



# Lymm Methodist Church

*The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2022*

## Annual Trustees Report

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**



## Administrative Details

Registered charity name      Lymm Methodist Church  
Charity registration number      1188591  
Principal office      Lymm Methodist Church  
                                 Eagle Brow  
                                 Lymm  
                                 Cheshire, WA13 0LP

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## The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the year and since the year end are as follows;

Church Secretary— June Hill

Circuit Ministers (ex Officio)  
Rev David Easton (Superintendent),  
Rev Mark Coles

Church Stewards  
Victoria Sims, Gill Chiverton, Norma Lamb  
Dot Shopland, June Hill, Eve Collen

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## Church Appointments

Church Treasurer	Graham Pegg
Chair Finance and Property	John Woodthorpe
Worship and Discipleship	Graham Pegg
Pastoral Care	Gill Fuller
Churches Together	Jean Wardell
Safeguarding Officer	Jane Thompson

## Congregational Representatives

Sandra Woodthorpe, John Saxton, Derek Ogden,

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The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes act as Custodian Trustees for the Charity's property.

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## Structure Governance and Management

Lymm Methodist Church is part of the Sankey Valley Circuit. It is governed by the Deed of Union 1932 and by the Methodist Church Standing Orders.  
The church is cared for by a Presbyterian (ordained minister).

The decision making body for the Charity (who are its trustees and listed above) is the Church Council that meets 3 times per year.

The Annual General Church meeting, that is open to all members of the Church, raises issues for consideration by the Church Council.



## Position in the Community

Lymm Methodist Church is located in the centre of Lymm, a town of approx. 15k people. It is situated on a main arterial road through the village on a small plot of land surrounded by mature trees with marked out parking spaces for two vehicles. There is a public car park within easy walking distance.

The buildings date back to 1850 but are proving difficult to maintain due to their age. There is a traditional worship space plus a community building with 2 halls, a kitchen, coffee room, and a general purpose room.

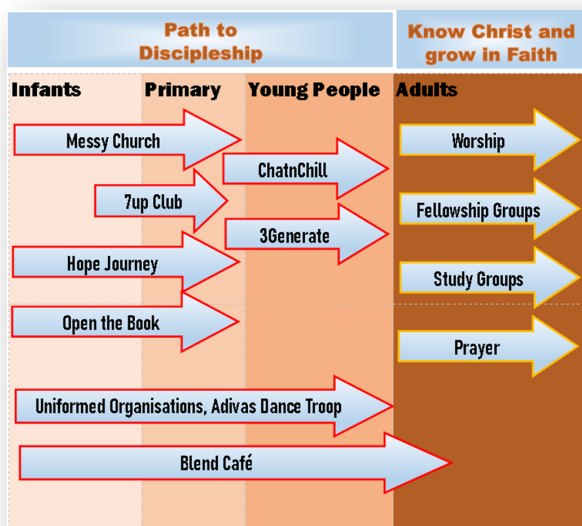
## Our Mission



We believe there are three elements to achieving our stated Mission.

- Maintaining a strong worshipping community that can learn to know Christ and grow in Faith.
- Helping individuals to follow a life time path of discipleship.
- Showing God's love by supporting others and challenging injustices

How we structure our activities towards achieving our Mission can be summarised as follows;



## Maintaining a strong worshipping community

### Re-establishing and Upgrading

It has been a year of progressively re-establishing a regular patten of Sunday worship similar to that pre-pandemic.

The Church audio system has been upgraded, folding chairs introduced to create a more flexible space,



We encourage people to express their love of God through music and drama as part of our 'fresh expressions of worship'.

Live streaming and the recording of the Sunday Services continues to be popular and is an area for further improvements in 2022 –2023. The number of those attending worship has slightly increased with many people also watching the recorded Services during the week.



Blend Café is starting to attract families who under normal circumstances would not attend a traditional church services.

We are encouraged that more people are taking an active part in worship. We see this as an important first step along the path to becoming a Local Preacher. We have a team of talented musicians who can cover a range of worship styles.

Our approach to worship goes beyond the walls of the Church. Informal sessions of Christian teaching and worship are an integral part of our Mission amongst children and young people.

## Life Time Path to Discipleship

### Children

We are delighted that the Open the Book Team has been enthusiastically welcomed back by all five local Primary Schools.



They are now a fixture in the school curriculums.



The five Primary Schools have once again started to attend the Hope Journey experience on the church premises. Taking place twice this year plus a visit by the team to present a story to the reception classes.



Messy Church has restarted and whilst being a Churches Together Lymm and District activity, it's mainly managed and run by people from the our church.

7up is well attended with a programme appropriate to a more energetic age group.



## Chatnchill Club

A lunchtime meeting at the High School aimed at helping young people explore life experience issues in a friendly environment. It is well attended with many of the young people having previously been involved in Messy Church, seen the leaders at Open the Book and Hope Journey sessions and attended 7up.

### Adults

Pre-pandemic we had three strong Fellowship/ Discussion Groups along with Advent and Lent meetings. These were sustained during the pandemic via ZOOM meetings but in last 12 months all three have closed for a variety of reasons. The situation is being reviewed with the possible use of IT to allow remote groups to connect in virtual meetings.

### Showing God's Love

The church family continue to show God's love in a wide variety of ways. This is by giving their time and financial support across a range of activities. One of our members received an award for her outstanding support to JMA.



**Thank you**  
**60 years**  
**raising funds**



A team continues to highlight how we can challenge injustices by inviting guest speaks from CAB and Warrington Food Bank.







Our 20 years support of the Warrington homeless remains strong via fund raising events, providing food plus warm clothing and personal hygiene items at Christmas.



A dedicated group continue to produce knitted items. The recent focus has been on jumpers for asylum seekers, blankets for Ukraine and hats for the Mission for Seafarers, Liverpool.

Life Church continue to worship at our premises on a Sunday evening,

## Financial Review

	2020/21	2021/22	VARIANCE
<b>INCOME</b>			
OFFERTORY	35237	31696	-3541
GIFT AID REFUND	<u>8357</u>	<u>7507</u>	<u>-850</u>
	<u>43594</u>	<u>39203</u>	<u>-4391</u>
MISSION AND OUTREACH	2515	2563	48
CHURCH FAMILY	1000	3850	2850
LETTINGS & ADVERTISING	5883	13304	7421
CHURCH SERVICES	80	230	150
OTHER INCLUDING INTEREST	<u>9141</u>	<u>1887</u>	<u>-7254</u>
	<u>18619</u>	<u>21834</u>	<u>3215</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	62213	61037	<u>-1176</u>
LEGACY	0	0	0
DEVELOPMENT FUND	13854	8821	-5033
Including Sound System and Chairs	<u>13854</u>	<u>8821</u>	<u>-5033</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<u>76067</u>	<u>69858</u>	-6209
CHILDREN&FAMILIES WORKER	18092	18245	153
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>94159</u>	<u>88103</u>	<u>-6056</u>

	2020/21	2021/22	VARIANCE
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
CIRCUIT ASSESSMENT	31205	30620	585
UTILITIES	4457	6125	-1668
INSURANCE	1836	1887	-51
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	5694	14022	-8328
CLEANING	2676	2530	146
INTERNET	290	345	-55
YOUNG PEOPLE	348	337	11
STATIONERY	1835	1671	164
MISSION & OUTREACH	2901	3028	-127
OTHER	<u>2980</u>	<u>5639</u>	<u>-2659</u>
	<u>54222</u>	<u>66204</u>	<u>-11982</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<u>54222</u>	<u>66204</u>	<u>-11982</u>
CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER	<u>18166</u>	<u>18172</u>	<u>-6</u>
<b>PROJECTS</b>			
LIVESTREAMING	8697	0	8697
DEVELOPMENT FUND	519	0	519
BLEND	0	493	-493
CHAIRS	0	3237	-3237
SOUND SYSTEM	<u>0</u>	<u>3451</u>	<u>-3451</u>
	<u>9216</u>	<u>7181</u>	<u>2035</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>81604</u>	<u>91557</u>	<u>-9953</u>
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	<u>12555</u>	<u>-3454</u>	<u>-16009</u>

### COMMENTARY

As we returned to normal activity following the end of the pandemic so did our financial activity

In particular Lettings income was over £13K. Life Church are now using our premises for their regular worship activity

Maintenance activity increased as we sought to catch up on the backlog of repairs and we utilised the Roy Snaith legacy to support this.

At the end of the year our reserves stood at £3636 apart from £47063 in the Redevelopment fund and £144 left of the Circuit grant for the Fresh Expression BLEND project.

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## STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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b7	Other payments	8,632	31,697	<b>40,329</b>	37,953
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>59,859</b>	<b>31,697</b>	<b>91,556 (b9)</b>	<b>81,605</b>
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c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	1,178 (4,631)	<b>(3,453)</b>	12,554
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	2,458	51,836	<b>54,294 (c6)</b>	41,740
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	3,636 47,205	<b>50,841</b>	<b>54,294</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments			<b>0 (c7)</b>	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>3,636 47,205</b>	<b>50,841 (c8)</b>	<b>54,294 (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)			£	£
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e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>88,344</b>	<b>91,556</b>	<b>(3,212)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54,622 (x)</b>	<b>51,410 (y)</b>
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

		<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>	<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	7,650	6,762
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Signature of treasurer ..... Date.....

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### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2006 (the 'Charities Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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### 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 for concern in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination. No special attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees of the Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) as at the year end date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner .....

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### 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 for concern in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination. No special attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees of the Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) as at the year end date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

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