

Layton Methodist Church

England & Wales · Charity number 1194986

Details

Other names SALEM METHODIST CHURCH, LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2021-06-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: We offer facilities for worship and also outreach into the local community to combat loneliness, debt and poverty which is endemic in the area. We offer safe space and a warm environment for people to meet and enjoy fellowship.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Religious Activities, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Blackpool

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£181,416	£174,197	-	-
2024-08-31	£128,406	£109,965	-	-
2023-08-31	£188,607	£170,690	-	-
2022-08-31	£48,441	£54,825	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark John Walmsley	Chair	2022-09-01
Amelia Lesley Walmsley		2017-09-17
David Roger Leach		2005-09-19
Elizabeth Margaret Crook		2019-03-08
Hilary Holden		2023-06-25
James Peter Crook		2019-03-08
Joanne Alice Walmsley		2005-09-19
Kathryn Ellen Pritchard		2010-03-05
Margaret Ruth Sellers		2005-09-19
Marjorie Helen Jepson		2005-09-19
Rev Andrew Halstead		2022-09-01
Sandra Macaulay Waddington		2016-09-15
Susan Elaine Leach B. Ed.		2005-09-19

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 Period start date to 31st August 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Layton Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1194986

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of: a) the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church</p> <p>b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.</p> <p>c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution of ancillary to the Methodist Church</p> <p>d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church</p> <p>* in addition to the above our charity has formed the Forward Project a constituted group in the name of the church for its sole purpose of supporting the community.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The church delivers regular worship through weekly services, Bible study, Sunday Club and fellowship meetings. Pastoral care remains central, supporting individuals in homes, hospitals and hospices, helping people stay connected and supported. The church also hosts uniformed organisations, including the Guiding Association, engaging younger members of the community.</p> <p>Through the Forward Project, the charity operates as a community hub, bringing together local support and partnerships. Activities include drop-in coffee mornings, a parent and toddler group, and use of the</p>

		<p>building by organisations delivering health, wellbeing and skills support.</p> <p>In response to the cost-of-living crisis, provision includes a Warm Hub, free breakfast and lunch, cookery sessions and a surplus food initiative, helping families access affordable food and reduce waste. IT sessions support digital inclusion, and the Layton Larder will launch next period.</p> <p>Together, these activities reduce isolation, address poverty and strengthen community resilience.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The objectives of the Trustees are to reflect both their faith and community aims and that the church building is open to all and all areas are easily accessible. These objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustees to ensure that they continue to reflect these aims. In carrying out these reviews, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, in particular, its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are made or pursued so no policy is necessary
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No investments are made or pursued so no policy is necessary.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The church follows the Safer Recruitment guidelines issued by the Methodist Church and all volunteers comply with DBS and Safeguarding regulations and training.</p> <p>Their support is greatly appreciated to enable the mission work of the church to continue.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our charity has continued to strengthen its impact in addressing poverty and improving the health, wellbeing and social connectedness of local residents.</p> <p>Established provision, including our Warm Hub activity, social groups, and practical support such as cookery and IT/digital skills sessions, has helped individuals reduce isolation, build confidence, and better manage the cost of living.</p> <p>A key development has been the creation of the Oasis community café and coffee lounge, providing an affordable, welcoming space where individuals can access support and feel a sense of belonging.</p> <p>The charity has also championed partnership working to tackle poverty, increasing access to support, training and opportunities for residents.</p> <p>Overall, the charity's work has delivered clear public benefit by reducing the impact of poverty and improving access to support and wellbeing.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Our charity has continued to strengthen its role as a community hub, delivering a wide range of activities that reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, and build local resilience.</p> <p>Our Oasis Community Cafe provides a consistent daytime offer, creating a welcoming space where people can socialise, access informal support, and feel part of the community. This is complemented by activities in the main space, including craft sessions and social groups, encouraging participation and connection.</p> <p>A varied programme of support is delivered, including Warm Hub provision, Knit & Natter, seasonal community events, health and wellbeing sessions, digital inclusion support, and practical learning opportunities. The</p>
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		<p>space operates as an inclusive, community-focused environment, responsive to local need.</p> <p>The Forward Centre operates as a flexible education and skills hub, supporting training, digital skills sessions, cookery courses, and family-based learning, helping to build confidence, skills and independence.</p> <p>Food support remains a key priority. The weekly Surplus Food provision and the Big Food Truck provide access to affordable food while reducing waste, alongside volunteering opportunities that strengthen community capacity. The Layton Larder has been introduced as part of this offer, in August 2024 providing low-cost, practical food solutions for local families.</p> <p>Overall, activity has been aligned to this framework, with a clear focus on early intervention, partnership delivery, and improving outcomes for residents.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The church's charity status enables further grants to be applied for to enable the work on the vision of the Forward Project to continue alongside the church's mission in the community.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Our charity remains in a sound financial position. Income has increased during the period, driven by continued giving and donations from Church members, alongside contributions from external organisations.</p> <p>Our charity relies on a combination of grants, fundraising activity and external income to sustain and develop its services. Grant applications are therefore actively pursued to support the ongoing vision and delivery of both the church and its Forward Project.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The church reserves policy is to hold enough funds to meet three months expenses. This sum is held in a separate account, to be accessed only in the instance of existing funds failing to meet the outgoings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10566
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity is reliant on continued giving from Church members, donations from individuals and businesses within the community, and the successful securing of grant funding. While this creates some uncertainty, the charity actively manages this through ongoing fundraising activity, strong community support, and a proactive approach to identifying and applying for funding opportunities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)</p>	<p>Para 1.47</p>	<p>The church's principal sources of income for the church are regular giving from members, primarily through standing orders, together with weekly donations. Gift Aid is claimed where applicable to increase the value of these contributions and support the ongoing ministry and operations of the church.</p> <p>The Forward Project is supported primarily through grant funding from external bodies, alongside fundraising activities and donations from the wider community. These funds are used to deliver and develop its community programmes and services of our whole charity.</p>
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity.</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The charity's principal risk is that income from member donations and available financial reserves may not be sufficient to meet and sustain its ongoing financial commitments.</p> <p>Additional risks include reliance on successful grant funding and fundraising activity, particularly in supporting the delivery of community initiatives such as the Forward Project, where demand for services continues to grow alongside wider economic pressures.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

Structure, Governance and Management

<p>Description of charity's trusts:</p>		<p>Charitable Trust</p>
<p>Type of governing document</p>	<p>Para 1.25</p>	<p>Trust Deed</p>
<p>How is the charity constituted?</p>	<p>Para 1.25</p>	<p>Unincorporated</p>

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by proposals made and agreed at Church Council Meetings.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	To ensure that new trustees are made aware of their responsibilities under the Charities Act they are made familiar with the charity's Deed of Trust and the Charity's aims and Charity Commission publications/ notifications are issued to each trustee as received.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church works under the organisational structure of the Methodist Church. Under our Forward Project the church also works with other partnerships, local and national.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The church has good relationships at Circuit, District and Connexion levels and local churches of different denominations within the community.
Other		The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. Trustees meet twice or three times per year and are responsible for decisions related to the charity's day by day activities and are appointed at the Church Annual General Meeting. The church religious activities are delegated to the Church Stewards. During the year, one trustee was paid £2,700 (DH) for delivering craft sessions to our service users. She was selected due to her relevant skills and experience, and to meet a need at the time. This was payment for services, not for acting as a trustee, and the conflict of interest was declared and managed appropriately.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Layton Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	Laton Methodist Forward Project Was previously known as Salem Methodist Church
Registered charity number	1194986
Charity's principal address	Westcliffe Drive, Layton, FY3 7DZ But contact person is Sandie Waddington 59 Patterdale Avenue, Blackpool FY3 9QR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marjorie Helen Jepson	Trustee		Layton Methodist Church Council
2	David Roger Leach	Trustee - Secretary		As above
3	Margaret Ruth Sellers	Trustee		As above
4	Elizabeth Margaret Crook	Trustee		As above
5	James Peter Crook	Trustee		As above
6	Amelia Lesley Walmsley	Trustee		As above
7	Kathryn Ellen Pritchard	Trustee - Treasurer		As above
8	Sandra Macaulay Waddington	Trustee – Finance and Property Secretary		As above
9	Joanne Alice Walmsley	Trustee		As above
10	Susan Leach	Trustee		As above
11	Mark John Walmsley	Trustee - Finance and Property Chair		As above
12	Rev Andrew Halstead	Trustee - Church Council Chair		As above
13	Diane Halstead	Trustee		As above
14	Hilary Holden	Trustee		As above

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>A Halstead</i>	<i>D R Leach</i>
Full name(s)	Rev Andy Halstead	David Leach
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Layton Methodist Church Council	Secretary of Layton Methodist Church Council
Date	17 February 2026	

Signature(s)	<i>Mark Walmsley</i>	<i>S Waddington</i>
Full name(s)	Mark Walmsley	Sandra Waddington
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Forward Project reporting to Church Council	Secretary of Forward Project reporting to Church Council
Date	17 February 2026	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

District / Circuit #

1 / 2

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1194986

If not a registered charity **His 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 Andrew Halstead

Church Stewards:

MRS J WALMSLEY

MRS S LEACH & MR D LEACH

MRS M R SELLERS

MRS M JEPSON

MRS J BROOKS

MRS S HIND

Treasurer:

MRS. KATHRYN PRITCHARD

LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

SECTION A

		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
	Note	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS		
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	26,800	22,120
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	413	222
a4	Lettings	12,682	27,393
a5	Other receipts (includes grants of £96586	141,521	78,671
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	181,416	128,406

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	24,780	30,975
b3	Donations	1,196	210
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	58,657	5,713
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,783	6,813
b6	Other payments	78,781	66,254
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	174,197	109,965

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6 - b7)	7,219	18,441
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		48,100 (c7)	29,659
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	55408-89=55319 (c1 + c2)	55,319	48,100 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church			
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church			
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents			

SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August		
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	10,567	6,157
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	44,840	41,943
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	55,407	48,100

SECTION E

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)

e1	Balance brought forward from last year		
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,541	1,465
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,453	1,465
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	89	

Name of Church

LAYTON METHODIST

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



29th January 2026

Name and address of treasurer

MRS KATHRYN PRITCHARD
3 ALDER GROVE
POULTON-LE-FYLDE
FY6 8EJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on **17 February 2026**

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting:

Rev Andrew Halstead

on

17 February 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number . 1194986

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH** for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages **1 to 2**. 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: Layton Methodist

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



Name of independent examiner

Mrs Katharine Davies

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: **Bookkeeper B.Sc in Statistics**

Name of firm (where appropriate) Not Applicable

Address: 8 Royal Troon Court
Kirkham

Post Code: PR4 2TF

Date : 27th January 2026

* delete or circle as appropriate

Layton Methodist Church

England & Wales - Charity number 1194986

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2023 Period start date to 31st August 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Layton Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1194986

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Weekly church services, Bible Study, Sunday Club, Wednesday Fellowship Meetings with a guest speaker, pastoral care into the community, offering communion at home, hospital or hospice and other denominational church groups.</p> <p>Within our Forward Project we have drop in coffee mornings which is of great benefit to those who live alone, parent and toddlers' group and various partnering organisations also use the buildings such as craft groups, health and well-being groups, training companies and other local</p>

		partnership organisations to support members of the church and the community. The church is being used as a Warm Hub through winter and free breakfasts/lunch provision one day a week. From September 23 the Guiding Association meet in term time for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Cookery and IT sessions have also been supported by the community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The objectives of the Trust are to reflect both their faith and community aims and that the church building is open to all and all areas are easily accessible. These objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustees to ensure that they continue to reflect these aims. In carrying out these reviews, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, in particular, its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.

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Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The church Film Nights, extended coffee lounge hours including Warm Hub events, knit and natter / social groups, cookery and IT sessions and links with local partnerships who use the building for training purposes and networking have promoted the health and well-being of the residents in the local community.</p> <p>The Guiding association has created links with younger members of the community to the church.</p> <p>Children's activities such as craft and cooking with parents were held during the school holidays which developed further links in the community.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The Film Nights continue and are enjoyed by members of the church and community. The extension to the coffee hours has been of great benefit to the people in the community.</p> <p>The church is hosting different activities such as Warm Hub spaces, knit and natter group, afternoon teas on special occasions, health and well-being groups.</p> <p>Since the Forward Centre building work was completed in August 2023 its use as an education centre to further enhance our community work for the residents of Blackpool commenced in September 2023 with various groups using the facilities for teaching assistant training, IT training, Food demonstrations/cookery lessons, Parents and children's sessions on how to cook. The Big Food Truck visit once a week, supports members of the community and provides a platform for many local volunteering opportunities.</p>
		Since the church became a charity further grants have been successfully applied for to enable the work on the vision of the Forward

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Project to continue alongside the church's mission in the community.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Finances are sound and giving/donations from Church Members along with income from outside organisations using the property under licence has increased our income.</p> <p>Grant applications continue to be submitted to support the vision of the church and the Forward Project.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The church reserves policy is to hold enough funds to meet three months expenses. This sum is held in a separate account, to be accessed only in the instance of existing funds failing to meet the outgoings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6156
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity is reliant on giving by the church members, donations from people/businesses in the community and grant applications being successful.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)</p>	<p>Para 1.47</p>	<p>Many members given by standing order but some weekly. Lettings provide vital funds.</p> <p>Gift Aided payments increase donations.</p> <p>Various fundraising events such as afternoon teas, monthly tabletop sales, concerts, are held throughout the year.</p>
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The charity's greatest risk is that ultimately donations from members and financial reserves will not prove sufficient to support and honour the charity's financial commitments.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

Structure, Governance and Management

<p>Description of charity's trusts:</p>		<p>Charitable Trust</p>
<p>Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)</p>	<p>Para 1.25</p>	<p>Trust Deed</p>
<p>How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)</p>	<p>Para 1.25</p>	<p>Unincorporated</p>

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by proposals made at the Annual Church Meeting and Church Council meetings
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Other name the charity uses	Was known as Salem Methodist Church
Registered charity number	1194986
Charity's principal address	Westcliffe Drive, Layton, FY3 7DZ But contact person is Sandie Waddington 59 Patterdale Avenue, Blackpool FY3 9QR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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2	David Roger Leach	Trustee - Secretary		As above
3	Robert Leslie Brookes	Trustee		As above
4	Margaret Ruth Sellers	Trustee		As above
5	Elizabeth Margaret Crook	Trustee		As above
6	James Peter Crook	Trustee		As above
7	Amelia Lesley Walmsley	Trustee		As above
8	Kate Wood	Trustee	01 July 2024 to date	As above
9	Kathryn Ellen Pritchard	Trustee - Treasurer		As above
10	Sandra Macaulay Waddington	Trustee – Finance and Property Secretary		As above
11	Joanne Alice Walmsley	Trustee		As above
12	Helene Lynne Pickup	Trustee	Deceased 18 July 2024	As above
13	Susan Leach	Trustee		As above
14	Mark John Walmsley	Trustee - Finance and Property Chair		As above
15	Rev Andrew Halstead	Trustee - Church Council Chair		As above
16	Diane Halstead	Trustee		As above
17	Hilary Holden	Trustee		As above
18	Jane Proctor	Trustee	01 July 2024 to date	As above

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not Applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not Applicable

Other optional information

Not Applicable

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>A Halstead</i>	<i>D L Leach</i>
Full name(s)	Rev Andy Halstead	David Leach
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Layton Methodist Church Council	Secretary of Layton Methodist Church Council

Date
27 April 2025

Signature(s)	<i>Mark Walmsley</i>	<i>S Waddington</i>
Full name(s)	Mark Walmsley	Sandra Waddington
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Forward Project reporting to Church Council	Secretary of Forward Project reporting to Church Council

Date
27 April 2025

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

LAYTON METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

BLACKPOOL AND SOUTH FYLDE CIRCUIT	Circuit	Circuit no	01-Feb
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1194986

If not a registered charity His 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 ANDREW HALSTEAD

Church Stewards:

MRS J WALMSLEY
MRS S LEACH & MR D LEACH
MRS M R SELLERS
MRS M JEPSON
MRS J BROOKS
MRS S HIND

Treasurer:

MRS KATHRYN PRITCHARD

LAYTON METHODIST

Church

Church - Short
Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
a1 RECEIPTS	Note	£	£
a2 Offerings and Tax recovered		22,120	25,358
a3 Bank and CFB Interest & Investment Income		222	92
a4 Lettings		27,393	10,080
a5 Other receipts		78,671	153,077
a6 TOTAL RECEIPTS		128,408	188,607
SECTION B			
b1 PAYMENTS			
b2 Circuit Assessment or Share		30,975	18,585
b3 Donations		210	969
b4 Repairs and Maintenance		5,713	1,954
b5 Utilities (insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		6,813	8,429
b6 Other payments		66,254	140,753
b7 TOTAL PAYMENTS		106,985	170,690
SECTION C			
c1 NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6 - b7)	18,441	17,917
c2 Total funds brought forward from last year		29,659 (c7)	11,742
c3 TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c1 + c2)	48,100	29,669 (c7)
c4 State here the total of any other assets of the Church			
c5 State here the total of any liabilities of the Church			
c6 State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents			
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1 Balances held at TMCP at 31 August			
d2 Balances held at CFB at 31 August		8,167	5,990
d3 Bank and cash balances at 31 August		41,843	23,668
d4 TOTAL (= Box c3)		48,100	29,668
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
<i>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</i>			
e1 Balance brought forward from last year			
e2 Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,465	
e3 Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,465	
e4 BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(e1+e2-e3)		

Name of Church Layton

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 10th Feb 2025

Name and address of treasurer MRS KATHRYN PRITCHARD

3 ALDER GROVE, POULTON-LE-FYLDE FY6 8EJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 18.02.2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV ANDREW HALSTEAD

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... LAYTON METHODIST

Charity Number . 1194986

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to 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 LAYTON METHODIST

Independent Examiner's Statement

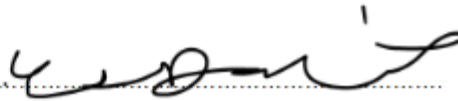
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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



Name of independent examiner Katharine Davies

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner BaSF Methodist Circuit Treasurer

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 8 Royal Troon Court

..... Kirkham PR4 2TF

Date 5th February 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

Layton Methodist Church

England & Wales - Charity number 1194986

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022 Period start date to 31st August 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Layton Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1194986

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of: a) the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church</p> <p>b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.</p> <p>c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution of ancillary to the Methodist Church</p> <p>d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church</p> <p>* in addition to the above our charity has formed the Forward Project a constituted group in the name of the church for its sole purpose of supporting the community</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Weekly church services, Friends of God Bible Study, Wednesday Fellowship Meetings with a guest speaker, pastoral care into the community, offering communion at home, hospital or hospice and other denominational church groups.</p> <p>Under licence, the very important work of Preschool continues which provides particular support for disadvantaged/special needs youngsters in the community.</p> <p>Within our Forward Project we have drop in coffee mornings which is of great benefit to those who live alone, parent and toddlers' group and various partnering organisations also use the buildings such as craft groups, health and well-being groups, training</p>

		<p>companies and other local partnership organisations to support members of the church and the community.</p> <p>The church is being used as a Warm Hub through winter and free breakfasts/lunch provision one day a week.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The objectives of the Trust are to reflect both their faith and community aims and that the church building is open to all and all areas are easily accessible. These objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustees to ensure that they continue to reflect these aims. In carrying out these reviews, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, in particular, its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are made or pursued so no policy is necessary
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No investments are made or pursued so no policy is necessary
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The church follows the Safer Recruitment guidelines issued by the Methodist Church and all volunteers comply with DBS and Safeguarding regulations and training.

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The church Film Nights, extended coffee lounge hours including Warm Hub events, knit and natter groups and links with local partnerships who use the building for training purposes and networking have promoted the health and well-being of the residents in the local community.</p> <p>We have maintained the regular church activities around worship -, open to all, which also have a beneficial effect on the community!</p> <p>Grant funding has enhanced the Toddler Group which has grown in numbers and has been of great benefit to the community.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The Film Nights continue and are enjoyed by members of the church and community. The extension to the coffee hours has been of great benefit to the people in the community.</p> <p>The church is hosting different activities such as Warm Hub spaces, knit and natter group, afternoon teas on special occasions, health and well-being groups.</p> <p>Toddler Group has purchased new resources to enhance the play experience of the children.</p> <p>The Forward Centre building work was completed in August 2023 and its use as an education centre to further enhance our community work for the residents of Blackpool will commence in September 2023.</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Since the church became a charity further grants have been successfully applied for to enable the work on the vision of the Forward Project to continue alongside the church's mission in the community.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Finances are sound and giving/donations from Church Members and income from outside organisations using the property under licence has increased our income. Grant applications continue to be submitted to support the vision of the church and the Forward Project.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The church reserves policy is to hold enough funds to meet three months expenses. This sum is held in a separate account, to be accessed only in the instance of existing funds failing to meet the outgoings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5990.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in	Para 1.24	N/A

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Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity is reliant on giving by the church members, donations from people/businesses in the community and grant applications being successful.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Many members give by standing order but some weekly and lettings provide vital funds. Gift Aided payments increase donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The charity's greatest risk is that ultimately donations from members and financial reserves will not prove sufficient to support and honour the charity's financial commitments.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Charitable Trust
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated

(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)		
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by proposals made at the annual General Church Meeting and by the Church Council.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	To ensure that new trustees are made aware of their responsibilities under the Charities Act they are made familiar with the charity's Deed of Trust and the Charity's aims and Charity Commission publications/ notifications are issued to each trustee as received.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church works under the organisational structure of the Methodist Church. Under our Forward Project the church also works with other partnerships, local and national.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The church has good relationships at Circuit, District and Connexion levels and local churches of different denominations within the community.
Other		The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity, each giving their time freely without remuneration or other financial benefits. Trustees meet twice or three times per year and are responsible for decisions related to the charity's day by day activities and are appointed at the Church Annual General Meeting and Church Council. The church

		religious activities are delegated to the Church Stewards.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Layton Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	Was known as Salem Methodist Church
Registered charity number	1194986
Charity's principal address	Westcliffe Drive, Layton, FY3 7DZ But contact person is Sandie Waddington 59 Patterdale Avenue, Blackpool FY3 9QR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marjorie Helen Jepson	Trustee		Layton Methodist Church Council
2	David Roger Leach	Trustee Secretary		As above
3	Robert Leslie Brookes	Trustee		As above
4	Margaret Ruth Sellers	Trustee		As above
5	Elizabeth Margaret Crook	Trustee		As above
6	James Peter Crook	Trustee		As above
7	Amelia Lesley Walmsley	Trustee		As above
8	Geoffrey Ellis Pritchard	Trustee	September 22 – July 23	As above
9	Kathryn Ellen Pritchard	Trustee Treasurer		As above
10	Sandra Macaulay Waddington	Trustee		As above
11	Joanne Alice Walmsley	Trustee		As above
12	Helene Lynne Pickup	Trustee		As above
13	Susan Leach	Trustee		As above
14	Mark John Walmsley	Trustee		As above
15	Rev Andrew Halstead	Trustee Chair		As above
16	Diane Halstead	Trustee	Appointed 25 th June 2023	As above
17	Hilary Holden	Trustee	Appointed 25 th June 2023	As above
18	Kate Wood	Trustee	Resigned 31 st August 2023	As Above

19	Rev Janet Pybon	Trustee (Chair)	Resigned 21 st August 2023	As Above
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N.A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

A Halstead

D Leach

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Secretary

Date

13 March 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

BLACKPOOL AND SOUTH FYLDE	Circuit	Circuit no	21/14
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1194986

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

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Minister:

REV ANDY HALSTEAD

Church Stewards:

MRS J WALMSLEY
MRS S LEACH
MR D LEACH
MRS M R SELLERS
MRS M JEPSON
MRS J BROOKS

Treasurer:

MRS KATHRYN PRITCHARD

LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

Church

Church - Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2023

SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	25,358	26,867
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	92	10
a4	Lettings	10,080	10,250
a5	Other receipts	153,077	8,469
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	188,607	45,596
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	18,585	24,195
b3	Donations	969	429
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	1,954	4,608
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,429	17,417
b6	Other payments	140,753	5,731
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	170,690	52,380
SECTION C			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	17,917	(6,784)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	11,742 (c7)	18,558
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	29,659	11,774 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		error last year of £32
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church		
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents		
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August		
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	5,990	2,120
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	23,668	9,654
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	29,658	11,774
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
<i>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</i>			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year		
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,581	2,445
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,581	2,445
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)		

Name of Church LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

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 ... *K. E. Pritchard* Date *27/11/24*

Name and address of treasurer MRS KATHRYN PRITCHARD, 3 ALDER GROVE

POULTON-LE-FYLDE FY6 8EJ

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 ... *13/2/2024*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *A. Halstead*

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... REV ANDREW HALSTEAD

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... LAYTON METHODIST

Charity Number . 1194986

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ... LAYTON METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to 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 LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH


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 

Name of independent examiner DAVID JOHN YAXLEY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 6 BEECHFIELD AVENUE, WREA GREEN,
PRESTON Post Code PR4 2NX

Date 21/02/2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

Form reviewed May-23

Layton Methodist Church

England & Wales - Charity number 1194986

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2021 Period start date To 31st August 2022
Period end date

Charity name: Layton Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1194986

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of: a) the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church. c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution of ancillary to the Methodist Church d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Throughout the year our charity has restructured our finances and organisation to church/community approach (see annex). This is in preparation for the new reporting year. All community activities Current (Toddler Group, Film Night and Oasis) and future are supported. All associated finances and applications for community capital/revenue funding will be kept for the use of the community and enable the upkeep of the building. This approach enables us to assure bodies that all community activity funding given to the church will be for the purposes of public (community) benefit through the array of activities held within the Church, Forward Centre funding and Oasis Coffee Lounge which are all serving the community needs.

		<p>Alongside our community work the church holds Weekly Public Services, Sunday School (known as Friends of God - FoG), Bible Study, Wednesday Fellowship Meetings with a guest speaker. Our pastoral team offer pastoral care into the community, which includes offering communion in the community such as at home, hospital or in hospices.</p> <p>In addition, outside organisations are able to use the buildings such as craft groups and other denominational church groups.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The objectives of the Trust are to reflect both the faith and community aims and that the church is open to all and all areas are easily accessible. We are an inclusive church, all trustees are obliged to attend diversity and inclusion training. These objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustees to ensure that they continue to reflect these aims. In carrying out these reviews, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are made so no policy is necessary.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No investments are made or pursued so no policy is necessary
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The church follows the Safer Recruitment guidelines issued by the Methodist Church and all volunteers comply with DBS and Safeguarding regulations and training.</p> <p>We continually recognise the efforts of our volunteers, providing them a sense of achievement and self-worth.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The church has been able to introduce Film Nights, extend Oasis opening hours and make links with local partnerships who use the building to promote the health and well being of the residents in the local community.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The introduction of Film Nights was well received and enjoyed by members of the church and community. The extension to the coffee hours has been of great benefit to the people in the community.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Since becoming a charity the church has been able to apply for further grants to enable the work on the vision of the Forward Centre to be started.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£9253
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The church reserves policy is to hold enough funds to meet three months expenses. This sum is held in a separate account, to be accessed only in the instance of existing funds failing to meet the outgoings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2120
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity is reliant on giving/donations by church members and through our community café which is supported by grants.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Many members give by standing order but some weekly. Gift Aid payment also assists to increase many of these donations. We run a charitable community café which helps with the running costs. We plan to apply for grant funding to expand our community offer.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The charity's greatest risk is that ultimately donations from members and financial reserves will not prove sufficient to support and honour the charity's financial commitments. To manage this risk we are to start our new financial structure.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Charitable Trust
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by proposals made at the Church Annual General Meeting

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	To ensure that new trustees are made aware of their responsibilities under the Charities Act they are made familiar with the charity's Deed of Trust and the Charity's aims and Charity Commission publications/notifications are issued to each trustee as received.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church works under the organisational structure of the Methodist Church. The church also works with other partnerships.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The church has good relationships at Circuit, district and Connexion levels and local churches of different denominations within the community. We have commenced talks in relation to setting up a community forum for local providers.
Other		The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity, each giving their time freely without remuneration or other financial benefits. Trustees meet twice or three times per year and are responsible for decisions related to the charity's day by day activities.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Layton Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	Was known as Salem Methodist Church
Registered charity number	1194986
Charity's principal address	3 Alder Grove Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 8EJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marjorie Helen Jepson	Trustee		Layton Methodist Church Council
2	David Roger Leach	Trustee Secretary		As above
3	Robert Leslie Brookes	Trustee		As above
4	Margaret Ruth Sellers	Trustee		As above
5	Elizabeth Margaret Crook	Trustee		As above
6	James Peter Crook	Trustee		As above
7	Amelia Lesley Walmsley	Trustee		As above
8	Geoffrey Ellis Pritchard	Trustee		As above
9	Kathryn Ellen Pritchard	Trustee Treasurer		As above
10	Sandra Macaulay Waddington	Trustee		As above
11	Joanne Alice Walmsley	Trustee		As above
12	Helene Lynne Pickup	Trustee		As above
13	Susan Leach	Trustee		As above
14	Mark John Walmsley	Trustee		As above
15	Kate Natasha Wood	Trustee		As above
16	Rev Janet Isabell Pybon	Trustee Chair	21 st August 2022	As above

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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N.A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

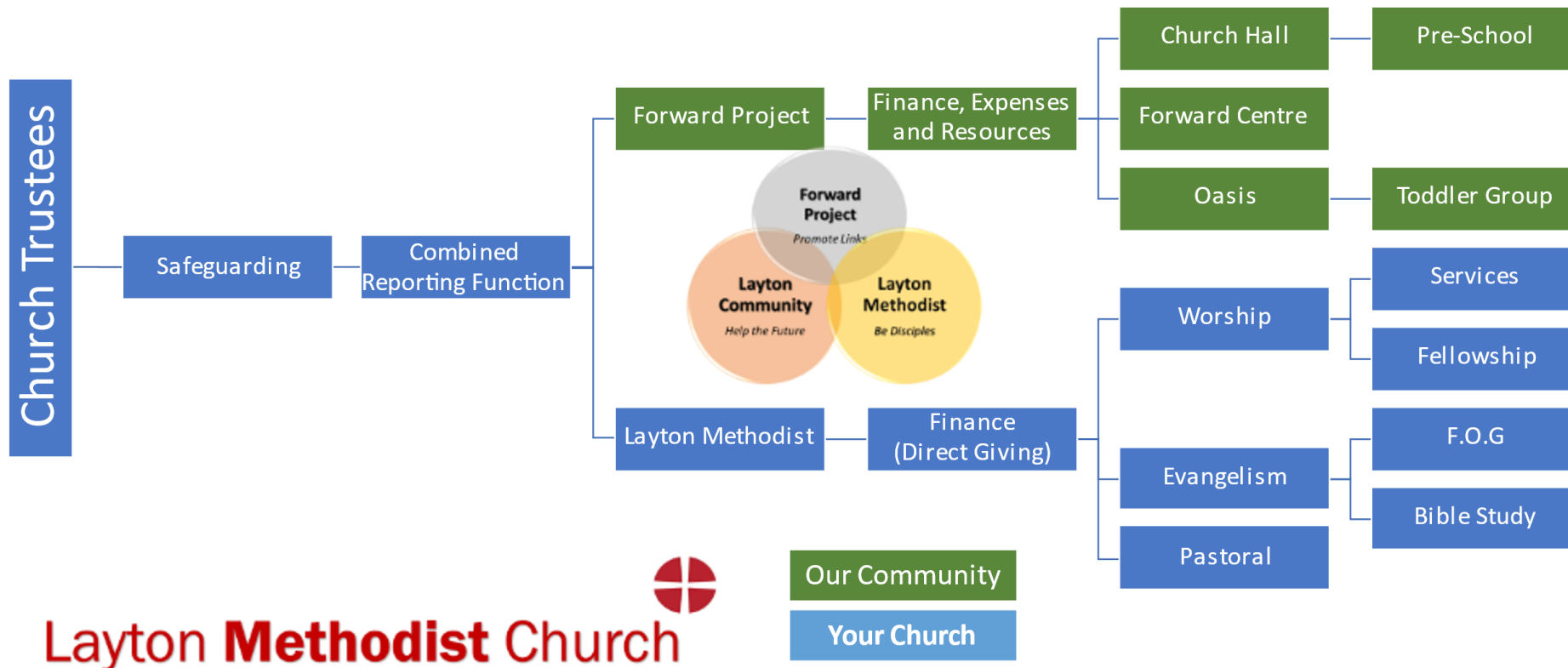
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Date

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Layton Methodist Structure

June 2022



Agreed: 30 June 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH No (if any)
1194986

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **01-09-2021** Period start date To **31-08-2022** Period end date

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
GRANTS	-	400	-	400	8,800
LETTINGS	15,630	-	-	15,630	8,330
INTEREST	10	-	-	10	8
DONATIONS	32,401	-	-	32,401	34,329
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	48,041	400	-	48,441	51,467
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,041	400	-	48,441	51,467
A3 Payments					
ASSESSMENT	24,195	-	-	24,195	25,000
UTILITIES	14,780	-	-	14,780	7,354
REPAIRS & RENEWALS	4,393	-	-	4,393	13,648
INSURANCE	1,981	-	-	1,981	1,660
TELEPHONE	656	-	-	656	504
DONATIONS	2,874	-	-	2,874	2,100
MISC. EXPENSES	5,835	-	-	5,835	12,493
BANK CHARGES	111	-	-	111	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,825	-	-	54,825	62,759
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,825	-	-	54,825	62,759
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,784	400	-	- 6,384	- 11,292
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 6,784	400	-	- 6,384	- 11,292

Name of Church LAYTON METHODIST No 21/12

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 [Signature]

Name of independent examiner: DAVID MAXLEY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate): N/A

Address: 6 BEECHFIELD AVENUE, WREA GREEN, PRESTON

Post Code: PR4 2NX

Date: 16/02/2023

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Name of Church LAYTON METHODIST No. 21/14

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 K.E. Pritchard Date 13 Feb 2023

Name and address of treasurer K.E. PRITCHARD, 3, ALDER GROVE,
POULTON-LE-FYLDE Post Code FY6 8EJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: A. Halstead

Name of the Chair of the meeting: ANDREW HALSTEAD Date 20/3/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

LAYTON METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1194986

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the LAYTON METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages .1. to .2. 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

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
		£	£
a1	RECEIPTS		
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	26,867	33,803
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	10	8
a4	Lettings	10,250	8,330
a5	Other receipts	8,469	9,099
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	45,596	51,240
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	24,195	25,000
b3	Donations	429	1,873
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,608	16,955
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,417	9,517
b6	Other payments	5,731	9,187
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	52,380	62,532
SECTION C			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	6,784	11,292
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	18,558 (c7)	29,850
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	11,774	18,558 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church		
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents		
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August		
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	2,120	3,180
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	9,654	15,377
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	11,774	18,557
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year		
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,445	227
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,445	227
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)		

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

LAYTON METHODIST Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

BLACKPOOL & SOUTH FYLDE Circuit Circuit no 21/14

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1194986

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. ANDY HALSTEAD

Church Stewards:

Mrs J WALMSLEY
Mrs S LEACH
Mr J LEACH
Mrs M TOLSON
Mrs J BROOKS
Mrs R SEWERS

Treasurer:

MRS KATHRYN PRITCHARD

Layton Methodist Church accounts

Observations by David Yaxley (Independent Examiner):

I have today signed the accounts stating that "I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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."

There are, however, a couple of observations that I believe are worth making and which should be considered:

The attached guidance document from the Lancashire District of the Methodist Church "**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: GUIDANCE FOR CIRCUITS & CHURCHES IN LANCASHIRE**" is very helpful even though it was written in 2014.

- (1) Section 3.4 states that "All payments by cheque must be supported by an invoice or some other form of evidence and it is essential that these documents are filed in cheque/ payment no. order and that they are endorsed with the cheque number, payment number, payment date, etc."
 - a. If evidence was filed in cheque/payment order it would make independent examination easier
 - b. I find it helpful to use some sort of claim form, placing the onus on the claimant to declare the purpose of the expenditure, again this would make independent examination easier (I have attached one I used at Kirkham in case this is of any interest).

- (2) Section 6.2 states that "The Treasurer should ensure that a minimum of two people count the offertory and record the donations through the envelope scheme. All cash income must always be counted by at least two people who should complete and sign the appropriate record, bank the cash immediately and pass the signed record to the Treasurer."
 - a. I didn't see any evidence that this is taking place – 2 signatures should be provided for each count.

Kind regards,



David Yaxley, 16/02/23