



Lymm Methodist Church

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

Annual Trustees Report

1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024





Would you donate a packet or two for
'We are the Church at Creamfields'?



Why Jammie Dodgers I hear you ask!!!

What do you see in the middle?

Love   is at the heart of our
volunteers and at the very centre of
all they do at Creamfields.
Please help them to share God's
love with those they meet!

Our entry to the Lymm Festival Scarecrow Trail

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, Sandra Woodthorpe,
Norma Lamb, Rachel Saxton, Dot Shopland

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Church Appointments

Church Treasurer	Graham Pegg
Chair Finance and Property	Paul Thompson
Worship and Discipleship	Graham Pegg
Pastoral Care	Gill Fuller
Churches Together	Jean Wardell
Safeguarding Officer	Jane Thompson
Communion Steward	Dot Shopland

Congregational Representatives

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.

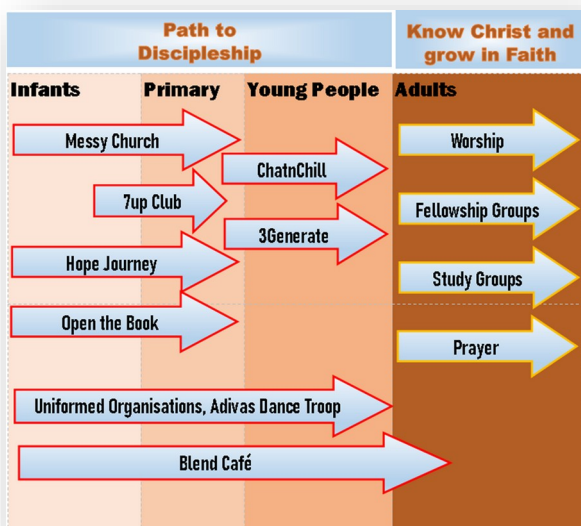
Our Mission



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;



Continuing to Grow

Similar to the previous year we have experienced further modest growth in our fellowship, noteworthy being the arrival of Hong Kong families who have settled in Lymm.

Strong Worshipping Community

In the current situation whereby Presbyters have to support multi-churches, there are two



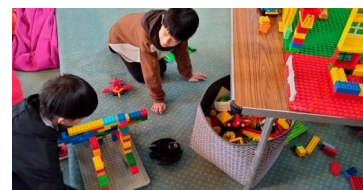
Sundays each month when our Minister is able to lead our celebration of the Holy Communion. On the other Sundays, we are blessed with having Local Preachers and a team of Worship Leaders in our congregation who are supported by a talented music group enabling us to offer a mix of worship styles.

Impact is an interactive style of worship that continues to be well attended.



BLEND has a café atmosphere where our witness is to talk and meet with other people. It's registered and promoted via the Chatty Café scheme.

LEGO Church session for children is available and an optional short moment of reflection



led by a member of the Worship Team. Attendees include some who are only connected to the church via a weekday adult or children group.

Evangelism, Pathway to Discipleship

Community Outreach continues to be the key element of our Discipleship programme interacting with children and young adults. Held in the local Community Hall, toddlers and primary school children can enjoy fun and craft activities plus listen to a Bible story and a meal at **Messy Church**. It's a Churches Together Lymm and District event that is run and mainly staffed by our church.



During each Term and in all five local primary schools, our **Open the Book** Team perform Bible stories, where possible the children are encouraged to take

part.

Twice yearly, we welcome up to 180 primary school children to follow the **Hope Journey** at our church. Rotating around six locations they learn about the true meaning of Christmas and Easter by meeting the Bible characters. For many of the children it is the first time they have entered a place of worship. The team holds sessions in the schools for reception age children.



Open the Book and **Hope Journey** are now integral parts of the five schools' curriculums.

7Up for seven- to eleven-year-olds has fun ac-



tivities, team games for this more active age group. It includes a meal, and each session has an underlying Christian message. Trips out are also included.

We are delighted that children associated with our community outreach have attended the **Mersey Christian Youth Camp and the Methodist 3Generate Weekend**, where they can meet with other young Christians.



On Christmas Eve we offer free mince pies and mulled wine to those attending the village 'Carols at the Cross' and at the village Transport day - Jammie Dodgers and drinks served outside as the procession of cars passes by.

Caring and Learning

Our **Pastoral Team** continues to provide loving support to those within our fellowship and beyond who are experiencing difficulties. The introduction of a WhatsApp group has helped improve communications and a quick route for collective prayer support. The **Text4Prayer** team continues with its valuable work reaching out beyond the church community.

Loving Hearts and Hands group work quietly behind the scenes knitting items for Ukraine orphanages, Uganda schoolchildren and supports CareUK by providing items for sale.

Lunch at the Brow is growing in popularity, providing a place for people to meet and typically raising between £350 and £400 per month for the Warrington Homeless Charity.

To Serve the Present Age

We were delighted when Planning Permission for the realignment of our premises was granted in September 2023 by Warrington Borough Council.



The next stage is to work with the architect to produce the Engineered Design that will form the basis for the tendering process. The current cost estimate is £669k and the target construction start date September 2025

Balance Sheet

September 2023 to August 2024

Income		Expenditure	
	£		£
Regular Giving		Mission & Outreach	
Standing Orders	29,957.00	Designated Offerings for Organisations	7,314.50
Envelopes Loose cash & cheques	3,475.00	General Mission & Outreach	370.64
Loose cash & cheques	381.00	Children & Families Worker -salary	21,848.82
Others income	8,125.50	Children & Families Worker -expenses	596.32
	41,938.50		30,130.28
Funds for Mission & Outreach		Circuit/Partnership	
Amount - Gift Aided	0.00	Circuit Assessment	36,500.00
Amount - non Gift Aided	7,314.62		36,500.00
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Funds for Lymm Church Family		Running Costs`	
Amount - Gift Aided	182.52	Utilities	8,857.48
Amount - non Gift Aided	1,069.85	Insurance	2,263.58
Dev Fund - Gift Aided	77,261.00	Maintenance & Repair	9,594.35
Dev Fund - non Gift Aided	191,093.89	Cleaning	2,530.00
C&F Worker - Gift Aided	10,640.00	Stationery & photocopying	1,166.65
C&F Worker - non Gift Aided	4,118.50	Internet Expenses	672.97
	284,365.76	Young People	475.90
		Other Expenditure	4,204.49
			29,765.42
General Income		Projects	
Church Services	240.00	P1 Church Development Plan	22,625.82
Lettings	18,646.65	P2 BLEND	0.00
Bank Account Interest	1,987.33	P3 Livestreaming	0.00
Other	2,710.00	P4	0.00
	23,583.98		22,625.82
Total Income	357,202.86	Total Expenditure	119,021.52
		Balance - Income vs Expenditure	238,181.34

Creditors			
	£		£
Fresh Expressions	65	Co-op Bank	2,084
Mission & Outreach	0	CFB	302,856
OTB	30		304,940
Ministers Benevolent Fund	500		
Dev Fund	311,037	CFW	0
Circuit Assessment	0		
	311,632		
Available Funds	-6,692		304,940

Signature

Date

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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 to believe that in, any material respect:

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