



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	09	2021	To	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 Farmery			
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			
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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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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

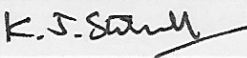
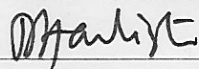
Other optional information

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

CC16a

For the period
from

01/09/2021

To

31/08/2022

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	124,996	-	-	124,996	78,356
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	124,996	-	-	124,996	78,356
A3 Payments					
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
Sub total	114,742	-	-	114,742	113,951
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	114,742	-	-	114,742	113,951
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,254	-	-	10,254	- 35,595
A5 Transfers between funds	8,854	- 8,854	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	83,555	8,854	-	92,409	128,004
Cash funds this year end	102,663	-	-	102,663	92,409

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	57,403		-
	Central Finance Board & Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	45,260		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	102,663	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Improvements to Church buildings and other property	General	306,757	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		K.J. Stilwell	KJ STILWELL	17.11.22
		MAHILL	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

**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 **31/08/2022**

**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:

22/11/2022

Name:

T Lunt

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

BA FCCA MIRPM

Address:

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Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park,

Shrewsbury. SY2 6LG

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.