

Liverpool Road Methodist Church; Southport

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.

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'.

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 3 times during the year with an average attendance of 14 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 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 79 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.

There were no weddings but 1 baptism was held in the year. As a church we supported 4 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 give 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 other's company whilst pursuing various interests such as music, keep fit, sport, current affairs, crafts etc.

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 £70,285
- Restricted donations of £1,289 were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements
- The planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders decreased. The total income, including tax recovered reduced by 5% due to a reduction in general donations • £72,427 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from Liverpool Road Church, including the contribution to the local Circuit Assessment
- There was an increase in lettings which were £29,390 compared with £21,098 for the previous year.
- The net result for the year was a loss of £2,141
- The balances carried forward on 31st August 2023 - £62,006 unrestricted funds and £5,699 in Restricted funds
- Reserves policy

It is the Church Council policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £36,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

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

20th May 2024

Rev Patrick Evans

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

LIVERPOOL ROAD	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

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
Mrs Sylvia Taylor	

Treasurer:

Mr John Attwater

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

LIVERPOOL ROAD

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS			2,023	2,022
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	34,030	1,289	35,319	43,945
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,924		1,924	163
a4	Lettings	29,390		29,390	21,098
a5	Food Pantry				800
a6	Other receipts	1,074		1,074	9,611
a7	Internal Organisation contribution	3,868		3,868	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	70,285	1,289	71,574 (a7)	75,617

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	39,903		39,903	47,496
b3	Donations		1,150	1,150	1,396
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	14,079		14,079	9,991
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,058		16,058	10,053
b6	Food Pantry	357		357	66
b7	Other payments	2,029		2,029	1,454
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	72,427	1,150	73,577 (b9)	70,456

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,141)	139	(2,002)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		66,573	3,134	69,707 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	64,432	3,273	67,705
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	64,432	3,273	67,705 (c8)
					69,707 (c6)

SECTION D			
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (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		356
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		356
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

Aug-23

LIVERPOOL ROAD

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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Boys Brigade		3,868	(3,868)		3,868	
e2 Facets	17,501	14,121	3,380		974	4,354.40
e3 Wesley Guild	634	782	(148)		503	354.98
e4 Rambling Club	6,956	6,222	734		1,907	2,641.44
e5 Cameo NO ACTIVITY		245	(245)		246	0.40
e6 Girls Brigade	277		277		2,727	3,003.02
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	25,367	25,237	130	0.17	10,224 (e11)	10,354 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	71,574 (a7)	73,577 (b9)	(2,002)	(c7)	69,707 (c6)	67,705 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	96,941	98,814	(1,872)	0	79,931 (x)	78,059 (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 2022	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	£23,951	£9,928
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	£40,847	£52,078
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds Memorial Fund CFB	£4,909	£5,699
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	69,707 (c6)	67,705 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	10,224 (e11)	10,354 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	79,931 (x)	78,059 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	114	113
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,713,806	4,940,061
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church LIVERPOOL ROAD

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 *J. Attwater* Date *7 JAN 24*

Name and address of treasurer *Mr J S ATTWATER*

13 HOLLYBONE COURT ANGLE ROAD SOUTHPORT Post Code *PN9 9LG*

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *24th Jan 24*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Patrick Evans*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *PATRICK EVANS* Date *24/01/24*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Liverpool Road Methodist Church

Charity Number 1193119

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 2023 set out on page 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.

Name of Church

LIVERPOOL ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

No 1193119

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 Ian 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 7th December 2023

* delete or circle as appropriate