



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

### 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   |                 |                                   |   |

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

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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**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

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| Type of governing document<br><small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>        | Deed of Union (1932)<br>Methodist Church Act 1976  |
| How the charity is constituted<br><small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small> | 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<br><small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>         | 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.

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## 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               |                       |



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### 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

**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 **31/08/2025**.

**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:**

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

BA FCCA MTP1

**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.**





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Ludlow Methodist Church

1182508

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/09/2024

To

31/08/2025

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>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>                |

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

| Categories           | Details   | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | Cash at Bank  | 66,521                             |                                  | -                               |
|                      | Central Finance Board & Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | 58,385                             |                                  | -                               |
|                      |   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b>   | <b>124,906</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>-</b>                        |

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

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

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

|   | 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         |                          |
|   |   |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |   |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |   |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |   |                             | -               | -                        |

|                       | 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 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Denise Hargreaves</i> | Rev Denise Hargreaves | 11/12/25         |
| <i>E. Joyce Evans</i>    | Joyce Evans           | 12.12.25         |