

THE METHODIST CHURCH

BARNSELEY SOUTH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Principal Office: Emmanuel Methodist Church
Huddersfield Road
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Registered Charity Number: 1193107

Trustees:

Minister	Revd Louise Carr – <i>deceased Dec 2024</i> Revd Claire Elizabeth Rawlinson - <i>appointed Dec 2024</i>
Lay Worker	Ellie Peet
Secretary	Debbie Evans - <i>resigned Jun 2024</i>
Treasurer	Revd Mick Neal - <i>appointed Jan 2024</i>
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	Leslie Cooling Mary Ellis Margaret McHale
Darfield Wesley	Alice Gledhill Margaret Prescott – <i>appointed 19/06/2024</i> William Platts – <i>resigned 19/06/2024</i> Beryl Platts - <i>resigned 19/06/2024</i>
Great Houghton	Millie Chambers Joan Haywood Joan Mynett

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees of The Methodist Church Barnsley South submit their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024. 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 Barnsley 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 Barnsley 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. There are 110 church members. 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.
- Providing a safe space for community drop-ins.

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 and membership.

We have facilitated a significant number of Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals, a memorial service and Blue Christmas.

Community link work in Hoyland and Birdwell has built on previous work and now includes regular worship for those attending drop in. New links have been established with local football and boccia.

Pastoral lay work has continued among members and monthly services are held in four care homes.

School visits have continued for monthly assemblies, discussions on Christianity, Bible stories and Christingle services while children have visited chapels to role play a baptism, hold a carol service for their parents and explore the Christian symbolism of Christmas.

Four of the chapels have registered for Same Sex marriage.

The success of Hoyland and Birdwell Drop in continues and new activities and worship have been added to the weekly meeting.

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 £116,397, giving surplus reserves of £50,397. (In the previous year reserves were £93,026).

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 £21,822 (2023: £7,054). The total funds of the charity at year-end stand at £122,087 (2023: £100,265). The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £116,397 (2023: £93,026).

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: 5/2/25

Revd Claire Elizabeth Rawlinson

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024, 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: *A Hayes*

Dated: *20/02/2025*

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Offerings & tax recovered	2a	58,323	-	58,323	50,535
Grants	2b	-	3,145	3,145	6,715
Donations & appeals	2c	4,194	-	4,194	4,710
Legacies/bequests	2d	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	2e	19,931	-	19,931	16,775
Receipts from Church activities	2f	33,817	4,906	38,723	26,653
Receipts from investments	2g	4,903	-	4,903	2,398
Other receipts	2h	24,479	-	24,479	10,298
Total Receipts		145,647	8,051	153,698	118,084
Payments					
Church activities	3a	114,688	7,708	122,396	110,580
Capital projects & major works	3b	9,480	-	9,480	450
Other payments	3c	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		124,168	7,708	131,876	111,030
Excess of receipts over payments		21,479	343	21,822	7,054
Transfers & adjustments		1,892	(1,892)	-	-
Net movement in funds		23,371	(1,549)	21,822	7,054
Total funds brought forward	9	93,026	7,239	100,265	93,211
Total funds carried forward	9	116,397	5,690	122,087	100,265

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Monetary Assets			
Cash in hand		-	-
Bank Current Accounts		22,893	20,917
Central Finance Board		46,824	29,227
TMCP		48,939	46,549
Total		<u>118,656</u>	<u>96,693</u>
Add Funds held by internal organisations	7	3,431	3,572
Less funds held on behalf of external organisations	8	-	-
TOTAL		<u>122,087</u>	<u>100,265</u>
 Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds		116,397	93,026
Restricted Funds		5,690	7,239
TOTAL		<u>122,087</u>	<u>100,265</u>

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

Signed: *C Rawlinson*

Date: *5/2/25*

Revd Claire Elizabeth Rawlinson

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

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

2. Analysis of Receipts

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
2a Offerings & Tax Recovered				
Regular giving	16,125	-	16,125	17,257
Collections	28,608	-	28,608	28,641
Baptism/wedding collections	1,088	-	1,088	2,533
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	12,502	-	12,502	2,104
Total	58,323	-	58,323	50,535
Other Voluntary Receipts				
2b Grants	-	3,145	3,145	6,715
2c Donations & appeals	4,194	-	4,194	4,710
2d Legacies/bequests	-	-	-	-
Total	4,194	3,145	7,339	11,425
2e Receipts from Fundraising Activities				
Fundraising	19,931	-	19,931	16,775
Total	19,931	-	19,931	16,775
2f Receipts from Church Activities				
Lettings & fees	33,817	-	33,817	22,477
Internal organisations	-	4,906	4,906	4,176
Total	33,817	4,906	38,723	26,653
2g Receipts from investments				
Interest received	4,903	-	4,903	2,398
2h Other receipts				
Insurance refund (Valley)	-	-	-	757
Valley Darfield costs reimbursed	7,303	-	7,303	9,314
Pension Fund refund	16,807	-	16,807	-
Rebates & miscellaneous	369	-	369	227
Total	24,479	-	24,479	10,298
Total Receipts	145,647	8,051	153,698	118,084

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

3. Analysis of Payments

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
3a Cost of Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving	180	-	180	719
Connexional funds	1,687	-	1,687	1,248
Circuit Assessment	58,460	-	58,460	56,005
Heating & Lighting	26,905	-	26,905	19,749
Insurance	7,219	-	7,219	6,822
Water rates	1,942	-	1,942	1,731
Repairs, maintenance & cleaning	12,747	-	12,747	14,067
Grant expenditure	-	2,434	2,434	3,048
Admin expenses	1,813	-	1,813	1,985
Funeral fees	1,420	-	1,420	-
Grant monies returned	-	227	227	-
Internal organisations	-	5,047	5,047	2,946
Other payments	2,315	-	2,315	2,260
Total	114,688	7,708	122,396	110,580
3b Major Works				
Audio Visual systems - Hoyland & Birdwell	-	-	-	450
Major Roof Repairs - Darfield	9,480	-	9,480	-
Total	9,480	-	9,480	450
3c Other Payments				
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	124,168	7,708	131,876	111,030

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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 the charity paid the Circuit Assessment, to Barnsley Methodist Circuit, of £58,460 (2023: £56,005). 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	948	688	(541)	1,095
Darfield Wesley - Flower Club	256	506	(506)	256
Darfield Wesley - Almost New	2,368	3,712	(4,000)	2,080
Total	<u>3,572</u>	<u>4,906</u>	<u>(5,047)</u>	<u>3,431</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

	31/08/2024 £	31/08/2023 £
Balance brought forward	-	-
Offerings/Gifts received for external organisations	929	3,373
Offerings/Gifts passed on to external organisations	(929)	(3,373)
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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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9. Movement in Funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General Reserves	93,026	145,647	(124,168)	1,892	116,397
	<u>93,026</u>	<u>145,647</u>	<u>(124,168)</u>	<u>1,892</u>	<u>116,397</u>
Restricted funds					
Internal organisations (see note 7)	3,572	4,906	(5,047)	-	3,431
Age Uk Grant	1,704	-	-	(1,704)	-
Walking Club	225	-	(225)	-	-
BMBC: Ward Alliance Grant - Gaming Club	693	-	(165)	-	528
Lego Club	220	-	(220)	-	-
Asda Foundation Warm Places Grant (H&B)	343	-	(155)	(188)	-
Asda Foundation Warm Places Grant (GH)	180	500	(357)	-	323
BMBC: Household Support Grant	-	2,145	(1,114)	-	1,031
Rebecca Guest Robinson Charity	90	500	(213)	-	377
Mission Grants - Coronation Celebration	212	-	(212)	-	-
	<u>7,239</u>	<u>8,051</u>	<u>(7,708)</u>	<u>(1,892)</u>	<u>5,690</u>
Total Funds	<u>100,265</u>	<u>153,698</u>	<u>(131,876)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,087</u>