

Liverpool Road Methodist Church

Aim and Purposes

The Church Council, chaired by the minister, the Reverend Patrick Evans, is responsible in the whole mission of the Church, worship, learning and caring, evangelism and service. It is also responsible for developing ecumenical relations, managing the property of the Church and its finances. All of the activities of the Church are conducted within the structure, governance of the Methodist Church and management.

Some activities were limited in the year due to Covid 19, whilst others were adapted, for example moving online.

A Church Review for Liverpool Road Methodist Church was completed by the Leadership Team and approved by the Church Council. A copy of the report can be seen at <https://birkdalemethodist.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Liverpool-Road-Methodist-Church-Church-Review-copy.pdf>

The report affirms many of our current activities and recommended ways of engaging with the local community still further, remembering that in our mission...

We exist to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the people of Birkdale, and beyond can come to know God and grow in his Love.

We have already begun to implement some of the recommendations of the report, and by the summer the report can be updated to reflect the progress that will have been made.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of Church Council members and reviewing those members appointed to specific tasks is set out in the Methodist Standing Orders. The Church Council met 4 times (on Zoom) during the year with an average attendance of 24 persons. Church Council also initiates and supports sub committees that focus on specific aspects of our church life

Worship

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church. The average weekly attendance not recorded this year due to "Covid" constraints.

The Church Council maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that use our premises. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the minister and the Church Council considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith through: Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Learning & Caring

At present there are 110 Methodist members. Each member is allocated a Pastoral Visitor who offer spiritual support and care. Many members are part of fellowship groups such as the Wesley Guild and Bible Study Group.

No weddings or baptisms were held in the year. As a church we supported 13 funeral services. We want our church to be open to our community. During the week the hall is used by several groups both from church and community persons.

Evangelism

The Church Review considered ways of engaging with the local community more. It is intended that we develop and are able to offer opportunities to such people to explore matters of faith.

Service

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Preparations were made to partner with the charity, Compassion Acts, to open a Food Pantry, offering members of the local community who are struggling financially to access discounted food. The Church also entered into an agreement with Birkdale Community Hub and Library to offer its premises as a community led library. Facets is a group for mainly retired people to spend time in each others company whilst pursuing various interests such as music, keep fit, sport, current affairs, crafts etc. The group did not meet as regular as normal due to Covid, although will recommence shortly.

Ecumenical Relationships

The Church has been part of a number of churches in the town to host a weekly ecumenical prayer

meeting, offering our premises for one month of the year. Furthermore we have maintained ecumenical relations with local Anglican Churches through a monthly prayer meeting, as well as maintaining contacts with people in other churches. Currently there are no appointed Vicar's in the three Anglican churches, and it has proved difficult to formalise any greater formal relationships at this time.

Routine maintenance

To facilitate our mission it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Church hall premises, This has been carried out by volunteers and appropriate contractors .

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is

Financial Review

- Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £53309
- Restricted donations of £1368 were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements.
- The planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders decreased However the total income, including tax recovered reduced by 30% due to a reduction in general donations and one specific donation given in the previous year
- £61,224 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from Liverpool Road Church, including the contribution to the local Circuit Assessment
- **The net result for the year** was a loss of receipts over payments of £6524 on unrestricted funds
- **The balances carried forward** on 31st August 2021 £60,915 unrestricted funds.

- **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £35,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

It is our policy to invest our funds balances with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

LIVERPOOL ROAD

Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	2020
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	44,734	1,368	46,102	54,246
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	55		55	311
a4	Lettings	6,157		6,157	13,555
a5	Other receipts	2,363		2,363	9,893
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	53,309	1,368	54,677 (a7)	78,005

ACCOUNTS

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	45,895		45,895	46,012
b3	Donations		1,391	1,391	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,442		4,442	12,568
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,800		7,800	10,534
b6					
b7	Other payments	1,696		1,696	1,486
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,833	1,391	61,224 (b9)	70,600

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(6,524)	(23)	(6,547)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	67,436	767	68,203 (c6)	60,798
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	60,912	744	61,656
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,390	1,390 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	60,912	2,134	63,046 (c8)
					68,203 (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 JMA		383	816
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations JMA		383	816
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	NIL	

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	Boys Brigade		259	(259)		4,212	3,953
e2	Facets	549	2,934	(2,385)		3,720	1,335
e3	Wesley Guild					1,069	1,069
e4	Rambling Club	1,605	1,560	45		1,918	1,963
e5	Cameo		23	(23)		268	245
e6	Girls Brigade					916	916
e6a	Benevolence Fund				(1,390)	1,390	
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,154	4,776	(2,622)	(1,390)	13,493 (e11)	9,481 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	54,677 (a7)	61,224 (b9)	(6,547)	1,390 (c7)	68,203 (c6)	63,046 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	56,831	66,000	(9,169)		81,696 (x)	72,527 (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 2021				OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand						
f2	Bank Current Account	(5,436)	29,318	23882		17,989	
f3	Bank Deposit Account						
f4	Central Finance Board	(500)	44,821	44321		45,057	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes						
f6	Other funds						
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	(5,936)	74,139	68,203 (c6)		63,046 (c8)	
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)			13,493 (e11)		9,481 (e12)	
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

LIVERPOOL ROAD	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

SOUTHPORT	Circuit	Circuit no	18/17
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1193119

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Patrick Evans

Church Stewards:

Mrs Pamela Christopher	Mrs Antone Lindsay
Mr Craig Horan	Mrs Doreen Iddon

Treasurer:

Mr John Attwater

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Name of Church No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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.....

Name and address of treasurer

..... Post Code.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Liverpool Road Methodist Church

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Liverpool Road Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: Liverpool Road Methodist Church No 18/17

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:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *I Wright*

Name of independent examiner Ian Wright

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Chartered Accountant I.C.A.E.W.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 15 Stretton Drive, Southport,

Merseyside

Post Code PR9 7DR

Date 20 February 2022

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