



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	<p>Finances are sound and giving/donations from Church Members and 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	£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

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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)	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

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

(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 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	Note	£	£
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				
(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		1,581	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 *27/1/24*

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

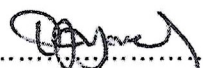
Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

^{have} ~~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

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Form reviewed

May-23