



Lymm Methodist Church

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

Annual Trustees Report

1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023



WARM SPACE

Lymm Methodist Church

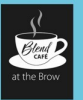
Every Friday-10.00 to 11.00

come and go as you please, light refreshments
free wifi, games for all the family



WELCOME
RELAX AND
ENJOY

Sunday
10.30 to 12.00 noon
a little up Eagle Brow on the left...



looking
forward to
seeing
you

Breakfast
Children's Activities
Friendship | Wifi | Newspapers

Just a donation - supporting local charities.

LYMM
MAY QUEEN
Est. 1889

Great day at the Festival when we teamed
up with local churches to organise a caged
football tournament and doughnut eating
whilst hopping.



Over 200 games of football played,
150 doughnuts eaten
150 GOODIE Bags given out.



LUNCH
At the Brow
Celebrating the
Coronation of
His Majesty The King
and
Her Majesty The Queen Consort
special coronation menu
Friday 12th May
12.00 noon to 14.00
All proceeds to supporting the
homeless in Warrington
Book at the bar



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)
Andrew C Moffoot (Superintendent),
Rev Mark Coles

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

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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
Communion Steward	Dot Shopland

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 Presbyter (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.

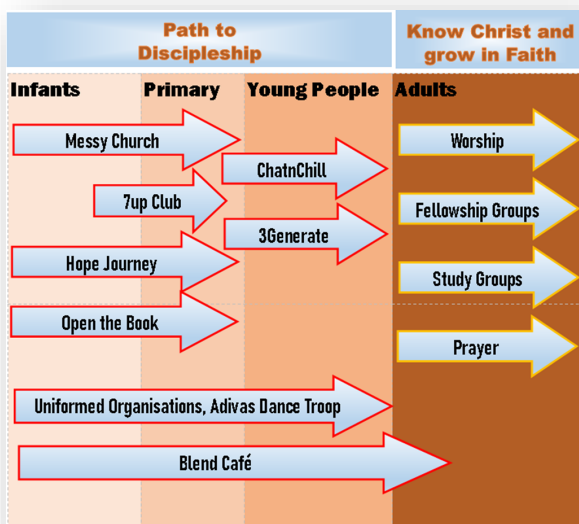
Our Mission



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;



Continuing to Grow

The past twelve months have seen the church continue to grow, with the introduction of new activities and styles of worship.

One of aspects of lockdown that improved our outreach to the local community was our use of technology. In September the circuit decided to make good use of this regularly live stream Services across the circuit. This has continued and we are now regularly live streamed and recorded for people to watch later.



Strong Worshipping Community

The worship team continued looking at how we reintroduce the different styles of worship.



Impact started again and has been very well received and attended.

BLEND also restarted.

This is a café where our witness is to talk and meet with other people. It also includes LEGO Church, enjoyed by all ages. It is always preceded by a 9am Communion Service .

Pathway to Discipleship

7Up started again once a month on a Friday evening and is going from strength to strength. The work of our Children and Family Worker continues to blossom. **Messy Church**, **Hope Journey** and **Open the Book**, all helping to spread the Bible stories to our primary schools. Whilst the '**Chat n Chill**' sessions at the High School, provide a strong Christian presence in the local secondary school.

Reaching Out

We have been working hard to improve our lines of communications with weekly NEWS emails, weekly updates on the website and focused Facebook posts. We will further expand our internet and social media communication.

Our market lunches (now renamed **Lunch at the Brow**) has restarted once a month on a Friday. They have gone from strength to strength.

Loving Hands and Hearts continue to meet and knit on two Thursdays in the month. **Coffee Mornings** to raise money for charity have been held on several Fridays and more are planned.

Distributing **Activity Bags** for children and adults started during lockdown as a way of connecting with the church community were delivered again for Advent.

Third party bookings for people to use our premise are growing. Income received is higher than pre-COVID. One major user is Life Church who hold their worship at our church every Sunday evening.

Redevelopment Project

The project has been restarted and the Project Management Team strengthened. In February 2023 the Planning Application was submitted to Warrington Borough Council Planning Department. We anticipated that it would take up to 6 months to receive a decision.

The Team worked hard to ensure that all church members and friends were visited and given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the plans. Fund raising activities were started and the church community asked to make a financial commitment to supporting the project.



Looking Forward

In September 2023 we received Full Planning Permission from Warrington Borough Council to go ahead with the Redevelopment Plan. Both our Fund Raising and Grants Teams are confident that we can meet the financial target and that construction will commence no later than the end of 2024.

Changes to Worship

Worship is Livestreamed on a regular basis, including monthly via the Sankey Valley Circuit's YouTube channel. In order to standardise timings across the Circuit we have moved our 10.15 Service start to 10.30. In addition the monthly 9.00 Communion Service has moved to the same week as Impact.

Financial Review

Income			Expenditure		
		£			£
Regular Giving			Mission & Outreach		
Standing Orders		28,634.00	Designated Offerings for Organisations		6,523.04
Envelopes Loose cash & cheques		3,439.00	General Mission & Outreach		630.57
Loose cash & cheques		549.00	Children & Families Worker -salary		19,574.35
Others income		7,813.75	Children & Families Worker -expenses		514.37
		40,435.75			27,242.33
Funds for Mission & Outreach			Circuit/Partnership		
Amount - Gift Aided		8.75	Circuit Assessment		30,200.00
Amount -non Gift Aided		7,022.50			30,200.00
		7,031.25			
Funds for Lymm Church Family			Running Costs`		
Amount - Gift Aided		0.00	Utilities		7,629.62
Amount -non Gift Aided		841.79	Insurance		2,178.23
Dev Fund - Gift Aided		27,916.00	Maintenance & Repair		10,988.52
Dev Fund - non Gift Aided		11,862.11	Cleaning		2,530.00
C&F Worker - Gift Aided		10,887.00	Stationery & photocopying		1,241.19
C&F Worker - non Gift Aided		4,085.00	Internet Expenses		352.38
		55,591.90	Young People		705.78
			Other Expenditure		5,572.07
					31,197.79
General Income			Projects		
Church Services		100.00	P1 Church Development Plan		21,533.70
Lettings		17,552.30	P2 BLEND		0.00
Bank Account Interest		1,502.99	P3 Livestreaming		0.00
Other		3,877.92	P4		0.00
		23,033.21			21,533.70
Total Income			Total Expenditure		
		126,092.11			110,173.82
			Balance - Income vs Expenditure		
					15,918.29

Creditors					
		£			£
Fresh Expressions		144	Co-op Bank		7,018
Reserve Fund		3,000	CFB		59,741
					66,759
Ministers Benevolent Fund		500			
Dev Fund		65,308	CFW		0
		68,952			
Available Funds		-2,193			66,759

Excluding Church Development and Children and Families Worker funds, the General Account year expenditure exceeded income by £2329. This was due to expenditure that we had to incur on the premises that could not be deferred until the Redevelopment project begins.

Signature

Date

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Thursday, August 31, 2023

SANKEY VALLEY	Circuit	Circuit no.	18/13
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1188591

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 Mark Coles

Church Stewards:

Mrs Victoria Sims

Mrs Dot Shopland

Mrs June Hill

Mrs Norma Lamb

Mrs Gill Chiverton

Mrs Rachel Saxton

Treasurer:

Mr Graham Pegg

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
		£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		40,436	40,436		39,203
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,503	1,503		199
a4	Lettings		17,552	17,552		13,304
a5	Other receipts		11,851	54,750	66,601	35,397
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		71,342	54,750	126,092 (a7)	88,103
SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		30,200	30,200		30,620
b3	Donations		460	460		460
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		10,989	10,989		14,022
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		9,808	9,808		6,125
b6				0		
b7	Other payments		17,095	41,622	58,717	40,329
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		68,552	41,622	110,174 (b9)	91,556
SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	2,790	13,128	15,918	(3,453)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		3,636	47,205	50,841 (c6)	54,294
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	6,426	60,333	66,759	50,841
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	6,426	60,333	66,759 (c8)	50,841 (c6)

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 above)				
			£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		20		20
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		7,031		2,516
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		7,051		2,516
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	0		20

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	Loiving Heats and Hands	206	500	(294)		569	275
e2				0			0
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	206	500	(294)	0	569 (e11)	275 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	126,092 (a7)	110,174 (b9)	15,918	(c7)	50,841 (c6)	66,759 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	126,298	110,674	15,624	0	51,410 (x)	67,034 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	6,762	7,018
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	44,079	59,741
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	50,841 (c6)	66,759 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	569 (e11)	275 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	51,410 (x)	67,034 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,882,802	2,049,874
g3	Other Assets	112,968	121,051
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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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.....

Name and address of treasurer Mr Graham C Pegg 4 Fox Gardens Lymm

..... Post Code..... WA13 9EY

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Mark Coles

10-Oct-23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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.....Church

Charity Number 1188591

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 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

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* 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 exa Mr Ken Long

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 2 Cypress Close Woolston Warrington

..... Post Code ... WA1 4EB

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Mr Ken Long

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ~~MAA T~~

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Date 19.12.2023

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