

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Willington Open Door Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

West Durham

Circuit

Circuit no.

1312

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1203431

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:

Bruce Sawyer

Church Stewards:

Helen Pryce

Veronica Rowe

Treasurer:

Veronica Rowe

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	9,854		9,854	15,259
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,784		2,784	1,945
a4	Lettings	37,217		37,217	21,200
a5	Other receipts	6,039	58,041	64,080	167,649
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	55,894	58,041	113,935 (a7)	206,053

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	20,655		20,655	30,910
b3	Donations				400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	24,517		24,517	7,325
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,005		10,005	10,969
b6					7,776
b7	Other payments	11,387	120,976	132,363	103,734
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	66,564	120,976	187,540 (b9)	161,114

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(10,670)	(62,935)	(73,605)	44,939
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	79,969	115,752	195,721 (c6)	150,765
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	69,299	52,817	122,116	195,704
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	17
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	69,299	52,817	122,116 (c8)	195,721 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	466	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	466	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

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.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
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)					
	113,935 (a7)	187,540 (b9)	(73,605)	(c7)	195,721 (c6)	122,116 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH					
	113,935	187,540	(73,605)		195,721 (x)	122,116 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	138,900	70,600
f3		
f4	58,588	51,364
f5	145	153
f6		
f7	195,721 (c6)	122,117 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	195,721 (x)	122,117 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1		
g2		
g3		
g4		
g5		

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 .. Willington Open Door Methodist Church

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..... 15/10/2024

Name and address of treasurer Veronica Rowe

..... 38 Birch Drive Willington DL15 0BL

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 ...22/10/2024.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Bruce Sawyer 22/10/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Willington Open Door Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1203431

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Willington Methodist 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 . . Willington Open Door Methodist Church

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner D J Kidd

Name of independent examiner David Joseph Kidd

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACIS

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 9 Bridge Street, Howden le Wear

Post Code DL15 8EX

Date 8 Jan 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

**WILLINGTON OPEN DOOR METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1203431**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW
2023/24**

Mission Statement

"Our mission as The Willington Open Door Methodist Church is "To seek to express as fully as possible the love of Christ for all, through the whole life of the church in this community and neighbourhood."

2023/24 Financial Review

In support of the above Mission Statement and in line with the stated aims of the charity Willington Open Door Methodist Church utilises its funds in accordance with its aims and purpose as well as integrating those of the wider Methodist Church organisation.

Within its accounts the church also includes all grant income and expenditure associated with the Our Confident Community Project which is a community centered project overseen and accountable to the managing trustees.

The financial accounts for 2023/24 detail all funds held and overseen by the Church Meeting the membership of which constitutes the Managing Trustees of the Willington Open Door Methodist Church Charity.

The Reserves Policy was reviewed during the year and relates to the general (unrestricted) funds which are freely available to be used for any of the purposes of the Church. Restricted Funds held in the general account are specifically earmarked for the Our Confident Community Project.

Other funds including monies held at the Central Finance Board as part of the general funds total are also included for clarity and openness and to show that the Church has a policy for the management of all its resources not simply those that are defined as reserves.

The financial aims of the Charity are:

- (1) To secure and sustain the Church's viability and future
- (2) To give reassurance to the general public that the Church, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.
- (3) To ensure all funds associated with the Our Confident Community Project are apportioned accordingly incorporating staffing costs.

Church Financial Policy

Essentially provides for:

- a) The revenue costs associated with the running of Willington Open Door Methodist Church and its building
- b) The support of the Our Confident Community Project and its associated activities including the employment of support staff
- c) The ongoing repairs, maintenance and improvement to its building asset.

Financial Management

The Church finances are reviewed annually and covers the annual revenue costs including the costs of (a) to (c) above and the requirement to fulfill church assessments payable to the West Durham Methodist Circuit.

Provision is made for property maintenance and any fluctuations in current or future staffing levels.

The trustees have established their mission aims taking in to account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money.

The Church Fund (General Account)

The total amount held in the Church Fund General Account at the end of the year was £122,116. This includes £51,364 held in the Methodist Church Central Finance Board Account. During the year in addition to general church revenue and expenditure, £58,041 was received in support of the Open Door Our Confident Community Project and £120,604 was expended largely on costs associated with staffing, activities and community support help and advice initiatives.

Approximately £24,517 was spent on building improvements that included a new storeroom and solar panels installation. Caretaker costs totaled £9,086.

During the year total income received was £113,936 and total expenditure was £187,541.

Use of Designated Funds 2024/25 and Reserves

The Charity Commission requires that Trustees set a policy for the management of the Church Funds. The total funds held at the end of the year (August 2024) were **£122,116** and have been earmarked as follows:

Reserves Fund - £45,000 6-9 Month Revenue Costs
General Fund - £54,000 Our Confident Community Project
General Fund - £23,000 Transitional Grant Reduction

Managing Trustees
Willington Open Door Methodist Church