' section of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 includes the payment of the missionary tithe for the year ended 31st August 2022 amounting to £5,520 which was divided among four different charities. Other, smaller, charitable donations together amounted to £1,512, resulting in total gifts of £7,032 to charitable causes.

No major repair work was undertaken during the reporting period and hence payments for repairs/maintenance amounted to only £2,184, significantly less than the previous year. Payments for utilities/insurance amounted to £5,352. Other payments, totalled £6,143. This included church cleaning (£2,470), printing/stationery (£1,297), telephone (£1,133), CCLI licences (£547) and a number of smaller payments, together totalling £696.

The sum held as unrestricted funds increased from £168,075 at the start of the year to £194,448 at 31st August 2022, an increase of £26,373.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds receipts (£3,375) during the year ended 31st August 2022 comprised three grants totalling £2,350, received for the Meeting Point project, £615 received for work with young people, and £400 donated for a gift to the retiring associate minister. The restricted fund payments (£131) were largely associated with the Meeting Point project. As at 31st August 2022, the balance held as restricted funds was £15,001.

Money Received for and Passed on to External Organisations

Funds passed on to external organisations in the year ended 31st August 2022 amounted to £1,145, including £801 for a project of the Oldham Methodist Circuit, £105 collected for the Boaz charity in the year ended 31st August 2022, and £239 collected in prior years for Methodist Missions.

Funds of Internal Organisations Reporting to the Church Council

Organisations reporting to the Church Council (Tots' Time and Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association) received receipts of £1,155 during the reporting period and held funds totalling £2,559 at 31st August 2022.

Reserves Policies

Unrestricted Funds (£194,448)

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations, including payment of the annual assessment to the Oldham Methodist Circuit, and to provide for the possibilities of future income failing to keep pace with church expenditure or for unanticipated or emergency expenditure, the church must maintain sufficient 'free' unrestricted reserves. 'Free' reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves, less funds already designated by the trustees for specific purposes. In line with guidance provided by the Methodist Church, the trustees have historically aimed to maintain 'free' reserves at a level around six months' expenditure, typically £35,000.

Although £194,448 was held as unrestricted funds at 31st August 2022, the large balance resulted mainly from the receipt of a bequest totalling £168,803 over the period 2020-2022 and a gift of £30,000 in 2017-2018.

The trustees have designated funds totalling £85,000 including up to £45,000 for major repairs to the church roof to address a chronic problem of water ingress, £30,000 for extending/refurbishing the church kitchen and a £10,000 contribution to Pension Reserve Fund of the Methodist Church. Thus 'free' reserves currently amount to £109,448, which is substantially higher than the suggested figure. However, significant further expenditure on building development to meet the needs of today's church and community, also to address a problem of water ingress into the basement area, is envisaged. Hence, the trustees do not consider the level of 'free' reserves to be excessive.

Restricted Funds (£15,001)

Church Building and Community Development Project (£9,944)

These funds are from a National Lottery grant for community work and building development

Meeting Point Project (£3,848)

These funds are largely the residue of grants received for the running costs of Meeting Point. The funds are intended to cover the cost of food, activities, heating/lighting etc.

Work with Young People (£615)

Funds donated to cover costs of attendance at 3Generate, the Children's and Youth Assembly of the Methodist Church.

Donations for a Gift to the Associate Supernumerary Minister (£400)

Funds raised for a gift to the associate supernumerary minister, Rev Ian Coverdale.

Other (£194)

Funds to be paid to local charities (Foodbank etc).

F. OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

No further information is provided.

G. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at a trustees' meeting held on 12th June 2023.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature	1. <i>K Gondongwe</i>	2. <i>M Sibil Lamb</i>
Full Name	1. KENNEDY GONDONGWE	2. MIRIAM SYBIL LAMB
Position	1. MINISTER	2. CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY
Date	16/06/2023	

ATTACHMENT A

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees Serving during the Reporting Period or up to the Date of Approval of this Report.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole period)	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev Dr Adrian Burdon	Superintendent Minister	-	Ex-officio
Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe	Church Minister (Chair)	from 01.09.2022	Ex-officio
Mr Geoff Lamb	Church Steward	to 05.10.2021	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Sue Willcocks	Church Steward	to 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Mr Mike Brierley	Church Steward/ Safeguarding Officer	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Jennie Gilpin ⁽¹⁾	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Bev Jones	Church Steward	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Christina Potts	Church Steward	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Ruth Radcliffe	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Carol Shepherdson ⁽²⁾	Church Steward/ Mission Secretary	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Lynne Radcliffe	Church Council Secretary	to 14.11.2022	Trustees
Mr Steve Jones	Church Treasurer	-	Trustees
Mr Paul Shepherdson	Property Steward	-	Trustees
Mr John Wilkinson	Director of Music in Worship	-	Trustees
Mrs Sally Wilkinson	Pastoral Secretary	-	Trustees
Mr Pete Gowers	-	to 14.07.2022	Trustees
Mrs Claire Ogden	-	to 12.06.2022	Trustees
Mr Luton Edghill	-	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Mr Alan Heywood	-	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Pauline Jackson	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Sybil Lamb ⁽³⁾	Church Council Secretary	-	Trustees

⁽¹⁾ To 12th June 2022, a trustees' appointment ; an Annual General Meeting appointment from 12th June 2022.

⁽²⁾ To 12th June 2022, a trustees' appointment ; an Annual General Meeting appointment from 12th June 2022.

⁽³⁾ To 23rd March 2023 an Annual General Meeting appointment; a trustees' appointment from 23rd March 2023.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Chadderton Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Oldham	Circuit	Circuit no.	19 / 6
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174772

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^d Dr Adrian Burdon

Church Stewards:

Ruth Radcliffe

Sybil Lamb (to June 2022)

Sue Willcocks (to June 2022)

Mike Brierley (from June 2022)

Jennie Gilpin (from June 2022)

Bev Jones (from June 2022)

Christina Potts (from June 2022)

Carol Shepherdson (from June 2022)

Treasurer:

Steve Jones

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	45014.07		45,014.07	55,201.84
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	13.39		13.39	7.92
a4	Lettings	16,175.00		16,175.00	2,300.00
a5	Other receipts	17,856.26	3,375.00	21,231.26	3,406.00
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,058.72	3,375.00	82,433.72 (a7)	60,915.76

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	31,824.00		31,824.00	42,432.00
b3	Donations	7,032.00		7,032.00	13,762.00
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,183.64		2,183.64	20,504.82
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,351.76		5,351.76	4,543.82
b6	Bank Charges	151.11		151.11	19.50
b7	Other payments	6,143.11	131.24	6,274.35	12,338.04
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	52,685.62	131.24	52,816.86 (b9)	93,600.18

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)			
		26,373.10	3,243.76	29,616.86	(32,684.42)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	168,075.09	11,757.55	179,832.64 (c6)	212,517.06
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	15,001.31	209,449.50	179,832.64
c4	Transfers and adjustments	0	0	0 (c7)	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	15,001.31	209,449.50 (c8)	179,832.64 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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			239.27	239.27
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			906.06	230.00
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,145.33	230.00
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		0.00	239.27

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 Tots Time	626.45	635.97	(9.52)		172.31	162.79
e2 Boys' Brigade	528.20	559.70	(31.50)		2,428.00	2,396.50
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,154.65	1,195.67	(41.02)		2,600.31 (e11)	2,559.29 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	82,433.72 (a7)	52,816.86 (b9)	29,616.86	(c7)	179,832.64 (c6)	209,449.50 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	83,588.37	54,012.53	29,575.84		182,432.95 (x)	212,008.79 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	142,853.57	170,481.42
f3 Bank Deposit Account	25,127.06	25,132.10
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	900.00	900.97
f6 Bank Missions Account	10,952.01	12,935.01
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	179,832.64 (c6)	209,449.50 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,600.31 (e11)	2,559.29 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	182,432.95 (x)	212,008.79 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	308	289
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,764,816	2,174,033
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 - **South Chadderton Methodist Church** No. 1174772

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 30/05/2023

Name and address of treasurer ... Stephen Jones

6, Alderwood Fold, Lees, Oldham OL4 5RW

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 12th June 2023.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ... 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev^d Dr Kennedy Gondongwe Date ... 12/06/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

South Chadderton Methodist Church

Charity Number 1174772

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Chadderton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages P1 to P3. 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 ...**South Chadderton Methodist Church**..... No ...**1174772**

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 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 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 David Schofield

Name of independent examiner ...David Schofield

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...Retired Clinical Scientist (PhD)

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...N/A

Address ...3 Croft Brow, Oldham

..... Post Code ...OL8 3AJ

Date ...30/05/2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

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SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174772

Accounts

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 31ST AUGUST 2021

A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name:	South Chadderton Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number:	1174772
Charity Principal Address:	Thompson Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8LX
Names of Charity Trustees:	The trustees are the members of South Chadderton Methodist Church Council. Attachment A lists the names of all trustees who served during the reporting period and also those appointed between 31 st August 2021 and the date of approval of this report
Names of Trustees for the Charity:	The church building is held on Model Trusts and the custodian trustees, holding legal title for the property, are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). South Chadderton Methodist Church Council acts as managing trustees for the church building.

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

South Chadderton Methodist Church is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Type of Governing Document:	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How the Charity is Constituted:	Act of Parliament
Trustee Selection Methods:	<p>The minister appointed by the Oldham and Saddleworth Methodist Circuit Meeting to be responsible for South Chadderton Methodist Church is ex-officio chair of the trustees. Other ex-officio trustees include the church stewards appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting, the church treasurer, the church council secretary, the director of music in worship, the property steward, and the pastoral secretary.</p> <p>Up to eight trustees may be appointed by church members at the Annual General Church Meeting and also some trustees may be appointed by existing trustees to ensure that different ministries within the church are represented.</p> <p>One trustee may be appointed by the circuit stewards of the Oldham and Saddleworth Methodist Circuit.</p> <p>On appointment, all trustees are made aware of the duties and responsibilities of trustees through relevant guidance notes issued by the Charity Commission.</p>

Additional Information:

Structure

South Chadderton Methodist Church is currently one of nine churches in the Oldham and Saddleworth Methodist Circuit, which in turn is part of the Manchester and Stockport District of the Methodist Church. From 1st September 2021, the Oldham and Saddleworth Methodist Circuit will come together with the Shaw and Royton Methodist Circuit to form the Oldham Methodist Circuit, which will then consist of fourteen churches.

The church treasurer plus one church steward are ex-officio members of the Oldham and Saddleworth Methodist Circuit Meeting and the trustees are also currently entitled to appoint five other trustees to that body, providing the trustees with an important link to the wider structures of the Methodist church.

Governance

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) by order of the annual Conference.

Organisation and Management

The trustees (Church Council) normally meet three times per year. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters associated with the church's mission, and for management of the church's property and funds. During the year ended 31st August 2021, three Church Council meetings took place, although two of them (in September 2020 and January 2021) were solely concerned with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on worship and fellowship. A normal business meeting with a full agenda was held in June 2021.

A church leadership team (the minister, church stewards, director of music in worship, church treasurer and property steward), which is responsible for providing leadership over the whole range of the church's life and activity, meets more regularly (up to nine times per year). It acts in accord with the decisions and policies of the trustees and has limited powers to transact business on behalf of trustees between trustees' meetings.

Risk Management

The trustees regularly review the risks faced by the church, both financial and otherwise; professional advice is taken, when required. Procedures and guidelines for mitigating risks issued by the Methodist Church and others are also consulted, for example:

Safeguarding Procedures. The Methodist Church's robust safeguarding policy and safeguarding procedures are adopted by the church in its 'Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy', which is reviewed annually. Safeguarding is normally an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

Data Protection Procedures. The church complies with the Methodist Church's Data Protection Policy (GDPR) concerning the use and protection of personal data.

Health and Safety Procedures. The church has a written health and safety policy which is subject to annual review; health and safety is also normally an agenda item at every meeting of the Church Council.

C. CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

Summary of the Objects of the Charity set out in its Governing Document

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Summary of the Main Activities undertaken for Public Benefit in Relation to these Objects

We confirm that the trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

South Chadderton Methodist Church aims to live out the Calling of the Methodist Church, summarised as:

- To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
- To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care.
- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.
- To make more followers of Jesus Christ.

This is encapsulated within the church's mission statement 'Celebrating God's love, connecting with Jesus, and caring for Chadderton and beyond'.

In accord with the mission statement, the trustees are committed to reaching as many people as possible in the local area in numerous ways, normally including:

- Weekly Sunday morning services of worship, which are free-of charge and open to all who wish to attend. Provisions are made for children attending worship, including a crèche for pre-school children and also activities for older children (Kidsworx and Biblekids).
- Provision of a Prayer Room, offering sacred space for prayer and reflection to all who wish to use it.
- Nurturing people's faith, helping them to grow as Christians and contribute to a better and fairer society.
- Alpha Courses (a 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith) aimed at people who wish to find out more about Christianity.
- Pastoral care (including visiting the sick and bereaved) to demonstrate compassion and concern for people's welfare.
- A Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association Company which trains and develops children and young people and promotes 'the advancement of Christ's kingdom' amongst those who wish to join.

- Activities for children and parents/carers, including a weekly toddler group (Tots' Time) and an occasional Messy Church. Both activities support young families by providing opportunities for social contact between young children and between their parents/carers.
- A twice-monthly social café for the local community (Meeting Point) offering food, fellowship and various activities.
- Supporting local community groups including Street Pastors, Christians Against Poverty and local Foodbanks ; contributing practical support, financial support, volunteers, or space for their activities.
- Providing financial and practical support to local and national charitable bodies, including both Methodist and other Christian organisations.

Almost all these activities are heavily reliant on the input of volunteers who give freely of their time and talents to assist with the ministries of the church. The trustees extend their thanks to all who contribute in this way.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, church life in the year ended 31st August 2021 again followed an unusual pattern. When face-to-face contact for worship and fellowship was impossible or limited, the trustees arranged for contact with church members and others to be maintained in many ways, from increased use of technology to regular postal mailings.

Minister in Pastoral Charge

For personal reasons, Rev Ian Heath resigned as church minister and chair of trustees, effective from 31st January 2021. Rev Dr Adrian Burdon, Superintendent Minister of the Oldham and Saddleworth Methodist Circuit, succeeded him as minister in pastoral charge and chair of trustees from 1st February 2021. From summer 2021, Rev Ian Coverdale, a supernumerary minister, has also provided pastoral support. This will continue through to the appointment of a new church minister from 1st September 2022.

Community Work Development and Building Development Projects

Community Work Development. Before the pandemic, as part of the exercise to become more accessible to the local community, Meeting Point was introduced on two Tuesdays in the month (1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.). The meetings offer a warm welcome, good food, and enjoyable social activities (including craft and gentle exercise). When face-to-face meetings were suspended as a result of the pandemic, 'Sit'n'Keep Fit' sessions were held every Wednesday via Zoom until May 2021. Face-to-face meetings re-started in September 2021.

From July 2021, the church premises were used as a COVID-19 vaccination centre for the local community; volunteers from the church have helped with stewarding etc.

Building Development. Having considered the alternatives of a new church building or re-development of the existing building to meet the future needs of church and community, the trustees decided in July 2018 to proceed with a project to develop the existing building, estimated cost over £750,000. The financial strategy for funding the project was dependent on successful applications for grant aid, but since funding constraints now suggest that it will be difficult to obtain the necessary grant aid, the trustees intend to re-examine the scale of the project.

Worship, Prayer and Discipleship

When face-to-face worship was allowed during the COVID-19 pandemic and the trustees considered it safe to do so after rigorous health and safety risk assessments, Sunday worship services in church took place weekly at 10.45 a.m. Generally on one Sunday each month, the form of worship at 10.45 a.m. was structured as All-Age Worship to include the whole of the church family.

From September 2020 through to March 2021, the church was closed for worship for significant periods. From then on, regular weekly worship services were held in church, continuing to follow the health and safety advice issued by the government for worship during the pandemic. Numbers attending fell significantly from pre-pandemic levels, largely as result of the reluctance of some to engage in face-to-face contact whilst the pandemic continued.

From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, alternative Sunday morning 'virtual' worship, accessible by Facebook or YouTube, was introduced and this continued throughout the reporting period, concluding at the end of August 2021. Acknowledging that some may not have online access to worship, hard copies of a weekly act of worship, a prayer diary and a church notice sheet were mailed to these people during the pandemic to allow them to continue to feel and be part of the church community.

Recognising that it remains difficult for some to attend church whilst the pandemic continues and also in order to provide the wider community with an opportunity to participate in worship, the necessary equipment for live-streaming Sunday worship has been purchased. From September 2021, services will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel and will also be available to view retrospectively.

Small groups of church members continued to meet on different days of the week for fellowship and Bible study, meeting in 'virtual' form during the COVID-19 pandemic. An online Alpha Course, which commenced in July 2020, continued into the beginning of the reporting period.

Pastoral Care

102 people were recognised as church members in October 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic, their pastoral care became increasingly reliant on communication by telephone or email. Starting in August 2020, a new telephone initiative was introduced for 10 minutes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, known as 'Soul Snack', to permit people to catch up with each other and to hear a short word of encouragement and a short prayer. The service was extended to include a Sunday morning session from January 2021 and continued through to the end of the reporting period.

Work with Children and Young People

Meetings of Tots' Time (Thursday) and Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association (Wednesday) were suspended at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Tots' Time intends to re-open from September 2021 and Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association from November 2021. In future, the latter will provide activities for Anchors and Juniors only (boys and girls from five to eleven years old).

During the pandemic, contact was maintained with families of children who would normally attend Kidsworx or Biblekids by regular mailings of activity materials.

By providing volunteers to work within local schools as coaches to children who struggle in the school environment for various reasons, the church continues to support 'Transforming Lives for Good', a national project to provide hope and a future for disadvantaged children.

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Accounts for Year Ended 31st August 2021

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts during the year ended 31st August 2021 totalled £60,577, considerably lower than the previous year when a significant, unrestricted bequest of £150,372 was received. Receipts from the weekly/monthly offerings of the congregation and the associated Gift Aid/GASDS tax recovery amounted to £55,202 (£47,915 from the offering and £7,287 from Gift Aid/GASDS tax recovery). The total receipts from these sources were similar to the year ended 31st August 2020. In both financial years, the church was closed for worship for significant periods as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The absence of a cash collection during the closure periods significantly affected the receipts from the offering and associated tax recovery. Prior to the pandemic, annual receipts from the offering and tax recovery were between £61,000 and £65,500.

£2,300 was received for lettings, largely for use of the church as a vaccination centre. 'Other receipts' amounted to £3,067 including a bank refund for overcharging (£1,363), payments from other local churches towards the mailing cost of joint publications during the COVID-19 pandemic (£785) and funds received on wind-up of the church bookstall (£488), plus gifts towards a presentation to the former minister (£431).

Payments from unrestricted funds totalled £93,128 with the most significant item being the payment of the annual assessment levied by the Oldham and Saddleworth Methodist Circuit, which amounted to £42,432 (a 10% reduction from the previous year since the Circuit recognised the financial difficulties of its constituent churches as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic).

The church continues to commit around 10% of unrestricted receipts from the offering and tax recovered to charities and causes nominated by the trustees. This is known as the 'missionary tithe' and the list of recipients is normally reviewed by the trustees every three years. The 'donations' section of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 reflects the payment of the missionary tithe for both the years ended 31st August 2020 and 31st August 2021, together amounting to £12,250 and donated to five different charities. Other, smaller, charitable donations amounted to £1,512.

Payments for repairs/maintenance amounted to £20,505, including the sum of £18,630 for re-surfacing of the church car park and other car park works. Payments for utilities/insurance amounted to £4,544. Other payments totalled £11,866. This included the purchase of live-streaming equipment so that worship can now be accessed online (£4,027), church cleaning (£2,247), postage costs for publications distributed by mail as a result of the pandemic (£1,461), printing/stationery (£1,201), and telephone (£1,029) and smaller payments totalling £1,901.

The sum held as unrestricted funds fell from £200,626 at the start of the year to £168,075 at 31st August 2021, a decrease of £32,551. The exceptional payments of £18,630 for car park maintenance, £4,027 for live-streaming equipment and £5,500 for the prior year missionary tithe, together totalling £28,157, were the major contributors to the deficit.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds receipts (£339) during the year ended 31st August 2021 and the restricted fund payments (£472) were both associated with the Meeting Point project. At 31st August 2021, the balance held as restricted funds was £11,758.

Money Received for and Passed on to External Organisations

Funds received for and passed on to external organisations in the year ended 31st August 2021 amounted to £230, realised from a Christmas Day offering for Tearfund. The balance still to be paid includes funds due to Methodist World Missions (£104) and Mission in Britain (£135).

Funds of Internal Organisations Reporting to the Church Council

Organisations reporting to the Church Council (Tots' Time, Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association and Bookstall) received receipts of £450 during the reporting period and held funds totalling £2,600 at 31st August 2021.

Reserves Policies

Unrestricted Funds (£168,075)

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations, including payment of the annual assessment to the local Methodist Circuit, and to provide for the possibilities of future income failing to keep pace with church expenditure or for unanticipated or emergency expenditure, the church must maintain sufficient 'free' unrestricted reserves. 'Free' reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less funds already designated by the trustees for specific purposes. In line with guidance provided by the Methodist Church, the trustees normally aimed to maintain 'free' reserves at a level between three and six month's typical expenditure i.e. between £17,500 and £35,000, but having observed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on church finances, reserves of six months typical expenditure would appear to be the more realistic figure.

£168,075 was held as unrestricted funds at 31st August 2021, which is substantially higher than the suggested level of reserves. However, significant expenditure on a building development project and on essential property maintenance is envisaged; the latter to resolve water ingress from the roof at the front of the worship area and water ingress into basement areas. Furthermore, the professional quinquennial inspection of the condition of the property, due in late 2021/early 2022, may identify a need for currently unplanned property maintenance.

The trustees are also mindful that, even before the COVID-19 pandemic, annual routine payments had begun to exceed receipts, thus depleting church reserves. Hence, the trustees do not consider the level of reserves to be excessive at this point in time.

Restricted Funds (£11,758)

Church Building and Community Development Project (£9,944)

These funds are from a National Lottery grant for community work and building development

Meeting Point Project (£1,625)

These funds are largely the residue of grants received for the running costs of Meeting Point. The funds are intended to cover the cost of food, activities, heating/lighting etc.

Other (£189)

These funds are due to be paid to the local Foodbank.

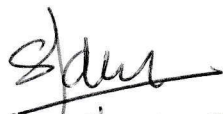
F. OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

No further information is provided.

G. DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they received, examined and approved the above report by email circulation.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature	1. K Gondongwe	2. 
Full Name	1. KENNEDY GONDONGWE	2. Steve Jones
Position	1. CHAIR	2. Treasurer
Date	19/12/22	18 Dec 22

ATTACHMENT A

SOUTH CHADDERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Trustees Serving during the Reporting Period or up to the Date of Approval of this Report.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole period)	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev Ian Heath	Church Minister (Chair)	to 31.01.2021	Ex-officio
Rev Dr Adrian Burdon	Superintendent Minister	from 01.02.2021	Ex-officio
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Mrs Sue Willcocks	Church Steward	to 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Mr Mike Brierley	Church Steward/ Safeguarding Officer	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Jennie Gilpin ⁽¹⁾	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Bev Jones	Church Steward	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Christina Potts	Church Steward	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Ruth Radcliffe	Church Steward	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Carol Shepherdson ⁽²⁾	Church Steward/ Mission Secretary	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Lynne Radcliffe	Church Council Secretary	from 13.01.2021 to 14.11.2022	Trustees
Mr Steve Jones	Church Treasurer	-	Trustees
Mr Paul Shepherdson ⁽³⁾	Property Steward	-	Trustees
Mr John Wilkinson	Director of Music in Worship	-	Trustees
Mrs Sally Wilkinson	Pastoral Secretary	-	Trustees
Mr Barry Cooke	-	to 08.06.2021	Trustees
Mr Pete Gowers	-	to 14.07.2022	Trustees
Mrs Claire Ogden	-	to 12.06.2022	Trustees
Mr Luton Edghill	-	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Mr Alan Heywood	-	from 12.06.2022	Annual General Church Meeting
Miss Pauline Jackson	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting
Mrs Sybil Lamb	-	-	Annual General Church Meeting

⁽¹⁾ To 11th June 2022, a trustees appointment ; an Annual General Meeting appointment from 12th June 2022.

⁽²⁾ To 11th June 2022, a trustees appointment ; an Annual General Meeting appointment from 12th June 2022.

⁽³⁾ To 30th June 2021, an Annual General Meeting appointment; a trustees appointment from 1st July 2021.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Chadderton Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Oldham & Saddleworth

Circuit

Circuit no.

19 / 11

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174772

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^d Ian Heath (to Jan 2021) / Rev^d Dr Adrian Burdon (from Feb 2021)

Church Stewards:

Geoff Lamb

Sybil Lamb

Sue Willcocks

Sue Frost (to Feb 2021)

Ruth Radcliffe

Treasurer:

Steve Jones

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	55,202		55,202	57,142
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	8		8	60
a4	Lettings	2,300		2,300	0
a5	Other receipts	3,067	339	3,406	152,114
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	60,577	339	60,916 (a7)	209,315

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	42,432		42,432	47,148
b3	Donations	13,762		13,762	2,916
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	20,505		20,505	7,371
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,544		4,544	5,108
b6	Bank Charges	20		20	77
b7	Other payments	11,866	472	12,338	8,562
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	93,128	472	93,600 (b9)	71,181

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(32,551)	(133)	(32,684)	138,135
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	200,626	11,891	212,517 (c6)	74,382	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	168,075	11,758	179,833	212,517
c4	Transfers and adjustments	0	0	0 (c7)	0	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	168,075	11,758	179,833 (c8)	212,517 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
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			239	50
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			230	619
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			230	430
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		239	239

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 2021 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 Tots Time	0	63	(63)		235	172
e2 Boys' Brigade	336	690	(354)		2,782	2,428
e3 Bookstall	114	488	(374)		374	0
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	450	1,241	(791)		3,391 (e11)	2,600 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	60,916 (a7)	93,600 (b9)	(32,684)	(c7)	212,517 (c6)	179,833 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	61,366	94,841	(33,475)		215,908 (x)	182,433 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	186,493	153,806
f3 Bank Deposit Account	25,125	25,127
f4		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	900	900
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	212,517 (c6)	179,833 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,391 (e11)	2,600 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	215,908 (x)	182,433 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	265	308
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,747,724	1,764,816
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 ... **South Chadderton Methodist Church**..... No ... **1174772**

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  Date 18/12/22

Name and address of treasurer: Stephen Jones

6 Alderwood Fold, Lees, Oldham, OL4 5RW

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were received, examined and approved by the trustees through email circulation.

Signature of the Chair: 

Name of the Chair: KENNEDY GONDONGAWE Date 19/12/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

South Chadderton Methodist Church

Charity Number ... **1174772**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Chadderton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages P1 to P3. 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 ... **South Chadderton Methodist Church**..... No ... **1174772**

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 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 David Schofield

Name of independent examiner : David Schofield

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner : Retired Clinical Scientist (PhD)

Name of firm (where appropriate): N/A

Address: 3 Croft Brow, Oldham, OL8 3AJ

Date: 4th December 2022