

West Preston Methodist Church
Reports for Annual Church Meeting – 11.30am 9th June 2024

Minister's Report 2024- West Preston Methodist Church

While the last year has been challenging there have also been many highlights to reflect on. I continue to gratefully value the incredible people I serve alongside, many of you volunteer and support the wide range of activities across West Preston Methodist Church with little fuss each week. Where would we be without you?

In September we embarked as a circuit in a new way of working, so West Preston Methodist Church is now grouped with Hope Methodist, Hoole Methodist and Hesketh Bank Methodist churches in Mission Group 1. We welcomed Rev. Sharon Thraves (Mission Group 3) to the circuit and also Deacon Rebekah-Joy (RJ) who will work with Rev Mike in Mission Group 1. While RJ is mainly based in Hope, Hoole and Hesketh Bank, she has been much appreciated when available in West Preston.

Just before Easter this year Simon Skidmore, our Youth, Children's and Families Worker gave in his notice having been appointed to a new post managing a Wellbeing Youth Centre in St. Helen's where he lives. This was sad news as we have all appreciated Simon's dedication to his role over the last 4 years with us and was much loved. We wished him well at a special joint service followed by a lunch on 5th May. We also gave our thanks in August 2023 to Sylvia who had been Café Manager at the @home Café for 6 months. We had hoped to have appointed someone to take on a new Community Inclusion Worker role. The last year has seen trials with our recruitment in difficult times for many employers and particularly so in the charity sector trying to fill posts. We have struggled to fill this post as a part-time role and with Simon leaving we have been able to rejig how we carry out our work and are now looking to advertise a full-time Lay Worker post with Community, Pastoral and some Children and Families work. We are also working on an Admin post to support the Ministry team across West Preston Methodist Church, which might be linked with the Circuit Administrator post to make a full-time post.

Some of the highlights from the last year. Last summer's holiday club went very well and was loved by the children who came and wanted more. We will look forward to repeating something similar this year. The 'Out of the Ordinary' Advent and Christmas theme was much appreciated. Then 'Unbounded Love of God' Lent materials with another successful Maundy Thursday Messy Church, Communion and meal. The One Friday - Good Friday Service was very moving leading into our Easter Celebrations. The Pentecost weekend at Ingol with the prayer stations and weekend of Praise and Prayer being highly successful, "best Pentecost I've had" one person told me. In the last year we have welcomed in several new who have brought enthusiasm and willingness to serve which has been much appreciated.

Our Community projects have continued time with the @home café, Cottam Coffee Morning and Thrift shop supporting communities and enabling many fruitful conversations. The Cottam Coffee Morning now regularly gets 20 people each Thursday. Simon and myself have supported volunteer teams to keep this and the @home café going and we look forward to the new appointment to help us build this work up again. In November we held a Community Interest Day at Ashton, bringing various community, charity and services together to promote what they do in the community. This was very well received and we decided to repeat the

event in Cottam in May, which also went well. My thanks to all those who supported special events and / or weekly activities.

The coming year will bring new opportunities – we pray the new posts we are preparing and the new additions to our Ministry Team will enable us to build up missional activities again. I look forward to continuing to serve here in West Preston as well as being part of the Mission Group 1 Ministry and Circuit Staff Teams, I'm excited as to what the coming year will bring.

Love and blessings to you all,

Rev Mike Grimsley

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

West Preston	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

Preston Ribble	Circuit	Circuit no	21
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1178663

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Treasurer:

Steve Gregory

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	41,771		41,771	44,859
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	15,004		15,004	3,418
a4	Lettings	22,544		22,544	18,103
a5	Other receipts	21,588	10,516	32,104	50,146
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	100,907	10,516	111,423 (a7)	116,526
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	59,500		59,500	68,004
b3	Donations	6,712		6,712	4,862
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	10,417		10,417	46,784
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	18,823		18,823	16,770
b6	Rent	1,523		1,523	1,110
b7	Other payments	44,940	11,179	56,119	65,583
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	141,915	11,179	153,094 (b9)	203,113
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(41,008)	(663)	(41,671)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	427,213	12,036	439,249 (c6)	525,836
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	386,205	11,373	397,578
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	386,205	11,373	397,578 (c8)
					439,249 (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			574	2,380
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,608	3,420
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,781	5,226
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		401	574

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Ashton Fellowship					177	177
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					177 (e11)	177 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	111,423 (a7)	153,094	(41,671)	(c7)	439,249 (c6)	397,578 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	111,423	153,094	(41,671)		439,426 (x)	397,755 (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	20,628	5,477
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	9,077	23,220
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	410,118	369,282
f6	Other funds	(574)	(401)
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	439,249 (c6)	397,578 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	177 (e11)	177 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	107,316	102,823
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,841,020	6,335,176
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

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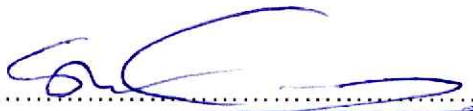
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Name of Church WEST PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH No.....

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  Date 22/6/24

Name and address of treasurer FAIRACRE, CUMRACH LANE
WHITTINGHAM, PRESTON Post Code PR3 2AL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 10 October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. M. GRIMSLEY Date 24th June 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

West Preston Methodist Church

Charity Number 1178663

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the West Preston Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to 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 West Preston Methodist Church

No

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 DK

Name of independent examiner DAVID KIPLING

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) JOHN A. PORTER & CO

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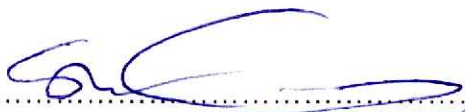
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