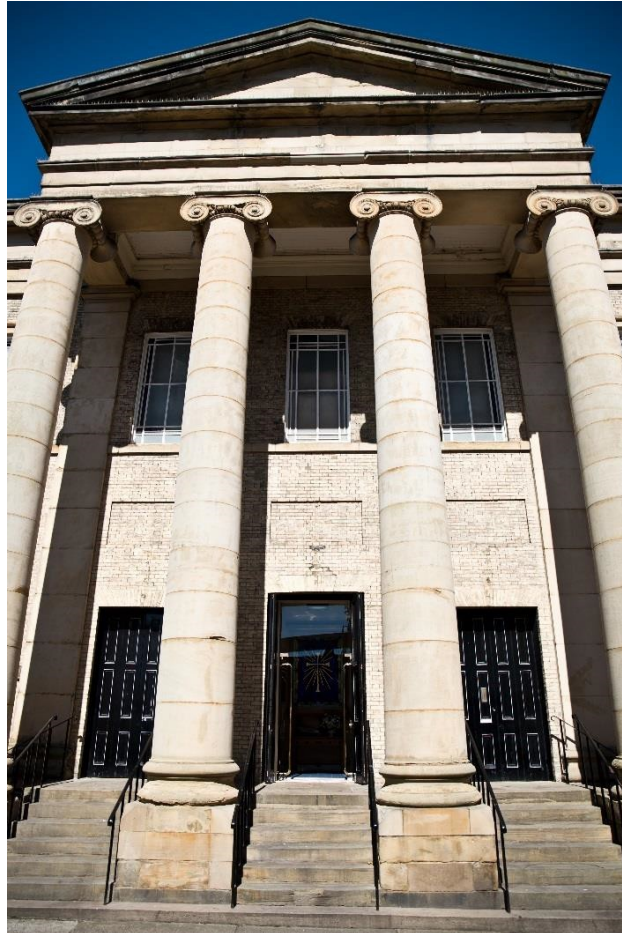


CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH YORK



ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

Annual Report for period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

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	The Revd Dr David Bidnell
City Centre Deacon	Deacon Judith Stoddart
Church Council Secretary	Stephanie Hanson
Church Treasurer	Eileen Hannah
Pastoral Secretary	Linda Dales
Paid Staff	Angie Creswick (Substantively Circuit Resources Manager, seconded as Project Manager for part of the year). Philip Paul (Director of Music and organist)
Church Stewards	Dorothy Godfrey Stephanie Hanson Ian Miller Philip Paul Cynthia Woolley
Circuit Steward	Ruth Morrison

Governance

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

- The Minister (Presbyter)
- Church Council
- Church Stewards
- Pastoral Secretary
- Church Treasurer
- Paid Staff

The Church Council

(purpose as set out in “Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church”)

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

(responsibilities as set out in “Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church”)

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

(responsibilities as set out in “Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church”)

- 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.

Review of the year and future goals

The Church successfully applied for funding to undertake a very large project encompassing a complete renewal of the chapel roof as well as essential repairs to masonry and window frames. The chapel roof had been causing serious concern due to original slates delaminating, tiles slipping, damp roof timbers and water leaks adjacent to the historic organ and risk of further damage to the ornate plaster ceiling.

A major grant from the The Programmes of Major Works scheme totalled £430,219 and this was awarded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and administered by Historic England.

Other funders included Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the York Methodist Circuit, Yorkshire North and East Methodist District and the congregation of the church.

The Programmes of Major Works scheme was part of the Culture Recovery Fund, the Government's support package to protect the country's cultural, arts and heritage organisations.

The works were undertaken by the local contractor Pinnacle Conservation Ltd, with project management from Angie Creswick, Circuit Resources Manager, and with oversight from conservation architect, Susan Amaku.

In addition to the repairs, the Methodist Church, as part of their commitment to climate justice, was able to take the opportunity to fund the installation of roof insulation, reducing the church's carbon footprint.

The project was successfully completed on schedule safeguarding the future of this iconic building as a place of worship and place of welcome for the community in the centre of York. Services and events were able to continue in the chapel throughout the project.

The church is enormously grateful to all the organisations and individuals who funded this vital work, as well as all those who undertook and managed the works.

The Church renewed its service agreement with Central Hall Westminster Ltd, an established company which has managed the very large chapel and ancillary premises at Methodist Central Hall in central London (opposite Westminster Abbey) for several decades in line with the mission and community vision of that congregation. After reviewing the previous reporting year the Church renewed the agreement with CHW for it to continue the excellent work managing the Grade II* listed building, drawing on their considerable experience gained at Central Hall. CHW seeks to ensure that the Church's buildings and facilities have user management of the highest possible quality, in pursuit of the vision to be a community of welcome for all.

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.

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. An afternoon drop is hosted by volunteers including church members on three days each week. 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.

The Church 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 are unable to 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.

The Church restarted its long-standing summer lunchtime concert series in 2022, featuring the large historic organ, attracting musicians from York and further afield, including Italy (this series established some thirty years ago, had continued uninterrupted until the pandemic; a shorter series was offered in the autumn of 2021). Audiences are made up of regular local attendees as well as visitors to York.

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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

YORK CENTRAL METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

YORK Circuit

Circuit no

29/33

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MS STEPHANIE HANSON

MRS CYNTHIA WOOLLEY

Treasurer:

MRS EILEEN E HANNAH

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

YORK CENTRAL Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	24808		24808	18736
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	690		690	480
a4	Lettings	53657		53657	70053
a5	Other receipts	22344	583282	545626	30872
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	101499	523282	624781 (a7)	120141

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	24324		24324	23166
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6293		6293	6738
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	29008		29008	19985
b6	Salaries	2674		2674	30563
b7	Other payments	47307	544969	592276	22261
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	109606	544969	654575 (b9)	102113

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(8107)	(21687)	(29794)	17428
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c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	127268	(20879)	106389	136183
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(34960)	34960	— (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	92308	14081	106389 (c8)	136183 (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	1074	377
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1074	377
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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e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub- total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	624781 (a7)	654575 (b9)	(29794) (c7)	136183 (c6)	106389 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	624781	654575	(29794)	136183 (x)	106389 (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 2022

f1	Cash in hand
f2	Bank Current Account
f3	Bank Deposit Account
f4	Central Finance Board
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258	
46345	
193	
89158	
229	
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CLOSING BALANCES	
172	
51682	
209	
54824	
2	
106389	(c8)
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Section G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

g1	Investments (include Endowments)
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)
g3	Other Assets
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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 E. E. Hannah Date 26.09.2022

Name and address of treasurer MRS EILEEN ELIZABETH HANNAH

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Presentation to the Church trustees

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting: David R Bionell

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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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 2022 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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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:

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