

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
BARNSELEY SOUTH**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Principal Office: Emmanuel Methodist Church
Huddersfield Road
Barnsley S75 1DT

Registered Charity Number: 1193107

Trustees:

Minister	Revd Mick Neal - <i>resigned August 2023</i> Revd Louise Carr - <i>appointed August 2023</i>
Lay Worker	Ellie Peet
Secretary	Debbie Evans
Treasurer	Vacant
Safeguarding	Hilary Simmons
Circuit Leadership Team Rep	Michael Sanderson

Representatives from each chapel:

Pilley	Barbara Tewson George Tewson
Hoyland and Birdwell	Margaret Beardsall Mavis Kitchen Kathleen Bodill
Wombwell	June Kilner - <i>resigned July 2023</i> Leslie Cooling Mary Ellis - <i>appointed January 2023</i> Margaret McHale
Darfield Wesley	Alice Gledhill William Platts Beryl Platts
Great Houghton	Millie Chambers - <i>appointed June 2023</i> Joan Haywood Joan Mynett - <i>appointed June 2023</i> Maureen Roebuck - <i>resigned June 2023</i>

Principal Bankers: HSBC
5 Market Hill
Barnsley S70 2PY

Independent Examiner: Angela Hayes
Community Accountant
22 Brocklehurst Avenue
Barnsley S70 3EE

The Trustees of The Methodist Church Barnley South submit their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023. The Trustees have prepared the accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis, in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011, pertaining to smaller charities.

The Methodist Church Barnley South was registered with the Charity Commission on 13th January 2021, registered charity number 1193107. Previously the Church was exempt from registration with the Charity Commission, under Statutory Instrument Number 2655 of 2007.

Structure, Governance and Management

As part of the Methodist Church, the charity is governed by the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). The governing documents are contained in "The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church".

The Methodist Church Barnley South consists of five chapels in the communities of Birdwell, Darfield, Great Houghton, Hoyland, Pilley and Wombwell.

The Trustees of the charity are the members of the Church Council. The Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. The council is responsible for leadership and the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources.

Trustees are elected to the Church Council at the General Church Meeting and eligibility for appointment is set out in the Constitution.

The Trustees who served during the period, and to the date of signing of this report, are listed on page 3 of this report.

Charitable Objectives

The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been, since the date of the Union:

The advancement of:

- a) The Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church.
- b) Any charitable purpose of any connexional district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
- c) Any charitable purpose of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
- d) Any purpose of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Public Benefit

The trustees have taken due regard of guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in planning the objectives and activities for the year.

Related parties

The charity is part of the Methodist Church and is a member of the Barnsley Methodist Circuit (registered charity number 1135240). The Methodist Circuit provides resources and employs the ministers and lay workers. The Circuit also maintains the fabric of the properties and arranges the finances for the maintenance of the member churches. The charity contributes to the cost of the Circuit through a levy known as the Circuit Assessment.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Methodist Church Barnsley South is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ by encouraging, resourcing and enabling the people and chapels of the area to serve their communities and the wider world.

We will do this by:

- Seeking to be a welcoming presence within our local communities.
- Offering worship that is accessible, appropriate and relevant in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed.
- Offering space and opportunities for fellowship through spiritual and secular activities.
- Ensuring our premises are well maintained and available for use by the community.
- Offering support and care through our pastoral ministry and rites of passage.
- Supporting the wider church through our ecumenical partnerships.
- Committing to give active and practical support to the needs in the wider world.

Activities and achievements during the year

The Methodist Church Barnsley South seeks to share the gospel of Christ in the communities it serves. It maintains a Christian presence in the communities of Birdwell, Darfield Wesley, Great Houghton, Hoyland, Pilley and Wombwell. The church organises itself to carry out its stated aims and objectives by:

- Holding 4 meetings of the Church Council each year to oversee the work of the Church, Health and Safety, Safeguarding and identify opportunities for mission.
- Maintaining a Christian presence in local communities through our worship and by making premises available for wider use, including uniformed organisations, chapel groups, choirs, bands and recreational groups.
- Holding regular worship in our chapels with occasional shared services.
- Sharing information about the needs of the communities we serve and events in the wider world.
- Joining in ecumenical partnerships in Hoyland and Birdwell, Wombwell and Darfield.
- Regular community coffee mornings, food bank hubs and events.

Regular in person worship continues and includes some more informal opportunities to worship and explore faith together.

We have welcomed new people into our congregations including those who have transferred from the recently closed chapel in Low Valley.

We have facilitated a significant number of Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals.

Community link work in Hoyland and Birdwell has established many new initiatives, including a film club and walking club.

Our Pastoral lay worker has continued and established new care home links and holds regular monthly services for the residents. Children from two local schools have visited chapels to explore Christianity and its buildings and have enjoyed visits into school to their reception classes and assemblies.

Four of the chapels have registered for Same Sex marriage.

The drop in at Hoyland and Birdwell was extended during the winter to enable more people to call for food and fellowship and a similar initiative was established in Great Houghton.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have established their mission aims, taking into account all of the resources available, in terms of people, property and money. Mission initiatives/projects have been costed to take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Reports.

The trustees feel it prudent to ensure that there are reserves to cover costs for 6 months. Based on anticipated levels of spend, the Church will work to maintain reserves of approximately £66,000.

At the end of the financial year the reserves stand at £93,026, giving surplus reserves of £27,026. (In the previous year reserves were £90,869).

The trustees plan to use reserves to resource mission and to strengthen relationships within the multi-site Barnsley South Methodist Church as follows:

- Ensuring all five chapel buildings are fit for purpose and meet health and safety requirements.
- Funding resources for worship, study and training where required.

The financial resources of all five chapels are held in a central bank account. The trustees are discussing how to share resources in a way which equips each chapel for mission in its local community and also enables the church to jointly fund shared initiatives.

Risk management

The Trustees are responsible for identifying and managing risk. The Trustees monitor and review the activities of the charity to ensure that risks are identified and that procedures have been put in place to mitigate those risks.

Financial review

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 15. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year of £7,054 (2022: a deficit of £16,200). The total funds of the charity at year-end stand at £100,265 (2022: £93,211). The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £93,026 (2022: £90,869).

Statement of Trustee responsibility

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to Independent Examiner

The Trustees certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- As the Trustees we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signed  Date: 20.02.24

Rev Louise Carr, Chair of the Trustees

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and I 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 Angela Hayes Dated: 20/02/2024

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
22 Brocklehurst Avenue, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 3EE

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 £
	Note				
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Offerings & tax recovered	2a	50,535	-	50,535	52,676
Grants	2b	-	6,715	6,715	500
Donations & appeals	2c	4,710	-	4,710	9,108
Legacies/bequests	2d	-	-	-	3,716
Receipts from fundraising activities	2e	16,775	-	16,775	12,005
Receipts from Church activities	2f	22,477	4,176	26,653	23,944
Receipts from investments	2g	2,398	-	2,398	308
Other receipts	2h	10,298	-	10,298	15,519
Total Receipts		107,193	10,891	118,084	117,776
Payments					
Church activities	3a	104,586	5,994	110,580	105,960
Capital projects & major works	3b	450	-	450	12,534
Other payments	3c	-	-	-	15,482
Total Payments		105,036	5,994	111,030	133,976
Excess of receipts over payments		2,157	4,897	7,054	(16,200)
Transfers & adjustments (prior year adjustment)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,157	4,897	7,054	(16,200)
Total funds brought forward	9	90,869	2,342	93,211	109,411
Total funds carried forward	9	93,026	7,239	100,265	93,211

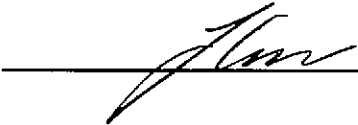
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Monetary Assets			
Cash in hand		-	-
Bank Current Accounts		20,917	14,936
Central Finance Board		29,227	30,676
TMCP		46,549	45,257
Total		<u>96,693</u>	<u>90,869</u>
Add Funds held by internal organisations	7	3,572	2,342
Less funds held on behalf of external organisations	8	-	-
Total cash funds held		<u>100,265</u>	<u>93,211</u>

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:  Date: 20-02-24
Rev Louise Carr, Chair of the Trustees

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared using the Receipts & Payments basis, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Charity Commission. This form of accounts is available to non-company charities with an annual income less than £250,000.

Receipts & Payments Accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context, 'cash' includes cash equivalents, for example bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted funds

Represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the members in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those funds that have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and which may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission is given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

Restricted funds are linked to specific Chapels and are to be used as set out by the funder/donor.

Endowment funds

The Church has no endowment funds at the present time.

Income

All incoming resources are recognised when they are receivable and are accounted for gross.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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2. Analysis of Receipts

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
2a Offerings & Tax Recovered				
Regular giving	17,257	-	17,257	10,875
Collections	28,641	-	28,641	31,523
Baptism/wedding collections	2,533	-	2,533	1,892
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	2,104	-	2,104	8,386
Total	50,535	-	50,535	52,676
Other Voluntary Receipts				
2b Grants	-	6,715	6,715	500
2c Donations & appeals	4,710	-	4,710	9,108
2d Legacies/bequests	-	-	-	3,716
Total	4,710	6,715	11,425	13,324
2e Receipts from Fundraising Activities				
Fundraising	16,775	-	16,775	12,005
Total	16,775	-	16,775	12,005
2f Receipts from Church Activities				
Lettings & fees	22,477	-	22,477	20,897
Internal organisations	-	4,176	4,176	3,047
Total	22,477	4,176	26,653	23,944
2g Receipts from investments				
Interest received	2,398	-	2,398	308
2h Other receipts				
Insurance refund (Valley)	757	-	757	-
Valley Darfield costs reimbursed	9,314	-	9,314	-
Refunds re Hoyland sale	-	-	-	15,519
Rebates & miscellaneous	227	-	227	-
Total	10,298	-	10,298	15,519
Total Receipts	107,193	10,891	118,084	117,776

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3. Analysis of Payments

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
3a Cost of Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving	719	-	719	1,251
Connexional funds	1,248	-	1,248	2,127
Circuit Assessment	56,005	-	56,005	58,240
Heating & Lighting	19,749	-	19,749	16,202
Insurance	6,822	-	6,822	8,140
Water rates	1,731	-	1,731	1,156
Repairs, maintenance & cleaning	14,067	-	14,067	13,289
Grant expenditure	-	3,048	3,048	-
Admin expenses	1,985	-	1,985	2,297
Internal organisations	-	2,946	2,946	2,633
Other payments	2,260	-	2,260	625
Total	104,586	5,994	110,580	105,960
3b Major Works				
Audio Visual systems - Hoyland & Birdwell	450	-	450	12,534
Total	450	-	450	12,534
3c Other Payments				
Contribution to pension fund deficit	-	-	-	15,482
Total	-	-	-	15,482
Total Payments	105,036	5,994	111,030	133,976

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4. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There was no remuneration, expenses or benefits made to trustees during this or the previous accounting period.

5. Related party transactions

During the year charity paid the Circuit Assessment, to Barnsley Methodist Circuit, of £56,005 (2022: £58,240). There were no other transactions with any person or party closely related to a trustee, during this or the previous financial period.

6. Land & buildings

Church buildings are the property of the Methodist Church and are therefore not recognised in the accounts of the Methodist Church Barnsley South.

7. Funds held by internal organisations

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Closing Balance £
Darfield Wesley - Companions	559	753	(364)	948
Darfield Wesley - Flower Club	176	544	(464)	256
Darfield Wesley - Almost New	1,607	2,879	(2,118)	2,368
Total	<u>2,342</u>	<u>4,176</u>	<u>(2,946)</u>	<u>3,572</u>

Internal organisations are groups that are part of the Church and report to the Trustees. The transactions are included in the accounts of the Methodist Church Barnsley South and recorded as restricted funds.

8. Funds held as custodian trustee

	31/08/2023 £	31/08/2022 £
Balance brought forward	-	-
Offerings/Gifts received for external organisations	3,373	2,265
Offerings/Gifts passed on to external organisations	(3,373)	(2,265)
Balance carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Funds received through offerings and gifts collected on the behalf of external organisations. The income does not belong to the Church and therefore is not included in the Receipts and Payments Account.

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9. Movement in Funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General Reserves	90,869	107,193	(105,036)	-	93,026
	<u>90,869</u>	<u>107,193</u>	<u>(105,036)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,026</u>
Restricted funds					
Internal organisations (see note 6)	2,342	4,176	(2,946)	-	3,572
Age Uk Grant	-	2,000	(296)	-	1,704
Walking Club	-	250	(25)	-	225
BMBC Ward Alliance Grant - Gaming Club	-	900	(207)	-	693
Lego Club	-	400	(180)	-	220
Asda Foundation Warm Places Grant (H&B)	-	1,415	(1,072)	-	343
Asda Foundation Warm Places Grant (GH)	-	500	(320)	-	180
Rebecca Guest Robinson Charity	-	200	(110)	-	90
Mission Grants - Coronation Celebration	-	1,050	(838)	-	212
	<u>2,342</u>	<u>10,891</u>	<u>(5,994)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,239</u>
Total Funds	<u>93,211</u>	<u>118,084</u>	<u>(111,030)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,265</u>