

POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1179142

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-07-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Poppleton Methodist Church has Sunday service at 10:30. During the week we have a range of community activities in our hall including "Coffee on the Green" at : 10:00-16:00 every Monday and Tuesday (10:00-14:00 when Tuesday Fellowship meet).In addition there is a range of clubs and societies that operate from our premises. See our website at <http://www.poppletonmethodistchurch.org.uk/>

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£189,802	£91,896	-	-
2023-08-31	£138,621	£111,626	-	-
2022-08-31	£197,414	£455,032	-	-
2021-08-31	£226,538	£269,680	-	-
2020-08-31	£83,828	£96,294	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Elizabeth Cushion	Chair	2022-09-01
ALAN WRIGHT		2018-05-27
ANN MOIRA HOWARD		2018-05-27
Brian Latto		2018-05-27
CHRISTINE MARGARET BOOTHMAN		2018-05-27
CHRISTINE STEPHENSON		2018-05-27
Christine Scholtz		2018-05-27
Dr Peter Scholtz		2018-05-27
JENNIFER COOKSON		2018-05-27
JUDITH WRIGHT		2018-05-27
John Middleton		2018-05-27
LYNDA JOHNSON		2018-05-27
MARILYN INGLE		2018-05-27
MOIRA DACKER		2018-05-27
Marian Frances Beck		2024-06-27
Rev David Andrew Priestnall		2024-01-24
SHEILA LATTO		2018-05-27
SUSAN CUSHING		2018-05-27
SUSAN LYNN		2018-05-27
Sandra Bailey		2024-05-22
Sheila Dickson Middleton		2019-04-01
WENDY HEAP		2018-05-27

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Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church present their Annual Report for year ended 31st August 2024

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The Mission Statement of Poppleton Methodist Church - based on "Our Calling" from the Methodist Church

Pillar 1: Worship

Vision

Our worship will be appealing and relevant to all age groups and people will really want to join in.

Mission

1. To enhance the worship experience by exploring various styles of worship.
2. To be more modern and forward-looking and make services more relevant and related to daily living.
3. To endeavour to have greater visibility of worship: if it **looks** interesting people will be more inclined to think it **is** interesting and **come in**. Strap line - "**Open** the Church, **see** in, **Come** in".

Pillar 2: Learning and Caring

Vision

Our Church experience is enriched through a variety of learning and caring opportunities that will allow us to grow in faith and share God's love.

Mission

1. To build on the range of groups that meet on a regular basis.
2. To develop pastoral care, adopting a "Loving neighbour" approach, based on "**Visit** and **Ask** and **Watch**".
3. To aspire to be a Powerhouse of Learning, Caring, Mission, Prayer and Deepening Faith.
4. To ensure our activities are truly inclusive.

Pillar 3: Service

Vision

Through our service to the community, we will make God's love real to those around us.

Mission

1. To address unsatisfied needs in the community using our gifts to develop our engagement with those around us.
2. To use the redeveloped premises to offer additional options to the community enabling us to engage and build relationships with more people.
3. To use the improved facilities to further develop our catering ministry.

Pillar 4: Evangelism

Vision

Our engagement with the community, and a varied programme of outreach, will encourage more people to explore the Christian Faith.

Mission

1. To ensure we use the new facilities and our landmark location to make people feel comfortable coming on to the premises.
2. To encourage a whole Church welcome and enthusiasm for families and children.
3. To be more confident in sharing our faith.
4. To show the community our faith by our actions.
5. To communicate more effectively with the local community.

All this to be undergirded by a commitment to prayer and every-member ministry.

The Administration of Poppleton Methodist Church

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

Managing Trustees at 31st August 2024

Chairman	Rev Elizabeth Cushion	
Secretary	Chris Boothman	
Treasurer	Steven Boothman	
Pastoral Secretary	Marilyn Ingle	Representatives elected by the Church Meeting:
Church Stewards	Sandra Bailey	Moira Howard
	Marian Beck	Lyn Johnson
	Chris Boothman	Brian Latto
	Moira Dacker	Sue Lynn
	Wendy Heap	Ruth Morrison
	Sheila Latto	John Perkin
	John Middleton	Sue Perkin
	Chris Scholtz	David Priestnall
	Christine Stephenson	Alan Wright
		Judith Wright
Plus, Members elected by the Church Council		
	Jenny Cookson	Mission Committee
	Sue Cushing	Coffee on the Green
	Sheila Middleton	Circuit Council Representative
	Peter Scholtz	RUACH
Ecumenical Rep	Lynda Salmon (not a Trustee)	

The Church Council appoints annually all Church Officers as determined from time to time by the Council whether on the nomination of a committee or otherwise; all such appointments being for the year commencing 1st May, apart from the Church Treasurer, whose appointment commences on 1st September. The Council will also appoint the committees of the Church, again, as from 1st May each year. Elected Church Council members are appointed by the Annual Church meeting at which all Church members are eligible to vote.

Minister's Report

During the past year the church has continued its worship, fellowship and mission. We have held an Advent and Lent course, celebrated baptisms and offered funeral and memorial services for those who have lost loved ones. The congregation continue to support each other pastorally and regular events such as craft group, Coffee on the Green and lunch club provide fellowship. Joint services and events with the Anglican congregation continue, and it is hoped to continue these links.

The RUACH project is going well and it is hoped that we will be able to start Phase 2 in the next couple of months.

The church mission continues through outreach to the community, and the church is a presence at several village events. Coffee on the Green is thriving, offering welcome and support alongside delicious food. Recently a group has formed to think about outreach through a course exploring the Christian faith, and we hope to produce a church Facebook page. Children's craft sessions happen at village events and weekly during the summer holidays.

It has been a privilege to work with this church for the past year and I look forward to where God is taking us next.

a) STEWARDS REPORT: With Moira Howard and Frances Priestnall retiring from their stewarding duties at the AGM in May when Sandra Bailey and Marian Beck joined the team, stewards are now Number Ones – Sandra Bailey, Chris Boothman, John Middleton and Chris Scholtz, with Marian Beck, Moira Dacker, Wendy Heap and Sheila Latto as Number Two stewards. Christine Stephenson is taking a temporary break from stewarding duties while recovering from illness. We were grateful for and thank Revd David Priestnall and Revd David Archer for their help during our minister Elizabeth's sabbatical during the early months of the year.

b) MISSION COMMITTEE: Committee members are involved with COTG, lunch club, fundraising group, craft group, flower distribution, Tuesday fellowship and Cameo. Usual Christmas activities included distribution of plants to elderly, lonely and bereaved in the village, gifts delivered to the local prison and a posada and trail of knitted sheep displayed in local businesses. Regular meetings are held with the Anglicans to discuss and provide activities for children and families, plus meetings with the After School Club, Under 5's and Youth Club. We have taken part in Messy Church sessions in All Saints church hall and it is hoped that a room for parents and young children may soon be provided during Coffee on the Green sessions.

c) FUND RAISING for the Ruach development Phase 2 continues and during the year various church organised events including Christmas and Spring Fairs, Mothering Sunday and Strawberry teas, a choir concert and a murder mystery evening have been attended and enjoyed by church members and the wider community. We have also joined in with village activities such as Children's Sports Day & the Annual Village Show raising a total in excess of £8,500 over the year.

d) RUACH PROJECT: We continued to raise funds for phase 2 of Ruach – the reordering of the Chapel. The intention of phase 2 is to turn the Chapel into a flexible multi-use space suitable for both worship and community use. The intention is to change a building that is mainly used on Sundays for worship and occasional weddings and funerals to seven day a week use. This can be achieved if the fixed pews and sloping floor are removed and the level reduced to that the access is straight off the street without stairs or ramps. The electric tubular heaters will be replaced with under-floor heating powered by an air source heat pump and solar panels and a storage battery will also be installed. The insulation will be improved as will the Audio Visual equipment. At the 31st August 2024 the cost estimate of the project was £273,000 and the amount raised was £203,000.

e) PROPERTY STEWARD

Periodic maintenance throughout the premises is undertaken by members of the property team. This includes, Fire alarm testing, descaling and water treatment to the dishwashers and water boilers, replacing defective light bulbs, weed killing of paths, emptying the dehumidifier and ensuring the toilets and kitchens are cleaned and re stocked. Of note and more significant items over the last 12 months:

We had to replace the dishwasher/sanitiser in the old hall kitchen as it was shorting out and tripping the electrics. We were also fortunate to receive a grant towards the costs from York City Council. A complete re paint of the old Photocopier room (Tree House room) as it was looking tired. A volunteer kindly agreed to wash and repair the curtains in the room. We repurposed the electronic hand sanitisers, used during Covid, to dispense soap and they are in the toilets near the old hall. Completed a number of items identified in the Quinquennial report and cleaned all gutters and down pipes. Painted below the Dado rail in the lobby of the new hall and new hall itself as it needed a spruce up.

Water damage appeared on the South wall in the church. After seeking advice from Circuit, we approached a local stone mason for a quote and advice on the remedy. However, whilst he was on site he identified a crack in the Apex stone at the very top of the Church roof. This was an urgent item and will be remedied as soon as possible. The sound system failed in the chapel. We procured a portable replacement pending the reordering of the chapel which may result in a completely new system being installed.

f) COFFEE ON THE GREEN continues to run successfully staffed by a willing band of volunteers from both church and village community, offering a welcoming and friendly environment where customers can meet, chat and enjoy delicious refreshments. Although footfall decreased over the winter months, gross takings are averaging £275/session on Mondays and £375/session on Tuesdays. One-off events during the year included providing a Christmas afternoon tea for the Craft Group members and catering following the funeral of a past regular customer.

The monthly charity coffee morning continues to be very popular and charities supported include York against Cancer, McMillan Nurses, Crohn's & Cystic Fibrosis, Oxfam, UNICEF and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Craft sessions were held each Monday during school holidays with the offer of a free child's meal for each adult meal purchased.

With Tuesday Fellowship moving to Friday afternoons, Coffee on the Green will be open every Monday and Tuesday from 10 am to 4 pm and we look forward to being able to offer an extended service to our customers.

G) TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP: Going well with good attendances and a range of speakers. Following the annual strawberry tea in July 2024 the group will recommence in September 2024 as Friday Fellowship, meeting monthly on the second Friday of each month.

h) ECO CHURCH: Monthly refill stall is well supported and a monthly children's clothes swap has started at Popp and Play sessions held on our premises. Work continues towards achieving the Silver Award.

i) CAMEO: Come And Meet Each Other is a monthly group meeting in a relaxed, informal and friendly atmosphere which attracts approximately 35 members from the church and wider village community. During the year members have enjoyed talks on a variety of subjects, plus a musical evening and a meal out together.

j) EBOR COURT SERVICES: Services at the local care home are held monthly and led on alternate months by a team of preachers and musicians from our church.

k) ALL WE CAN: The church continues to support this charity with an annual amount and throughout the year by donating the proceeds of the Christmas post-delivery and an annual breakfast and barbecue.

Financial Report

1. General Unrestricted Church Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Total income is up by around £5,800 (5.4%) on the previous year. On behalf of Church Council, thank you to all who give to the Church so generously both in time, prayers and financial giving. However, Standing orders, Offerings, Gift Aid and the Small Cash Donations scheme recovery have decreased by £3,600 (6.5%). This decrease is due, in the main, to some generous contributors having been lost.

The new hall completed it's second year of rental income. Overall income from rentals including from the Under 5s has increased - the overall letting income is up by nearly £7,000 (28%). Coffee on the Green annual receipts are consistent with 2023 at £19,000, but this is offset by higher expenses of £8,700 (2023: £6,000) and ongoing hall running expenditure.

Payments

Total expenses were £95,111, against which recovery of £5,000 overpayment of previous pension contributions to Connexion, has been set. Total expenses are therefore up by £1,000, some 1% (2023: £94,000).

The circuit assessment was increased by 11% to just over £54,600 for the year. Our regular donations of £2,350 to Methodist charities has continued in 2024. Other costs for 2024 of £12,200 are broadly comparable with 2023, but within this heading there are some increases and other decreases.

Within the Utilities line (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) the electricity expense for 2024 was £9,700 (2023: £14,000). After many ongoing discussions with the energy provider, our electricity costs incurred post installation of new electric meters was brought up to date in 2023, giving rise to a higher charge. It will take another year of so to full understand the church's true cost of power. The cost of insurance and licences for 2024 of £3,500 is comparable to 2023.

Unrestricted Fund Balances at Year End

The final figures for the year show a surplus of income over expenditure of **£22,958 for church activities**, not including RUACH, which in the present situation continues to be positive.

The balance on the General Unrestricted Fund at the year-end is recorded as **£123,525** and we are pleased that our unrestricted reserves are beginning to re-build to cover normal payments for the Church's activities as well as potential support for future RUACH Phases.

2. RUACH (Restricted) Fund

The RUACH Building Project Restricted Fund holds dedicated monies for the project and is in addition to monies held in the Unrestricted Fund which might be allocated to support this specific project. During the year ended 31st August 2022 it was agreed to transfer £236,414 from unrestricted funds to RUACH Funds – no such transfers have been made in 2024 or 2023.

Since the Fund commenced 7 years ago, a wide variety of fundraising activities have been held, individual generous donations made, gift aid recovered and grants from third parties received. Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in the wide ranging activities. The following summarises the current position on 31 August 2024 and includes the total amount paid in respect of Phase 1 of this programme. During 2024, grants of £42,000 were received, including £40,000 from Methodist Insurance.

Now that Phase 1 is complete, the balance of **£107,414** (2023: £32,465) is carried forward towards Phases 2 & 3.

RUACH RESTRICTED FUNDS MAKEUP (CUMULATIVE)	
	Totals to 31:8:24
Donations Fund Raising & Gift Aid	233,012
Grants Received	291,850
Interest	4,298
Total Receipts	529,160
Transferred from Unrestricted Funds (2022)	236,414
Total Payments (Phase 1)	-658,160
Net Movement	107,414
Fund Balance B/Fwd	0
FUND BALANCE C/FWD	107,414

3. RUACH Project

Phase 1 of our RUACH building project, to build a new church hall, has been completed. We are now fully operational, and the facility is greatly appreciated by church members as well as other users from Poppleton and nearby. All Phase 1 fees have been paid. Phase 2 involves the chapel refurbishment (levelling the floor and removal of pews and better insulation and heating). Phase 3 will then be the revamping of the old hall. It was felt this would allow continuity of premises use during the work, as well as being preferred by the church going members.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts on pages 1 to 7 were approved by the Trustees on **18th June 2025** and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: ELIZABETH CUSHION

Signed: PETER SCHOLTZ

Revd Elizabeth Cushion (Chairman of Trustees and of Church Council) and

Peter Scholtz (Trustee)

**POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

1 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals: 2024	Totals: 2023
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Offerings and Tax recovered	52,236	478	52,714	56,943
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,900	1,533	6,433	2,689
Lettings	32,528	0	32,528	25,455
Other receipts	23,405	74,722	98,127	53,533
TOTAL RECEIPTS	113,069	76,733	189,802	138,621
PAYMENTS				
Circuit Assessment or Share	54,636	0	54,636	49,048
Donations	2,350	0	2,350	2,350
Repairs and Maintenance	10,851	0	10,851	10,770
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,112	0	15,112	19,004
Other payments	7,163	1,784	8,947	30,453
TOTAL PAYMENTS	90,111	1,784	91,896	111,626
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	22,958	74,949	97,906	26,995
Total funds brought forward from last year	100,567	32,465	133,032	106,037
Sub total	123,525	107,414	230,939	133,032
Transfers and adjustments			0	0
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	123,525	107,414	230,939	133,032

Charity & Mission Funds:

A number of Church activities give rise to funds being donated for specific designated charities and missionary funds, which are paid over directly to those organisations. Such receipts and payments are not included elsewhere in these financial statements. The following summarises this activity.

	Totals: 2024	Totals: 2023
Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,566	3,052
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	(1,566)	(3,052)
Balance still to be paid	0	0

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2 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Closing Balances 31st Aug 2024	Opening Balances 1st Sept 2023
Cash in hand	40	40
Bank Current Account	21,961	14,498
Bank Deposit Account	38,058	31,671
Central Finance Board	167,468	83,502
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	0	0
Other funds	3,412	3,322
NET ASSETS	230,939	133,033

Represented by:	Unrestricted Funds	123,525	100,567
	Restricted Funds	107,414	32,466

The value of land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No. 1134381. They are however insured for the sum of **£2,581,246** (2023: 2,506,066). Additional specialist insurance is taken out for the RUACH works.

3 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals: 2024	Totals: 2023
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income	52,236	33,200	85,436	87,320
Grants received	0	42,000	42,000	300
Activities for generating funds	32,528	0	32,528	25,456
Income from investments	4,900	1,533	6,433	2,689
Church activities	23,405	0	23,405	22,856
Total Incoming Resources	113,069	76,733	189,802	138,621
Total Resources Expended - Church Activities	-90,111	-1,784	-91,895	-111,626
Net Movement in Funds	22,958	74,949	97,907	26,995
Balances b/fwd 1st September 2023	100,567	32,465	133,032	106,037
Transfer from General Fund to RUACH Fund	0	0	0	0
Balances c/fwd 31st August 2024	123,525	107,414	230,939	133,032

4 INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

There are a number of organisations that are linked to Poppleton Methodist Church and make reports to the Church Council. The accounts for these organisations are held separately from the Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church and are not included in Accounting Tables 1, 2 or 3 above. Where money is paid over to Poppleton Methodist Church these amounts are included in Payments in Table 4 below and as Receipts in Table 1. Results of these organisations are however reported in the Annual Financial Return to the Methodist Circuit and are noted here for completeness only.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ (Payments)	Adjustments	Opening balances 1st Sep 2023	Closing balances 31st Aug 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Drama Group	2,018	(6,661)	(4,643)		5,803	1,161
Tuesday/Friday Fellowship	1,040	(496)	543		250	793
Cameo	432	(562)	(130)		190	60
	200	(200)	0		0	0
Internal Organisations funds	3,690	(7,919)	(4,230)		6,243	2,014

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5. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

5.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC') have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, The Methodist Church Act 1976 and principles in 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', using the Receipts & Payments basis. Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid. The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which PMC is responsible in law. They don't include accounts of Internal Organisations (Table 4) nor those of informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the General Funds which are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of PMC. These may include funds potentially designated for a particular purpose by PMC eg, the RUACH Project.

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by PMC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The Trustees do not always invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Restricted funds entirely comprise the RUACH Building Project. In addition, funds raised specifically for designated charities or missionary work (as per section 1) are segregated and paid over directly to the charity or mission. There are no endowment funds.

Fixed assets

The value of the land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No.1134381.

Fixtures and fittings as well as enhancements to the buildings forming the Methodist Church and Church Hall are fully expensed in the year the invoices are settled.

Cash Assets

Cash is held in banks, with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and in a deposit account with Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd.

In addition, certain legacies received by PMC are affected by Section 15(2) of the Methodist Church Act 1976. These monies are held in trust for the benefit of PMC, under the direction of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. These trust monies are interest bearing and subject to administration charges. The balance at 31st August 2024 is £0.

5.2. RESERVE POLICIES

For Unrestricted General Funds:

General Funds for non-RUACH expenses are above 50% of our normal annual expenditure. In addition to meeting our normal expenses, this allows some flexibility when the decision is made to start the next phase (2) of our RUACH building project and may allow an earlier start if church council approve the use of these funds.

For Restricted Funds:

The Restricted Fund represents our savings for the next phase (2) of our RUACH Building Project, with no minimum reserve.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC')

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024, set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022 ('the Charities Act'). They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- i) examine the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- ii) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records and other information kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts to be reached.

Signed: ANDREW GL WORDIE

Andrew GL Wordie RD BSc FCA
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18th June 2025

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Minister's Report

During the past year the church has continued its worship, fellowship and mission. We have held an Advent and Lent course, offered a service of remembering for those who have lost loved ones and celebrated baptisms and new people being received into church membership. The congregation continue to support each other pastorally. Joint services and events with the Anglican congregation continue, and it is hoped to develop these links further. I have recently been on sabbatical and I am very grateful to the stewards and Rev David Priestnall who have given oversight and leadership in those three months.

The RUACH project strongly continues. It was agreed to change Phases 2 and 3 round, with the worship area being the next focus. Applying for grants and fundraising events are in progress, with thanks to the committee and all involved.

In August 2023 Bill Topping left for ministry training as a Deacon. He is very much missed, both for his work in many aspects of church life and for his friendly and positive personality. We wish Bill every success in his future ministry,

The church mission continues through outreach to the community, and the church is a presence at several village events. Coffee on the Green is thriving, offering welcome and support alongside delicious food. Recently a group has formed to think about outreach to children and young people, and more contact has been made with groups using the church premises. A children's craft session has been offered at a couple of village events, which is hoped to be continued, with the potential of offering something similar at Coffee on the Green.

It has been a privilege to work with this church for the past year and I look forward to where God is taking us next.

a) STEWARDS REPORT

The present team of 9, contact and liaise with preachers and prepare the church for weekly worship. They also act as a link between the Minister and congregation, helping with funerals and other special services as necessary. During the year all stewards have undergone EDI training and updated their safeguarding training and DBS checks.

b) MISSION COMMITTEE

Outreach activity continues with weekly flower distribution, creative activities for children during special events on our premises, painting and craft group, Christmas shoeboxes, Christmas plants for elderly, housebound, recently bereaved and ill villagers, Christmas toiletries parcels to the local prison. Messy Church sessions have been held in conjunction with the Anglican Church.

c) FUND RAISING

Events during the year include Coronation Spring Fair, Children's Sports Day teas, Concerts, Strawberry tea, Village show refreshments, and a Murder Mystery Evening - all raising funds for our RUACH building project. A Christmas Tree Festival was a major event raising almost £3,000.

d) RUACH PROJECT

Phase 2 - the revamp of the chapel is now formally underway. In summary main changes are: removal of pews to be replaced with chairs, solid floor at street level to provide a level access with no steps, underfloor heating powered by air source heat pump. The pulpit and the chancel area will be unchanged to retain the original character of the chapel. Grant applications are ongoing and fundraising continues. The total cost is expected to be approximately £250,000.

e) PROPERTY STEWARD

Routine property maintenance is carried out on a regular basis by a team of church members. During the year the stage has been removed from the old hall, the old hall and side room have been painted. Acoustic panels have been fitted in the new hall, new shelving has been built in the Yellow room and a new hob fitted in the kitchen.

f) COFFEE ON THE GREEN

Coffee on the Green continues to open every Monday and Tuesday with increased numbers of customers of varying ages who enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and full menu. Many customers are staying longer and purchasing more thereby increasing the revenue generated substantially.

The Monday session has become more popular and the team of volunteers has increased to cope with the demand. A visit from Environmental Health is imminent and paperwork has been updated to comply with all regulations. New methods of working ensure that food is prepared in a safe environment for the protection of all our customers.

In conjunction with the Fund Raising committee events have included Coronation Spring Fair, Children's Sports Day teas, Strawberry Tea, Village show refreshments and the very successful Christmas Tree Festival. We have regular groups meeting in the cafe on a monthly basis and will also provide full afternoon teas on request. A volunteer team of church members and many from the wider village community generously and willingly provide cakes, scones, soup and service with a smile. On the last Saturday of each month we host a charity coffee morning which is always well supported by the village and wider local community. Through the year we have supported Parkinsons, Crohns and Cystic Fibrosis, UNICEF, Oxfam, Food Bank Yorkshire Air Ambulance, and other local charities.

g) ECO CHURCH

The use of ethical cleaning products and bamboo toilet paper on our premises, plus the continuing success of the refill stall offering eco-friendly cleaning and washing products have contributed towards enabling us to apply for the bronze award on our journey to become an Eco Church.

h) TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The membership of approximately 30 meet fortnightly from September to July, enjoying guest speakers, fellowship, chat and tea.

i) CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other is a monthly group meeting in a relaxed, informal and friendly atmosphere which attracts approx 35 members from the church and wider village community. Members have enjoyed a games evening, musical entertainment and talks on a variety of subjects.

j) EBOR COURT SERVICES

Services at the local care home are held monthly and led on alternate months by a team of preachers and musicians from our church.

k) ALL WE CAN

The church supports this charity with an annual amount and throughout the year by donating the proceeds of the Christmas post delivery and annual barbecue.

Financial Report

1. General Unrestricted Church Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Total income is up by around £19,000 (21%) on the previous year. On behalf of Church Council, thank you to all who give to the Church so generously both in time, prayers and financial giving. Resulting from this, Standing orders, Offerings, Gift Aid and the Small Cash Donations scheme recovery have increased by £7,500 (15%).

As we have started using the new hall in a full year rental income from rentals including from the Under 5s has increased - the overall letting income is up by nearly £7,000 (36%). Coffee on the Green annual receipts are also up to £19,000, but this is offset by expenses of £6,000 and ongoing running expenditure of the Halls.

Payments

Total expenses were up considerably, to some £94,000, some 14% (2022: £83,000). This is in the main due to an increase of £14,000 in Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting). As reported last year, after many discussions with the energy provider, at 31st August 2022 there was no up to date information on our electricity costs incurred or contract post installation of new electric meters on 10th May & 8th July – giving rise to an undercharge of the total annual cost in 2022. This has been brought up to date in 2023, hence the increased electric expenditure of £13,000. The cost of insurance also rose in 2023 by £1,000.

The circuit assessment was increased by 3.7% to just over £49,000 for the year. Our regular donations of £2,350 to Methodist charities resumed in 2022 and has continued in 2023. Other costs for 2023 are comparable with 2022, although a decrease of £5,000 has been seen between the two years as in 2022, we gave £5,000 to Connexion to help with their Pension fund deficit (2023: nil).

Unrestricted Fund Balances at Year End

The final figures for the year show a surplus of income over expenditure of £13,047 for church activities, not including RUACH, which in the present situation is very positive.

The balance on the General Unrestricted Fund at the year-end is recorded as **£100,567** and we are pleased that our unrestricted reserves are beginning to re-build to cover normal payments for the Church's activities as well as potential support for future RUACH Phases.

2. RUACH (Restricted) Fund

The RUACH Building Project Restricted Fund holds dedicated monies for the project and is in addition to monies held in the Unrestricted Fund which might be allocated to support this specific project. During the year ended 31st August 2022 it was agreed to transfer £236,414 from the general unrestricted fund to the restricted RUACH Fund – no such transfers have been made in 2023.

Since the Fund commenced 6 years ago, a wide variety of fundraising activities have been held, individual generous donations made, gift aid recovered and grants from third parties received. Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in the wide ranging activities. The following summarises the current position on 31 August 2023 and includes the total amount paid in respect of Phase 1 of this programme.

Now that Phase 1 of the project is complete, the balance of **£32,466** is carried forward towards Phases 2 & 3.

RUACH RESTRICTED FUNDS MAKEUP	
	Totals to
	31:8:23
Donations Fund Raising & Gift Aid	199,813
Grants Received	249,850
Interest	2,765
Total Receipts	452,428
Transferred from General Unrestricted Funds	236,414
Total Payments	-656,376
Net Movement	32,466
Fund Balance B/Fwd	0
FUND BALANCE C/FWD	32,466

3. RUACH Project

Phase 1 of our RUACH building project, to build a new church hall, has been completed. We are now fully operational, and the facility is greatly appreciated by church members as well as other users from Poppleton and nearby. All Phase 1 fees have been paid. It has been agreed to change the order of the next Phases: Phase 2 will now involve the chapel refurbishment (levelling the floor and removal of pews and better insulation and heating). Phase 3 will then be the revamping of the old hall. It was felt this would allow continuity of premises use during the work, as well as being preferred by the church going members.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts on pages 1 to 7 were approved by the Trustees on **17th June 2024** and signed on their behalf by:

REVd ELIZABETH CUSHION

STEVEN BOOTHMAN

Rev'd Elizabeth Cushion (Chairman of Trustees and of Church Council) and Steven Boothman (Treasurer)

POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals: 2023	Totals: 2022
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Offerings and Tax recovered	55,880	1,063	56,943	51,751
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,083	606	2,689	345
Lettings	25,455	0	25,455	18,489
Other receipts	23,856	29,676	53,533	126,830
TOTAL RECEIPTS	107,275	31,346	138,621	197,414
PAYMENTS				
Circuit Assessment or Share	49,048	0	49,048	47,296
Donations	2,350	0	2,350	2,350
Repairs and Maintenance	10,770	0	10,770	9,419
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,004	0	19,004	5,060
Other payments	13,056	17,397	30,453	390,907
TOTAL PAYMENTS	94,228	17,397	111,626	455,032
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	13,047	13,948	26,995	(257,617)
Total funds brought forward from last year	87,520	18,517	106,037	363,655
Sub total	100,567	32,466	133,032	106,037
Transfers and adjustments			0	0
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	100,567	32,466	133,032	106,037

Charity & Mission Funds:

A number of Church activities give rise to funds being donated for specific designated charities and missionary funds, which are paid over directly to those organisations. Such receipts and payments are not included elsewhere in these financial statements. The following summarises this activity.

	Totals: 2023	Totals: 2022
Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,052	4,426
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	(3,052)	(4,426)
Balance still to be paid	0	0

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2 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Closing Balances 31st Aug 2023	Opening Balances 1st Sept 2022
Cash in hand	40	40
Bank Current Account	14,498	13,504
Bank Deposit Account	31,671	31,198
Central Finance Board	83,502	58,004
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	0	0
Other funds	3,322	3,292
NET ASSETS	133,033	106,037

Represented by:	Unrestricted Funds	100,567	87,520
	Restricted Funds	32,466	18,517

The value of land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No. 1134381. They are however insured for the sum of **£2,506,066** (2022: £2,250,000). Additional specialist insurance was taken out for the RUACH works.

3 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals: 2023	Totals: 2022
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income	56,880	30,440	87,320	72,479
Grants received	0	300	300	85,000
Activities for generating funds	25,456	0	25,456	18,489
Income from investments	2,083	606	2,689	345
Church activities	22,856	0	22,856	21,101
Total Incoming Resources	107,275	31,346	138,621	197,414
Total Resources Expended - Church Activities	-94,228	-17,397	-111,626	-455,032
Net Movement in Funds	13,047	13,949	26,995	-257,618
Balances b/fwd 1st September 2022	87,520	18,517	106,037	363,655
Transfer from General Fund to RUACH Fund	0	0	0	0
Balances c/fwd 31st August 2023	100,567	32,466	133,032	106,037

4 INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

There are a number of organisations that are linked to Poppleton Methodist Church and make reports to the Church Council. The accounts for these organisations are held separately from the Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church and are not included in Accounting Tables 1, 2 or 3 above. Where money is paid over to Poppleton Methodist Church these amounts are included in Payments in Table 4 below and as Receipts in Table 1. Results of these organisations are however reported in the Annual Financial Return to the Methodist Circuit and are noted here for completeness only.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ (Payments)	Adjustments	Opening balances 1st Sep 2022	Closing balances 31st Aug 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Drama Group (See Note Below)	2,211	(2,860)	(650)	753	5,700	5,804
Tuesday Fellowship	1,015	(1,347)	(332)		582	250
Cameo	536	(506)	30		160	190
Internal Organisations funds	3,761	(4,713)	(952)		6,443	6,244

Drama Group Note: The restricted access to the bank account and its information has been resolved during 2023. The adjustment of £753 has substantiated the overall position of the Drama Group at 31 Aug 2023.

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5. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023

5.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC') have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, The Methodist Church Act 1976 and principles in 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', using the Receipts & Payments basis. Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid. The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which PMC is responsible in law. They don't include accounts of Internal Organisations (Table 4) nor those of informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the General Funds which are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of PMC. These may include funds potentially designated for a particular purpose by PMC eg, the RUACH Project.

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by PMC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The Trustees do not always invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Restricted funds entirely comprise the RUACH Building Project. In addition, funds raised specifically for designated charities or missionary work (as per section 1) are segregated and paid over directly to the charity or mission. There are no endowment funds.

Fixed assets

The value of the land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No.1134381.

Fixtures and fittings as well as enhancements to the buildings forming the Methodist Church and Church Hall are fully expensed in the year the invoices are settled.

Cash Assets

Cash is held in banks, with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and in a deposit account with Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd.

In addition, certain legacies received by PMC are affected by Section 15(2) of the Methodist Church Act 1976. These monies are held in trust for the benefit of PMC, under the direction of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. These trust monies are interest bearing and subject to administration charges. The balance at 31st August 2023 is £0.

5.2. RESERVE POLICIES

For Unrestricted General Funds:

General Funds for non-RUACH expenses are above 50% of our normal annual expenditure. This allows some flexibility when the decision is made to start the next phase (2) of our RUACH building project and may allow an earlier start if church council approve the use of these funds.

For Restricted Funds:

The Restricted Fund represents our savings for the next phase (2) of RUACH Building Project, with no minimum reserve (Phase 1's final balance being paid in early September 2022).

**POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC')

I report on the Accounts contained within the Trustees' Annual Report of Poppleton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023, set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- i) examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- ii) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

ANDREW GL WORDIE

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17th June 2024

POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH

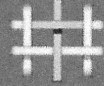
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Accounts



Poppleton Methodist Church

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Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church present their Annual Report for year ended 31st August 2022

Charity Commission: Registered Number **1179142**

Official address: The Green, Upper Poppleton, York YO26 6DP

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Section 4 Methodist Church Act 1976 states

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The Mission Statement of Poppleton Methodist Church - based on "Our Calling" from the Methodist Church

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	Sheila Middleton
	Peter Scholtz
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	Mission Committee
	Coffee on the Green
	Fund Raising
	Circuit Council Representative
	RUACH

During the year, Margaret Catchpole retired as a managing trustee and steward - we are very grateful for the service, time & energy Margaret put into her roles. Although a trustee, Adrian Radford hasn't been active in that capacity during the year.

The Church Council appoints annually all Church Officers as determined from time to time by the Council whether on the nomination of a committee or otherwise; all such appointments being for the year commencing 1st May, apart from the Church Treasurer, whose appointment commences on 1st September. The Council will also appoint the committees of the Church, again, as from 1st May each year. Elected Church Council members are appointed by the Annual Church meeting at which all Church members are eligible to vote.

Minister's Report

Rev Ian Hill, the Minister in Poppleton for a number of years, retired on 31st August 2022. During his ministry he has led us through many areas including the Covid epidemic, whilst all the time, maintaining the cohesiveness of our Church in Poppleton. He has also overseen successful delivery of Phase 1 of the RUACH project. RUACH, refurbishment of other buildings together with the skills of the Church Council has already, and will continue to broaden the Church's mission and outreach capability. As a community we are indebted, not only to the members of the RUACH Committee for all the work that has gone, and continues to go, into making this vision a reality, but also to all of you for your generous giving.

As well as the usual traditional services at Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Christmas we held a special memorial service for families of all those lost during the Covid pandemic and unable to have a proper funeral service plus a farewell service for Ian Hill on his retirement as our Minister. We were also pleased to host a wedding, a golden wedding renewal of marriage vows and a baptism service during the course of the year.

September 2022 saw the arrival of Bill Topping, appointed as our new part time community outreach worker. Bill was welcomed into the Church family and quickly became involved in all aspects of Church life, integrating well into the community and strengthening existing links with Ebor Court Care Home, Coffee on the Green customers and Poppleton under 5s group. He has liaised with members of the Mission Committee and like-minded Anglican friends to explore ways to attract younger people into the Church and has worked as a volunteer leader at the Village Youth Club who now meet on our premises. Bill organised and led a 'Vision Day' - an opportunity for all to meet and discuss ideas, hopes and aspirations for use of the new hall and how to increase outreach to the village at large. Bill has used his excellent networking skills to get to know all our members and users and has become well known and respected by both young and old in the local community.

In April, Church Council debated and voted on whether to allow same sex marriages to be conducted in our church. After much prayerful deliberation it was agreed to allow the church to be registered for same sex marriages and to allow blessing of previously married same sex couples to take place.

As can be seen from the above and the reports below from areas of our Church life during the year ended 31st August 2022, there is a vibrancy to what we are doing in connection with our mission and outreach.

a) STEWARDS REPORT

The team of 9 was reduced to 8 during the year and as Covid restriction eased stewards were able to resume contacting and liaising with preachers and preparing the church for weekly worship. Acting as a link between the Minister and the congregation they also helped with funerals and any special services that took place.

b) MISSION COMMITTEE

Outreach activities included: Christmas shoeboxes sent to Link to Hope; Christmas plant distribution to housebound and recently bereaved in the village in conjunction with the Anglican Church; Christmas toiletries parcels sent to Askham Grange prison; & a New Year tea party for the elderly. As ever we continue to explore ways to encourage young families onto our premises and are pleased to be working with our new outreach worker Bill Topping in pursuit of this. The Art and Craft Group successfully reopened after the pandemic has proved very popular with members from across the village community.

c) FUND RAISING

We have been able to start fund raising again now the Covid restrictions have been eased. Events held during the year include Mothering Sunday afternoon tea, Spring Fair, Children's Sports Day, Strawberry Tea, Musical Concerts, and the annual Village Show. Fundraising is now fully ongoing for our RUACH project.

d) RUACH PROJECT

The construction of the new hall (Phase 1 of RUACH) was complete at the end of 2021. There was a period of dealing with snags, but the church occupied the new building as soon as possible. The facilities comprise the hall with recessed stage, a galley tearoom, disabled and two other toilets, a meeting room (named The Inman Room), a store and plant room. The heating is powered by an Air Source Heat Pump and is underfloor. There are solar panels on the new hall roof. Bifold doors lead out to a large flagged patio area with lawned garden and all weather areas for the children. There are three garden sheds for storage. The hall is equipped with an electric projection screen with fixed projector, a sound system, stage lights, electric piano and Wi-Fi.

The Under 5's Playgroup relocated into the new hall from their base in the old hall using the patio as their outside area until church volunteers levelled the garden and laid turfs to create a lawn. The village pantomime took place in the new hall in February and events which would previously have taken place in the old hall switched to the new one. This has freed up the old hall for other activities so now when we need a funeral tea it can be served in the old hall without disturbing the Under 5's activities. In addition, a drop-in youth group has started meeting in the old hall and a Dementia Forward group has started to meet in the new hall.

A village Open Day for the new hall was held on 20th March to show off and publicise the premises and was very well attended. A thanksgiving service was held on 27th July for the successful completion of Phase 1.

Following a review of Phases 2 and 3 the church approved a change of approach. This was in recognition of the importance of the church café to the life of the village especially to the elderly who use it to get out of their houses and meet their friends. If we undertake the changes to the chapel as phase 2 we can use that space to run a viable café service during phase 3 when the old hall will be closed for about a year. Work has commenced to specify the phase 2 changes needed to the chapel in readiness for getting the work priced so that fundraising can start.

e) PROPERTY STEWARD

During the past year, to the best of my knowledge, the property stewardship aspects of our property have been routinely maintained to a level that meets all related statutory and discretionary requirements and it is believed that the premises have continued to be fit-for-purpose. There are parts of the building where the condition of the paint and plaster are extremely poor but rectifying some of these issues has been deliberately delayed due to the RUACH development.

The quinquennial inspection has been conducted and reported on. The Annual Report has been completed and submitted.

Significant alterations to the Church's land use and its premises were made by a team of Church members charged with preparing for and the subsequent partial demolition and re-development part of RUACH phase 1 – only minimal disruption to routine use of the premises was seen. The new parts of the premises are being well used and the new garden is ready for use.

A new team of Church members has been appointed to conduct the Property Stewardship maintenance of the Property. Any property issues will now be dealt with by an appropriate member of this new team.

f) COFFEE ON THE GREEN

Coffee on the Green has had a positive year and is now open every Monday & Tuesday, serving an extensive menu including hot bacon sandwiches, soup, lunches, and full afternoon teas. Customer numbers continue to grow, and we are pleased to see many new faces as well as our regular friends coming to enjoy our hospitality.

In conjunction with the Fund-raising committee we held a Yorkshire Day full afternoon tea and opened on two full weekends for the Poppleton Village Scarecrow and Pumpkin trail. We also provided refreshments at the village show, another community event in the village.

We are encouraged by several group bookings for Afternoon Tea and the regular Book Group who meet in our cafe. Dementia Forward started to provide a session on a Tuesday in the new hall and we are able to supply some of the group lunches and are keen to develop this further.

We are, as usual, continuing with our Saturday Charity Coffee Mornings. In the past 12 months we have supported, UNICEF, the local hospice, Oxfam, York Against Cancer, Yorkits, Motor Neurone Society, Parkinsons UK, Poppleton under 5's and All We Can.

We have partnered with the Coop store in the village to accept fruit and vegetables that have just passed their "best before date" and would have gone to landfill. We then check the quality and use some of them in our café for soups and cakes. Items we do not use go on to the food bank run by Lidgett Methodist Church.

Our volunteers are from the wider village community as well as our church family and all generously and willingly donate their skills and time. We continue to work hard together as a team, creating a friendly welcome to everyone who comes to enjoy good quality food and drink at very reasonable prices.

g) ECO CHURCH

In December we registered as an Eco Church showing our support for sustainability and our care for God's world. Initiatives introduced have been a seed swap and a successful monthly refill stall offering eco-friendly cleaning and washing products.

h) TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

During the Pandemic we kept in touch with all our members and resumed meeting face to face again in Sept 2021. Our numbers were low at first, but we are now getting between 17 and 20 members. We have had some very good speakers and finished 2022 in July with a Strawberry Tea.

i) CAMEO

This group, open for anyone to Come And Meet Each Other in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, arranges monthly speakers covering a wide variety of topics. After Covid restrictions were lifted meetings could resume in January and topics included The History of Nursery Rhymes, The National Trust, Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals, meeting the Queen and a cake decorating demonstration.

j) EBOR COURT SERVICES

Services at this local retirement and nursing home resumed in June and are led bi-monthly by a team from our church.

k) ALL WE CAN

Support and fund raising for this charity has continued throughout the year with coffee morning, concert, and BBQ events.

Our new Minister, Rev Elizabeth Cushion started on 1st September 2022 and is already well integrated into the community in Poppleton.

Financial Report

1. General Unrestricted Church Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Total income is up by around £24,000 on the previous year, as we returned to normal after the pandemic, and started using the new hall. Standing orders have increased since we stopped the envelope scheme. The Gift Aid received is slightly up when the small cash Gift Aid is included.

Rental income from the Under 5s has increased, and the overall letting income is up by nearly £12,000. Coffee on the Green receipts are up by £10,000 to nearly £19,000, but this is partly offset by increased expenses of £5,300.

Payments

Total expenses were up considerably, to nearly £83,000 (2021: £61,000). However, this includes the resumption in our regular donations of £2,350 to Methodist charities, which we postponed in July 2021. Also, we gave £5,000 to Connexion to help with their Pension fund deficit. The insurance premium has increased by around 50% and our cleaning contract increased in April due to increased hours needed and the addition of VAT.

After many discussions with the energy provider, at 31st August 2022 there was no up to date information on our electricity costs incurred or contract post installation of new electric meters on 10th May & 8th July. Electricity totalling £1,597 included in 2021-22 is only up to the date the new meters were installed, and therefore an underestimate of the total annual cost. Electricity payments, made so far in 2022-23, include an extra 2-4 months' retrospective cost.

Unrestricted Fund Balances at Year End

The final figures for the year show a surplus of income over expenditure of £5,810 for church activities, not including RUACH, which in the present situation is very positive. During the year a transfer of £236,114 was made from General Unrestricted Funds to the Restricted RUACH Fund to support completion of Phase 1 of the programme. At the start of the RUACH project, Church Council agreed that our reserves held at TMCP (Methodist Connexion) could be used for the building project. This was money received mainly as legacies from two sources and accumulated interest. The total on 31 August 2021 was £221,312. Since September 2021, we have drawn down all these funds so on December 31, 2021, there was a zero balance at TMCP.

The balance on the General Unrestricted Fund at the year-end is recorded as £87,520. and our unrestricted reserves are much less than those in prior years.

2. RUACH (Restricted) Fund

The RUACH Building Project Restricted Fund holds dedicated monies for the project and is in addition to monies held in the Unrestricted Fund which might be allocated to support this specific project. During the year ended 31st August 2022 it was agreed to transfer £236,414 from the general unrestricted fund to the restricted RUACH Fund.

Since the Fund commenced 5 years ago, a wide variety of fundraising activities have been held, individual generous donations made, gift aid recovered and grants from third parties received. The follow summarises the current position on 31 August 2022 and includes the total amount paid to 31 August 2022, being in respect of Phase 1 of this programme.

Now that Phase 1 of the project is complete barring a small retention, the balance of £18,517 is carried forward towards a final retention payment on Phase 1 and for Phase 2.

RUACH RESTRICTED FUNDS MAKEUP		Totals to 31:8:22
Donations Fund Raising & Gift Aid		169,373
Grants Received		249,550
Interest		2,159
Total Receipts		421,082
Transferred from General Unrestricted Funds		236,414
Total Payments		-638,979
Net Movement		18,517
Fund Balance B/Fwd		0
FUND BALANCE C/FWD		18,517

3. RUACH Project Update – April 2023

Phase 1 of our RUACH building project, to build a new church hall, has been completed. We are now fully operational, and the facility is greatly appreciated by church members as well as other users from Poppleton and nearby. All outstanding fees have been paid including, in 2022/23, the final retention fee of £12,762. It was decided that we needed to install acoustic panels inside the new hall, and these have greatly improved the sound quality for general users as well as during events. It was agreed by Church Council that the cost of the panels would be paid from General church funds and half was included in the accounts to 31st August 2022, with the balance paid in 2022/23.

It was also agreed to change the order of the next Phases. Phase 2 will now involve the chapel refurbishment (levelling the floor and removal of pews and better insulation and heating). Phase 3 will then be the revamping of the old hall. It was felt this would allow continuity of premises use during the work, as well as being preferred by the church going members.

4. Methodist Chapel Aid (MCA) Loan

In March 2021, Church Council agreed to take out a loan option from MCA, as a contingency to cover any shortfall in the funding of, or unexpected costs with, Phase 1 of the RUACH project. Extra funds were not needed and no loan drawdown was required. The option has now expired.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts on pages 1 to 8 were approved by the Trustees on ~~29~~ **June 2023** and signed on their behalf by:



Revd Elizabeth Cushion (Chairman of Trustees and of Church Council) and Dr John Morrison (Treasurer)

**POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

1 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals: 2022	Totals: 2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Offerings and Tax recovered		48,440	3,310	51,751	51,881
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		297	48	345	514
Lettings		18,489	0	18,489	6,812
Other receipts		21,101	105,729	126,830	167,331
TOTAL RECEIPTS		88,327	109,087	197,414	226,538
PAYMENTS					
Circuit Assessment or Share		47,296	0	47,296	45,044
Donations		2,350	0	2,350	0
Repairs and Maintenance		9,419	0	9,419	8,997
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		5,060	0	5,060	4,622
Other payments		18,392	372,515	390,907	211,016
TOTAL PAYMENTS		82,517	372,515	455,032	269,680
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		5,810	(263,428)	(257,617)	(43,142)
Total funds brought forward from last year		318,124	45,531	363,655	406,797
Sub total		323,934	(217,897)	106,037	363,655
Transfers and adjustments		(236,414)	236,414	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		87,520	18,517	106,037	363,655

Charity & Mission Funds:

A number of Church activities give rise to funds being donated for specific designated charities and missionary funds, which are paid over directly to those organisations. Such receipts and payments are not included elsewhere in these financial statements. The following summarises this activity.

	Totals: 2022 £	Totals: 2021 £
Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	4,426	592
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	4,426	592
BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	0	0

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2 STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CLOSING BALANCES 31st Aug 2022 £	OPENING BALANCES 1st Sep 2021 £
Cash in hand	40	0
Bank Current Account	13,504	39,064
Bank Deposit Account	31,198	18,166
Central Finance Board	58,004	81,830
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	0	221,312
Other funds	3,292	3,283
NET ASSETS	106,037	363,655
Represented by:		
Unrestricted Funds	87,520	318,124
Restricted Funds	18,517	45,531

The value of the land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No.1134381. They are however insured for the sum of £2,250,000 (2021: £1,479,764). Additional specialist insurance was taken out to cover the RUACH building works.

3 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals: 2022 £	Totals: 2021 £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income	48,440	24,039	72,479	83,879
Grants received	0	85,000	85,000	126,300
Activities for generating funds	18,489	0	18,489	6,812
Income from investments	297	48	345	514
Church activities	21,101		21,101	9,033
Total Incoming Resources	88,327	109,087	197,414	226,538
Total Resources Expended - Church Activities	-82,517	-372,515	-455,032	-269,680
Net Movement in Funds	5,810	-263,428	-257,618	-43,142
Balances b/fwd 1st September 2021	318,124	45,531	363,655	406,797
Transfer from General Fund to RUACH Fund	-236,414	236,414	0	
Balances c/fwd 31st August 2022	87,520	18,517	106,037	363,655

4 INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

There are a number of organisations that are linked to Poppleton Methodist Church and make reports to the Church Council. The accounts for these organisations are held separately from the Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church and are not included in Accounting Tables 1, 2 or 3 above. Where money is paid over to Poppleton Methodist Church these amounts are included in Payments in Table 4 below and as Receipts in Table 1. Results of these organisations are however reported in the Annual Financial Return to the Methodist Circuit and are noted here for completeness only.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ (Payments)	Adjustments	Opening balances 1st Sep 2021	Closing balances 31st Aug 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Drama Group (See Note Below)	2,190	(297)	1,893		3,807	5,700
Tuesday Fellowship	497	(394)	103		479	582
Cameo	278	(500)	(222)		382	160
Coffee and Tea on the Green	0	(40)	(40)		40	0
Internal Organisations funds	2,965	(1,231)	1,734		4,709	6,443

Drama Group Note: Due to changes in members of the Committee, access to the bank account and its information has been restricted. This is being actively resolved and will help to further substantiate the overall position of the Drama Group.

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5. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022

5.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC') have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, The Methodist Church Act 1976 and principles in 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', using the Receipts & Payments basis. Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid. The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which PMC is responsible in law. They don't include accounts of Internal Organisations (Table 4) nor those of informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the General Funds which are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of PMC. These may include funds potentially designated for a particular purpose by PMC eg, the RUACH Project.

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by PMC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The Trustees do not always invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Restricted funds entirely comprise the RUACH Building Project. In addition, funds raised specifically for designated charities or missionary work (as per section 1) are segregated and paid over directly to the charity or mission. There are no endowment funds.

Fixed assets

The value of the land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No.1134381.

Fixtures and fittings as well as enhancements to the buildings forming the Methodist Church and Church Hall are fully expensed in the year the invoices are settled.

Cash Assets

In addition to Cash held in banks and with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, some cash has been held in interest bearing Deposit Accounts at Methodist Chapel Aid Limited.

In addition, certain legacies received by PMC are affected by Section 15(2) of the Methodist Church Act 1976. These monies are held in trust for the benefit of PMC, under the direction of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. These trust monies are interest bearing and subject to administration charges. The balance at 31st August 2022 is £0.

5.2. RESERVE POLICIES

For Unrestricted General Funds:

In the year to 31st August 2022, phase 1 of the RUACH Building project was completed. We have drawn down our total balance from the General Fund held at TMCP in support of the RUACH Building Project.

General Funds for non-RUACH expenses will aim to be kept at around 50% of our normal annual expenditure. General Funds are above this threshold, giving some leeway to cover some fixtures and fittings for our new hall and extra running costs during the first year of its operation.

For Restricted Funds:

The Restricted Fund represents our savings for the next Phase (2) of the RUACH Building Project, with no minimum reserve. Phase 1's final balance was paid in early September 2022, reducing the restricted funds figure above by £12,762. Fundraising continues and the Phase 2 fund should gradually increase over the year.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC')

I report on the Accounts contained within the Trustees' Annual Report of Poppleton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022, set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- i) examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- ii) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



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29th June 2023

POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH

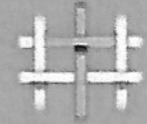
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Poppleton Methodist Church

'God's people weaving new patterns
of faithful service for everyone'



Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church present their Annual Report for year ended 31st August 2021

Charity Commission: Registered Number **1179142**

Official address: The Green, Upper Poppleton, York YO26 6DP

The governing documents of the Methodist Church are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Section 4 Methodist Church Act 1976 states

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be Purposes deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of --

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.*
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.*
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.*
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.*

The Mission Statement of Poppleton Methodist Church - based on "Our Calling" from the Methodist Church

Pillar 1: Worship

Vision

Our worship will be appealing and relevant to all age groups and people will really want to join in.

Mission

1. To enhance the worship experience by exploring various styles of worship.
2. To be more modern and forward-looking and make services more relevant and related to daily living.
3. To endeavour to have greater visibility of worship: if it looks interesting people will be more inclined to think it is interesting and come in. Strap line - "Open the Church, see in, Come in".

Pillar 2: Learning and Caring

Vision

Our Church experience is enriched through a variety of learning and caring opportunities that will allow us to grow in faith and share God's love.

Mission

1. To build on the range of groups that meet on a regular basis.
2. To develop pastoral care, adopting a "Loving neighbour" approach, based on "Visit and Ask and Watch".
3. To aspire to be a Powerhouse of Learning, Caring, Mission, Prayer and Deepening Faith.
4. To ensure our activities are truly inclusive.

Pillar 3: Service

Vision

Through our service to the community, we will make God's love real to those around us.

Mission

1. To address unsatisfied needs in the community using our gifts to develop our engagement with those around us.
2. To use the redeveloped premises to offer additional options to the community enabling us to engage and build relationships with more people.
3. To use the improved facilities to further develop our catering ministry.

Pillar 4: Evangelism

Vision

Our engagement with the community, and a varied programme of outreach, will encourage more people to explore the Christian Faith.

Mission

1. To ensure we use the new facilities and our landmark location to make people feel comfortable coming on to the premises.
2. To encourage a whole Church welcome and enthusiasm for families and children.
3. To be more confident in sharing our faith.
4. To show the community our faith by our actions.
5. To communicate more effectively with the local community.

All this to be undergirded by a commitment to prayer and every-member ministry.

The Administration of Poppleton Methodist Church

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

Managing Trustees at 31st August 2021

Chairman	Rev Ian Hill (also currently Chair of F & P Committee)	
Secretary	Chris Boothman	
Treasurer	John Morrison	
Pastoral Secretary	Marilyn Ingle	Representatives elected by the Church Meeting:
Church Stewards	Chris Boothman	Lyn Johnson
	Margaret Catchpole	Brian Latto
	Moira Dacker	Sue Lyn
	Wendy Heap	Ruth Morrison
	Moira Howard	John Perkin
	Frances Priestnall	Sue Perkin
	Chris Scholtz	Adrian Radford
	Christine Stephenson	Alan Wright
	John Middleton	
Plus, Members elected by the Church Council		
	Steven Boothman	Property Steward
	Jenny Cookson	Mission Committee
	Sue Cushing	Coffee on the Green
	Sheila Latto	Fund Raising
	Sheila Middleton	Circuit Council Representative
	Peter Scholtz	RUACH
	Judith Wright	Worship Leader
Ecumenical Rep	Lynda Salmon (not a Trustee)	

The Church Council appoints annually all Church Officers as determined from time to time by the Council whether on the nomination of a committee or otherwise; all such appointments being for the year commencing 1 May, apart from the Church Treasurer, whose appointment commences on 1 September. The Council will also appoint the committees of the Church, again, as from 1 May each year. Elected Church Council members are appointed by the Annual Church meeting at which all Church members are eligible to vote.

Minister's Report

It goes without saying that this has been a very unusual year. Services in church only returned in April 2021, and even then, only on some Sundays. We still conduct one service per month online as this helps with the current shortage of preachers and also gives anyone who is housebound, caring for a loved one, or needing to shield an opportunity to join us. Some other meetings have also remained online and may continue to do so, especially during the winter months.

The 'silver lining' is that we have acquired new skills that most of us would never have mastered otherwise. Not only have I and others learnt to host and lead services and other meetings online, but most members of the congregation have managed to participate. I am conscious however that there are people who have been excluded from this and so we have tried to keep in touch in other ways.

I am very grateful for all that people did to maintain our life as a church in the long period of Covid restrictions and beyond. Pastoral Visitors and others have been diligent in keeping in touch with church members and the wider community by delivering newsletters, making 'phone calls and chatting over the fence. There have also been meals-on-wheels in lieu of Lunch Club and deliveries of cakes and other goodies by the Coffee-on-the-green team.

We have been more cautious than official regulations have required and have been slow to re-open, particularly for worship, as we have a relatively large and vulnerable congregation in a space that is not particularly big by church standards. We continue to try to make worship as safe as possible as we do not want anyone to feel excluded because they need to be careful about mixing.

Historically there have been many active Committees and groups operating in support of our Mission Statement, under the church's umbrella, including *Mission Committee; Church & Property Stewards; Coffee on The Green (and the Saturday Charity variety); Tea on the Green; Poppleton Lunch Club; Women's Fellowship; CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other); Ebor Court Services; Kenya Connected Church; Tuesday Concern; The Craft and Art Group; Poppleton Methodist Drama Group; and the RUACH Project Committee (and associated Fund Raising).*

Although some have been in hibernation due to the prevailing circumstances, by September 2021 many of these groups' activities have returned to the building however: the Tuesday Fellowship are meeting informally and plan to return to their usual format once the new hall becomes available. Coffee on the Green has not only re-started but expanded into the afternoon and seems to be busier than ever. The Craft Group is also up-and-running.

I am surprised and relieved that the church managed to balance the books during the past year. This is partly due to the generosity of members and friends, but also because we are fortunate that the Under 5's Group continued to operate when all other lettings of the building had ceased, so that the fall in income from lettings was much less serious for us than it has been for many other churches.

The pandemic has highlighted how dependent churches often are on lettings for their income, and also how, even in this age of online banking, a significant proportion of giving comes through cash collections on Sundays. We are trying to nudge people away from the latter towards direct giving wherever possible as this has a number of benefits.

Lettings are returning, but it will be a while before we can establish a regular pattern, especially with the new hall coming into use soon.

Stage 1 of the RUACH Project (the new hall) should be completed by Christmas 2021, following a final burst of fund-raising and grant applications plus some re-distribution of monies originally allocated to later stages. The last point has the downside that raising funds for subsequent stages will be even more demanding, but it does mean that we have been able to go ahead with the most urgent part of the project so that we are freed from the restrictions of trying to share our very limited existing space with the Under 5's Group. We are indebted to the members of the RUACH Committee for all the work that has gone into, and continues to go into, making this vision a reality.

As the handover of the new hall approaches, we will have to think carefully about how to make best use of it and balance the needs of church, Under 5's Group and the wider community. This is a subject we will have to approach with sensitivity and vision. As one challenge is overcome, another begins to replace it.

With this in mind, it is good to report that the Circuit has allocated a new Outreach Worker to us, partly with capitalising on the new facilities in mind. Bill has already made quite an impact in the church and community and we look forward to working with him to develop our outreach.

Financial Report

1. General Unrestricted Church Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Overall income is down by around £5,000 on the previous year. The standing orders have increased slightly, and cheque donations are up, but the cash received at services has only just restarted and so is down by around £5,000. The Gift Aid received is slightly down, but there was no small cash Gift Aid received at all.

We have received a full year's rent this year from the Under 5s, but other letting is down by about £2,000. There has been an increase in Coffee on the Green receipts, including lockdown baking, but this is partly offset by increased expenses as the café is open for longer and we are providing a greater range of catering. Income was £8,392.65, and expenses were £1,246.92- a surplus of £7,145.73, although some of the August 2021 expenses are included in the 2021-22 accounts.

Payments

Expenses were up by about £600. We saved some money on utilities and have a credit for electricity as they have started meter reading again but had a full year's cleaning costs and paper towels etc. The major repair was to the wall at the back of the chapel at nearly £3,000. The circuit assessment was increased for the last quarter, so we will have a full year at the new rate.

Unrestricted Fund Balances at Year End

The final figures for the year show a surplus of income over expenditure of £3,245 for church activities, not including RUACH, which in the present situation is very positive. The unrestricted balances for the year end are recorded as £318,124. However, at the start of the RUACH project, Church Council agreed that our reserves held at TMCP (Methodist Connexion) could be used for the building project. This was money received mainly as legacies from two sources and accumulated interest. The total on 31 August was £221,312 which was included in the above year-end balance. Since September 2021, we have drawn down all these funds so on December 31, 2021, there is a zero balance at TMCP, and our unrestricted reserves are now that much less.

2. RUACH (Restricted) Fund

The RUACH Building Project Restricted Fund holds dedicated monies for the project and is in addition to monies held in the Unrestricted Fund which might be allocated to support this specific project.

Since the Fund commenced 5 years ago, a wide variety of fundraising activities have been held, individual generous donations made, gift aid recovered and grants from third parties received. The follow summarises the current position on 31 August 2021 and includes the total amount paid to 31 August 2021.

RUACH RESTRICTED FUNDS MAKEUP

	Totals to 31:8:21
Donations, Fund Raising and Gift Aid	145,334
Grants Received	164,550
Interest	2,111
Total Receipts	311,995
Payments	-266,464
Net Movement	45,531
Fund Balance b/fwd	0
FUND BALANCE C/FWD	45,531

3. RUACH Project Update – January 2022

Phase 1 of our RUACH building project to build a new church hall is nearing completion. We hope to have it fully operational by February 2022. We have now paid all the legal, architects and other fees, and have paid £480,000 of the £510,500 agreed final costs to the builders and we have enough in our reserves to cover the remaining amount. In the unlikely event of further unexpected bills, we have arranged a loan facility with Methodist Chapel Aid for up to £60,000, and we hope not to use any of this.

4. Methodist Chapel Aid (MCA) Loan

As the RUACH project is a large construction project, unexpected costs may arise. Accordingly, in March 2021, Church Council agreed to take out a loan from MCA, as a contingency to cover any shortfall in the funding of the RUACH project and to fund any unexpected costs. The agreed loan facility can be drawn down, if needed, to prevent construction coming to a halt and even more costs being incurred.

The loan for £60,000 was agreed with MCA on 18 March 2021 with no special charges or fees. For amounts drawn, the repayment period is 5 years, with payment of capital and interest being made every 6 months on 30th June and 31st December. Additional capital repayments can be made 'early'. The interest rate is competitive at 2.9% (2.96 APR) though it is variable.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts on pages 1 to 7 were approved by the Trustees on 25th January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Revd Ian Hill (Chairman of Trustees and of Church Council)



and

Dr John Morrison (Treasurer)

**POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH
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1 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals: 2021	Totals: 2020
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		47,795	4,086	51,881	50,861
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		380	133	514	2,704
a4	Lettings		6,812	0	6,812	7,691
a5	Other receipts		9,534	157,797	167,331	22,572
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		64,521	162,017	226,538	83,828
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		45,044	0	45,044	44,488
b3	Donations		0	0	0	2,350
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		8,997	0	8,997	5,000
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		4,622	0	4,622	4,953
b7	Other payments		2,612	208,404	211,016	39,503
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		61,276	208,404	269,680	96,294
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	3,245	(46,387)	(43,142)	(12,466)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		314,879	91,918	406,797	419,263
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	318,124	45,531	363,655	406,797
c4	Transfers and adjustments		0	0	0	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	318,124	45,531	363,655	406,797

Charity & Mission Funds:

A number of Church activities give rise to funds being donated for specific designated charities and missionary funds, which are paid over directly to those organisations. Such receipts and payments are not included elsewhere in these financial statements. The following summarises this activity.

		Totals: 2021	Totals: 2020
		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	592	1,728
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	592	1,728
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	0	0

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2 STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CLOSING BALANCES 31st Aug 2021 £	OPENING BALANCES 1st Sep 2020 £
f1 Cash in hand	0	0
f2 Bank Current Account	39,064	10,709
f3 Bank Deposit Account	18,166	21,910
f4 Central Finance Board	81,830	149,901
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	221,312	221,010
f6 Other funds	3,283	3,266
f7 NET ASSETS	363,655	406,797
Represented by:		
Unrestricted Funds	318,124	314,879
Restricted Funds	45,531	91,918

The value of the land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No.1134381. They are however insured for the sum of £1,479,764 (2020: £1,479,764). Additional specialist insurance was taken out to cover the RUACH building works.

3 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals: 2021 £	Totals: 2020 £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income	48,295	35,584	83,879	64,896
Grants received	0	126,300	126,300	0
Activities for generating funds	6,812	0	6,812	7,691
Income from investments	381	133	514	2,705
Church activities	9,033	0	9,033	8,536
Total Incoming Resources	64,521	162,017	226,538	83,828
Total Resources Expended - Church Activities	(61,276)	(208,404)	(269,680)	(96,294)
Net Movement in Funds	3,245	-46,387	-43,142	-12,466
Balances b/fwd 1st September 2020	314,879	91,918	406,797	419,263
Balances c/fwd 31st August 2021	318,124	45,531	363,655	406,797

4 INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

There are a number of organisations that are linked to Poppleton Methodist Church and make reports to the Church Council. The accounts for these organisations are held separately from the Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church and are not included in Accounting Tables 1, 2 or 3 above. Where money is paid over to Poppleton Methodist Church these amounts are included in Payments in Table 4 below and as Receipts in Table 1. Results of these organisations are however reported in the Annual Financial Return to the Methodist Circuit and are noted here for completeness only.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts £	Payments £	Net Receipts/ (Payments) £	Adjustments £	Opening balances 1st Sep 2020 £	Closing balances 31st Aug 2021 £
e1 Drama Group	0	0	0		3,807	3,807
e2 Womens' Fellowship	0	(106)	(106)		585	479
e3 Cameo	0	0	0		382	382
e4 Coffee and Tea on the Green	0	0	0		40	40
e8 Internal Organisations funds	0	(106)	(106)		4,814	4,709

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5. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

5.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC') have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, The Methodist Church Act 1976 and principles in 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', using the Receipts & Payments basis. Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid. The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which PMC is responsible in law. They don't include accounts of Internal Organisations (Table 4) nor those of informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the General Funds which are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of PMC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by PMC e.g., the RUACH Project.

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by PMC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The Trustees do not always invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Restricted funds entirely comprise the RUACH Building Project. In addition, funds raised specifically for designated charities or missionary work (as per section 1) are segregated and paid over directly to the charity or mission. There are no endowment funds.

Fixed assets

The value of the land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No.1134381.

Fixtures and fittings as well as enhancements to the buildings forming the Methodist Church and Church Hall are fully expensed in the year the invoices are settled.

Cash Assets

In addition to Cash held in banks, some Cash is held in interest bearing Deposit Accounts at Methodist Chapel Aid Limited and with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

In addition, certain legacies received by PMC are affected by Section 15(2) of the Methodist Church Act 1976. As such, these monies are held in trust for the benefit of PMC but are under the direction of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. These trust monies are interest bearing but also subject to administration charges.

5.2. RESERVE POLICIES

For Unrestricted General Funds:

In the year to 31st August 2021, we proposed to maintain a minimum reserve on General Fund of £250,000 at least until the earlier of 31st August 2021 or commencement of the RUACH Building project. Now that the building work on our RUACH project has started, we have begun to use some of the General Fund held at TMCP to support the project. General Fund balances at TMCP will reduce almost to zero as the work proceeds.

General Funds for non RUACH expenses will aim to be kept at around 50% of our normal annual expenditure, giving some leeway to cover unexpected additional building costs.

For Restricted Funds:

The Restricted Fund represents our savings for the RUACH Building project. Most of the Restricted Funds currently available will be used for Phase 1 of our RUACH building work. Any unspent surplus on Phase 1 completion will be retained for Phase 2 of the Project.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC')

I report on the Accounts contained within the Trustees' Annual Report of Poppleton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021, set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- i) examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- ii) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



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25th January 2022

POPPLETON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1179142

Accounts



Poppleton Methodist Church

'God's people weaving new patterns
of faithful service for everyone'



Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church present their Annual Report for year ended 31st August 2020

Charity Commission: Registered Number **1179142**

Official address: The Green, Upper Poppleton, York YO26 6DP

The governing documents of the Methodist Church are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Section 4 Methodist Church Act 1976 states

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be Purposes deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of --

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;*
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;*
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution being a society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;*
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.*

The Mission Statement of Poppleton Methodist Church - based on "Our Calling" from the Methodist Church

Pillar 1: Worship

Vision

Our worship will be appealing and relevant to all age groups and people will really want to join in.

Mission

1. To enhance the worship experience by exploring various styles of worship.
2. To be more modern and forward-looking and make services more relevant and related to daily living.
3. To endeavour to have greater visibility of worship: if it **looks** interesting people will be more inclined to think it **is** interesting and **come in**. Strap line - "**Open** the Church, **See** in, **Come** in".

Pillar 2: Learning and Caring

Vision

Our Church experience is enriched through a variety of learning and caring opportunities that will allow us to grow in faith and share God's love.

Mission

1. To build on the range of groups that meet on a regular basis.
2. To develop pastoral care, adopting a "Loving neighbour" approach, based on "**Visit** and **Ask** and **Watch**".
3. To aspire to be a Powerhouse of Learning, Caring, Mission, Prayer and Deepening Faith.
4. To ensure our activities are truly inclusive.

Pillar 3: Service

Vision

Through our service to the community we will make God's love real to those around us.

Mission

1. To address unsatisfied needs in the community using our gifts to develop our engagement with those around us.
2. To use the redeveloped premises to offer additional options to the community enabling us to engage and build relationships with more people.
3. To use the improved facilities to further develop our catering ministry.

Pillar 4: Evangelism

Vision

Our engagement with the community, and a varied programme of outreach, will encourage more people to explore the Christian Faith.

Mission

1. To ensure we use the new facilities and our landmark location to make people feel comfortable coming on to the premises.
2. To encourage a whole Church welcome and enthusiasm for families and children.
3. To be more confident in sharing our faith.
4. To show the community our faith by our actions.
5. To communicate more effectively with the local community.

All this to be undergirded by a commitment to prayer and every-member ministry.

The Administration of Poppleton Methodist Church

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

Managing Trustees at 31st August 2020

Chairman	Rev Ian Hill (also currently Chair of F & P Committee)	
Secretary	Chris Boothman	
Treasurer	John Morrison	
Pastoral Secretary	Marilyn Ingle	Representatives elected by the Church Meeting:
Church Stewards	Chris Boothman	Lyn Johnson
	Margaret Catchpole	Brian Latto
	Moira Dacker	Sue Lyn
	Wendy Heap	Ruth Morrison
	Moira Howard	John Perkin
	Frances Priestnall	Sue Perkin
	Chris Scholtz	Adrian Radford
	Christine Stephenson	Alan Wright
	John Middleton (on sabbatical whilst senior circuit steward)	
Plus, Members elected by the Church Council		
	Steven Boothman	Property Steward
	Jenny Cookson	Mission Committee
	Sue Cushing	Coffee on the Green
	Sheila Latto	Fund Raising
	Sheila Middleton	Circuit Council Representative
	Peter Scholtz	RUACH
	Judith Wright	Worship Leader
Ecumenical Rep	Don Wilson (not a Trustee)	

During the year, Stephen Peaker, George Ibbotson (dec'd) and Hazel Antill (dec'd) also served on the Church Council.

The Church Council appoints annually all Church Officers as determined from time to time by the Council whether on the nomination of a committee or otherwise; all such appointments being for the year commencing 1 May, apart from the Church Treasurer, whose appointment commences on 1 September. The Council will also appoint the committees of the Church, again, as from 1 May each year. Elected Church Council members are appointed by the Annual Church meeting at which all Church members are eligible to vote.

Minister's Report

Until March 2020 we had enjoyed a solid year, with progress made on our RUACH project and support for services and other events holding up well. Since then, however, church life has been very different.

We have adapted well to online services and meetings, and some of these new methods of communication will still be useful even when we can gather in person again. However we have a significant contingent of people who are not able to join in, so we have tried to provide circulars on paper wherever possible to enable everyone to keep in touch. We are grateful to people who have undertaken to deliver this material.

As detailed in the reports, some activities have been adapted to the changed circumstances, so Lunch Club has become a 'meals-on-wheels' service and Coffee-on-the-Green volunteers have been delivering cakes to order. Although many of our core activities have been able to continue online, our finances have been severely impacted by Covid19 through the reduction in cash giving from services, lack of fund-raising opportunities and loss of income from other users of our building.

It will take some time to rebuild activities and our finances when restrictions begin to ease.

The Circuit is however intending to appoint someone to help with outreach work in the community and the timing of this will hopefully coincide with the return of opportunities to meet and mix in person.

Reports from committees and groups on the life of the Church during the year ended 31st August 2020

a) The Mission Committee had, until lockdown in March, met regularly to discuss and plan our outreach activities and events, many of which during the year had been linked to RUACH and our building project.

Prior to March we were involved in the production of our church news sheet, Tapestry, the running of the Craft Group and Cameo and our café sessions, Coffee and Tea on the Green. These provide opportunities for our church members and the village community to socialise and make new friends. We have links with Dementia Forward and a puppet group for pupils of the local schools.

Each week and after Easter and the Harvest Festival the flowers from our services are taken to people in the village who are in our thoughts for a variety of reasons. During the Christmas period, Link to Hope shoeboxes were collected and we also sent 100 gifts of cosmetics to Askham Richard Women's prison. At the beginning of December, together with our Anglican friends, we delivered Christmas plants to ill, housebound and bereaved villagers. The Christmas post box was in place to raise donations for the church we support in Kenya and a nativity window display was in place.

In January donations were sent to Action for Children. A representative from this charity has spoken during one of our services for many years. We provided a New Year Party with games, a sing-along and tea for our older members and their friends at the end of January.

During lockdown we have tried to keep in touch with those we know who live alone, and cakes were baked for those who missed the café so much. The café did re-open for a short time and we look forward to the time when we can open our hall again and resume activities.

b) Church Steward's Report - the team of stewards continued to meet regularly from September until lockdown in March. At the meetings, the rota of duties was arranged and other day to day concerns of running the church were discussed. The stewards prepare the church for worship each week and liaise with the Minister and organist before each service. They ensure that visiting preachers and newcomers in the congregation receive a warm welcome. Currently the church is closed but we are keeping in touch with digital meetings via Zoom.

c) Property steward's report - property aspects of our premises are being routinely maintained to a level that meets all related statutory and discretionary requirements - the premises continue to be fit-for-purpose. There are parts of the building where the condition of the paintwork and plaster are extremely poor but rectifying these issues has been deliberately delayed due to the RUACH development impact.

The Church has appointed a new Contract Cleaner whose staff have made a significant improvement to the general cleanliness of the premises. Significant alterations to the Church's land use and its premises have been made by a team of church members charged with preparing for the demolition and development part of RUACH phase One.

Restrictions arising from Covid 19 regulations have severely limited the use of the church's premises but when permitted, usage has been successfully managed.

d) Coffee on The Green – COTG began the year extremely well with increased numbers of people enjoying both the Coffee and Lunch sessions. Both volunteers and customers were very sad when we had to close our doors in March due to COVID 19, although everyone agreed it was completely necessary to do so.

As lockdown went on, many people very much missed the social contact we provided. In May, a small team decided to offer a Bakery and Delivery service. This not only provided a treat of our favourite scones and cakes on a Friday afternoon but also enabled some of us to have a quick, socially distanced, chat to people when we delivered. As news spread, we also received offers of help from some more fabulous bakers, which increased our range. This community outreach for 17 weeks until the end of August, raising £1,680 for church funds.

e) Saturday Charity Coffee on the Green – during the year we hosted several Saturday charity coffee mornings until the end of February 2020. We supported Poppleton Under 5's, UNICEF, York Wheels, York Inspirational Kids and Parkinsons. All were hugely successful and popular with our regular customers, wider village residents and charity supporters while helping to raise much needed funds for the various charities.

f) Tea on the Green – TOTG volunteers operated a Friday afternoon café, which compliments Tuesday morning COTG. It is however a less busy occasion, which makes it more suitable to 'taxi in' older housebound folk, who meet over cakes for a chat at their own special table. On occasions residents from Ebor Court Residential Home come to join them. The café raised £1,227 which was added to church funds, but was closed due to the Coronavirus outbreak on 13th March 2020 and did not reopen before the end of August.

g) Poppleton Lunch Club ran throughout the year with only a two-week break at Christmas. Before lockdown, volunteers served Wednesday lunches to an average of 13 people per week in the church hall. After the pandemic struck meals were delivered to elderly residents in their own homes. This may have met nutritional needs, but not the social need to meet up with friends, so alternative arrangements are being investigated. Lunch Club is a community and not a Church organisation. It is grateful for the use of the Church hall for which it makes a payment to cover costs.

h) RUACH Project - Following advice from Connexion, our approach to the RUACH project was altered - moving from one project split into three phases to three separate projects. This change was necessary to allow us to undertake the pre-works necessary to secure the planning permission prior to expiration. Following the change, the first project is construction of a new hall to the rear of the chapel. Pre-work to demolish the side porch thus opening direct access to the rear and the building of a new entrance were completed over the 2019/20 new-year period. This work paved the way for the building of the new hall and secured the planning approval for all three RUACH projects.

Funds raised have been allocated, where possible, to the new hall project and where not possible to the appropriate project. The pre-work cost £33,000 and was paid for using money raised by the church (no grants were needed). The first project (new hall) has been re-estimated based on the use of Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) instead of breeze blocks. The new estimate is £557,000, a reduction of about £20,000. Including pledged grants, a total of £528,500 has been raised towards this (94%) leaving a current shortfall of £29,000. With such a small amount outstanding, the committee decided to undertake a tender exercise and six builders are currently preparing their bids. It's possible that the bids will be lower than our estimate in which case the construction can start immediately. Otherwise we have grant applications outstanding and can consider appealing to our members to meet the shortfall. We do want to start the construction as soon as possible.

During the course of the financial year 2019/20 we raised, including pledged grants, a total of £106,000 towards RUACH through our own fundraising activities and grants. This is a significant achievement given that all fundraising activities stopped on the 23rd March because of the Covid-19 epidemic and have yet to resume.

i) Ruach Project Fund Raising Committee - From September 2019 to March 2020, a number of events were held raising £4,665, including the following:

Village Show - cake stall and refreshments, Murder Mystery Drama, Flower Demonstration, Sale of Christmas cards, Sponsored slim, Remembrance Concert with All Saints Church, Track 29 Choir concert, Musical concert by our own members and Tad Chorale Choir concert. Additionally, Quizzes have been run throughout the period and into lockdown.

j) Women's Fellowship meetings started in September 2019 with our AGM when we had 32 members. Unfortunately, through the year we have had two deaths, and one lady has gone to live with her daughter. The meetings that followed were good and varied until March when Coronavirus caused cancellations of all our subsequent meetings.

k) CAMEO is a group open for anyone to Come And Meet Each Other in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The evening always ends with a time to socialise over tea, coffee and biscuits. The year started with approximately 36 members from within the church family and also the wider village community and a full programme of visiting speakers for the monthly meetings. From September to March, when Covid prevented any further meeting, members enjoyed a variety of topics, including crime prevention, nursing in Iran, living with dementia, and prison chaplaincy. Luckily all the speakers booked to visit during lockdown have agreed to return once meetings can resume.

l) Ebor Court - Our Church members led 'Songs of Praise' services at Ebor Court Residential Home on the second Saturday of each month, alternatively with York Baptists. This has always been well received and well attended, but it could obviously not continue after Coronavirus struck. However, we did help organise a memorial service, led by York Baptists, for residents and staff who lost their lives.

m) Kenya Connected Church - Two events were held during the year; the Poppleton Christmas Post which raised £106 delivering Christmas cards around the village. A Kenyan coffee, soup and rolls morning was run in January raising £380. £486 was transferred to Tearfund for our Kenyan partners. A Concert was all ready to go in March but had to be cancelled. In July we heard with sadness that Tearfund are bringing the Connected Church programme to an end. The Kenya group are therefore investigating an alternative programme to suggest to Church council.

n) Tuesday Concern - Each Tuesday morning, throughout the year, a small group of people meet for half an hour for a short reflection on a bible reading followed by prayer for the people of the village for whom we have concerns or who request inclusion in prayer. Whilst there were a few weeks without meeting due to lockdown we were quickly able to continue using Zoom along with additional access via telephone. Prayer requests have been received by email or phone.

o) The Craft and Art Group – Between September 2019 and March 2020, the craft and art group was attended by between 20 and 30 people per weekly session. This group represents successful outreach to the local community and is open to anyone who wishes to join. A wide range of crafts are undertaken which include knitting, crochet, weaving, card making and painting. Members share their expertise and enthusiasm and have made positive friendships, leading to mutual support in the community, for example caring for one another if someone is poorly. The group responded to charitable appeals, e.g. knitting items for the premature baby unit, bringing gifts for the shoebox appeal and donating and wrapping toiletries to give to prisoners on behalf of the church.

p) Poppleton Methodist Drama Group – No report for this year.

In addition to those groups identified in Table 4 and covered above, a number of Community Groups have met regularly on the Church Premises, including: Poppleton Under 5s (playgroup), After school childminding sessions, WI, Table Tennis Club, Quilters group, Art group, York Musical Theatre Company and one-off use for children's parties. Clearly this was impacted by lockdown restrictions during the year.

Financial Report

1. General unrestricted Church income and expenditure

Income

Overall unrestricted income is down by £6,771 on the previous year, the majority of the Church's income streams being negatively impacted by Covid. Since lockdown in March 2020, there has been no cash income from services, either loose cash or via the envelope scheme.

Interest receipts have continued to increase marginally year on year and include income from TMCP (Methodist Trustees) where the bulk of recent and historic legacies are held. Gift Aid recoveries received are about the same, but this is because our claim is to the end of March. Income from lettings is down and we have also in effect lost a term's payment from the Under 5s. Coffee on the Green receipts were helped by home deliveries of baking during lockdown. Tea on the Green has not operated since March,

Expenditure

Expenses were down by about £3,345 largely due to reduced repair, maintenance and renewal costs and reduced consumables. York Methodist Circuit agreed to maintain our quarterly assessment at the same level for August and November, but it is set to increase after that.

We maintained our donations to Methodist Charities totalling £2,350 in the same distributions as the last few years. The Church has also received and passed on money raised by fundraising and donations at funerals, disaster appeals and other events totalling £1,728 (2019:£4,423) - these amounts are not included in our main accounts as we passed on exactly the amount raised.

Balance

The balance of unrestricted income and expenditure for the year shows a surplus of £8,945 (2019: £12,372) which in the circumstances is remarkable. The surplus over the past two years has helped to build our reserves as the building work commences. Overall unrestricted funds at the end of the year were £314,879 (2019: £305,934). There are, however, some concerns for the year to August 2021.

1. The Circuit assessment cost is due to rise by over £500 per quarter.
2. Our standing order income is reduced slightly as the number of members and contributors has decreased.
3. With no weekly services there has been no cash income for nearly half of the year, and this has continued into the current year.
4. Little lettings income since March 2020 – an ongoing position, apart from the Under 5s who returned in June.

2. Ruach (Restricted) Fund

The Ruach Building project restricted fund received an overall total of £15,316 in the year (2019: £22,958). This includes bank interest as well as gift aid received on the donations. Regular events were held, when we could, including catering events and sales as well as regular quizzes.

With work commencing on the new entrance to the Church, some £36,727 was expended, depleting overall Ruach (Restricted) funds at the end of the year to £91,918 (2019: £113,329).

3. Other assets

At the same time as the sale of the Manse, next door to the Chapel, in 2017-18, York circuit transferred part of the Manse garden into Church ownership, so providing land for the construction. This is not reflected in the Church accounts as the Circuit owned both premises, and now has a larger area allocated to the Chapel.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts on pages 1 to 8 were approved by the Trustees on **9th March 2021** and signed on their behalf by:



Revd Ian Hill (Chairman of Trustees and of Church Council)

and



Dr. John Morrison (Treasurer)

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1 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year (2020)	Totals last year (2019)	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	49,424	1,438	50,861	54,489	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,861	844	2,704	2,570	
a4	Lettings	7,691	0	7,691	9,642	
a5	Other receipts	9,536	13,035	22,572	31,541	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	68,512	15,316	83,828	98,241	
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	44,488	0	44,488	43,903	
b3	Donations	2,350	0	2,350	2,350	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,000	0	5,000	9,463	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,953	0	4,953	5,036	
b7	Other payments	2,775	36,727	39,503	2,389	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,567	36,727	96,294	63,142	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	8,945	(21,411)	(12,466)	35,099
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		305,934	113,329	419,263	384,164
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	314,879	91,918	406,797	419,263
c4	Transfers and adjustments		0	0	0	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	314,879	91,918	406,797	419,263

Charity & Mission Funds:		Totals this year (2020)	Totals this year (2019)
		£	£
A number of Church activities give rise to funds being donated for specific designated charities and missionary funds, which are paid over directly to those organisations. Such receipts and payments are not included elsewhere in these financial statements. The following summarises this activity.			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,728	4,423
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,728	4,423
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	0	0
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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2 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		CLOSING BALANCES 31st Aug 2020 £	OPENING BALANCES 1st Sep 2019 £
f1	Cash in hand	(0)	(0)
f2	Bank Current Account	10,709	9,681
f3	Bank Deposit Account	21,910	18,564
f4	Central Finance Board	149,901	168,216
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	221,010	219,560
f6	Other cash funds	3,266	3,242
f7	NET ASSETS	406,797	419,263
Represented by:			
	Unrestricted Funds	314,879	305,934
	Restricted Funds	91,918	113,329

The value of the land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No.1134381. They are however insured for the sum of £1,479,764 (2019: £1,442,262)

3 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals This year (2020) £	Totals Last year (2019) £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income	50,424	14,472	64,896	76,382
Grants received	0	0	0	0
Activities for generating funds	7,691	0	7,691	8,738
Income from investments	1,861	844	2,705	2,569
Church activities	8,536	0	8,536	10,552
Total Incoming Resources	68,512	15,316	83,828	98,241
Total Resources Expended - Church Activities	(59,567)	(36,727)	(96,294)	(63,142)
Net Movement in Funds	8,945	-21,411	-12,466	35,099
Balances b/fwd 1st September 2019	305,934	113,329	419,263	384,164
Balances c/fwd 31st August 2020	314,879	91,918	406,797	419,263

4 INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

There are a number of organisations that are linked to Poppleton Methodist Church and make reports to the Church Council. The accounts for these organisations are held separately from the Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church and are not included in Accounting Tables 1, 2 or 3 above. Where money is paid over to Poppleton Methodist Church these amounts are included in Payments in Table 4 below and as Receipts in Table 1. Results of these organisations are however reported in the Annual Financial Return to the Methodist Circuit and are noted here for completeness only.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ (Payments)	Adjustments	Opening balances 1st Sep 2019	Closing balances 31st Aug 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
e1 Drama Group	3,092	(3,434)	(342)		4,149	3,807
e2 Womens' Fellowship	520	(918)	(398)		982	584
e3 Cameo	488	(510)	(22)		404	382
e4 Coffee and Tea on the Green	7,830	(7,844)	(14)		54	40
e8 Internal Organisations funds	11,930	(12,706)	(776)		5,590	4,814

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5. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2020

5.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The Accounts of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC') have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, The Methodist Church Act 1976 and principles in 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', using the Receipts & Payments basis. Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid. The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which PMC is responsible in law. They don't include accounts of Internal Organisations as detailed in Table 4 nor those of informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the General Funds which are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use, and are available for application to the general purposes of PMC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by PMC.

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by PMC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The Trustees do not always invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Restricted funds entirely comprise the RUACH Building Project. In addition, funds raised specifically for designated charities or missionary work is segregated and paid over directly to the charity or mission. There are no endowment funds.

Fixed assets

The value of the land and buildings forming the Methodist Chapel and Church Hall are not included in these financial statements as they are included in the financial statements of York Methodist Circuit Charity No.1134381.

Fixtures and fittings as well as enhancements to the buildings forming the Methodist Church and Church Hall are fully expensed in the year the invoices are settled.

Cash Assets

In addition to Cash held in banks, some Cash is held in interest bearing Deposit Accounts at Methodist Chapel Aid Limited and with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

In addition, certain legacies recently received by PMC are affected by Section 15(2) of the Methodist Church Act 1976. As such, these monies are held in trust for the benefit of PMC, but are under the direction of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. These trust monies are interest bearing but also subject to administration charges.

5.2. RESERVE POLICIES

For Unrestricted General Funds: Given the level of recent legacies and the projected expenditure on our RUACH building project in the next few years, we propose to maintain a minimum reserve on General Fund of £250,000 at least until the earlier of 31st August 2021 or commencement of the RUACH project.

For Restricted Funds: The restricted fund represents our savings for the RUACH Building project, which requires flexibility, and a minimum reserve of £10,000.00 is required at least until the earlier of 31st August 2021 or commencement of the RUACH project.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Poppleton Methodist Church ('PMC')

I report on the Accounts contained within the Trustees' Annual Report of Poppleton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020, set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- i) examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- ii) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

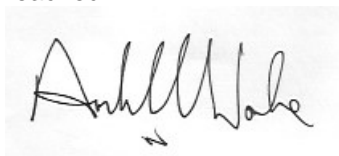
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



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9th March 2021