

Liverpool Road Methodist Church; Southport

Aim and Purposes

The Church Council, chaired by the minister, the Rev Ernest Grimshaw, 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 15 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.

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. The church has partnered with the charity, Compassion Acts, to maintain 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.

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

Please see the accounts.

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.

Andrew

Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Liverpool Road, Birkdale

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Southport	Circuit	Circuit no.	
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1193119

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Julie Holland	Marion Conroy
Katy Rushton	

Treasurer:

Andrew Tate

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	49,482	1,567	51,049	47,324
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a4	Lettings	27,905		27,905	30,152
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a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	90,234	1,567	91,801 (a7)	94,015

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SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	3,162	(3,833)	(671)
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c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	64,344	3,343	67,687
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	64,344	3,343	67,687 (c8)
					68,358 (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)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		600	305
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		600	305
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e4 Girls Brigade	667	2,046	(1,379)		3,340	1,961
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e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	28,330	27,043	1,287		7,608 (e11)	8,895 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	91,801 (a7)	92,472 (b9)	(671)	(c7)	68,358 (c5)	67,687 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	120,131	119,515	616		75,966 (x)	76,582 (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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,799	12,324
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	52,562	49,094
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds - Memorial Fund CFB	5,997	6,269
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	68,358 (c6)	67,687 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	7,608 (e11)	8,895 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	75,966 (x)	76,582 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	113	
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,940,061	5,281,727
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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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)

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 3rd Nov 2025

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Presentation to the Church trustees

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Ernest Grinshaw Date 6th May 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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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 2025 set out on pages 2 and 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.

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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~~/have not* 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

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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