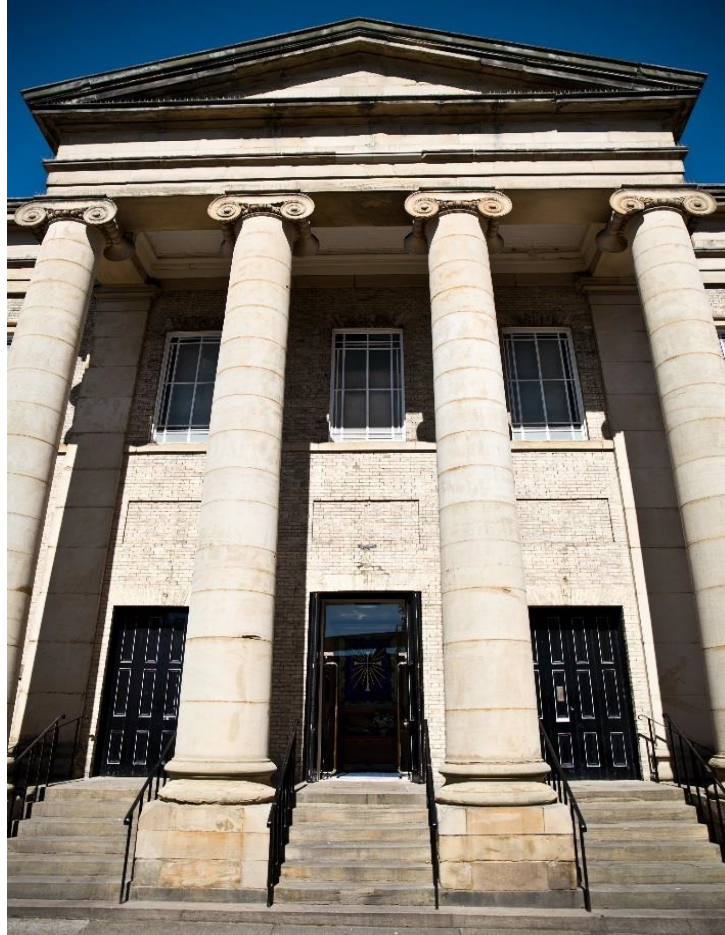


# Central Methodist Church York



## Annual Report 2023 – 2024

**Annual Report for period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024**

**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>	Janet Bowling
<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, 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.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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MRS. CYNTHIA WOOLLEY

Treasurer:

MRS. EILEEN E HANNAH



## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

## YORK CENTRAL Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		23441	23441	17983
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2559	2559	1830
a4	Lettings		65986	65986	66276
a5	Other receipts		7662	7662	10830
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		104648	104648 (a7)	96919

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		27625	27625	25697
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		13048	13048	40063
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		47693	47693	41214
b6	Salaries		2486	2486	2436
b7	Other payments	Restricted Fund	7889	16471	24360
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		98741	16471	115212 (b9)
					129927

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	5907	(16471)	(10564)		(33009)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		53140	20241	73381	(c6)	106389
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	59047	3770	62817		73381
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	59047	3770	62817	(c8)	73381 (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	571	1297
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	571	1297
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	—	—

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# YORK CENTRAL Church

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

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e3						
e4						
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e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	109158	115212	(10564)		73381 (e11)	62817 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	(a7)	(b8)		(c7)	(c6)	(c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	164648	115212	(10564)		73381 (x)	62817 (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 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	285	425
f2 Bank Current Account	42625	30418
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	339	555
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	30130	31417
f6 Other funds	2	2
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	73381 (c6)	62817 (c8)
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#### OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	26465	28213
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	9486656	10387050
g3 Other Assets		
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g5 Other Liabilities		

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g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)



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 2024 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 18-09-2024

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 Bum

Name of the Chair of the meeting Deacon Judith Shoddart Date 14/10/24

### 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 CENTRAL METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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

Name of Church YORK CENTRAL METHODIST No 07.6.77

### 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:

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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.

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Signature of independent examiner W D. Whitaker

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