

# MOUNT ZION INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH (TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH)

England & Wales - Charity number 249330

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1966-10-05

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE INDEPENDENT METHODIST CONNEXION.

**Activities:** Religious Christian Group operating under a Trinitarian doctrine offering Christian Education and community activities in order to promote local community spirit and offering support to anyone in the community who may need it.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PEMBERTON AND DISTRICT
- Wigan

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-10-31 | £29,203 | £13,130     | -      | -         |
| 2023-10-31 | £31,121 | £41,921     | -      | -         |
| 2022-10-31 | £14,966 | £13,504     | -      | -         |
| 2021-10-31 | £8,878  | £7,739      | -      | -         |
| 2020-10-31 | £11,924 | £8,428      | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                 | Role  | Appointed  |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| JACK WHATTON         | Chair |            |
| DAVID JOHN REED      |       | 2016-01-31 |
| MR BARRY HART        |       |            |
| Michael John Whatton |       | 2024-01-01 |

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# Accounts

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**Trustees Report 2025**

**Aim** The church seeks to Equip, Enable, and Encourage people to come to faith in Jesus and develop their gifts in His service.

**Theme** Jesus Light of the World, lights in the world.

**Membership**

The church has 43 members

Registered as a CIO in March 2024

**Trustees** David Western (chair) Alan Scholes (secretary) Kathy Rhodes, Harold Hargreaves, Thomas Laemmer, Gordon Hardiman, Keith Kershaw, Martyn Smith.

**Church Officials** Martin Ashby Smith (chair) Alan Scholes (secretary) Margaret Baker (treasurer)

**Minister** Susan Western

**Leadership team** Ann Jane Laemmer, Shirley Ashworth and Tony Barnfather.

**Meetings**

Trustees (once a quarter)

Members and congregation (every eight weeks)

Leadership (weekly)

**Working Groups**

Pastoral, Young People, Administration, Outreach and Ministry, all having areas of responsibility to organize church activities.

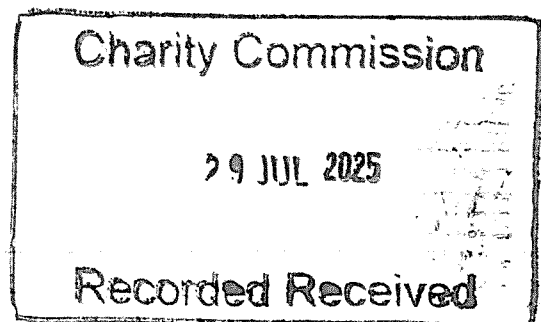
**Church Activities**

Worship Services at 10-45am including Sunday Club for children. (weekly)

Special Evening Services 6pm (bi-monthly)

Monday at one friendship group (weekly)—Ukuielele group Monday (weekly)—Prayer meeting zoom Monday (weekly)—Keep fit Tuesday (weekly)—Bible study Tuesday (weekly)—Little Stars play group Wednesday (weekly)—Bible study Wednesday (weekly)—Bible study Thursday (weekly)—Games night (monthly)—Lego café (bi monthly)—Musical Memories dementia group (monthly)—Saturday Reflections (monthly)—Worship group practice (weekly)

All the activities are organized and staffed by volunteers and are advertised locally and continue throughout the year.



## **Achievement and performance**

Church and Trustees meetings have taken place on a regular basis. All the group activities have taken place with a noticeable increase in attendance. The dementia group continue to use the church facilities for their support group. Nineteen people attended a level 2 Safeguarding course organised by the Baptist Union.

We were successful in securing a grant of £9,332.00 from Scottish Power Renewable Energy Wind Farm towards replacing guttering, new carpet tiles in the main hall and internal decorating. PAT testing and electrical survey have been completed and an estimate to update the sound and visual systems is pending.

We continue to support financially a number of charities both local and in different countries, the latest being support for the Bethany Project to build a Secondary School for girls in Tanzania Africa. We have also supported a local drug rehabilitation programme for families affected by the drug Ketamine.

We have had a very busy time introducing a seven week course in church titles Christianity Explored including an away day. This was well attended and attracted some new people who have continued to show an interest in church activities.

All members of the church have played their part and with new active Trustees, a strong Leadership, Outreach and Pastoral Care teams and good financial support, the future looks very encouraging as we endeavour to live out our theme of lights in the world.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

MOUNT ZION CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

PERIOD

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

1 to 2

refer to the page numbers of attached sheets

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity'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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

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 gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

24 July 2025

Name:

JJ CZERWONKA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

[Empty box for qualification]

(if any):

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Mount Zion Independent Methodist Church

None (if any)

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## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |                                 |    |                               |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date<br>03/04/2024 | To | Period end date<br>30/09/2024 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Collections: weekly & direct to bank                  | 17,184                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 17,184                          | -                             |
| Donation from IMC                                     | 4,000                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 4,000                           | -                             |
| Income tax recovered on gifts                         | 6,009                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 6,009                           | -                             |
| Miscellaneous grants & donations                      | 379                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 379                             | -                             |
| Event ticket sales                                    | 450                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 450                             | -                             |
| Cliviger Benefit fund grant                           | -   | 9,552                                | -                                   | 9,552                           | -                             |
| OSM donations   | -   | 987                                  | -                                   | 987                             | -                             |
| Refreshment charities donations                       | -   | 138                                  | -                                   | 138                             | -                             |
| Harvest charities donations                           | -   | 230                                  | -                                   | 230                             | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>28,022</b>                             | <b>10,907</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>38,930</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>28,022</b>                             | <b>10,907</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>38,930</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Ministry  | 878                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 878                             | -                             |
| Mission   | 1,231                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,231                           | -                             |
| Upkeep of church premises                             | 6,018                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 6,018                           | -                             |
| Administration  | 1,367                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,367                           | -                             |
| Given to other causes                                 | 7,249                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 7,249                           | -                             |
| Cost of living crisis fund supplies                   | 1,256                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,256                           | -                             |
| Cliviger Benefit Fund works                           | -   | 9,552                                | -                                   | 9,552                           | -                             |
| Gifts to OSM  | -   | 2,100                                | -                                   | 2,100                           | -                             |
| Gift from bequest                                     | -   | 300                                  | -                                   | 300                             | -                             |
| Gifts to refreshment charities                        | -   | 400                                  | -                                   | 400                             | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>17,999</b>                             | <b>12,352</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,351</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>17,999</b>                             | <b>12,352</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,351</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>10,023</b>                             | <b>- 1,445</b>                       | <b>-</b>                            | <b>8,579</b>                    | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>- 76</b>                               | <b>76</b>                            | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds at 02/04/24</b>                      | <b>20,781</b>                             | <b>5,076</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>25,857</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>30,729</b>                             | <b>3,707</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>34,436</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories   | Details                 | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                   | General & designated    | 30,639                             | -                                | -                               |
|  | Kath Hill legacy        | -                                  | 3,490                            | -                               |
|  | Overseas Missions       | -                                  | 44                               | -                               |
|  | Harvest donations       | -                                  | 230                              | -                               |
|  | Refreshments donations  | -                                  | 33                               | -                               |
|  | <b>Total cash funds</b> |                                    | <b>30,639</b>                    | <b>3,797</b>                    |
| (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) |                         |                                    |                                  |                                 |

|                                 | Details                             | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> | Cheque not cleared at end of period | 130                                | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

|                             | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

|   | Details                                | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Church premises (Burnley Rd, Cliviger) |                             | -               | 1,000,000                |
|   | Fixtures, furniture & equipment        |                             | -               | 100,000                  |
|   |  |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |  |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |  |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |  |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |  |                             | -               | -                        |

|                       | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

|                     |              |                  |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Signature           | Print Name   | Date of approval |
| <i>Alan Scholey</i> | ALAN SCHOLEY | 24.07.2025       |

