

THE METHODIST CHURCH

BARNSELEY SOUTH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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

Registered Charity Number: 1193107

Trustees:

Minister	Revd Louise Carr – <i>deceased Dec 2024</i> Revd Claire Rawlinson – <i>appointed Jan 2025; resigned Aug-25</i> Revd Elieen Sanderson – <i>appointed May 2025</i>
Lay Pastoral Worker	Eleanor Peet
Treasurer	Revd Mick Neal
Safeguarding	Hilary Simmons
Circuit Leadership Team Rep	Michael Sanderson

Representatives from each chapel:

Pilley	Barbara Tewson George Tewson
Hoyland and Birdwell	Margaret Beardsall Cathie Fisher – <i>appointed Jan 2025</i> Mavis Kitchen Kathleen Bodill – <i>deceased Dec 2024</i>
Wombwell	Leslie Cooling Mary Ellis Margaret McHale
Darfield Wesley	Alice Gledhill Judith McFarlane – <i>appointed May 2025</i> Margaret Prescott
Great Houghton	Amelia Chambers Joan Haywood Joan Mynett

Principal Bankers: HSBC
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Barnsley S70 2PY

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Community Accountant
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees of The Methodist Church Barnsley South submit their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2025. 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. 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.

In all this, members comply with the safeguarding and GDPR principles laid out by the Methodist Church.

At the end of August 2021, the Hoyland chapel closed and the congregation joined with Birdwell who together formed the Hoyland and Birdwell Chapel from September 1st. This has been a year for integration and development and we have seen positive progress in the growth of the congregation and new work supported by the Community Link Work.

As we have come out from the Covid restrictions each chapel has looked at the activities they are able to offer and still maintain some restrictions for the safety of congregations and user groups. While this has meant that in some cases our congregations have not fully recovered many group activities were up and running by the end of the year.

Sadly, at a chapel meeting in December 2021 the members of Valley Darfield Chapel made the difficult decision to close. Financially the chapel was in a difficult situation and although members felt they could address this in the immediate term there was not sufficient people or energy to be sustainable in the long term. There was a good congregation for the final service held at the end of February 2022.

We have continued to maintain regular contact with all our members through our Pastoral Visitors and regularly review the pastoral needs of our congregations. We are pleased to record that at Hoyland and Birdwell, Wombwell and Great Houghton we have received new members during this year who are all making a valuable contribution to our church life.

We have joined the Circuit in following the Holy Habits Programme and have also tried to become involved in the Circuit Mission Plan.

The Church Council continues to make sure that regular reports about property are received and that any maintenance work is completed as required.

The success of the 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 £142,703, giving surplus reserves of £76,703. (In the previous year reserves were £116,397).

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 £24,797 (2024: £21,822). The total funds of the charity at year-end stand at £146,884 (2024: £122,087). The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £142,703 (2024: £116,397). The increase in reserves is due to the receipt of the Bequest of £27,965, recognised in the Receipts and Payments account as an unrestricted fund.

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: 27 January 2026

Revd Mick Neal, Treasurer

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025, 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: 27 January 2026

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 £
	Note				
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Offerings & tax recovered	2a	56,164	-	56,164	58,323
Grants	2b	-	2,700	2,700	3,145
Donations & appeals	2c	4,019	-	4,019	4,194
Legacies/bequests	2d	27,965	-	27,965	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	2e	19,545	-	19,545	19,931
Receipts from Church activities	2f	30,898	4,241	35,139	38,723
Receipts from investments	2g	5,267	-	5,267	4,903
Other receipts	2h	477	-	477	24,479
Total Receipts		144,335	6,941	151,276	153,698
Payments					
Church activities	3a	111,529	6,435	117,964	122,396
Capital projects & major works	3b	8,515	-	8,515	9,480
Other payments	3c	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		120,044	6,435	126,479	131,876
Excess of receipts over payments		24,291	506	24,797	21,822
Transfers & adjustments		2,015	(2,015)	-	-
Net movement in funds		26,306	(1,509)	24,797	21,822
Total funds brought forward	9	116,397	5,690	122,087	100,265
Total funds carried forward	9	142,703	4,181	146,884	122,087

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Monetary Assets			
Cash in hand		-	-
Bank Current Accounts		20,699	22,893
Central Finance Board		72,526	46,824
TMCP		51,093	48,939
Total		144,318	118,656
Add Funds held by internal organisations	7	2,670	3,431
Less funds held on behalf of external organisations	8	(104)	-
TOTAL		146,884	122,087
 Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds		142,703	116,397
Restricted Funds		4,181	5,690
TOTAL		146,884	122,087

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

Signed 

Date: 27 January 2026

Revd Mick Neal, Treasurer

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 2025

2. Analysis of Receipts

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
2a Offerings & Tax Recovered				
Regular giving	15,682	-	15,682	16,125
Collections	27,999	-	27,999	28,608
Baptism/wedding collections	1,428	-	1,428	1,088
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	11,055	-	11,055	12,502
Total	56,164	-	56,164	58,323
Other Voluntary Receipts				
2b Grants	-	2,700	2,700	3,145
2c Donations & appeals	4,019	-	4,019	4,194
2d Legacies/bequests	27,965	-	27,965	-
Total	31,984	2,700	34,684	7,339
2e Receipts from Fundraising Activities				
Fundraising	19,545	-	19,545	19,931
Total	19,545	-	19,545	19,931
2f Receipts from Church Activities				
Lettings & fees	30,898	-	30,898	33,817
Internal organisations	-	4,241	4,241	4,906
Total	30,898	4,241	35,139	38,723
2g Receipts from investments				
Interest received	5,267	-	5,267	4,903
2h Other receipts				
Valley Darfield costs reimbursed	-	-	-	7,303
Pension Fund refund	-	-	-	16,807
Rebates & miscellaneous	477	-	477	369
Total	477	-	477	24,479
Total Receipts	144,335	6,941	151,276	153,698

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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3. Analysis of Payments

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
3a Cost of Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving	226	-	226	180
Connexional funds	1,247	-	1,247	1,687
Circuit Assessment	61,400	-	61,400	58,460
Heating & Lighting	22,185	-	22,185	26,905
Insurance	7,390	-	7,390	7,219
Water rates	2,259	-	2,259	1,942
Repairs, maintenance & cleaning	14,272	-	14,272	12,747
Grant expenditure	-	1,433	1,433	2,434
Admin expenses	1,606	-	1,606	1,813
Funeral fees	160	-	160	1,420
Grant monies returned	-	-	-	227
Internal organisations	-	5,002	5,002	5,047
Other payments	784	-	784	2,315
Total	111,529	6,435	117,964	122,396
3b Major Works				
New Boiler - Hoyland & Birdwell	3,825	-	3,825	-
Redecoration (external)	4,690	-	4,690	-
Major Roof Repairs - Darfield	-	-	-	9,480
Total	8,515	-	8,515	9,480
3c Other Payments				
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	120,044	6,435	126,479	131,876

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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 £61,400 (2024: £58,460). 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	1,095	548	(563)	1,080
Darfield Wesley - Flower Club	256	439	(439)	256
Darfield Wesley - Almost New	2,080	3,254	(4,000)	1,334
Total	<u>3,431</u>	<u>4,241</u>	<u>(5,002)</u>	<u>2,670</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

	31/08/2025 £	31/08/2024 £
Balance brought forward	-	-
Offerings/Gifts received for external organisations	1,730	929
Offerings/Gifts passed on to external organisations	(1,626)	(929)
Balance carried forward	<u>104</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	116,397	144,335	(120,044)	2,015	142,703
	<u>116,397</u>	<u>144,335</u>	<u>(120,044)</u>	<u>2,015</u>	<u>142,703</u>
Restricted funds					
Internal organisations (see note 7)	3,431	4,241	(5,002)	-	2,670
BMBC: Ward Alliance Grant - Gaming Club	528	-	-	-	528
Asda Foundation Warm Places Grant (GH)	323	800	(383)	(740)	-
BMBC: Household Support Grant	1,031	1,400	(788)	(1,275)	368
Rebecca Guest Robinson Charity	377	500	(262)	-	615
Mission Grants - Coronation Celebration	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,690</u>	<u>6,941</u>	<u>(6,435)</u>	<u>(2,015)</u>	<u>4,181</u>
Total Funds	<u>122,087</u>	<u>151,276</u>	<u>(126,479)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,884</u>

10. Fund Transfers

The fund transfers represent the contribution to energy costs for the use of the building.