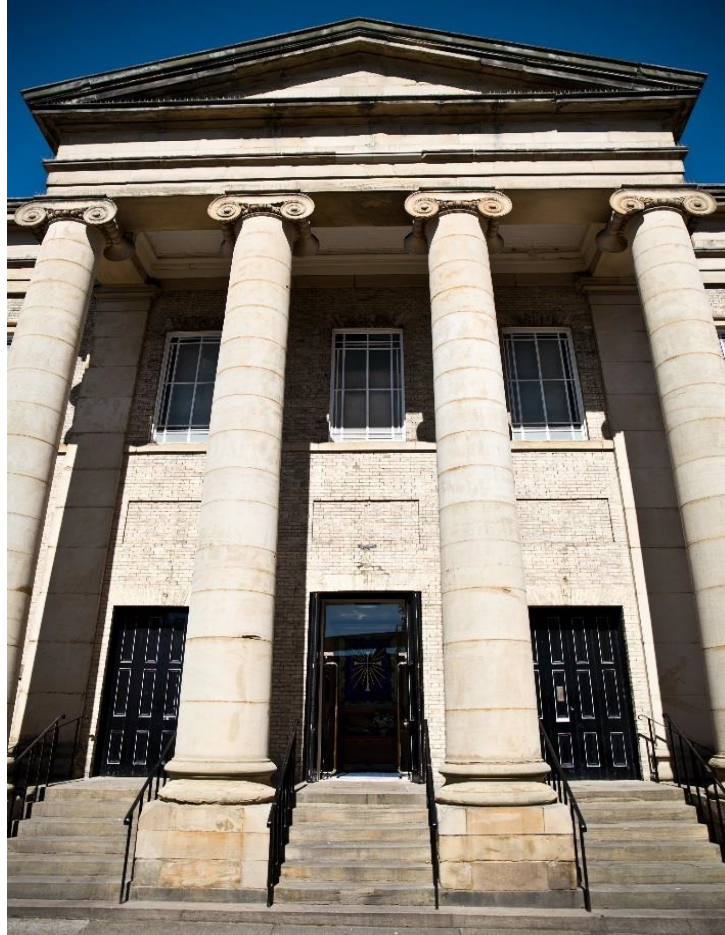


# **Central Methodist Church York**



## **Annual Report 2022 – 2023**

**Annual Report for period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023**  
**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.

<b>Presbyter</b>	The Revd Dr David Bidnell
<b>City Centre Deacon</b>	Judith Stoddart
<b>Church Council Secretary</b>	Stephanie Hanson
<b>Church Treasurer</b>	Eileen Hannah
<b>Church Stewards</b>	Dorothy Godfrey Stephanie Hanson Philip Paul Cynthia Woolley
<b>Pastoral Secretary</b>	Linda Dales
<b>Circuit Steward</b>	Ruth Morrison
<b>Paid Staff</b>	Philip Paul (Director of Music and Organist)

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**

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 four 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**

The role of the Pastoral Secretary includes:

- 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**

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, shower facilities and advice six days a week for the homeless community of York. This has expanded beyond the morning sessions, to having afternoon sessions throughout the week.

The church also hosts Kyra Women's Project, which offers help to local women to make positive changes 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 continues to be 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 continues its long-standing summer lunchtime concert series, featuring the large historic organ, attracting musicians from York and further afield. 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 Church renewed again 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.

CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
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STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

YORK CENTRAL METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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YORK

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Circuit no.

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Signature of treasurer E. E. Hannah Date 25-09-2023

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Charity Number 1174617

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Name of Church YORIC CENTRAL METHODIST No 1176677

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