

Trustees Annual Report for Year

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Charity Name: Roundhay Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number: 1210438

Charity's Principal Address: Oakwood Church, Springwood Road, Leeds LS8 2QA

Email: office@oakwoodchurch.info

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union, the advancement of –

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organization of the Methodist Church;
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institutional subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The principal activities of Roundhay Methodist Church, as a part of Oakwood Church (a Methodist Anglican Partnership), are the provision of opportunities and facilities for regular Christian Worship and associated activities and provision of facilities for youth and other community activities.

To this end we:

- a. Provide corporate worship and related activities for spiritual growth and the deepening of faith in God through Christ.
- b. Express Christian love through mutual care and support and provide for fellowship for members and for others within the community.
- c. Provide outreach of faith and witness within and beyond the local community and to extend the church family.
- d. Raise the awareness of the church family of concerns experienced by our fellow Christians and others, in other countries, in this city and the neighbourhood.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976)

The Local Church is governed by a Church Council consisting of Church members acting as Trustees. The Trustees consist of the Circuit Ministers, designated Church office holders ex officio and a number of other members by election.

The Church Council makes all key decisions relating to the day to day running of the Church unless delegated to one of the committees, (though it retains ultimate accountability). Some key decisions including matters relating to the appointment of circuit ministers and the contribution that Churches shall make to the local Circuit, are made by the local Methodist Circuit (Leeds North and East Circuit of the Methodist Church).

Trustees

The following were Trustees of Roundhay Methodist Church during 2024/25:

Rev Dr George Bailey	Rev Edward Sakwe
Linda Holden	Anne Kirkland
Paul Muncer	Heather Cooper
Albina Kipkalom	Kevin Jones
Paul Koriang	Peter Howdle
Louise Murray	Leanora Rankine
Jill Fraser	Barbara Belsham
Rev Tanya Short	Susan Noble
Graham Sutton	Susan Howdle

Methodist-Anglican Partnership

On 14 November 2013, Roundhay Methodist Church and Roundhay St John (Church of England) formed an Ecumenical Partnership, taking the name Oakwood Church.

There is a joint Church Council, Oakwood Church Council, comprised of Roundhay Methodist Church Council and Roundhay St John's Parochial Church Council. Most of the business is dealt with by Oakwood Church Council, but any specific Methodist or Anglican church business is managed by the relevant individual church council within the larger meeting.

Activities and Achievements

Oakwood Church works with Missional Generation, buying in the services of a youth worker part time to carry out youth and children's work in the church and local schools. Ollie Greenfield left the role during the year, but was replaced by Mark Wheeler.

Oakwood Church also employs a part-time administrator, Naomi Polson.

On Thursday 12 September 2024 Rev Gemma Fleury was licensed as Interim Priest-in-Charge for the Anglican church. She went on maternity leave in August 2025.

Rev Dr George Bailey led his last service here on Sunday 3 August 2025, as he has been appointed to a post at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. Rev Nigel Wright has been appointed as the Methodist Presbyterian from 1 September 2025

We have adjusted our pattern of worship this year, so the 1st, 2nd and 5th Sundays are all-age services, with Oakwood Kids available on 3rd and 4th Sundays during morning worship. There are two youth groups meeting on Sunday evenings, one for ages 8-11 and the other for 11-18 year olds.

We have a variety of worship available throughout the month, with communion available each Sunday, either in the morning or afternoon, with the 2nd, 4th, and 5th morning Sunday services available to attend remotely on Zoom. Once a month there is silent prayer on a Monday afternoon. There is a zoom bible study held weekly during term time on a Wednesday evening and two other house groups meet regularly.

We are encouraging more members of the congregation to participate in worship, in particular in singing and in leading local arrangement services.

We have been engaging with the local community more where possible, when there have been events at Oakwood Clock and on Oakwood Day. We have continued with Christmas and Good Friday services at Oakwood Clock, Christmas services in local care homes and retirement residential complexes. We have increased our presence in services in local care homes throughout the year.

We produce a newsletter three times a year that is delivered to all the homes in our parish and deliver prayer cards monthly to the streets we are praying for that month.

Due to being an ecumenical partnership and to honour the unity better, we have revised the way we charge for funerals and weddings, so the fees are in line regardless of which minister conducts the service.

The church runs groups for the community, including a Toddler Group, Monday Café, Bowls, Snooker, Pickleball, Scottish Dancing, Thursday Lunch Club and an Art Group. We also support a number of uniformed groups in the Scouts and Guiding Movements, as well as hosting a number of community groups.

The church supports a number of charities through fund raising activities, including, but not limited to The Leprosy Mission, Action for Children, The Children's Society, All We Can, Methodist Homes and MacMillan.

Financial Review

The Church's main source of funds is from freewill offerings by members and others, supplemented by income from rents paid by organisations for the use of rooms. Expenditure is needed for contributing to the maintenance of ministry in the local Methodist Circuit, for property expenses, for selective grants and for worship.

Total income for the 2024/2025 financial year was £110k, a slight reduction on the previous year. Giving dipped a little, reflecting both changes within our congregation and the financial challenges many are experiencing. Lettings income also fell as several long-standing groups moved on.

Total expenditure for the year was £104k, marginally below the previous year's figure. Day-to-day running costs such as utilities, maintenance and insurance remained stable. Youth work continues to be a significant and valued area of investment and our contribution to the wider Methodist Circuit remains one of our largest commitments.

A surplus of £3.5k was realised during the year. Together with a £2.8k refund received from the Connexion, this strengthened our cash reserves, which stood at £107k at year end.

A copy of the 2024/25 accounts for Roundhay Methodist Church for the year to 31 August 2025, can be found from page 5.

Reserves Policy

For 2024/25, the Church had a reserves policy that stated that the General Fund balance on the last day of the financial year should be at least 25% of the expenditure for that year.

At the year-end reserves were 103% of expenditure.

Approval

This annual report was approved by:

Roundhay Methodist Church Council

24 May 2026



Revd Nigel Wright (Minister of Roundhay Methodist Church)

Chair of Roundhay Methodist Church Council

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

OAKWOOD CHURCH

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Circuit	Circuit no
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1210438

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:

REVEREND DR GEORGE BAILEY

Church Stewards:

MISS HEATHER COOPER

MR KEVIN JONES

MRS JILL FRASER

MR PAUL MUNCER

Treasurer:

PAUL KORIANG

OAKWOOD CHURCH

Church

Church - Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

SECTION A

a1	RECEIPTS	Note
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	
a4	Lettings	
a5	Other receipts	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	

This year's amount to the nearest £

£
59,970
1,275
42,697
6,817
110,759

Last year's amount to the nearest £

£
61,941
895
45,262
2,688
110,788

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS	
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	
b3	Donations	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	
b5	Utilities (insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	
b6	Other payments	
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	

57,631
6,497
14,214
25,809
104,451

55,089
150
7,877
14,211
28,631
105,958

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6 - b7)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c1 + c2)
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	

6,307

4,829

101,063 (c7)

95,234

107,371

101,063 (c7)

1,889,092

1,889,092

SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

d1	Balances held at TMOCP at 31 August	
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	

17,977
89,394
107,371

19,424
81,639
101,063

SECTION E

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		
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(e1+e2-e3)	

OAKWOOD Church Accounts 2025 for Audit v1

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Name of Church OAKWOOD CHURCH No.....

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 Ekenok W Date 23 March 2026

Name and address of treasurer Paul Koriang, Oakwood Church, Springwood Road, Leeds

Post Code LS8 2QA

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 21st April 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Nigel Wright

Name of the Chair of the meeting NIGEL WRIGHT Date 21/4/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Oakwood Church

Charity Number: 1210438

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Oakwood Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on page 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: Oakwood Church No: 1210438

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: Richard Smedley

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate): Richard Smedley Chartered Accountants

Address: Richmond House, Lawnswood Business Park
Redvers Close, Leeds Post Code: LS16 6QY

Date: 06/02/2026

* delete or circle as appropriate