



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

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, 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.

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		

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)

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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:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<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>
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? (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 Annual Church Meeting and 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	<p>The church works under the organisational structure of the Methodist Church.</p> <p>Under our Forward Project the church also works with other partnerships, local and national.</p>
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		<p>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.</p> <p>The church religious activities are delegated to the Church Stewards.</p>

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	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 RECEIPT £	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 RECEIPT £		128,406	188,607

SECTION B		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
b1 PAYMENT £		£	£
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 PAYMENT £		109,965	170,690

SECTION C		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
c1 NET RECEIPT £/PAYMENT £ FOR THE YEAR	(a6 - b7)	£	£
c2 Total funds brought forward from last year		29,659 (c7)	11,742
c3 TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c1 + c2)	48,100	29,659 (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		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
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	29,658

SECTION E		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
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		1,465	
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

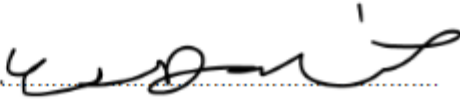
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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