

# WESLEY PLACE METHODIST CHURCH ALSAGER

England & Wales · Charity number 1200390

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2022-09-16

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

## Contact

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**Address** Wesley Place Methodist Church  
Lawton Road  
Alsager  
Stoke-On-Trent  
ST7 2AF

**Phone** 01270872597

**Email** [super@cheshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:super@cheshiresouth.org.uk)

## Activities

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**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:** As a Methodist Church we offer public worship, and community activities for people of all ages with both religious and non-religious content. Community facilities are available for hire locally.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cheshire East

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£110,816	£77,826	-	-
2024-08-31	£88,368	£95,480	-	-
2023-08-31	£72,726	£69,104	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ROBERT OSMOND HILTON	Chair	2017-09-01
ALISON JANE STEELE		2022-09-01
Alicia Rose Weatherby Crompton		2017-09-01
Andrew Dale Shaw		2017-06-01
Andrew Tyrell		2023-10-29
Carol Challinor		2022-09-01
Catherine Bowen-Fanstone		2022-06-26
Celia Mary Crompton		1996-09-01
Christianne Morris		2022-09-01
DAVID MICHAEL CROMPTON		1973-06-21
Daniel Mark Keen		2019-09-01
Dorothy Anne Milner		2018-01-10
Gwynneth Proudlove		2021-02-10
Harriet Emily Weatherby Crompton		2008-09-01
Helen Robertson		2015-05-01
Isabel Brislen		2022-06-14
Janet Keen		2022-09-01
Lesley Elizabeth Peake		2018-06-01
MARGARET KEELING		2021-09-11
Natasha Jane Walker		2022-10-05
Peter Morris		2022-09-01
Sandra Fawley Moors		2022-09-11
Sandra Laura Rawlinson		2022-09-11
Sarah Louise Simpson		2017-06-01
Valerie Snowden		2018-05-01

**WESLEY PLACE METHODIST CHURCH ALSAGER**

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# Accounts

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# Charity Commission Annual Return 2025

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WESLEY PLACE METHODIST CHURCH ALSAGER

Charity registration number: 1200390

**Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.**

**This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2025.**

## PART A - Charity information

### Financial period

Financial period start date

01/09/2024

Financial period end date

31/08/2025

### Income and spending

Income £

£ 110,816

Spending £

£ 77,826

### Number of contracts from government

**How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?**

0

### Number of grants from government

**How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?**

1

### Value of grants from government

**What was the total value of the grants received from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?**

£ 8,000

## Income breakdown

### Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 46,321

### Charitable activities

£ 47,946

### Other trading activities

£ 13,867

### Investments

£ 2,682

### Other

£ 0

## Corporate donations

**What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from a corporate donor during the financial period of this return?**

£ 0

## Donations from individuals

**What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from an individual during the financial period of this return?**

£ 1,200

## Donations from related parties

**What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from a related party during the financial period of this return?**

£ 0

## Grantmaking

**Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?**

No

## Recipients of grants

**Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).**

### Individuals

£ 0

### Other charities

£ 0

### Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

## Trustee payments

**Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?**

e. None of the trustees have been paid

**Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?**

No

#### Income from outside the UK

**Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?**

No

#### Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

**Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?**

No

#### Spending outside of the United Kingdom

**Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?**

No

**Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom**

£

#### Trading subsidiaries

**Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?**

No

#### Employment contract types

**People were permanently employed by your charity**

0

**People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity**

0

**Self-employed people were working for your charity**

1

#### Total overseas employees

**How many of the people above work on behalf of your charity outside of the United Kingdom?**

0

#### Total employee payroll

**What was the total amount spent on employee payroll during the financial period relating to this return?**

£ 0

Employees' salaries

**Did any of your charity's employees receive total employment benefits of £60,000 or more in the financial period of this annual return?**

No

Governance policies

**Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures**

Yes

**Safeguarding policy and procedures**

Yes

**Financial reserves policy and procedures**

Yes

**Complaints policy and procedures**

Yes

**Serious incident reporting policy and procedures**

Yes

**Internal risk management policy and procedures**

Yes

**Trustee expenses policy and procedures**

Yes

**Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures**

Yes

**Investing charity funds policy and procedures**

Yes

**Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures**

Yes

**Bullying and harassment policy and procedures**

Yes

**Social media policy and procedures**

No

**Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures**

Yes

Safeguarding

**Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?**

Yes

**a. Standard DBS checks have been obtained for all eligible roles**

Yes

**b. Enhanced DBS checks have been obtained for all eligible roles**

Yes

c. Enhanced with Barred List(s) DBS checks have been obtained for all eligible roles

No

### Serious Incidents

**Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?**

No

### External risk and impact

**Donations**

Unknown

**Other income - grants**

Unknown

**Other income - contracts**

Unknown

**Other income - investment**

Unknown

**Expenditure on charitable activities**

Unknown

**Expenditure on overheads**

Unknown

**Number of volunteers**

Unknown

**Number of employees**

Unknown

**Number of trustees**

Unknown

**Fundraising activities**

Unknown

**Capacity to deliver services**

Unknown

**Total service demand**

Unknown

### Volunteers

**Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?**

20

**Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:**

- **you have consented to their release; or**
- **we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- **we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

**We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:**

- **we can lawfully do so; and**
- **we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

**Information we collect about you**

**We will use this information:**

**To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;**

**This will include the following actions:**

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

**Information we receive from other sources.**

**Information we receive from other sources**

**We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.**

**We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).**

**We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.**

**The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.**

**As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.**

**Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.**

## Declaration

**This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>WESLEY PLACE METHODIST CHURCH, ALSAGER</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2025**

<b>CHESHIRE SOUTH</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>11/08</b>
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<b>Registered Charity - Charity Registration number</b>	1200390
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<b>If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number</b>	XR 86642
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(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'd Rob Hilton
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Church Stewards:

Alicia Crompton (Senior)	Harriet Crompton
Catherine Bowen-Fanstone	Natasha Walker
Sarah Simpson	Andrew Shaw

Treasurer:

David Crompton
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SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		46,321		<b>46,321</b>	47,009
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		589	2,093	<b>2,682</b>	2,656
a4	Lettings		13,867		<b>13,867</b>	7,820
a5	Other receipts		45,946	2,000	<b>47,946</b>	30,883
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>106,723</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>110,816 (a7)</b>	<b>88,368</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		34,855		<b>34,855</b>	55,746
b3	Donations		120		<b>120</b>	428
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		3,936		<b>3,936</b>	5,649
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		17,470		<b>17,470</b>	19,223
b6	Other Regular Running Costs		10,467	265	<b>10,732</b>	14,434
b7	Other payments		10,714		<b>10,714</b>	
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>77,561</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>77,826 (b9)</b>	<b>95,480</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	29,161	3,828	<b>32,989</b>	(7,111)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year				<b>56,434 (c6)</b>	63,546
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	29,161	3,828	<b>89,424</b>	<b>56,434</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>29,161</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>89,424 (c8)</b>	<b>56,434 (c6)</b>

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			524
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			524
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>			
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>			

**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 2025 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 Ark 0-2-5 Group						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	110,816 (a7)	77,826 (b9)	32,989	(c7)	56,434 (c6)	89,424 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	110,816	77,826	32,989		56,434 (x)	89,424 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	5,311	33,760
f3 CFB Investment Account	1,025	3,293
f4 CFB Project Account	50,098	52,371
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	56,434 (c6)	89,424 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	56,434 (x)	89,424 (y)

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		4,284,787
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		17,425
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 .. Wesley Place Methodist Church

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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer *David Crompton* ..... Date *12.09.2025*

Name and address of treasurer ..... David Crompton

23 Station Road, Alsager ST7 2PJ

### 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 *13.10.2025*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *NAC Sreen* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting *NAC Sreen* ..... Date *13 Oct '25*

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Wesley Place Methodist Church

Charity Number .. 1200390

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Wesley Place Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1... to ...3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

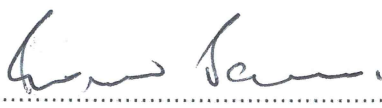
**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 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 Roger Pask.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....Company Director (Retired).....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... 36 Wesley Avenue, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent

..... Post Code .....ST7 2NG

Date .... 12th September 2025

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**WESLEY PLACE METHODIST CHURCH ALSAGER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1200390

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# Accounts

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**Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager**  
**Registered Charity No:1142234**

**TRUSTEES` ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Wesley Place Methodist Church is based in Alsager, Cheshire. Opened in 1869 Wesley Place celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019. The Church was built to provide for a growing population in Alsager made popular by the advent of the railway and to supplement the original one room Methodist Chapel in Hassall Road Alsager built in 1834 and extended in 1852. As the congregation grew in 1969 Wesley Place added a modern extension building to accommodate its growing Sunday School.

Wesley Place Methodist Church Alsager is part of Cheshire South Methodist Circuit.

Varying styles of Sunday Worship are offered from traditional to shorter reflective devotion in addition to a brunch, messy church, and an opportunity to learn new hymns and songs. On Wednesday Morning we meet in fellowship and share Holy Communion.

The Church Hall and additional buildings are used extensively for our own mission activities and by others or hired out for a wide range of community purposes throughout the week.

**Managing Trustees 2023/24:**

Isabel Brislen	Andrew Dale Shaw
Carol Challinor	Sarah Simpkin
David Michael Crompton	Valerie Snowden
Celia Mary Crompton	Alison Jane Steele
Harriet Emily Weatherby Crompton	Andrew Tyrell
Alicia Rose Weatherby Crompton	Natasha Walker
Catherine Bowen-Fanstone	
Rev Robert Hilton	
Margaret Keeling	
Daniel Mark Keen	
Janet Keen	
Dorothy Ann Milner	
Sandra Fawley Moors	
Peter Morris	
Christianne Morris	
Lesly Elizabeth Peake	
Gwynneth Proudlove	
Sandra Laura Rawlinson	
Helen Robertson	

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Church has continued with its mission objectives focused upon community outreach successfully building and expanding its activities including: -

Dinner Hub

Youth Club Activities

The Ark

Hope Journey

Action for Children Saturday Coffee

Monday Games

Wednesday Morning Service

Christmas Tree Festival



## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The method of accounting used is that of Receipts and Payments and the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts, which is attached to this report, summarises the Receipts and Payments for the year ending **31 August 2024**.

The Church finances and congregation were depleted because of the pandemic lockdowns and restrictions between January 2020 and July 2021. Since the end of the Pandemic the congregation has started to return and new mission initiatives commenced. Although the Church remains financially challenged the congregation is currently stable as is the revenue stream.

Our largest outgoing was the Circuit Assessment which amounted to **£55,745**, much higher than in the previous year when we had benefitted from a 25% discount provided by the Circuit to its churches to assist them in their recovery from the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Total Church receipts amounted to **£88,368** and Payments came to **£95,480** resulting in a deficit of **£7,112**.

Our offerings and Tax recovered in the year totaled **£47,009**, a little down on the previous year but the room lettings increased to **£7,820**.

Fundraising receipts from our Christmas Tree Festival in November 2023 amounted to **£5,500**, a little higher than in 2022.

Our Church members and volunteers continue to put considerable effort into fundraising events and seeking grant support to secure the finances required to support mission outreach.

### RESERVES

A Reserves Policy has been prepared. On 31 August 2024, the General Fund held **£6,336** and our restricted funds a sum of **£50,098** reserved for a building refurbishment project.

A draft Budget for 2024/25 has been prepared with expenditure forecast at **£79,904**, and income payments at **£83,770**, so exceeding payments.

We have been unable to rebuild our reserves where we aim to hold up to 50% of our annual expenditure.

### THE FUTURE

Last year we were conscious that without the Circuit Assessment discount our small surplus for 2022/2023 would have been wiped out. We expected a particularly challenging 2023/2024 year financially, when the Circuit Assessment returned to its normal level, and as forecast a year end deficit was realised.

Anticipating then the heightened risk of running out of funds in 2024/2025 we have negotiated a 10-year interest free loan of **£17,420** from Cheshire South Circuit, representing the first four monthly Circuit Assessments commencing 1 September 2024. The capital is repayable over 10 years by annual instalments of **£1,742** commencing September 2025.

This loan will relieve the pressure on our finances whilst we continue our mission in the community and look to grow both our Church congregation and income..

## **DECLARATIONS**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature

Full Name

Position

Date

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Cheshire South	Circuit	Circuit no.	11/18
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1200390
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Rev`d Rob Hilton
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Church Stewards:

Alicia Crompton - Senior Steward
Harriet Crompton
Catherine Bowen- Fanstone
Natasha Walker
Andrew Shaw
Sarah Simpkin

Treasurer:

David Crompton
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	47,009		47,009	51,110
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	123	2,533	2,656	1,689
a4	Lettings	7,820		7,820	7,355
a5	Other receipts	28,683	2,200	30,883	12,573
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>83,636</b>	<b>4,733</b>	<b>88,368</b>	<b>72,727</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	55,746		55,746	42,333
b3	Donations	428		428	1,772
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,649		5,649	4,492
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19,223		19,223	11,089
b6	Other Regular Running Costs	10,978	3,456	14,434	3,545
b7	Other payments				5,873
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>92,024</b>	<b>3,456</b>	<b>95,480</b>	<b>69,104</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	(8,388)	1,277	(7,111)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year			63,546	(c6)
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	(8,388)	1,277	<b>56,434</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>(8,388)</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>56,434</b>

SECTION D		£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		(60)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	524	
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d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>		<b>(60)</b>

**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 2024 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.

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e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds									(e11)		(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)		88,368 (a7)	95,480 (b9)	(7,111)	(c7)	63,546 (c6)				56,434 (c8)	
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>		<b>88,368</b>	<b>95,480</b>	<b>(7,111)</b>		<b>63,546 (x)</b>			<b>56,434 (y)</b>		
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>								

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	14,006		5,311
f2	Bank Current Account	902		1,025
f3	Bank Deposit Account			
f4	Central Finance Board Investment Account	48,638		50,098
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes			
f6	Other funds CFB Project Account			
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>63,546 (c6)</b>		<b>56,434 (c8)</b>
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**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
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g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,176,192
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
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Name of Church . **Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager**

## 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 1st September 2024

Name and address of treasurer ..... **David Crompton**

**Parkholme, 23 Station Road, Alsager ST7 2PJ**

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13 November 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ROBERT HILTON Date 13/11/24

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

**Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager**

**Charity Number 1200390**

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the WESLEY PLACE METHODIST ALSAGER Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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 . **Wesley Place Methodist Church , Alsager**

**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 .... **Roger Pask**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. **Company Director (Retired)**

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address **36 Wesley Road, Alsager**

..... Post Code **ST7 2NG**

Date ..... **7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.**

\* delete or circle as appropriate

## RESERVES POLICY of

**Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager**(\*Church Council  Circuit Meeting  / District )

1.	<b>General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2024</b>	£6,336
2.	<b>Restricted Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2024</b>	£50,098
3.	<b>Endowment Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2024</b>	£0

4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

The General Funds are held in our NatWest and CFB bank accounts. These monies are required to fund the running of our Society so enabling our mission work.

Our Policy in ordinary time is to keep a minimum reserve fund equivalent to three months' or 25% of our annual expenditure.

We are currently experiencing severe financial challenges so have exhausted our reserve funds to maintain our local mission. We are currently working through a mission/ sustainability plan, with Circuit support, so will reinstate our reserves in accordance with our Policy as soon as we are able.

5. **Policy for Restricted Funds**

The restricted funds are held in a separate CFB bank account. Such funds were donated for specific purposes, an example of which is a current mission based building project, and they must be used for those purposes only.



The balance needed for these funds is dictated by the specific purpose for which the funds were donated.

6. **Terms relating to Endowment Funds held**

We do not hold any Endowment Funds, so this is not applicable to us.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

(\*Church Council  / Circuit Meeting  / District )

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name	Full Name
David Crompton	ROBERT HILTON
Signature	Signature
	

**WESLEY PLACE METHODIST CHURCH ALSAGER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1200390

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# Accounts

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**Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager  
Registered Charity No:1142234**

**TRUSTEES` ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Wesley Place Methodist Church is based in Alsager, Cheshire. Opened in 1869 Wesley Place celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019. The Church was built to provide for a growing population in Alsager made popular by the advent of the railway and to supplement the original one room Methodist Chapel in Hassall Road Alsager built in 1834 and extended in 1852. As the congregation grew in 1969 Wesley Place added a modern extension building to accommodate its growing Sunday School in 1969.

Wesley Place Methodist Church Alsager is part of Cheshire South Methodist Circuit.

Varying styles of Sunday Worship are offered from traditional to a shorter reflective devotion in addition to a brunch, messy church and an opportunity to learn new hymns and songs. On Wednesday Morning we meet in fellowship and share Holy Communion.

The Church Hall and additional buildings are used extensively for our own mission activities and by others or hired out for a wide range of community purposes throughout the week.

## **Managing Trustees 2022/23:**

Rev Robert Hilton	Peter Morris
Isabel Brislen	Janet Keen
Margaret Keeling	Jonny Newbould
Lesley Elizabeth Peake	Catherine Bowen-Fanstone
David Michael Crompton	Helen Robertson
Sandra Fawley Moors	Alison Jane Steele
Celia Mary Crompton	Harriet Emily Weatherby Crompton
Dorothy Anne Milner	Alicia Rose Weatherby Crompton
Valerie Snowden	Andrew Dale Shaw
Gwynneth Proudlove	Natasha Jane Walker
Sarah Simpkin	Sandra Laura Rawlinson
Carol Challinor	Daniel Mark Keen
Christianne Morris	

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

During the Covid pandemic the Church buildings remained closed but pastoral care continued and online Zoom services on a Sunday replaced in person worship. Observing COVID restrictions the Church continued to connect with the membership and pastoral roll but in 2022 when the Church reopened the Sunday congregation was much reduced. Covid had taken its toll.

However, the Church has set about new mission objectivities focused upon community outreach and has continued to successfully build and expand its activities,

Dinner Hub

Youth work

The Ark

Hope Journey

Christmas Tree Festival

Action for Children Saturday Coffee

Monday Games

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The method of accounting used is that of Receipts and Payments and the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts, which is attached to this report, summarises the Receipts and Payments for the year ending **31 August 2023**.

The Church finances and congregation were depleted because of the pandemic lockdowns and restrictions between January 2020 and July 2021 but have since shown a gradual improvement.

Our largest outgoing was the Circuit Assessment which amounted to **£42,333** which included a 25% discount provided by the Circuit to its churches to assist them in their recovery from the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Total Church receipts amounted to **£72,726** and Payments came to **£69,104** leaving a surplus of **£3,622**.

Our offerings and Tax recovered in the year totalled **£51,109**, a little down on the previous year as were the room lettings which came to **£7,355**.

Fundraising receipts from our Christmas Tree Festival in November 2022 amounted to **£5,391**.

Our Church members and volunteers continue to put considerable effort into fundraising events and seeking grant support to secure the finances required to support mission outreach.

### RESERVES

A Reserves Policy has been prepared. On 31 August 2023, the General Fund held **£14,006** and our restricted funds a sum of **£49,540** reserved for a future mission-based building project.

A draft Budget for 2023/24 has been prepared with expenditure forecast at **£95,309**, and with income behind it at **£69,256**.

We have been unable to rebuild our reserves where we aim to hold up to 50% of our annual expenditure.

### THE FUTURE

We are conscious that without the Circuit Assessment discount our small surplus for 2022/2023 would have been wiped out and we expect a particularly challenging year financially when the Circuit Assessment returns to normal levels. Further during 2023/2024 our energy contracts negotiated 3 years ago expire so we anticipate significantly higher energy costs when new contracts are arranged. The forecast budget for 2023/24 shows that we expect to be in deficit at year end, so as well as fund raising, we will be seeking grants to enable our mission work to continue.

### DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature

Full Name

Position

Date

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023**

<b>Cheshire South</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>11/18</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1200390

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`d Rob Hilton

**Church Stewards:**

Lesley Peake - Senior

Dot Milner

Sandra Rawlinson

Catherine Bowen Fanstone

Andrew Shaw

Harriet Crompton

Alicia Crompton

Natasha Walker

**Treasurer:**

David Crompton

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	51,109		51,109	52,896
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,689		1,689	203
a4	Lettings	7,355		7,355	8,392
a5	Other receipts	12,573		12,573	26,845
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>72,726</b>		<b>72,726 (a7)</b>	<b>88,336</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	42,333		42,333	56,443
b3	Donations	1,772		1,772	50
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	4,492		4,492	8,630
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,089		11,089	10,259
b6					
b7	Other payments	9,418		9,418	7,064
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>69,104</b>		<b>69,104 (b9)</b>	<b>82,446</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	3,622	3,622	5,890
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		59,924	59,924 (c6)	54,035
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	63,546	63,546	59,925
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>63,546</b>	<b>63,546 (c8)</b>	<b>59,925 (c5)</b>

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		(60)	(60)
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		154	192
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		154	192
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(60)</b>

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e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>72,726</b>	<b>69,104</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>59,924 (x)</b>	<b>63,546 (y)</b>
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			

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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	
f2	Bank Current Account	14,006
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board (2 Accounts)	49,540
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	
f6	Other funds	
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>63,546 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>63,546 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,188,357
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
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Name of Church . **Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager**

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer *David Crompton* ..... Date *24 October 2023*

Name and address of treasurer: David Crompton, 21, Station Road, Alsager, Stoke On Trent ST7 2PJ

### 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 25 October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Robert Hilton* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting *ROBERT HILTON* ..... Date *25/10/23*

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Charity Number 1200390

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Signature of independent examiner ..... 

Name of independent examiner ..... Roger Pask

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... Retired Company Director

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 36, Wesley Avenue Alsager Cheshire

..... Post Code .... ST7 2NG

Date ..... 24 OCTOBER 2023 .....

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

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