



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 September 2021

To: 31 August 2022

Charity name: Grange Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1198002

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The governing document is <i>The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD)</i>. See: https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/governance/cpd/</p> <p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 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	<p>We believe we are called to be a church where people of all ages and backgrounds are supported in: loving and serving God loving and serving our neighbours, both local and global growing and sharing faith. We offer Methodist Christian worship, fellowship, service of our community and outreach, in Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria and beyond.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>This guidance has been provided to the trustees.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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>Main achievements of 2021-2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at worship increased as people returned after the Covid pandemic and new people joined. • Streamed services attract an "online congregation" of around 10 live viewers each week and others who watch later in the week. This enables those unable to attend in person still to be part of the church family. • New community groups booking the church include gym classes and theatre groups. Participation in group activities improves well-being and mental health. • The church provided leadership and participated actively in "Churches Together" in Grange, for example "Great Big Garden Party" for the Platinum Jubilee, and streaming of the united civic service after the death of the Queen. Activities such as these draw people together in times of shared celebration and grief. • The church collaborated with the Churches Together Youth Trust to support an ecumenical Youth Worker working in schools and organising other youth activities including hosting at the church an after-school drop-in for secondary age children. • The minister provided regular video assemblies for the local secondary school to use in collective worship at a time when they were still not able to welcome visitors because of Covid safeguards. In the summer term visited the nursery class of a local primary school weekly to do 'Godly Play' with them.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church-run Baby Group re-started after the pandemic and since then attendance has doubled. It is a lifeline for new mothers, enabling them to meet with others and to find friends and mutual support. • Weekly coffee morning attendance has increased. It is a great meeting place for those in the community who are lonely. • Weekly 'Toast Church' at 9:30am on Sundays restarted in September 2021, aimed at families and children. New attendees were welcomed. A new 'teens' group was established for young people who were previously involved with Toast Church, starting with a couple of social gatherings. • In 2021-2 the church has been fundraising for "Open for Community" – an exciting project to redevelop the 1874 premises for church and community use. • Collections were made for other charitable organisations, including Christian Aid, Action for Children All We Can, and Methodist mission funds, raising nearly £3500 in the year for these. Regular donations of food and toiletries were also collected for the Barrow Foodbank.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See attached Standard Form of Accounts for the year ending 31 st August 2022.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	See attached Reserves Policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	General Funds - £34,196 Restricted Funds - £79,697

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	N/A

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Not applicable.
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	The deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	The 1976 Methodist Church Act authorises the Methodist Conference as the governing body.
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	Trustees are appointed by the Church Council according to standard Methodist procedures. The only Trustee not appointed in this way is the Chair (the Minister) who is selected by the Circuit and appointed by the Conference of the Methodist Church.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Grange Methodist Church is an independent charity but is part of the South Lakes Circuit of the Methodist Church within the Methodist Church of Britain Connexion.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Grange Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	Not applicable.
Registered charity number	1198002
Charity's principal address	Grange Methodist Church Kents Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY

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	Rev Joanna Ruth Rand	Chair		Methodist Conference
2	Rev Graham Ransom	Circuit Superintendent		Methodist Conference
3	Andrew Robert Lockley	Trustee		Church Council
4	Ursula Katharine Lockley	Trustee		Church Council
5	Rev Susan Margaret Nicol	Trustee		Church Council
6	Rev David William Edmondson	Trustee		Church Council
7	Hazel Mary Edmondson	Trustee		Church Council
8	Peter John McPherson Nicol	Trustee		Church Council
9	Gillian Mary de Bourcier	Trustee		Church Council
10	Ruth Marion Briddock	Trustee		Church Council
11	Barbara Leader	Trustee		Church Council
12	Ruth Webster	Trustee		Church Council
13	Hilda Margaret Alice Gardner	Trustee		Church Council
14	Carol Lamb	Trustee		Church Council
15	Paul Rand	Trustee		Church Council
16	Glenda Clark	Trustee		Church Council
17	Judith Mary Sharples	Trustee		Church Council
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable.		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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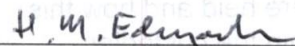
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	DONNA RUTH RAND	HAZEL MARY EDMONDSON
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	18/01/23	

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Grange Methodist Church	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

South Lakes	Circuit	Circuit no	9/14
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1198002

**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 J Rand

Church Stewards:

Glenda Clark
Hazel Edmondson
Su Lockley
Sue Nicol

Treasurer:

Paul Rand

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
Grange Methodist Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	50,426	35,884	86,310	87,948
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	434		434	43
a4	Lettings	7,258		7,258	880
a5	Other receipts	4,347	8,685	13,032	2,206
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	62,465	44,569	107,034 (a7)	91,078

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	39,800		39,800	40,000
b3	Donations	2,080		2,080	1,800
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,646	0	3,646	658
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,767		4,767	3,643
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments	6,178	4,808	10,986	12,688
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	56,472	4,808	61,280 (b9)	58,789

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	5,993	39,761	45,754	32,289
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	28,203	39,937	68,139 (c6)	35,850
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	34,196	79,697	113,893	68,139
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	34,196	79,697	113,893 (c8)	68,139 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,490	1,569
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	3,490	1,569
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	0	0

Grange Methodist Church

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

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	107,034 (a7)	51,280 (b9)	45,754	(c7)	68,139 (c6)	113,893 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	107,034	51,280	45,754	0	68,139 (x)	113,893 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	7,778	3,898
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	60,361	109,995
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	68,139 (c6)	113,893 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	68,139 (x)	113,893 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,984,754
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church Grange Methodist Church

No. 1198002

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.

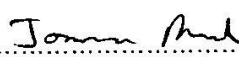
Signature of treasurer  Date 25/09/22

Name and address of treasurer

Paul Rand
The Manse, Fernleigh Road
Grange-over-Sands, LA11 7HN

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 04/10/2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Jo Rand

Date 04/10/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Grange Methodist Church

Charity Number 1198002

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the GRANGE 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

Name of Church

Grange Methodist Church

No.

1198002

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

J Costello

Name of independent examiner

John Costello

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

2 Hawesmead Drive
Kendal
LA9 5HD

Date

22 SEPTEMBER 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-22

RESERVES POLICY of**Grange Methodist Church**(*Church Council☒/Circuit Meeting☐/District☐)

1.	General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2022	£34,196
2.	Restricted Funds held “	£79,697
3.	Endowment Funds held “	£0

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

Our unrestricted funds at 31/08/2022 comprised a balance of £10,839 in our General Fund (up from an opening balance of £5,895 thanks to an increase in regular giving and letting income) and £23,356 held as an unrestricted portion of our ‘Development Fund’ (primarily accumulated a number of years ago, before the advent of our current redevelopment project).

Our General Fund expenditure for the year was £59,227. Our experience during the Covid-19 pandemic was that whilst income from lettings disappeared, most of the regular giving from church members and adherents continued, via standing orders and cheques. Furthermore, general expenditure decreased because of reduced church activities and building use. Therefore, in the event of a future need to suspend regular activities, such as another pandemic, we expect that ongoing general income would be sufficient to meet ongoing essential expenditure without the need to draw significantly on reserves.

The Quinquennial report carried out in September 2021 identified work required on our building over a period of five years to the value of approx. £78,000, though around £46,000 of this is work that would be covered within the budget of our redevelopment project (e.g. replacement of the boiler). If the redevelopment project does not go ahead, the restricted funds we have raised could still be used to complete this work (see policy for restricted funds).

In conclusion, unrestricted reserves of approx. £32,000 are required for use over the next 4-5 years on essential work identified in the 2021 quinquennial. Of this, we anticipate spending up to £20,000 in the next 12 months leaving us with £14,000 (just under 3 months general expenditure) to cover running costs in the unlikely event of a total cessation or catastrophic drop in regular income.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

We are currently fundraising for a major redevelopment of our building, with a projected cost of approx. £900,000. As at 31/08/2022, we have £79,697 in restricted funds for this purpose and approx. £238,000 pledged but not yet received from our membership, the Circuit and grant awarding bodies.

Further local fundraising and grant applications are in progress and the plans for the project are subject to regular review by the Church Council.


In the fundraising carried out, it has been made clear that should the planned project not go ahead, the restricted funds raised may be used to carry out necessary renovations and improvements to make our building fit for its ongoing use.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

Not applicable.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

Grange Methodist Church(*Church Council☒/Circuit Meeting☐/District☐)

Treasurer	Trustee (Property Steward)
Full name Paul Rand	Full Name Peter Nicol
Signature 	Signature 