



Lymm Methodist Church

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2025

Annual Trustees Report 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025



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 Andrew C Moffoot, Rev Mark Coles
Church Stewards	Victoria Sims, Eve Collen, Gill Chiverton, Sandra Woodthorpe, Norma Lamb, 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
Redevelopment Facilitator	John Woodthorpe

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.

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 approximately 12.5k 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. Plans are ready to improve our access and facilities in 2026. 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 four elements to achieving our aims:

Worship

Evangelism

Learning and Caring

Service

Worship - Maintaining a strong worshipping community that can learn to know Christ and grow in Faith. Our membership numbers have remained stable over the past year. The families who joined us in recent years have become more involved in the worship life of the church especially in the music.



We have a strong Worshipping Community

In the current situation where 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. We now live stream all services which take place in the church area.

Our usual pattern of worship is as follows

Sunday in the month	Worship
1 st 10.30am	BLEND
2 nd 10.30am	Holy Communion
3 rd 9am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Impact
4 th 10.30am	Worship in the church
5 th (if applicable) 10.30am	Worship in the church

Impact is an interactive less formal 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. We have a large group of volunteers who cook and serve breakfast. It's registered and promoted via the Chatty Café scheme.



At some point during BLEND, the young people go for a **LEGO Church** session whilst there is a short reflection time 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.

Community Outreach continues to be the key element of our work with children and young adults. We are fortunate to be able to employ a Children's and Family worker who coordinates this work.

Open the Book. Each Term our Open the Book Team visit each of the five Primary schools in the area where they perform Bible stories and share parables and prayers with the children. Where possible the children are encouraged to take part in the activities.



Hope Journey. Twice a year, we welcome up to 180 primary school children to our church building. 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. In the third term, the team visit the Primary schools and holds sessions in the schools for reception age children, looking at the story of the Good Samaritan.



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

Messy Church. Held in the local Community Hall, toddlers and primary school children can enjoy fun and craft activities. They also listen to a Bible story and enjoy a meal together. This is a Churches Together Lymm and District event that is run and mainly staffed by our church.

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 and spend time with other young Christians.



Lunch at the Brow is growing in popularity, providing a place for people from the local community to meet and typically raising between £350 and £400 per month for the Warrington Homeless Charity. Each month there is a stall selling cards, donated gifts as

well as homemade jams and cakes. Money from this stall goes towards our redevelopment funds. Our volunteers not only donate the food but also their time.



On **Christmas Eve** we offer free mince pies and mulled wine to people walking past our building after they have attended the village 'Carols at the Cross' event. On **Transport day**, the procession of vintage vehicles passes our church from 10.30am onwards, so we hold an early service and then hand out Jammie Dodgers and cold drinks to the spectators and those driving the vehicles as the parade passes by.

Learning and caring

Our **Pastoral Team** continues to provide loving support to those within our fellowship and beyond who are experiencing difficulties. All church members and affiliates have a pastoral visitor. The introduction of a church **WhatsApp** group has helped improve communications and a quick route for collective prayer support. Our **Weekly News** has been updated and is now e mailed out every Tuesday. For anyone without an e mail address, copies are printed and delivered by hand. This year we have also created a new **Church Website**, which is updated weekly to include the weekly notices. The website contains information regarding worship, activities, what happens in church and a page for any group who use our premises. 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.



A **Fairtrade stall** is run once a month at our Impact service.

Members of our congregation collect for and support **JMA** and **MHA**.

The **Monday house fellowship** group is a strong group who meet fortnightly to worship, pray and discuss a wide variety of topics together.



Some members of the church attend the circuit led Advent and Lent study groups.

Service

We have many groups who hire our premises on a weekly basis, as well as several one-off renters.

The premises are also used as a Lymm Festival venue.

To Serve the Present Age. Our redevelopment project is reaching its climax after many years of hard work. After an amazing effort for fund raising, work is scheduled to start in January 2026.

Balance Sheet September 2024 - August 2025

LYMM METHODIST CHURCH			
FINANCIAL INFORMATION YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2025			
1. GENERAL ACCOUNT			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
INCOME			
Offertory	33500	34201	701
Gift Aid	8000	8260	260
	41500	42461	961
Mission and Outreach	7315	8033	718
Church family	1100	517	-583
Lettings	17500	18622	1122
Church Services	240	160	-80
Other including Interest	2500	2816	316
TOTAL	70155	72609	2454
EXPENDITURE			
Circuit Assessment	37500	33800	3700
Utilities	8700	8677	23
Insurance	2490	2319	171
Maintenance & Repair	6000	3481	2519
Cleaning	2530	2530	0
Internet	673	966	-293
Young People	450	319	131
Stationery	200	95	105
Mission and Outreach	7315	8438	-1123
Other	4200	6255	-2055
			0
TOTAL	70058	66880	3178
Excess Income over Expenditure	97	5729	5632
2. CFW			
Income	14260	14798	
Expenditure	17480	20326	
Excess Expenditure over Income	-3220	-5528	
3. REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT			
Income	0	99306	

Expenditure	0	21010	
Excess Income over Expenditure	0	78296	

4. ACTUAL SUMMARY				
		INCOM E	EXPENDITUR E	
General		72609	66880	
CFW		14798	20326	
Redevelopment		99306	21010	
TOTAL		186713	108216	
5. NOTES				
Debtor				
Creditor				
6. BALANCES				
General Account				-5896
Redevelopment Account				389333
TOTAL				383437

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

LYMM	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

SANKEY VALLEY	Circuit	Circuit no.	1/32
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Mrs Gill Chiverton
Mrs Sandra Woodthorpe
Mrs Eve Collen

Treasurer:

Mr Graham Pegg

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	42,461		42,461	41,938
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,816		2,816	1,987
a4	Lettings	18,622		18,622	18,647
a5	Other receipts	8,710	114,104	122,814	287,316
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	72,609	114,104	186,713 (a7)	349,888

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	33,800		33,800	36,500
b3	Donations				
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,481		3,481	9,594
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,996		10,996	11,121
b6					
b7	Other payments	24,131	35,808	59,939	54,492
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	72,408	35,808	108,216 (b9)	111,707

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	201	78,296	78,497
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		(6,097)	311,037	304,940 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(5,896)	389,333	383,437
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	(5,896)	389,333	383,437 (c8)
					304,940 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	8,033	7,315
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	7,978	7,315
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	55	
	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Loving Hearts and Hands	221		221		204	425
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	221		221		204 (e11)	425 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	186,713 (a7)	108,216 (b9)	78,497	(c7)	304,940 (c6)	383,437 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	186,934	108,216	78,718		305,144 (x)	383,862 (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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	2,084	3,345
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	302,856	380,092
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	304,940 (c6)	383,437 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	204 (e11)	425 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,111,369	2,166,272
g3 Other Assets	124,682	127,924
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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Name of Church No Jan-32

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... 21/10/25

Mr GC Pegg FCMA CGMA

Name and address of treasurer

4 Fox Gardens Lymm Cheshire

Post Code WA13 9EY

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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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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