

Dalton Community Church

Charity No 1208602

Address: Market Street, Dalton-in-Furness, LA15 8RQ

Trustees Annual Report for 1st September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Dalton Community Church is a charity with the following purpose:

To advance the Christian faith in the area where we are situated in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating churches – these being the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

We aim to do this by:

- a) the celebration of public worship
- b) the teaching of the Christian faith
- c) mission and evangelism
- d) pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs.
- f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

This report describes how the Church has met these charitable aims in the period September 2024 to August 2025 (our financial year).

We have:

- Held worship services weekly on Sunday mornings, monthly on Tuesday afternoons and extra services during the Christmas and Easter periods.
- Held 8 trustee meetings and 4 congregational meetings (one of which was an Annual General Meeting) in accordance with our constitution.
- Held free weekly afternoon drop-in sessions as a “Warm Hub”, providing a warm environment, hot drinks and soup, and a chance to chat, do crafts, play board and table games, complete jigsaws, etc.
- Held fortnightly meetings with speakers on a variety of mainly Christian topics.
- Held 8 “Messy Church” sessions and 4 “Eco-Warriors” sessions where children aged up to 11 years and their parents and carers have learnt about the Christian faith and caring for our planet through crafts, games, singing and stories.
- Hired the church premises out to organisations and individuals for coffee mornings, children’s parties, ante-natal classes, plus meetings of Furness Stroke Support Group, Dropzone Youth Group and Askam Local History Group. All hiring purposes have been vetted and agreed by the Trustees.
- Hosted community meals, concerts, a garden party, a local history exhibition and other social events.
- Undertaken activities to raise money for other charities including the Furness Homeless Support Centre and Breast Cancer Now!.

Our Minister and other Trustees kept in touch with any sick or bereaved members and friends through phone calls, social media, visits and Christmas cards.

Financial Summary for the year 1.9.24 to 31.8.25

Income: **£42,899** – mainly received from members’ and attendees’ donations, hire of our premises, fundraising events and grants.

Expenditure: **£40,960** – mainly spent on contributions to the Methodist and United Reformed Churches who oversee us, utilities, repairs and building maintenance.

Credit for the Year **£1,939**

Margaret Harrison,

Trustee, on behalf of the Trustees of Dalton Community Church

Date: 27.2.2026

Trustees (elected / re-elected at AGMs and serving a term of 3 years):

Rev Katherine Rachael Hunt

(Ex-officio Chair and Minister)

Rev Ann Margaret Hufton (re-elected 17.11.24)

Margaret Edith Harrison (re-elected 4.12.22)

Robert Edward Mantle (re-elected 4.12.22)

Lynne Marie Pearce (re-elected 4.12.22)

Alan Mason (elected 4.12.22)

Gillian Margaret Routledge (elected

Patricia Ann Wilson (re-elected 17.11.24)

4.12.22)

Margaret Eleanor Cain (elected 17.11.24)

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Dalton Community Church with Askam Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Sunday, August 31, 2025

Circuit	Circuit no.	1/10
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1208602
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 Kate Hunt (URC)

Trustees (LEP)
Robert Mantle
Lynne Pearce
Margaret Harrison
Patricia Wilson
Gill Routledge
Ann Hufton

Treasurer:
Lynne Pearce & Robert Mantle

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	21,642		21,642	27,090
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,286		1,286	1,736
a4	Lettings	10,074		10,074	8,580
a5	Grants & Fundraising	8,562		8,562	39,622
a6	Other receipts	1,335		1,335	684
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	42,899	0	42,899 (a7)	77,712
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	25,982		25,982	25,982
b3	Donations			0	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,494		6,494	9,730
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,768		7,768	8,012
b6	Loan Repayment (to United Area			0	50,000
b7	Other payments	716		716	3,321
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	40,960	0	40,960 (b9)	97,044
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	1,939	0	1,939	(19,333)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	37,077	12,606	49,683 (c6)	69,016
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	39,017	12,606	51,623	49,683
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	39,017	12,606	51,623 (c8)	49,683 (c6)
SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
		£		£	
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0		35	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,879		1,220	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,879		1,255	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	0		0	

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	Cuppa, Chat & Company	300	820	(520)		3,477	2,957
e2							
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	300	820	(520)	0	3,477 (e11)	2,957 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	42,899 (a7)	40,960 (b9)	1,939	(c7)	49,683 (c6)	51,623 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	43,199	41,780	1,419	0	53,161 (x)	54,580 (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 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	67	57
f2	Bank Current Account	2,255	826
f3	Bank Deposit Account	22,951	33,905
f4	Central Finance Board	11,722	4,145
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	12,606	12,606
f6	Other funds	83	83
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	49,683 (c6)	51,623 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,477 (e11)	2,957 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	53,161 (x)	54,580 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		0
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,809,005	2,541,434
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
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 Chu

Dalton Community Church with Askam Methodist

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

11/1/2025

Name and address of tre

Robert Mantle

14 Romney Park

.....Dalton in Furness

LA15 8B1

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the

Rev Kate Hunt

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Dalton Community Church with Askam Methodist

Charity Number 1208602

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 2025 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

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

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dalton Community Church
Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Joel Williams

Fellow of The Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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14/11/2025