



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	01	09	2023	To 31 08 2024

### 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	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			
25	Cathy Pritchard			
26	Ron Gittings			
27	Ruth Downes			
28	Lindsay Beavon			
29	Rev Denise Hargreaves	Chair	Appointed September 2023	
30	Geoff Wright		Appointed October 2024	

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>

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

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

**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

### 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 on a weekly basis. 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 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.

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

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	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

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 **31/08/2024**.

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:

09/12/2024

Name:

T Lunt

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

BA FCCA MTPI

Address:

WR Partners

Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park,

Shrewsbury. SY2 6LG

**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

## Receipts and payments accounts

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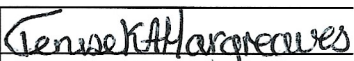

For the period from	01/09/2023	To	31/08/2024
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	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</b> (Gross income for AR)	130,405	-	-	130,405	119,302
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	130,405	-	-	130,405	119,302
<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>	121,141	-	-	121,141	123,074
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	121,141	-	-	121,141	123,074
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	9,264	-	-	9,264	3,772
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	98,891	-	-	98,891	102,663
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	108,155	-	-	108,155	98,891

## 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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
	Improvements to Church buildings and other property	General	306,757	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<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**

<b>Shropshire &amp; Marches</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>28/3</b>
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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 (a7)</b>	<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 (b9)</b>	<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>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(9,120)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(9,120)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	85,384		85,384 (c6)	89,639
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>76,264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,264</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	10,916
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>76,264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,264 (c8)</b>
					<b>85,384 (c6)</b>

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>
	(d1+d2-d3)		

**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
e8 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)	111,459 (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)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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 ..... ST8 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 17th 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

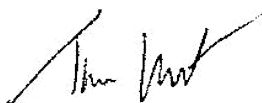
### Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

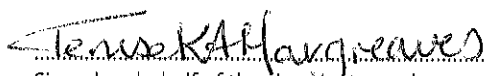
**Grants and donations**

- 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

  
Signed on behalf of the church stewards

Date: 28/11/2024