



Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire



## Annual report and Accounts Year ended 31 August 2025

**Stamford Methodist Church**

Registered Charity Number: 1182848

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# **Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2025**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

### **Reference and administration details**

**Charity name:** **Stamford Methodist Church**

Also known as: Barn Hill Methodist Church

**Registered charity number:** **1182848**

Address: Stamford Methodist  
11 Barn Hill  
Stamford  
Lincs  
PE9 2AE

### **Managing Trustees**

The names of those who served as Managing Trustees in the year are as follows:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Rev Andrew Hollins       | (Chair)                                       |
| Corinna Selby            | (Senior Church Steward)                       |
| Anne Wiltshire           | (Church Steward)                              |
| Anne Earle               | (Church Steward & Second Helpings rep)        |
| Elizabeth (Beth) Hodgson | (Church Steward)                              |
| Stephen Husbands         | (Church Steward)                              |
| Vivienne Higgins         | (Church Steward & Pastoral Secretary)         |
| Martin Greenfield        | (Church Steward)                              |
| Lynne Booker             | (Secretary to Church Council)                 |
| Frances Coles            | (Treasurer)                                   |
| Eddie Adams              | (Assistant Treasurer)                         |
| Barry Streets            | (Circuit Steward)                             |
| Janet (Jan) Hetherington | (The Well)                                    |
| Sarah Atwell-King        | (Local Preacher)                              |
| Pauline Jones            | (Mission Projects)                            |
| Conan Lewis              | (Past Steward)                                |
| Audrey Hensman           | (Church Safeguarding Officer) – wef June 2024 |
| Julia Husbands           |   |
| Christine (Chris) Adams  |   |
| Margaret Hewerdine       |   |
| Janet Howitt             |   |
| Beryl Teasdale           |   |
| Jennifer (Jenny) Whatley |   |
| Godfrey Jones            |   |
| Rev William Booker       |   |
| Hugh Allen               |   |
| Jane Allen               |   |
| Rev Rebecca Wright       | wef Sept 2024                                 |

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### **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Governing document**

As part of the wider Methodist Church in Great Britain, the Charity's governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Within the wider Methodist Connexion, Stamford Methodist Church is part of the Stamford Circuit, which in turn is itself part of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church.

##### **Membership of the governing body**

The governing body of the Charity is the Church Council, the members of which are the Managing Trustees. Certain officers are automatically Managing Trustees by virtue of their office. These are the minister, the secretary, the church stewards, the treasurer and the pastoral secretary. The other Managing Trustees are church representatives appointed to the Church Council at a general meeting of members of the church, normally held at least annually.

Three committees report to the Church Council:

- The Finance Committee oversees the churches finances, reporting to the Church Council at all meetings.
- The Property Committee is responsible for day-to-day upkeep of the church building and overseeing the hire activities of the church.
- The Pastoral Committee is responsible for the pastoral care of the fellowship of the church

Other groups reflecting the life and work of the church meet to discuss their work and write a report shared at Church Council meetings:

- The Stewards
- The Safeguarding Officer
- The Mission Projects Group
- Second Helpings – 'feeding bellies not bins' initiative
- The Well – the church coffee shop & Fairtrade Shop
- The Growth & Outreach Group

##### **Bodies entitled to appoint Trustees**

The Stamford Circuit Meeting is entitled to appoint four Trustees to the Stamford Methodist Church Council, which comprise:

- the Minister of Stamford Methodist Church;
- the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit;
- one other Minister from the Circuit; and
- a Circuit Steward.

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### Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Purposes**

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

It does this through:



##### **Worship**

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love



##### **Learning and Caring**

The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care



##### **Service**

The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice



##### **Evangelism**

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ

Stamford Methodist Church seeks to apply this within the local environment of Stamford, Lincolnshire. As well as acting as a place of worship, Stamford Methodist Church also aims to use the building with which it is blessed, to offer space for hire to the local community.

##### **Activities undertaken**

The Charity undertakes a wide range of activities every year in line with its Christian purpose. These typically include but are not limited to:

- Acting as a place of worship and providing a holy space for focus within the local community.
- Offering pastoral care: to its members, to those visiting the Church and to the wider community.
- Providing and maintaining the church building for both worship and community use.
- Conducting religious ceremonies, including regular Sunday worship and occasional services, as well as weddings and funerals on request.
- Raising awareness of Christianity in our community.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

- Both providing the opportunity for external community action groups to hire the building and running some such groups directly - examples including Second Helpings, Twinkle Tots, Girls' Brigade & JCBs, Messy Church, various fellowship groups & The Well.
- Providing a hire venue for use by the community.
- Being part of the Stamford Churches Together group with other local churches.
- Maintaining links with the various user groups of its premises.
- Serving as a base for Stamford Street Pastors.

### **Public benefit statement**

The Managing Trustees oversee the activities of the charity with due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The benefits of the Christian activities of the Stamford Methodist Church are considered to be:

- Improved spiritual and mental wellbeing.
- Pastoral care and support within the local community for families and those without families.
- Friendship and fellowship amongst the congregation and others who visit regularly.
- Fosters community involvement at all levels.
- Care for the environment based on a responsibility for stewardship of God's creation.
- Challenging trade injustice through the support of such causes as Fair Trade.
- Bereavement support.
- Availability for local ceremonies at key stages in life (weddings, funerals, baptisms).
- Availability of a safe space.
- Support through direct giving, fundraising and support for other local, national and international charities.

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### Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

The benefits of the community hire activities of the Church are considered to be:

- Strengthening the local community through the availability of learning, leisure and social activities.
- Availability of local cultural activities through concerts and other events hosted.
- Availability of local therapeutic, wellbeing and health beneficial activities.
- Support of other charities through the availability of space for hire or hosting of fundraising events.
- Encouragement of interaction between different community groups meeting within the same building.

### **Achievements and performance**

Stamford Methodist Church (SMC) is vibrant & busy. It supports projects locally & overseas.

Charities supported by our **Mission Projects Group** (MPG) for the year were Friends of Nixon Memorial, Stamford Street Pastors and Stamford Methodist Church. A total of five fund raising events, plus the annual Dog Show, were held over the year. Total Income, including donations and £523 reclaimed Gift Aid, was £15,919. Donations to our three nominated charities plus other one-off appeals totalled £13,318.

September 2024 was the last Dog Show run entirely by SMC. In future the Dog Show will be run the 2nd Stamford Scouts but we retain the rights to hold an act of worship at the start of the event and to run the refreshment and bric-a-brac stalls.

**Second Helpings** – our local food waste initiative - continues to be extremely busy. Christmas 2024 was very successful. We held a lunch on Christmas Day for 68 guests and delivered 15 meals to those unable to leave their homes. We also had a visit from Santa with presents for everyone.

Our collectors collect daily from our suppliers and bring the food to our distribution point - The Pantry - which is situated at Stamford Methodist Church. This is open five days a week, during the year a total of 12,029 people collected food from The Pantry. We also have a Community Fridge which is stocked regularly by our volunteers and is available all day and every day.

During the year a total of 4,273 people visited us for lunch at our Saturday Cafe. Each Saturday throughout the year we produce a three-course meal on a 'pay as you feel' basis. This is open to all and has a variety of church members and community members present.

We also have a joint project with Evergreen – a local charity. Every Friday volunteers prepare lunch bags for housebound and elderly people, we make no charge for this service. During the year we delivered 1,646 lunch bags. As well as the food it is an important contact with those unable to leave their homes easily. There have been occasions where deliverers have needed to raise the alarm to the emergency services.

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During the year, Second Helpings redirected a staggering 97,736 kg of food that would otherwise have ended up in landfill. Perfectly good food that cannot be sold due to stringent regulations. As we move into the new year, we are resolved to carry on this much needed work within our community.

SMC operates a café - The Well - from 10am until 2pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with reduced hours and menu through August, and a 2-week closure over Christmas. The café offers very reasonably priced meals and drinks for all who wish to purchase. Alongside this there is a Fairtrade stall selling products to church members and The Well users. Volunteers who run the café offer a safe space and their listening ears, and can signpost to other support systems if they feel this is needed.

Staffing was a problem for a short time as some regular volunteers have had to step back but new people have come forward so staffing levels are adequate. During the year £5,000 was donated to MPG.

Our minister, Rev Andrew Hollins, and Phil Jones, Circuit Lay Pastoral and Discipleship Worker, retain Pastoral oversight for our members. They also carry out hospital and home visits where required and offer home communion to the housebound if requested. They are supported by a team of 15 pastoral visitors who ensure all members of the church community roll are contacted regularly either by meetings in person, phone calls or correspondence. Their work is valued by the trustees who appreciate the work they do in keeping our minister and stewards aware of our congregational needs.

Pastoral visitors had a chance to meet and talk individually, and confidentially, through their list and express any concerns with AH, PJ and our Pastoral Secretary. A general meeting of all the Pastoral Visitors was held where all the visitors met with AH and PJ to exchange ideas and be updated on procedures and pastoral matters. This work furthers their training and their individual needs for their group.

SMC Growth and Outreach Group (G&O) has been meeting monthly, when possible, for a few years now. It is open to all who are interested in helping the church to grow and with ideas to reach out to all. Many subjects and ideas have been discussed and worked upon.

Following a very successful and enjoyable week in July 2024 with Rev Briony Woods, the group organised a ***Gospel Magic*** weekend in September with the Rev David Leese. A night of gospel magic followed by a morning service which Rev David led. The weekend was a great success.

The group welcomes drop in members who bring their own ideas or those that have been tried and tested. One of these was an idea of lunchtime discussion/topic meetings. We agreed to start to plan this practically, so that the sessions can begin possibly on a monthly basis, dates are still to be arranged. We saw this event as an interface between contemporary issues and Christian faith.

The G&O group led a Local Worship Service in May 2025. During the service they collated a list of topics which arose from a collection of ideas from the congregation. Of these, they started to see what were important themes for us to consider at future meetings and we highlighted: Outdoor Services, Fellowship & Home Groups, The Come



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### **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

and See leaflet distribution to Stamford, Reaching Young Adults (particularly in the light of the Quiet Revival report) and Eco Matters. The group continue to meet to put these ideas into practice.

During the year to the end of August 2025 the church faced many issues relating to property. SMC Property Committee decided on the priorities and the best use of the charity's funds when it comes to repairs and replacements.

The main project undertaken during the year was the redecoration of the main worship area. Money for this enhancement had been raised during the Gift Day in 2024. It had been 20 years since the refurbishment of the church and the paintwork inside the worship area looked tired. The work was undertaken during August 2025 over a period of 5 weeks, during this period church services were not affected as they were relocated to the downstairs hall as on previous occasions. The relocation to this hall allowed the church to try out different types of service such as café style services.

Other projects undertaken during the year included:

- A moveable ramp for the dais in the worship area, increasing access for any users of the church.
- Replacement flooring for the corridor from the back door to the worship area. The carpet being replaced with a long lasting, non-slip vinyl.
- Replacement of chairs in The Well area.
- Repainting of the lines in the car park with a paint containing reflective material.
- A larger cardboard recycling bin to cope with the increased amount of recycling from 'Second Helpings'.
- Repainting in the Prayer Chapel with a mould resistant paint which allows the wall to breathe.
- Multiple 'DIY Days' have been successfully held and the benefits seen by the wider church community.
- General housekeeping of the property, replacing toilet seats and PAT Testing of all electrical equipment which will be ongoing through the following year.

Having a large, old building is a responsibility for all who use it and especially our trustees. As our congregation gets older, this becomes more difficult to manage.

In the summer of 2025, our minister Rev Andrew took his well-earned sabbatical – a 12-week time away from the circuit gifted to him by the Methodist Church. During this time the sabbatical committee took over the day-to-day responsibility of their churches with overarching responsibility for the circuit falling to Rev Bekkie Wright (circuit minister) and Rev Sonia Hicks (District Chair). The Stewards team at SMC took the lead locally ensuring that procedures put in place were upheld, the congregation was supported and that upon his return Rev Andrew was informed of key events.

Worship at SMC is varied depending on the preacher leading the service. The stewards contact the preachers before the service and ensure their requests are put in place. They are supported by a team of Readers, Musicians and AV technical team. SMC is fortunate to have a variety of musicians who offer their skills and gifts for worship. The music is generally organ led with support from our brass musicians, and our Worship Group play

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any music chosen that is more suited to their style. At Christmas an orchestra is assembled to lead the annual Carol Service. This is a special occasion and our talented musicians are appreciated for their time and skills.

Our AV team support all aspects of worship and often source what is needed by the preacher in a format suitable for SMC hardware. Our hymn/song lyrics and Bible readings are projected at our services in a clear accessible format.

Our services at SMC follow a regular pattern where possible. Week 1 is a Holy Communion Service; Week 3 is an All-Age Worship; Weeks 2, 4 & 5 are 'normal'. During the services our Junior Church is available and led, and helped by, regular volunteers from our congregation on a rotating basis. Two Church Stewards are assigned to the Junior Church. Their role is to attend meetings, help out when needed and occasionally observe sessions.

The Junior Church team prepare the sessions following the 'Roots' materials. These sessions are interactive with Bible readings, games, activities and craft. Each week the resources explore the same Bible reading as is used in the church service. The team ensures the children have fun. Each week they interact with the children including dancing and singing. The atmosphere during these activities is exciting, fun and all that is needed to enjoy learning more about the Bible.

Each of the children that attend regularly have blossomed and now eagerly enjoy participating in services on special occasions. They are also assisting the stewards with some of their tasks on a Sunday morning.

### **Financial review**

#### **1) Financial position for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

The accounts for the year have been finalised and are subject to audit. The accounts are presented on appendix 1 which shows the year end surplus of £1,355, the prior year's surplus of £21,783 and the budget deficit for 25/26 of around £20,000.

This is a fantastic result, as the last forecast presented to the Council was a deficit. It has come about due mostly to the catch up in lettings income received, an increase of £15,000 on the prior year.

The decoration of the church in August, costing £9,300 was paid for in August so included in the year end position. There has been no movement on replacing the audio-visual equipment, an estimated cost of this of £5,000 was included in the forecast but will now take place in 25/26.

The key points to note are: -

1. The surplus for the year was achieved from an increase in lettings and a reduction in costs including from the Children's enabler post. The 2023/24 surplus included a legacy and the gift day totalling £30,000.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

2. The accounts for last year were presented with a note regarding the cash accounting impact of lettings, part of 23/24 income was received in 24/25.
3. The redecoration of the church costing £9,300 is included in the costs for 24/25 as are the costs of the flooring in the corridors and the new cooker (fully donated by Second Helpings).

Approval for the accounts will be sought after the independent examination is complete.

### **2) Bank account changes**

Since Barclays closed its presence in the town, the Church has banked cash through a Lloyds account which was originally set up for lettings income. Lloyds are now changing this account to a Charity account which means we will incur bank charges for cash and cheque deposits from November.

In addition, Lloyds is also scheduled to close in January 2026, although this may change during the next reporting year, and the finance committee are considering the options for banking of cheques and cash which will be reported at a Church Council meeting.

### **3) Forecast for 2025/26**

A forecast for 25/26 will be presented to the next Church Council meeting, this will include the impact of a new Utilities contract which should be in place at the end of December. This will be a reduction of just under 20% on our utility costs and therefore a reduction to the income we receive from Second Helpings as a donation towards these costs.

It will also include the costs of the further planned redecoration which were not included in the original budget but need to be undertaken before April 2026 in order to ensure we can recover the VAT on the costs.

### **4) Signatories on Bank accounts**

Church Council approval is sought to add two additional signatories to the Barclays account and review and amend the signatories for the Central Finance Board account. The list of signatories to be approved is: -

|               |                   |           |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Frances Coles | Martin Greenfield | Roger Ing |
| Eddie Adams   | Corinna Selby     |           |

For the CFB account Rev A Hollins is also a signatory.

### **5) Property Consent Resolution**

At the last Council meeting approval was sought and given for the use of the TMCP Property Maintenance Fund for the redecoration of the Church premises. We may now be time barred on this for the main Church but there is further redecoration to be undertaken. Therefore, the intention is to try and claim for the redecoration that happened in August as well as the future redecoration. As we can claim the VAT back,

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### **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

the total we are hoping to be able to draw down from TMCP funds is £12,620. Confirmation of approval is required with wording that Rev Andrew agrees is appropriate.

The Trustees' Annual Report was signed by the Chair of Trustees on behalf of the Church Council following the meeting in October 2025. The accompanying Methodist Standard Form of Accounts were presented to and approved by the Church Council in October 2025.

**Rev Andrew Hollins**

Chair of Trustees

Date: **14 November 2025**

## **Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2025**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the Managing Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stamford Methodist Church (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2025.

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

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:

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **David Swann**

Name of Independent Examiner: David William Swann

Address: 39 Chatsworth Road  
Stamford  
Lincolnshire

Date: **7 October 2025**

## **Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2025**

### **Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts**

#### **Basis of accounts**

On the following pages 11 to 13 are given the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts of Stamford Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Church in Great Britain.

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis since income is below the threshold that allows this approach.

#### **Accounting policies**

In order to better aid the understanding of readers, the following accounting policies are stated which explain aspects of the standard form of accounts:

#### **Core activities**

The result for the year from core activities of the Charity, being the operation of the Church and its rooms, are given in sections A to C.

#### **Charitable collections**

Collections made for specific charities are accounted for separately in section D and are not therefore part of the funds of the Charity.

#### **Internal organisations**

Any internal organisations within the overall Charity that have separate funds are shown in section E.

#### **Funds**

In common with most charities, the funds held by Stamford Methodist Church fall into three categories:

#### ***General unrestricted funds***

General funds are unrestricted and can be used for any purpose in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Managing Trustees.

#### ***Designated unrestricted funds***

Designated funds are also unrestricted but have been allocated to a particular purpose by the Managing Trustees.

#### ***Restricted funds***

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the charitable objectives. Such restrictions may arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. All funds relating to internal organisations are deemed to be restricted funds

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### **Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts**

#### **Church site and building**

In common with all Methodist Churches, the property is owned by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP"). Usage of the building by Stamford Methodist Church is for those purposes as permitted under the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

#### **Accompanying notes**

Additional accompany notes are given voluntarily where it is felt these will add beneficial information to the reader of the accounts.

Accounting policies - Methodist Standard Form of Accounts

CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

|                    |        |
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| Stamford Methodist | Church |
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

|                        |         |             |       |
|------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| Northampton - Stamford | Circuit | Circuit no. | 23122 |
|------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1182848

If not a registered charity His 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 exempted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

|              |
|--------------|
| Rev A Hollis |
|--------------|

Church Stewards:

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Corinna Selby     | Anne Wilshire    |
| Elizabeth Hodgson | Anne Earle       |
| Stephen Husbands  | Virginia Higgins |
| Martin Greenfield |                  |
|                   |                  |
|                   |                  |
|                   |                  |

Treasurer:

|               |
|---------------|
| Frances Coles |
|---------------|



# Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2025

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Stamford Methodist Church

| SECTION A  |   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year |      | Totals last year |
|--|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------|------------------|
|  |   | £                  | £                | £                |      | £                |
| a1   | RECEIPTS  | Note               |                  |                  |      |                  |
| a2   | Offerings and Tax recovered   |                    | 74,068           | 74,068           |      | 94,952           |
| a3   | Bank and CFS interest and investment income                               |                    | 4,288            | 4,288            |      | 4,233            |
| a4   | Lettings  |                    | 33,288           | 33,288           |      | 18,286           |
| a5   | Other receipts  |                    | 14,713           | 14,713           |      | 15,782           |
| a6   | TOTAL RECEIPTS  |                    | 126,483          | 126,483          | (a7) | 133,245          |
| SECTION B  |   |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |
| b1   | PAYMENTS  |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |
| b2   | Circuit Assessment or Share   |                    | 68,500           | 68,500           |      | 87,000           |
| b3   | Donations   |                    | 1,708            | 1,708            |      | 2,480            |
| b4   | Repairs and Maintenance   |                    | 21,782           | 21,782           |      | 9,454            |
| b5   | Utilities (insurance, water charges, heating & lighting)                  |                    | 19,163           | 19,163           |      | 18,062           |
| b6   |   |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |
| b7   | Other payments  |                    | 16,977           | 16,977           |      | 37,644           |
| b8   | TOTAL PAYMENTS  |                    | 128,130          | 128,130          | (b9) | 111,488          |
| SECTION C  |   |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |
| c1   | NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR  | (a6-b8)            | 1,353            | 1,353            |      | 21,757           |
| c2   | Total funds brought forward from last year                                |                    | 122,982          | 122,982          | (c3) | 101,198          |
| c3   | Sub total   | (c1+c2)            | 124,335          | 124,335          |      | 122,982          |
| c4   | Transfers and adjustments   |                    |                  |                  | (c5) |                  |
| c5   | TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR  | (c3+c4)            | 124,335          | 124,335          | (c6) | 122,982          |
| SECTION D  |   |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |
| FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS |   |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |
| d  | (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures) |                    |                  | £                |      | £                |
| d1   | Balance brought forward from last year                                    |                    |                  |                  |      | 271              |
| d2   | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations                     |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |
| d3   | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations                        |                    |                  |                  |      | 271              |
| d4   | BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID  |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |
|  | (d1+d2-d3)  |                    |                  |                  |      |                  |

## Stamford Methodist Church Year ended 31 August 2025

| Stanford Methodist Church  |  |                       |                        |                |                        |                        |                  |                  |                         |     |     |    |  |   |   |                     |        |        |    |  |       |       |                    |        |        |         |  |        |        |                 |     |     |     |  |     |     |                |     |     |    |  |   |   |                           |    |    |    |  |    |       |             |        |        |       |         |       |       |  |        |        |       |         |        |        |  |                 |                 |         |       |                 |                 |   |                |                |            |                |                        |                        |   |                       |                       |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL</b>   |  |                       |                        |                |                        |                        |                  |                  |                         |     |     |    |  |   |   |                     |        |        |    |  |       |       |                    |        |        |         |  |        |        |                 |     |     |     |  |     |     |                |     |     |    |  |   |   |                           |    |    |    |  |    |       |             |        |        |       |         |       |       |  |        |        |       |         |        |        |  |                 |                 |         |       |                 |                 |   |                |                |            |                |                        |                        |   |                       |                       |  |  |  |  |
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| a1 Wednesday Fellowship  | 550  | 550                   | 00                     |                | 0                      | 0                      |                  |                  |                         |     |     |    |  |   |   |                     |        |        |    |  |       |       |                    |        |        |         |  |        |        |                 |     |     |     |  |     |     |                |     |     |    |  |   |   |                           |    |    |    |  |    |       |             |        |        |       |         |       |       |  |        |        |       |         |        |        |  |                 |                 |         |       |                 |                 |   |                |                |            |                |                        |                        |   |                       |                       |  |  |  |  |
| a2 Mission Projects  | 14,500   | 14,440                | 60                     |                | 1,400                  | 1,460                  |                  |                  |                         |     |     |    |  |   |   |                     |        |        |    |  |       |       |                    |        |        |         |  |        |        |                 |     |     |     |  |     |     |                |     |     |    |  |   |   |                           |    |    |    |  |    |       |             |        |        |       |         |       |       |  |        |        |       |         |        |        |  |                 |                 |         |       |                 |                 |   |                |                |            |                |                        |                        |   |                       |                       |  |  |  |  |
| a3 Second Helpings   | 11,304   | 20,880                | (9,576)                |                | 87,104                 | 87,679                 |                  |                  |                         |     |     |    |  |   |   |                     |        |        |    |  |       |       |                    |        |        |         |  |        |        |                 |     |     |     |  |     |     |                |     |     |    |  |   |   |                           |    |    |    |  |    |       |             |        |        |       |         |       |       |  |        |        |       |         |        |        |  |                 |                 |         |       |                 |                 |   |                |                |            |                |                        |                        |   |                       |                       |  |  |  |  |
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| SECTION F                                  |   | OPENING BALANCES |             | CLOSING BALANCES |             |
|--|---|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES        |   |                  |             |                  |             |
| CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD-IN 31 August 2021 |   |                  |             |                  |             |
| i)   | Cash (bank)   |                  |             |                  |             |
| ii)  | Bank Current Accounts   | 21,180           |             | 26,373           |             |
| iii)                                       | Spots (Deposit Account)   |                  |             |                  |             |
| iv)  | Central Finance Board   | 87,807           |             | 88,818           |             |
| v)   | Travellers for Methodist Church Purposes  | 33,842           |             | 35,348           |             |
| vi)  | Other funds   |                  |             |                  |             |
| vii)                                       | <b>TOTAL TOTAL - Church accounts</b>  | <b>142,829</b>   | <b>(00)</b> | <b>150,539</b>   | <b>(00)</b> |
| viii)                                      | Total funds held by Internal Organizations (the closing balance total from above) (212) | 73,718           | (0011)      | 88,838           | (0010)      |
| ix)  | <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD-BY CHURCH</b>  | <b>166,547</b>   | <b>(00)</b> | <b>169,377</b>   | <b>(00)</b> |

| SECTION 2  |  | B)<br>1 September 2024 | A)<br>31 August 2023 |
|--|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| COMPREHENSIVE and LIABILITIES                    |  |                        |                      |
| a) Investments (Include Endowment)               |  |                        |                      |
| b) Land & Buildings (add room reinsurance value) |  |                        |                      |
| c) Other Assets                                  |  |                        |                      |
| d) Loans - show amount outstanding at year end   |  |                        |                      |
| e) Other Liabilities                             |  |                        |                      |

†† Includes only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

Name of Church ..... Stamford Methodist Church ..... No. 2322 .....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 .....  ..... Date 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 25

Name and address of treasurer ... Frances Coles, 38 Reform Street, Stamford Lines...

Post Code ..... PG9 2XB .....

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were ~~presented~~ presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Rev Andrew J Hollins ..... Date 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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

### Stamford Methodist Church

Charity Number 1102048

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stamford Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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.

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Name of Church .....Stamford Methodist Church..... No...23/22.....

**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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) 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~~have not<sup>2</sup> 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 ... David William Swann

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....*FCCA*.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 39 Chatsworth Road, Stamford, Lincs.

Post Code PE9 3UN .....

Date .....*7/10/25*.....

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