

# LUDLOW METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1182508

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2019-03-18

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

## Contact

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**Address** 52 Broad Street  
Ludlow  
SY8 1NH

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**Website** <http://www.ludlowmethodistchurch.org>

## Activities

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**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:** We welcome all to share conversation and worship, to learn about faith and grow in Christian discipleship. We support members of the Church family and are a caring community. We use our premises to address the needs of the community, supporting families, young people, the elderly and lonely. We raise awareness of global issues of justice and offer financial and practical support.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Shropshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£141,442	£124,691	-	-
2024-08-31	£130,405	£121,141	-	-
2023-08-31	£119,302	£123,074	-	-
2022-08-31	£124,996	£114,742	-	-
2021-08-31	£78,356	£113,951	-	-
2020-08-31	£99,723	£129,709	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Denise Kathleen Ada Hargreaves</b>	Chair	2024-09-01
ADRIAN JOHN WILLIAMS		2019-02-07
ANNIE ELIZABETH JONES		2019-02-07
Christine Susan Paulden		2025-04-03
Christopher Brent Waite		2019-02-07
DAVID JOHN EVANS		2019-02-07
EDITH JOYCE EVANS		2019-02-07
Eileen Margaret Precious		2019-06-13
Geoffrey Edwardson		2019-06-13
Geoffrey Richard Wright		2024-10-17
HEATHER GILLIAN PRICE		2019-02-07
Janet williams		2019-06-13
John Duncan Eadie		2020-05-30
Lindsay Beavon		2020-07-23
MICHAEL JOHN OWENS		2019-02-07
Margaret Elizabeth Wright		2019-06-13
Maureen Valerie Farmery		2019-06-13
Paul William Philip Burnham		2025-09-01
Rev Neil Graham Richardson		2020-07-23
Rhiannon Elizabeth Richardson		2019-06-13
Roger Clayton		2022-04-21
Ronald George William Gittings		2019-06-13
Ruth Mary Downes		2020-07-23
Sara Alison Burnham		2025-09-01
Stephen John Dalton		2019-06-13

**LUDLOW METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182508

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date      Period end date  
**From** 01 09 2024 **To** 31 08 2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Ludlow Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1182508

**Charity's principal address** 52 Broad Street  
 Ludlow  
 Postcode SY8 1NH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Adrian Williams			
2	Ann Powell		Resigned 31 August 2025	
3	Annie Jones			
4	Brent Waite			
5	Cathy Pritchard		Deceased 12 October 2025	
6	Christine Paulden		Appointed 3 April 2025	
7	David Evans			
8	David Harlington		Resigned 31 May 2025	
9	Eileen Precious			
10	Elizabeth Wright			
11	Geoff Edwardson			
12	Geoff Wright		Appointed 17 October 2024	
13	Heather Price			
14	Janet James		Resigned 31 August 2025	
15	Janet Williams			
16	John Eadie			
17	Joyce Evans	Treasurer		
18	Lindsay Beavon			
19	Maureen Farmery			
20	Mike Owens			
21	Paul Burnham		Appointed 1 September 2025	
22	Rev Denise Hargreaves	Chair		
23	Rev Neil Richardson			

24	Rhiannon Richardson		
25	Roger Clayton		
26	Ron Gittings		
27	Ruth Downes		
28	Sara Burnham		Appointed 1 September 2025
29	Stephen Dalton		
30	Susan McGarvey		

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <i>(eg, trust deed, constitution)</i>	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act 1976
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg, trust, association, company)</i>	The Church's Constitution is contained in Parts 1 and 2 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, CPD. The composition of the Church Council is outlined in Standing Order 610 of the CPD and is elected annually. Ludlow Methodist Church registered as a charity 18 March 2019.
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg, appointed by, elected by)</i>	Standing Order 607(3) limits the tenure of church stewards, treasurers or Church Council and Pastoral Committee secretaries and those elected to the Church Council under Standing Order 623 to six successive years (subject to the exception outlined in Standing Order 607(4)). Standing Order 607(1) provides that all other appointments, either those members adopted by the Church Council (up to 15) or elected at the General Church Meeting (between 6 and 15), shall be for one year.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.  
The advancement of any charitable purpose of any society, organisation, charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Ludlow Methodist Church seeks to fulfil its mission by:

- Offering a welcome to all to join in conversation, worship and other activities.
- Helping people to learn about and develop faith and grow in Christian discipleship.
- Supporting members of the Church family and being a caring community with opportunities to study and pray together.
- Ensuring that all aspects of Church life reflect its open policy and make provision for all ages.
- Practising the inclusive gospel of Jesus Christ
- Working with our Christian neighbours in other local Churches, as well as people of other faith and no faith, and with the wider Church family in the Shropshire and Marches Circuit and throughout the world.

The charity Trustees have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**Worship:** We continue to maintain our weekly Sunday worship led, as is the Methodist tradition, by a wide range of lay and ordained leaders who bring their own gifts to the services. 'Tea & Worship', monthly on Sunday afternoons, is aimed at and appreciated by those living alone but open to all. Being able to Zoom worship every week is a huge bonus for our house-bound members but also open to and used by others, sometimes internationally!

**Learning and Caring:** Regular Bible Study continues, a short Taize prayer and worship service has started, along with other times for reflection at the major festival times of year. Pastoral care is offered to all who attend the church and to those who frequent our Wesley's Café, staff are always ready to chat and listen.

**Service:** The Café is a major part of our outreach and care. We are still praying for more volunteers and team leaders to step up.

The various rooms in the church are well-used by the community for their regular classes, occasional meetings and events. The congregation are very active volunteers in many capacities around the town.

The small chapel at Blackford, which came under the care and control of our Church Council, has now closed. We have entered into a new 'satellite and hub' arrangement with another local village church, Orleton, which has weekly worship and plays an active role in their community.

**Evangelism:** The church plays a leading role in the ecumenical events around Christmas and Easter, such as the Living Nativity and the Walk of Witness.

Members contribute on a regular basis to the Christian Viewpoint column in the local newspaper.

We are seeing quite a few new faces in our congregation, a number from the Mental Health support group that meets weekly on the premises.

The ethos and mission of the church is to encourage members to live their faith every day rather than just talk about it in a holy huddle.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The aim of Ludlow Methodist Church is to maintain at least a £50k reserve to cover a half of the Assessment, Utilities and Running Costs, and Staff commitments.

Of the £124,906 total cash funds held by the church at the year-end, £21,852 is held in the designated funds of our internal organisations, leaving the remaining £103,054 classed as unrestricted.

The free reserves at the end of the financial year were £103,054 (2024: £88,018)

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Denise Hargreaves</i>	<i>E. Joyce Evans</i>
Full name(s)	Rev Denise Hargreaves	Joyce Evans
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 12.12.2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Ludlow Methodist Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/08/2025 Charity no  
(if any) 1182508

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

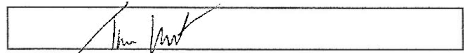
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 15/12/2025

Name: T Lunt

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

BA FCCA MTPi

Address:

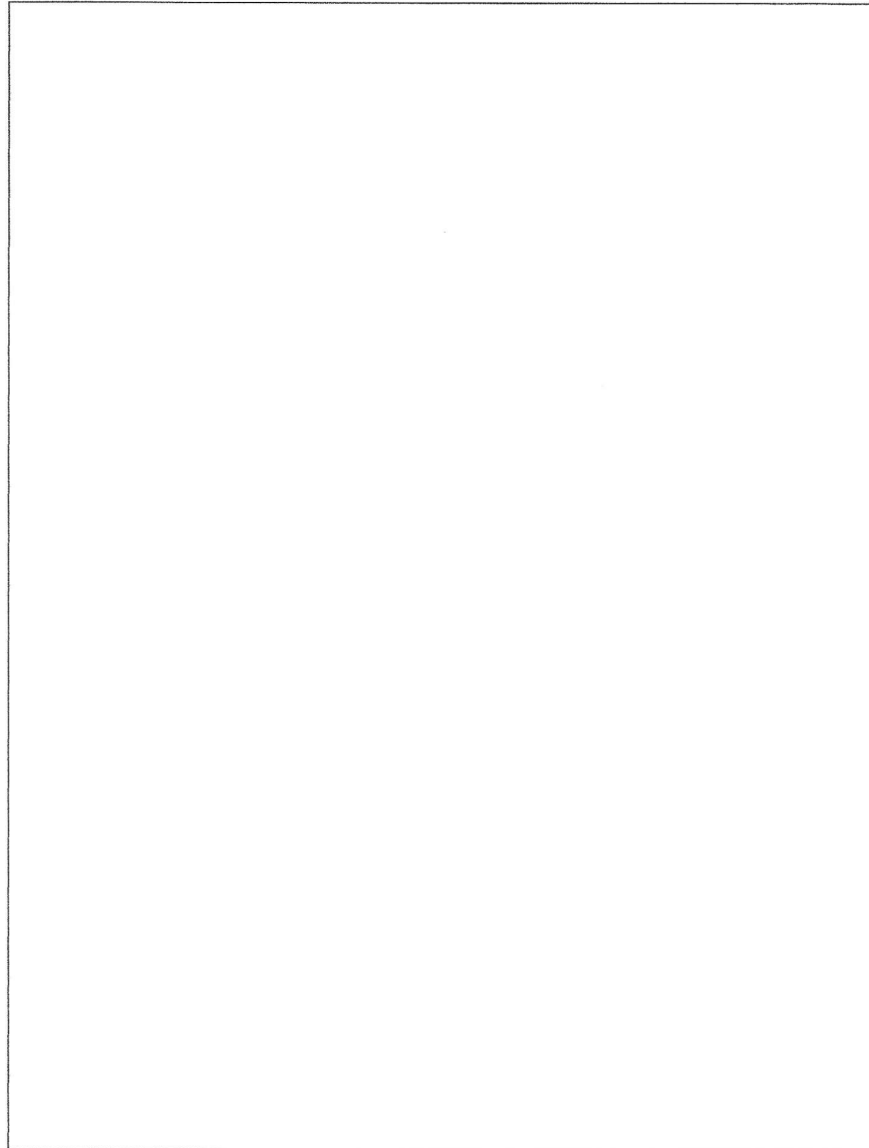
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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ludlow Methodist Church	1182508
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### Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2024	To	31/08/2025
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	65,605	-	-	65,605	67,809
Interest and Investment income	2,772	-	-	2,772	2,180
Lettings	24,811	-	-	24,811	22,846
Legacies	11,000	-	-	11,000	5,000
Other income	11,713	-	-	11,713	4,504
Internal Organisations	25,542	-	-	25,542	28,066
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>141,442</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>141,442</b>	<b>130,405</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>141,442</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>141,442</b>	<b>130,405</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Circuit Assessment or Share	62,325	-	-	62,325	60,250
Grants and Donations	4,000	-	-	4,000	4,110
Repairs and Maintenance	11,197	-	-	11,197	11,148
Insurance, Utilities etc	15,738	-	-	15,738	15,837
Other expenditure	4,458	-	-	4,458	4,819
Salaries / Professional Fees	16,601	-	-	16,601	15,295
Internal Organisations	10,372	-	-	10,372	9,682
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>124,691</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,691</b>	<b>121,141</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>124,691</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,691</b>	<b>121,141</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>16,751</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,751</b>	<b>9,264</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>108,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,155</b>	<b>98,891</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>124,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,906</b>	<b>108,155</b>



**LUDLOW METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182508

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date	Period end date
<b>From</b>	01 09 2023	To 31 08 2024

### Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Ludlow Methodist Church
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1182508
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	52 Broad Street
	Ludlow
<b>Postcode</b>	SY8 1NH

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Maureen Farmery			
2	Joyce Evans	Treasurer		
3	Roger Clayton			
4	Ann Powell			
5	Geoff Edwardson			
6	Heather Price			
7	David Evans			
8	Janet Williams			
9	Eileen Precious			
10	Mike Owens			
11	Janet James			
12	Rev Kim Stilwell		Resigned September 2023	
13	Cathy Pritchard			
14	Laurence Taylor		Deceased March 2024	
15	David Harlington			
16	Adrian Williams			
17	Brent Waite			
18	Stephen Dalton			
19	Rhiannon Richardson			
20	Rev Neil Richardson			
21	Elizabeth Wright			
22	Susan McGarvey			
23	Annie Jones			

24	John Eadie			
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We are happy to have been able to appoint a new secretary and treasurer to the Church Council and are enjoying the ministry of our new Minister.

**Evangelism:** The church plays a leading role in the ecumenical events around Christmas and Easter, such as the Living Nativity and the Walk of Witness.

There are plans for more open-air events and worship. Members contribute on a regular basis to the Christian Viewpoint column in the local newspaper.

Membership classes have been held recently to fully engage new people into the life of the church.

The ethos and mission of the church is to encourage members to live their faith every day rather than just talk about it in a holy huddle.

**Section E Financial review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The aim of Ludlow Methodist Church is to maintain at least a £50k reserve to cover a half of the Assessment, Utilities and Running Costs, and Staff commitments.

Of the £108,156 total cash funds held by the church at the year-end, £20,138 is held in the designated funds of our internal organisations, leaving the remaining £88,018 classed as unrestricted.

The free reserves at the end of the financial year were £88,018 (2023: £85,384)

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Denise KHargreaves</i>	<i>E. Joyce Evans</i>
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Rev Denise Hargreaves	Joyce Evans
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer

**Date** 28/11/2024



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Ludlow Methodist Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/08/2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1182508
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**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2024**.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 09/12/2024

**Name:** T Lunt

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

BA FCCA MTPI

**Address:**

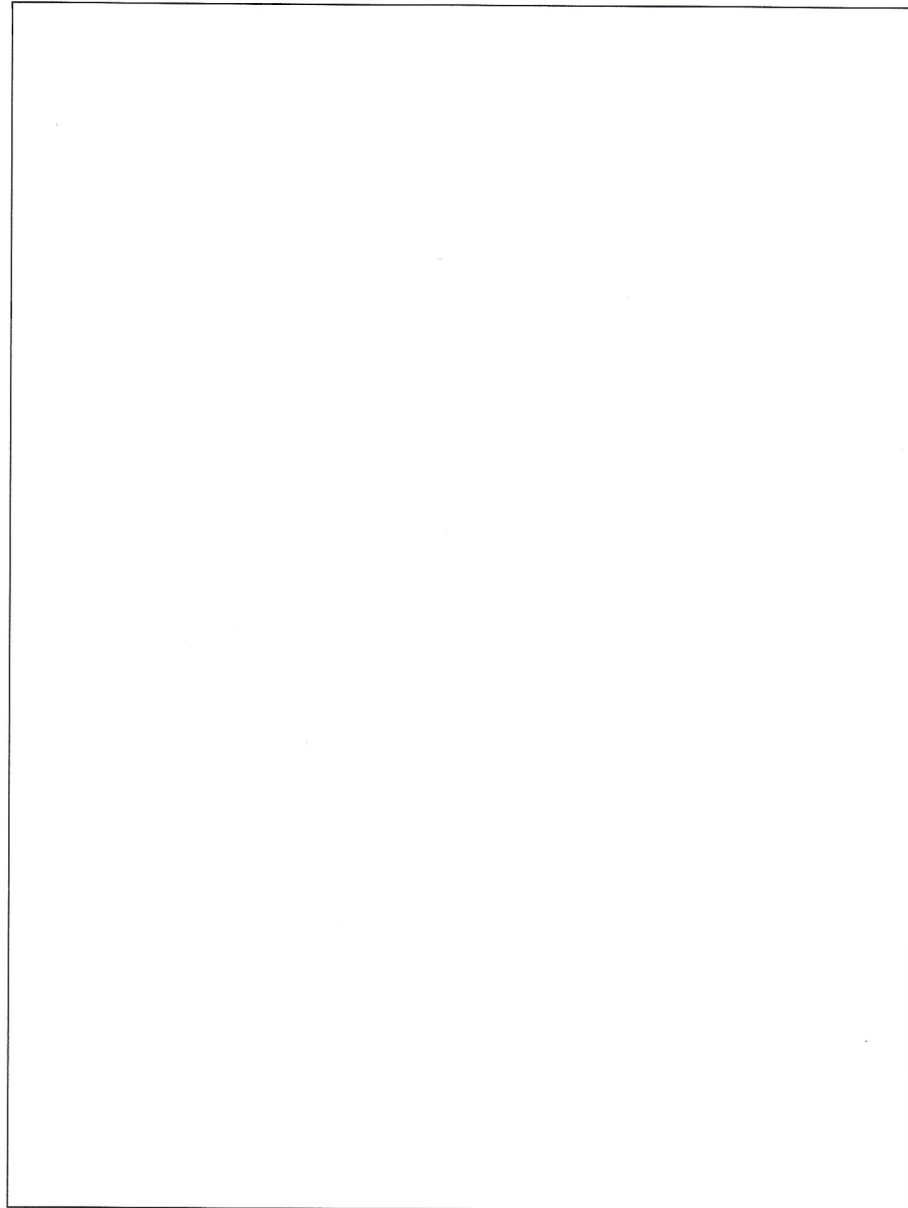
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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ludlow Methodist Church

1182508

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2023	To	31/08/2024
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	67,809		-	67,809	60,434
Interest and Investment income	2,180		-	2,180	1,536
Lettings	22,846		-	22,846	20,013
Legacies	5,000		-	5,000	-
Other income	4,504		-	4,504	9,233
Internal Organisations	28,066		-	28,066	28,086
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>130,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,405</b>	<b>119,302</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>130,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,405</b>	<b>119,302</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Circuit Assessment or Share	60,250		-	60,250	59,250
Grants and Donations	4,110		-	4,110	6,000
Repairs and Maintenance	11,148		-	11,148	6,272
Insurance, Utilities etc	15,837		-	15,837	15,165
Provisions	-		-	-	-
Other expenditure	4,819		-	4,819	5,534
Salaries / Professional Fees	15,295		-	15,295	14,166
Internal Organisations	9,682		-	9,682	16,687
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>121,141</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,141</b>	<b>123,074</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>121,141</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,141</b>	<b>123,074</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,264</b>	<b>3,772</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>98,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,891</b>	<b>102,663</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>108,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,155</b>	<b>98,891</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	76,800		-
	Central Finance Board & Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	31,355		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>108,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Improvements to Church buildings and other property	General	306,757	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Rev Denise Hargreaves	4.12.24
	Joyce Evans	4.12.24

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

**Ludlow Methodist Church**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Shropshire & Marches	Circuit	Circuit no	28/3
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1182508

**If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and  
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Denise Hargreaves

Church Stewards:

Lindsay Beavon	Geoff Edwardson
David Evans	Annie Jones
Ann Powell	Cathy Pritchard
Janet Williams	Janet James
Roger Clayton	

Treasurer:

Joyce Evans

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	67,809		67,809	60,434
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,180		2,180	1,535
a4	Lettings	22,846		22,846	20,014
a5	Other receipts	9,504		9,504	9,233
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>102,339</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,339</b> (a7)	<b>91,216</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	60,250		60,250	59,250
b3	Donations	4,110		4,110	6,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,148		11,148	6,272
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,837		15,837	15,165
b6	Salaries & professional fees	15,295		15,295	14,166
b7	Other payments	4,819		4,819	5,534
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>111,459</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>111,459</b> (b9)	<b>106,387</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(9,120)	0	(9,120)	(15,171)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	85,384		85,384	89,639
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>76,264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,264</b>	<b>74,468</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0	10,916
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>76,264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,264</b> (c8)	<b>85,384</b> (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	1,777	742
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,079	3,346
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	3,095	2,311
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>1,777</b>

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

**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Wesley's Café	26,874	9,520	17,354	(11,154)	10,513	16,713
e2 Blackford Chapel	1,192	162	1,030	(600)	2,994	3,424
e3 Playbox						0
e4	0		0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
c8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	28,066	9,682	18,384	(11,754)	13,507 (e11)	20,137 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	102,339 (a7)	111,469 (b9)	(9,120)	11,754 (c7)	85,384 (c6)	88,018 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	130,405	121,141	9,264	0	98,891 (x)	108,155 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	45,156	59,380
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	40,228	28,638
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	85,384 (c6)	88,018 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	13,507 (e11)	20,137 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	98,891 (x)	108,155 (y)

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,378,854	3,378,854
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church: Ludlow Methodist Church

Charity No: 1182508

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... E Joyce Evans ..... Date ..... 17/10/24

Name and address of treasurer      Joyce Evans

Meadowbank, Fardon, Bitterley, Ludlow ..... Post Code ..... SY8 3HU

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... Emma K Hargreaves .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting HARGREAVES DKA ..... Date 17/10/2024

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

**Ludlow Methodist Church**

**Charity Number 1182508**

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ludlow Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: Ludlow Methodist Church

Charity No: 1182508

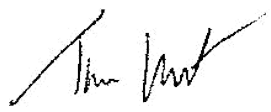
**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.



Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner: T Lunt

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: BA FCCA MTPI

Name of firm: WR Partners

Address: Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park

Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 6LG

Date .....09/12/2024.....

The Trustees  
The Methodist Church  
52 Broad Street  
Ludlow  
SY8 1NH

Date: November 2024

WR Partners  
Chartered Accountants  
Belmont House  
Shrewsbury Business Park  
Shrewsbury  
SY2 6LG

Dear Sirs

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charity's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**General**

- 1 We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
- 2 We confirm that the charity was entitled to exemption under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 31 August 2024 audited.
- 3 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated October 2024, under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
- 4 All the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
- 5 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charity, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.
- 6 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- 7 The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial both individually and in total.

**Assets and liabilities**

- 8 The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
- 9 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
- 10 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- 11 There was a balance in the Wesley's MCA account of £10,403 as at 31 August 2024.

**Accounting estimates**

- 12 Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

**Legal claims**

- 13 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

**Laws and regulations**

- 14 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

**Related parties**

- 15 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

**Subsequent events**

- 16 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

**Going concern**

- 17 We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

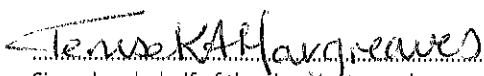
**Grants and donations**

- 18 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

**Wages**

- 19 WR Partners have not been engaged to prepare wages for the charity.

Yours faithfully

  
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Signed on behalf of the church stewards

Date: 28/11/2024.....

**LUDLOW METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182508

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
<b>From</b>	01	09	2022	<b>To</b>	31	08	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Ludlow Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1182508

**Charity's principal address** 52 Broad Street  
Ludlow

**Postcode** SY8 1NH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Maureen Farmery			
2	Joyce Evans			
3	Roger Clayton			
4	Ann Powell			
5	Geoff Edwardson			
6	Heather Price			
7	David Evans			
8	Janet Williams			
9	Eileen Precious			
10	Mike Owens			
11	Janet James			
12	Rev Kim Stilwell	Chair	Resigned September 2023	
13	Cathy Pritchard			
14	Laurence Taylor			
15	David Harlington	Treasurer		
16	Adrian Williams			
17	Brent Waite			
18	Stephen Dalton			
19	Rhiannon Richardson			
20	Rev Neil Richardson			
21	Elizabeth Wright			
22	Edith Blair		Resigned April 2023	
23	Annie Jones			

24	John Eadie		
25	Cathy Pritchard		
26	Ron Gittings		
27	Ruth Downes		
28	Lindsay Beavon		
29	Rev Denise Hargreaves	Chair	Appointed September 2023
30	Susan McGarvey		Appointed April 2023
31			
32			

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Deed of Union (1932) Methodist Church Act 1976
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	The Church's Constitution is contained in Parts 1 and 2 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, CPD. The composition of the Church Council is outlined in Standing Order 610 of the CPD and is elected annually. Ludlow Methodist Church registered as a charity 18 March 2019.
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Standing Order 607(3) limits the tenure of church stewards, treasurers or Church Council and Pastoral Committee secretaries and those elected to the Church Council under Standing Order 623 to six successive years (subject to the exception outlined in Standing Order 607(4)). Standing Order 607(1) provides that all other appointments, either those members adopted by the Church Council (up to 15) or elected at the General Church Meeting (between 6 and 15), shall be for one year.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## **Section C**

## **Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.  
The advancement of any charitable purpose of any society, organisation, charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Ludlow Methodist Church seeks to fulfil its mission by:

- Offering a welcome to all to join in conversation, worship and other activities.
- Helping people to learn about and develop faith and grow in Christian discipleship.
- Supporting members of the Church family and being a caring community with opportunities to study and pray together.
- Ensuring that all aspects of Church life reflect its open policy and make provision for all ages.
- Practising the inclusive gospel of Jesus Christ
- Working with our Christian neighbours in other local Churches, as well as people of other faith and no faith, and with the wider Church family in the Shropshire and Marches Circuit and throughout the world.

The charity Trustees have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## **Section D**

## **Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

This last year has been one of growing confidence and consolidation as the church settles to a post- pandemic norm. Attendance at Sunday Worship has been steady, and it has been encouraging to see regular new faces. We are delighted to welcome a large family for Junior Church on a regular basis. Tea and Worship is much appreciated, and we have re-started monthly Church in the Café discussion evenings. Tuesday afternoon bible study has been very well attended throughout the year, including ecumenically, in Lent – we are very grateful to Rev Neil Richardson for leading these.

A highlight of the year has been the success in finding a new Minister. Rev Denise Hargreaves and her husband Maurice had identified Ludlow as her first choice and, after a very encouraging visit, the “match” was enthusiastically approved by both sides and the church welcomed them both in September.

Last September saw a conversation and vote on the question of whether to register for same-sex marriages. The voting was very strongly in favour of proceeding, whilst recognising that some members continue to have legitimate reservations. We move forward in love and sometimes with contrary convictions. Registration documents have now been signed.

Zooming of Sunday services has continued, and technical issues have now largely been resolved. There is a core of regular users of the Zoom facility, together with others who use Zoom occasionally when unwell or away.

The Café is being well used on most days and is much appreciated. However, following a fall by Edith Blair, we were sorry to see her retirement as Café Manager and are deeply indebted to her for the work she has cheerfully and faithfully done for many years. At present the work is being covered by volunteers but this is under review. We are delighted that Edith has agreed to continue as a Wesley’s volunteer. Zoom Coffee and Chat has been maintained and the group have hosted occasional meetings in-person which draws in many new members.

Pastoral support has been provided by the Pastoral Team and Home Communion services are being held on a regular basis. Weekly Newsletters are delivered by hand, or by post or email, as well as being collected at church. Very many thanks to all who have been involved in preparing and delivering these. We have a new editor of the monthly magazine, to whom we are very grateful.

Worship opportunities at Care Homes have been increasing, led by our Community Chaplain and in conjunction with sister churches in CTAL. Open the Book Assemblies are delivered by teams involving our members in 5 local primary schools.

As an outreach event in December, we held “Taste of Christmas” - a well-received and successful Fayre-with-a-message. Opportunities were available for people to make Christmas purchases as well as to share conversation and reflect on the meaning of the Christmas story.

Hands Together has continued to grow and has new premises in Galdeford so office space in the church is no longer needed, although the Church continues to be used for some Hands Together activities. It has been sad to see diminishing links between Hands Together Ludlow and

the church, but encouraging to see the Charity flourishing so well independently.

Finances are reported elsewhere, but despite horrendous increases in utility costs we are close to target in relation to our budget. We continue to be grateful to all who give regularly, and to our interim Treasurer, who has worked with our Administrator to deal with the closing of our bank branch and the lengthy and tortuous process of transferring of our account.

The Church building has been maintained in excellent condition for which we are very grateful to our Property Steward, the property team and the cleaners for all their work. Lettings have returned to a healthy level and are carefully overseen by our Administrator – but more volunteers are needed to help with opening and closing, AV and refreshments. Among regular bookings are the Table Tennis evening. AA and the Mental Health Coffee Morning – all important services to the community.

The Caring for Creation Group continues to meet regularly on Zoom. We hosted a significant environmental exhibition – the Loving Earth Project - recently displayed in the Palace of Westminster. There is a plan to develop the cottage garden to make it more wildlife-friendly, whilst ensuring it remains low maintenance.

Fun in Fundraising has been very successful in running events to raise money for the church as well as to provide joyful social and outreach occasions.

Church Membership stands at 98, holding steady despite sadly losing some of our much-loved members who have gone to glory. We are glad that some of our new members have been able to take up active roles in the life of the church. A very successful event welcoming new joiners was held in the Summer. A skittles evening was held as a social gathering for all members and friends.

Churches Together around Ludlow continues its regular activities, and now has a Chair for the year. Some church leaders are also meeting regularly for fellowship and prayer.

Blackford has held 4 services since the beginning of the church year, the Christmas Carol service being well attended and much appreciated. Caynham Chapel has been sold.

As this is the last Annual Report with Rev Kim Stilwell as minister, he expresses a huge gratitude for all the kindness and care shown to him and his family and gives thanks for the privilege of being able to serve the Ludlow church. They leave in difficult times for the Church as a whole, but with every confidence in the resilience of the faithfulness and love shown by Ludlow Methodist Church members as they seek to continue to Worship God and serve this community.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim of Ludlow Methodist Church is to maintain at least a £50k reserve to cover a half of the Assessment, Utilities and Running Costs, and Staff commitments.  
Of the £98,891 total cash funds held by the church at the year-end, £13,507 is held in the designated funds of our internal organisations, leaving the remaining £85,384 classed as unrestricted.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F

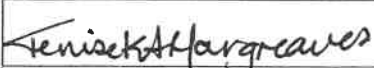
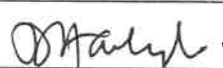
## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev Denise Hargreaves	David Harlington
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 2nd November 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ludlow Methodist Church

1182508

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2022	To	31/08/2023
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	60,434		-	60,434	69,061
Interest and Investment income	1,536		-	1,536	197
Lettings	20,013		-	20,013	21,553
Legacies			-	-	1,485
Other income	9,233		-	9,233	7,252
Internal Organisations	28,086		-	28,086	25,448
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>119,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119,302</b>	<b>124,996</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>119,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119,302</b>	<b>124,996</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Circuit Assessment or Share	59,250		-	59,250	59,438
Grants and Donations	6,000		-	6,000	6,000
Repairs and Maintenance	6,272		-	6,272	4,590
Insurance, Utilities etc	15,165		-	15,165	8,782
Provisions			-	-	-
Other expenditure	5,534		-	5,534	4,638
Salaries / Professional Fees	14,166		-	14,166	14,143
Internal Organisations	16,687		-	16,687	17,151
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>123,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,074</b>	<b>114,742</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>123,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,074</b>	<b>114,742</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 3,772</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,772</b>	<b>10,254</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>102,663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,663</b>	<b>92,409</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>98,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,891</b>	<b>102,663</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	56,080		-
	Central Finance Board & Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	42,811		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>98,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Improvements to Church buildings and other property	General	306,757	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	HARGREAVES DKA	02-11-23
	HARLINGTON D	02-11-23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Ludlow Methodist Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/08/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1182508

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2023**

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

27/11/2023

Name:

T Lunt

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

BA FCCA MIRPM

Address:

WR Partners

Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park,

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**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**LUDLOW METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182508

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	01	09	2021	<b>To</b>	31	08	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Ludlow Methodist Church

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1182508

**Charity's principal address**

52 Broad Street  
Ludlow  
  
**Postcode** SY8 1NH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Maureen Farnery			
2	Joyce Evans			
3	Roger Clayton		Appointed April 2022	
4	Ann Powell			
5	Geoff Edwardson			
6	Heather Price			
7	David Evans			
8	Janet Williams			
9	Eileen Precious			
10	Mike Owens			
11	Janet James			
12	Rev Kim Stilwell	Chair		
13	Cathy Pritchard		Appointed April 2022	
14	Laurence Taylor			
15	David Harlington	Treasurer		
16	Adrian Williams			
17	Brent Waite			
18	John Mountford		Resigned Nov 2021	
19	Stephen Dalton			
20	Rhiannon Richardson			
21	Rev Neil Richardson			
22	Elizabeth Wright			
23	Edith Blair			
24	Annie Jones			

25	Gordon Treacy		Resigned April 2022	
26	John Eadie			
27	Lucie Hounslow		Resigned April 2022	
28	Cathy Pritchard			
29	Ron Gittings			
30	Ruth Downes			
31	Lindsay Beavon			
32				

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## **Section B Structure, governance and management**

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- Ensuring that all aspects of Church life reflect its open policy and make provision for all ages.
- Practising the inclusive gospel of Jesus Christ
- Working with our Christian neighbours in other local Churches, as well as people of other faith and no faith, and with the wider Church family in the Shropshire and Marches Circuit and throughout the world.

The charity Trustees have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## **Section D**

## **Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

This year the church has felt less severely the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Attendance at Sunday Worship has recovered well (though not to pre-pandemic levels), the Café is being well used and lettings have increased.

There has been a new commitment to bible study, expertly led by Rev Neil Richardson – the sessions have been very much appreciated and well supported.

Sunday Worship has continued to be offered simultaneously on Zoom, giving access to people now living away from Ludlow, and to others not able to attend. It has been good to see a number of regular new faces in the Sunday morning congregation. An event was held to welcome those who have joined the congregation since COVID and approximately 20 were invited. Junior church is now available every Sunday and we are very glad to have one family attending regularly. The resumption of Coffee after the service has been much appreciated. The weekly Zoom Coffee and Chat has also been maintained.

There has been one service of baptism and one wedding. We have also been very pleased to celebrate Local Preachers' long service awards of 40 and 60 years. A memorial service was held to remember all those loved ones who passed away since the start of the pandemic.

Pastoral support has continued to be valued and an increased number of Home Communion are being provided. Weekly Newsletters are being delivered by hand, post or email, as well as being collected at church. Opportunities to take worship at Care Homes have reopened, and we have begun to take services at Hagley Place and Woofferton. Lent resource materials have been delivered to homes and provided in the Café.

Wesley's has been able to open daily by reconfiguring hours and teams, and its use has steadily begun to return despite increasing competition – it is very much appreciated. The Friday Youth Café is running over three sessions in April.

Other activities including Table Tennis and South Shropshire Mental Health Coffee Mornings have restarted.

A successful pre-Christmas sale was held and a fundraising group has been reformed.

Hands Together continues to use office space in the church, although this is under review as Hands Together outgrows the space that we can offer. Church members are actively involved in Hands Together which has had an excellent year and is providing a growing range of services to the area.

Finances are marginally in surplus as a result of generous giving. Our Treasurer has put in place transparent and manageable systems and introduced clear budgets to help us understand our position.

The Caring for Creation Group meets regularly. The church celebrated a successful application for a Silver ECO Church Award.

Church Membership stands at 99, 4 down from the beginning of the year, due to several deaths, as well as 2 moving away, these being offset by a transfer in. We expect new members to be made in the Autumn.

We remain heavily reliant on a decreasing circle of very active volunteers. There is urgency over finding those willing to fill key roles, as well as those to support lettings.

Churches Together around Ludlow has restarted its activities, holding a very successful Living Nativity and Walk of Witness.

Blackford has held 4 services this church year. Caynham Chapel was sold in May.

Discussions have begun with the Circuit regarding our own direction and purpose, possible future clustering and the process for identifying a suitable new Minister for September 2023.

Overall, despite the difficult times we have been through, there have been many positive signs of being a blessed and valued presence in the community and for one another as we hold fast to our faith and the conviction that we continue fruitfully to do God's loving work.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim of Ludlow Methodist Church is to maintain a £25k reserve to cover a third of Assessment and Staff commitments, and a reserve of £3k in designated funds to cover a third of the Wesley Café Staff commitments.

The free reserves at the end of the financial year were £89,639 (2021: £83,554)

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Some funds have been reclassified as 'designated' to comply with the Charity Commission definition and guidance relating to the different fund types.

## Section F

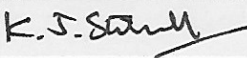
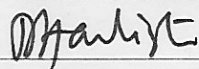
## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kim Stilwell	David Harlington
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	17. 11. 22	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ludlow Methodist Church

1182508

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2021	To	31/08/2022
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	69,061		-	69,061	51,597
Interest and Investment income	197		-	197	71
Lettings	21,553		-	21,553	13,133
Legacies	1,485		-	1,485	-
Other income	7,252		-	7,252	3,904
Internal Organisations	25,448		-	25,448	9,651
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>124,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,996</b>	<b>78,356</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>124,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,996</b>	<b>78,356</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Circuit Assessment or Share	59,438		-	59,438	59,584
Grants and Donations	6,000		-	6,000	13,750
Repairs and Maintenance	4,590		-	4,590	5,735
Insurance, Utilities etc	8,782		-	8,782	9,253
Provisions			-	-	-
Other expenditure	4,638		-	4,638	3,431
Salaries / Professional Fees	14,143		-	14,143	10,581
Internal Organisations	17,151		-	17,151	11,617
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>114,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,742</b>	<b>113,951</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>114,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,742</b>	<b>113,951</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,254</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,254</b>	<b>- 35,595</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>8,854</b>	<b>- 8,854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>83,555</b>	<b>8,854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,409</b>	<b>128,004</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>102,663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,663</b>	<b>92,409</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	57,403		-
	Central Finance Board & Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	45,260		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>102,663</b>	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

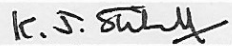

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Improvements to Church buildings and other property	General	306,757	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	K J STILWELL	17.11.22
	D HARLINGTON	17.11.22



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Ludlow Methodist Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/08/2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1182508
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2022**

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

22/11/2022

**Name:**

T Lunt

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

BA FCCA MIRPM

**Address:**

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**LUDLOW METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182508

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	09	2020		31	08	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address   
  
  
 Postcode

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Maureen Farmery			
2	Joyce Evans			
3	John Mountford		Rtd 10Aug21	
4	Ann Powell			
5	Geoff Edwardson			
6	Heather Price			
7	David Evans			
8	Janet Williams			
9	Eileen Precious			
10	Mike Owens			
11	Janet James			
12	Rev Kim Stilwell	Chair		
13	Mavis Morris		Rtd 10Aug21	
14	Laurence Taylor			
15	David Harlington	Treasurer		
16	Adrian Williams			
17	Brent Waite			
18	Colin Precious RIP		Dcd Mar21	
19	Stephen Dalton			
20	Rhiannon Richardson			
21	Rev Neil Richardson			
22	Elizabeth Wright			
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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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## **Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

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## **Section C**

## **Objectives and activities**

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## **Section D**

## **Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The continuing pandemic has impacted on the normal pattern of church life and activity over the whole year although here has been some relaxation of restrictions since May 2021

- Arrangements for services have been geared towards inclusivity; watching from home either on the phone or on-line, or meeting in Church under accessible, ventilated and specially controlled conditions.
- Online meetings have taken place for conversation, Testimony, study, and prayer. Zoom has facilitated our social, outreach, study and prayer meetings and services.
- A Care of Creation course was held during Lent which has led to an interfaith group meeting on Caring for the Climate.
- A network of pastoral volunteers has helped by delivering the pastoral newsletters and service sheets and keeping in contact with those on the pastoral list.
- Building use has been limited although Hands Together Ludlow have been very busy and have used it extensively for their outreach. An additional 25% of our Administrator's time has been paid for by Hands Together.
- In May 21, Wesley's Cafe restarted in a limited way providing reasonably priced food and drink with tables set to new spatial conditions. They are finding a shortage of new volunteers. The café manager has been on furlough for part of the year.
- Regular giving has been well maintained throughout the year and annual donations given to selected charities amounting to some 10% of income.
- Membership now stands at 103, 4 down from the beginning of the year due to 1 death and 3 moving away. In 2019 the figure was 109 – a loss of 6 members over the past 2 years.
- Caynham Chapel held its final service on Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> – there are no members to support it and no alternative use can be found for the building.
- Blackford Chapel held an outside service – well attended and well received.
- Broad Street church and two cottages, both now occupied by tenants, have been well maintained and received a glowing report in this year's Quinquennial Inspection.
- Since the end of May the Church buildings are becoming available again with restrictions for worship services and community use.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim of Ludlow Methodist Church is to maintain a £25k reserve to cover a third of Assessment and Staff commitments, and a reserve of £3k in restricted funds to cover a third of the Wesley Café Staff commitments.

The free reserves at the end of the financial year were £83,554 (2020: £117,784)

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F

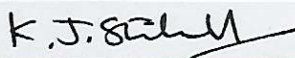
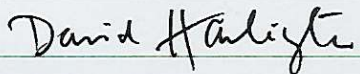
## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kim Stilwell	David Harlington
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ludlow Methodist Church

1182508

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2020	To	31/08/2021
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	51,597		-	51,597	44,977
Interest and Investment income	71		-	71	382
Lettings	13,133		-	13,133	22,256
Legacies			-	-	2,000
Other income	3,904		-	3,904	10,054
Internal Organisations		9,651	-	9,651	20,054
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>68,705</b>	<b>9,651</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,356</b>	<b>99,723</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>68,705</b>	<b>9,651</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,356</b>	<b>99,723</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Circuit Assessment or Share	59,584		-	59,584	59,552
Grants and Donations	13,750		-	13,750	1,301
Repairs and Maintenance	5,735		-	5,735	17,959
Insurance, Utilities etc	9,253		-	9,253	10,682
Provisions			-	-	74
Other expenditure	3,431		-	3,431	5,317
Salaries / Professional Fees	10,581		-	10,581	13,678
Internal Organisations		11,617	-	11,617	21,146
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>102,334</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,951</b>	<b>129,709</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>102,334</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,951</b>	<b>129,709</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 33,629</b>	<b>- 1,966</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 35,595</b>	<b>- 29,986</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>117,784</b>	<b>10,220</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,004</b>	<b>157,990</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>83,555</b>	<b>8,854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,409</b>	<b>128,004</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	37,923	5,773	-
	Central Finance Board & Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	45,632	3,081	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>83,555</b>	<b>8,854</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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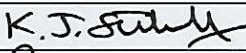

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Improvements to Church buildings and other property	General	306,757	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KJ STILLWELL	15.12.21
	D HARLINGTON	15.12.21



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Ludlow Methodist Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/08/2021	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1182508
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2021**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** Tim Lunt

**Date:** 20/12/2021

**Name:** T Lunt

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

BA FCCA MIRPM

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

