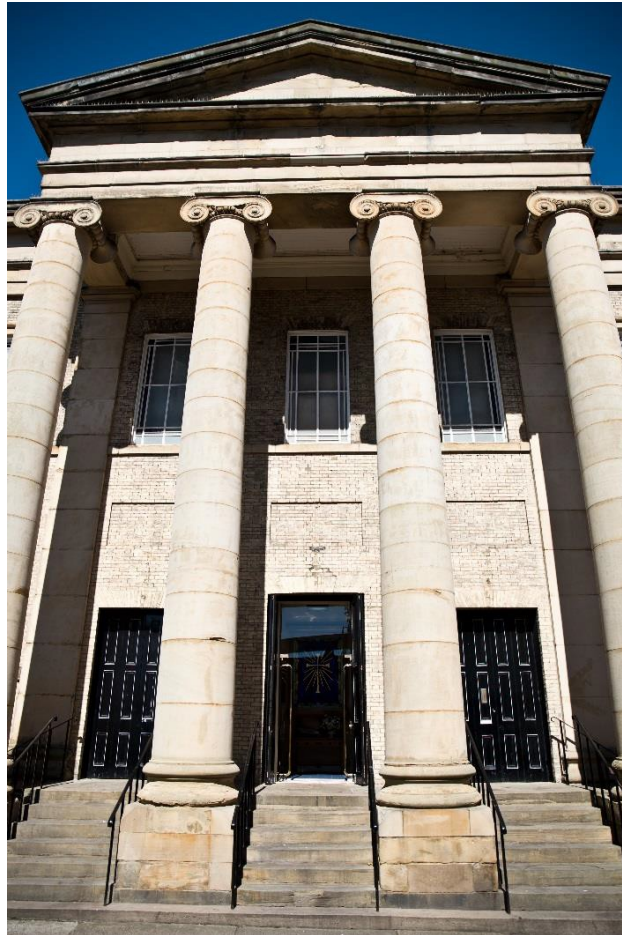


CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH YORK



ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

Annual Report for period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

Charity Commission Registered Number: 1176677

Mission Statement

**Central Methodist Church York seeks to be a beacon in the local community
for faith in Jesus Christ and love and service to all**

Central Methodist Church, St. Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ

Introduction

We strive to enable people to live out their faith as part of the community through: Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. We provide pastoral care for people living in the local community and missionary and outreach work. In addition, we utilise our buildings as a community hub for the work of local charities, organisations and individuals.

Administration

The Church is held on the 1976 Model Trust by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, and the Church Council act as Managing Trustees.

Presbyter:

Rev Rory Dalglish

City Centre Deacon:

Judith Stoddart

Church Council Secretary:

Stephanie Hanson

Church Stewards:

Philip Paul

Ian Miller

Church Treasurer:

Eileen Hannah

Pastoral Secretary:

Linda Dales

Circuit Steward:

Ruth Morrison

Paid Staff:

Office Manager	Christopher
Williams Caretaker	Ian Atherton
Organist	Philip Paul

To achieve our objectives, the Church is organised in the following way

The Minister

Church Council

Church Stewards

Pastoral Secretary

Church Treasurer

Paid Staff

The Church Council

CPD = Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

Purpose

The Church Council has the authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry and mission of the Church. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy, and the deployment of available resources are its proper responsibility.

The Church Council should meet not less than twice per year, at such dates as are most appropriate to the ongoing life of the Church, and its relationship with its committees and the Circuit. The Church Council act as Managing Trustees of the local property and are registered with the Charity Commission. If any legal matter arises, then only those members of the Council who are of the age 18 are eligible to be Trustees and are allowed to vote.

The Church Council will appoint annually all Church Officers as determined from time to time by the Council whether on the nomination of a committee or otherwise.

The Church Stewards

The Church Stewards are corporately responsible, together with the Minister, for giving leadership and help over the whole range of the life and activity of the Church.

The role of the Church Stewards is to serve the mission and ministries of the Church with prayer, creativity and vision.

By their service and example, they guide, encourage and support individuals and other groups within the Church

The Church Stewards will implement decisions made by the Church Council, and act between meetings of the Church Council in respect of all matters that are not under the purview of any of the Church committees.

In all instances, however, the Church Stewards will remain accountable to the Church Council.

The Church Stewards will, by mutual consent, ensure that at least one of its members is a representative on every Church Committee.

Church Stewards will be elected by the General Church Meeting to serve a rotating 4 year term.

Insofar as is possible, Church Stewards should accurately reflect the diversity of the congregation with respect to age, gender and race. However, as the appointment of Church Steward gives a seat on the Pastoral Committee Church Stewards must be at least 18 years of age.

Pastoral Secretary

To consider matters relating to Church membership.

To arrange training for membership

To recommend to the Church Council candidates for membership.

To make arrangements for services of confirmation.

To prepare a report on membership for the Church Council.

To encourage the practice of fellowship, through house groups and other group

To ensure the effectiveness of the work of pastoral visitors and house groups.

Year review and future goals:

During the Covid pandemic the Church continued their weekly Sunday services and seasonal Bible studies (for Advent and Lent). Due to Covid restrictions this had to be done virtually via live streaming, primarily on Zoom. However, this enabled people outside the local community to join, from as far afield from London to Prague. As restrictions were eased in the summer of 2021, worship returned to meeting in the building itself, but continued streaming on Zoom. Throughout this time pastoral care and funeral services continued.

The church continues to have a focus on vulnerable groups such as the homeless community and the socially isolated. It hosts and supports Carecent, who provide key food provision for the homeless community of York. This service continued throughout the pandemic and whilst restrictions meant they were unable to provide an indoor service, the provision of food continued by serving packed lunches and hot drinks from the steps of the church. This also ensured the continuation of the vital connection and conversation with those who were socially isolated and/ or needed advice regarding housing or signposting to other charities appropriate for their needs. Again, as restrictions were lifted, Carecent were able to meet again indoors and returned to providing hot food and showers facilities six mornings a week.

The church also hosts Kyra Women's Project, which offers help to local women to make positive change in their lives, offering a range of courses, therapies, life skills and events.

The church is part of the Place of Welcome network, a growing network of local community groups providing their neighbourhoods with places where people feel safe to belong, connect and contribute. After restrictions were lifted and we were able to meet again indoors, an afternoon drop in was hosted by volunteers including church members every Wednesday. This involves a coming together of members of the congregation and the local community for free refreshments and fellowship, there being a particular focus on vulnerable groups such as the homeless community and the socially isolated.

Pre-covid the Church also provided affordable community space, something which was identified as a need within the city centre community. In particular there are many charities who require space for training or larger meetings who simply could not afford hotels or other conference centres. The Church also offered hospitality to community classes and organisations such as the U3A and WEA, as well as individuals in the community. In an ongoing covid period the ability to host community activities was still limited, but the Church focused on establishing a covid safe environment to gradually welcome back these community groups.

In July of 2021 the Church also entered in to a service agreement with Central Hall Westminster Ltd. which is a established company which has managed the complicated Methodist Church building in London for several decades in line with the mission and community vision of that congregation. After a significant consultation period, the Church in York took on the services of the CHW to provide their experience and assistance in the management of its listed historic building, in terms of ensuring its facilities and user management of its spaces is of the highest possible quality, to facilitates it mission to be a community of welcome for all, especially during the difficult times of covid.

The Church continues to pursue its goal of serving the community, particularly the most vulnerable in society. Their vision aims to transform Central Methodist Church into a city centre space for the whole community, seven days a week.

Financial statement:

Receipts of £120140 - 00 exceeded Payments of £102713 - 00 by £17427 - 00. Lettings for the first ten months of the year were affected by the Covid crisis and the last two by an agreement with Central Hall Venues Ltd. However, two years of Gift Aid tax rebate and the Job Retention Scheme compensated for this loss of income. The church has funds to maintain the building for another year. In order to fulfil the vision of Transforming Central grants will have to be obtained.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

YORK CENTRAL METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

YORK Circuit	Circuit no	29/33
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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MR. IAN MILLER

Treasurer:

MRS. EILEEN E. HANNAH

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		18736		18736	14576
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		480		480	1038
a4	Lettings		70053		70053	91516
a5	Other receipts		30872		30872	13269
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		120141	—	120141 (a7)	120399

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		23166		23166	22880
b3	Donations		—		—	—
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		6738		6738	10219
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		19985		19985	28743
b6	Salaries		30563		30563	46085
b7	Other payments		22261		22261	29302
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		102713	—	102713 (b9)	187229

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	17428	—	17428	(16830)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		117947	808	118755 (c6)	135585
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	135375	808	136183	118755
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	135375	808	136183 (c8)	118755 (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			377		692
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			377		692
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		—		—

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

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e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub- total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
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e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	120141	102713	17428		118755 (x)	136183 (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 2021

f1	Cash in hand
f2	Bank Current Account
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f4	Central Finance Board
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
f6	Other funds <i>Bookkeeping Bureau</i>
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OPENING BALANCES	
205	
27242	
849	
89042	
1417	
118755	(c6)
	(e11)
118755	(x)

CLOSING BALANCES	
258	
46345	
193	
89158	
229	
136183	(c8)
	(e12)
136183	(y)

Section G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

g1	Investments (include Endowments)
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)
g3	Other Assets
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end
g5	Other Liabilities

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Name of Church YORK CENTRAL METHODIST No. 1176677

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 E. E. Hannah Date 18-09-2021

Name and address of treasurer MRS EILEEN ELIZABETH HANNAH
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Signature of the Chair of the meeting: David R. Sidnell

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

YORK CENTRAL METHODIST Church

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the YORK CENTRAL METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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