



# 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

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	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			
23	Edith Blair			
24	Annie Jones			

25	Gordon Treacy		
26	John Eadie		
27	Hayward Morris	Rtd 10Aug21	
28	Cathy Pritchard		
29	Ron Gittings		
30	Ruth Downes		
31	Lindsay Beavon		
32	Lucie Hounslow		

**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  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Deed of Union (1932)  
Methodist Church Act 1976

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

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  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

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**

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## 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 there 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

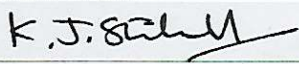

## Other optional information

## 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

16/xii/21



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 £
B1 Cash funds	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))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
K.J. Stillwell	KJ STILLWELL	15.12.21
D. Harlington	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

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1182508

**Set out on pages**

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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):**

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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.**