

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

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature

1. *KGondongwe*

2. *Miriam Sybil Lamb*

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)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		194,448.19	15,001.31	209,449.50 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	162,040.71	15,626.67	177,667.38
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
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		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)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
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

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 examinerMichael Wilson.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

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Date ...25th May 2024.....

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