

**Alderman's Green Free Methodist Church**  
**Trustees Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

*We believe ... ..*

*In Christ crucified, dead and buried;  
raised from the dead on the third day,  
who sits at the right of God the Father in heaven.*

*We worship and serve the risen Christ!*

**Administrative Information**

Alderman's Green Church is situated on Alderman's Green Road, Coventry.

The church is governed by the Board of Trustees which abides by the Trust Deed set up on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1909. The Trustees are the guardians of the doctrine and have a legal responsibility to ensure the church complies with the prevailing laws in England and Wales.

The Trustees are the employers of all paid employees.

Every Trustee is a church member.

**Objectives**

The Trustees and Church Members are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship the living God, through the Scriptures, prayer, the Sacrament, and music, at the church, and for the church to be known in our locality.

We seek to serve the living Creator God, his Son Jesus – the Saviour of the World, - and through the Holy Spirit.

**Wesleyan Reform Union**

The Church is a member of the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches, based at Church Street, Jump, Barnsley. The Church adheres to the doctrine of the Union as set out in their publication '*Faith and Practice*'.

**Governance and Management**

Trustee's responsibilities are shown above. The Church Members are responsible for decision making on matters of general concern and decide how the church funds are to be used. Church meetings are held quarterly.

**Covid-19**

During the Covid-19 pandemic the trustees have ensured that church has complied with the prevailing UK Government rules and guidelines for communal worship, funerals and marriages.

**Church Membership**

Anyone who desires, through the profession of their faith in the One Creator God and his Son Jesus Christ, as Saviour of the world, will have their name presented to the church meeting. Once accepted the nominee will be welcomed into full church membership at the next available service of Holy Communion. The new member takes on the full responsibility of financial support, attendance at worship, to use their God-given gifts and talents to further the work of the church and to ensure that it continues to serve the needs of the people of Alderman's Green and beyond.

### ***Worship***

Our services of worship are normally held on Sundays at 11 a.m. where the truth of God's Word is preached at all our services. These services are open to all. Additional services at Easter, Harvest-time, Advent, Christmas and as announced.

The Church Anniversary is celebrated on the last Sunday in October every year.

During the Covid-19 period the church adhered to the UK Government rules for this situation. Since the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions we have met on Sunday mornings to worship the living Saviour. Our services have been back to normal since early November 2021.

### ***Holy Communion***

We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month and invite all those who love the Lord to join us at His table.

### ***Children and Youth Work – Worship Warriors***

We have an active Sunday school with some ten pupils and three Sunday School Staff. We welcome children to the Sunday School from the age of a few months to sixteen years of age.

The aim of the Sunday School is to bring to life the Bible stories, to know Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world and to prepare the young people for church membership.

### ***Church Safeguarding***

We use the services of Thirty-one eight (formerly CCPAS), an organisation which provides support and guidance for our Church Safeguarding. We have appointed a Lead Recruiter for the Church Safeguarding process and appointed two Child Protection Officers.

A Child Protection Policy is in place.

All the Church Trustees, Sunday School staff, and everyone who has regular contact with children and vulnerable adults have undergone DBS checks – all of whom have clear records. The DBS checking process is now automatic for the specified periods and personnel.

### ***Prayer Meetings***

These meetings have been held weekly on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. We welcome anyone who may wish to join this group.

### ***Bible Study***

These sessions are conducted via Zoom and are open to all who may wish to join the group.

### ***Missions Work***

The work of home and overseas missions is actively encouraged and well-supported with regular gifts and specific fund-raising activities. We thank everyone who supports this work in so many ways.

### ***The Trustees***

The Trustees holding office for the period of this report are shown in section A8/A9.

Susan Over and Geoffrey Pinnegar resigned from the Board of Trustees' and we thank them for their service in this office. Both trustees have move from the area.

***Finance***

The church accounts are shown elsewhere in this report. The church members are part of the HMRC Gift Aid Scheme covering their weekly gifts for the work of the church. We gratefully acknowledge the weekly giving of all those who attend our worship services.

***General Data Protection Compliance***

We have a GDPR Officer who ensures that we are fully compliant with the guidelines of this issue.

***The Minister***

The Minister, David Bracken, led our worship services on Sundays up to mid-August when he moved to the Wesleyan Reform Church in Rushden.

***Church Café***

We hold a Church Café on Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. with the aim of attracting parents and carers on the return journey from school to join us for a short time.

***Volunteers***

We thank all the volunteers who have worked hard to make our church vibrant, lively and welcoming, and also for fulfilling maintenance tasks to keep our property in good order. Our volunteers do so knowing that they are fulfilling God's calling for them and our church.

***Acknowledgements***

We gratefully acknowledge -

- The work of our accountant for processing the monthly payroll and the preparation of our annual accounts
- Those who have continued to donate remotely to support the work of our church.
- The support of our church members and adherents week by week
- The work undertaken by our volunteers
- Those who take on responsibility, behind the scenes, to further the Lord's work in our church
- Those who lend their unfailing support for the provision of drinks following our morning services
- The work of the Board of Trustees

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31st October 2022

RECEIPTS	2022	2021
	£	£
Weekly offerings	17,994.00	21,953.00
Income tax claim	3,454.26	9,512.37
Government incentive - Employers NI refund	954.40	1,117.29
Gift Day	285.00	-
Church funerals - fees	200.00	340.00
Use of hall	365.00	400.00
Sale of piano	96.00	-
Donations -		
Donation	1,000.00	148.81
Donation - Organ	463.00	465.00
Donation - Percy King Estate	-	5,000.00
Donation - Ron Woodward	-	35,000.00
Donation - Projector Fund	10.00	-
Donations - Building Fund	2,922.20	2,368.00
Donation - Zoom expenses	172.48	
Christingle	67.00	-
Messy Church	516.84	
Sunday School offering	87.00	
Donations - Funerals	11.00	-
Donation - Gift D Bracken	300.00	280.00
WRU Hosting	585.00	-
Interest	68.25	70.60
 Total Receipts	 <u>29,551.43</u>	 <u>76,655.07</u>
 Total Payments	 <u>60,339.76</u>	 <u>47,156.45</u>
 Net receipts/(payments) for the year	 <u>- 30,788.33</u>	 <u>29,498.62</u>
 Balance Lloyds Bank as 31st October 2021	 3,345.99	 -
Cash at Building Society at 31st October 2021	69,327.95	43,175.32
	<u>41,885.61</u>	<u>72,673.94</u>
 Balance Lloyds Bank at 31st October 2022	 1,987.94	 3,345.99
Cash at Building Society at 31st October 2022	39,897.67	69,327.95
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Total Cash at 31st October 2022	<u>41,885.61</u>	<u>72,673.94</u>

PAYMENTS	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Church maintenance (A)		28,541.68		21,521.66
Manse maintenance (B)		10,072.97		3,419.00
Minster's stipend		14,095.80		16,914.96
Minitster's communication allowance		250.00		300.00
Church NI contributions		954.40		1,117.29
Church pension contributions		563.80		676.56
PAYE/NI contributions paid for previous year		145.91		147.71
PAYE/NI contributions owed for this year		-	-	145.91
Pulpit Supplies		598.00		70.00
Membership subscriptions		2,127.50		1,350.50
Gift to independent auditor		200.00		200.00
Offerings envelopes		101.62		88.36
Christian Copyright licencing		387.89		370.56
Donations -				
You Can Flourish	100.00	100.00		
Food for events				
Stationery/postage/ink cartridges		390.97		-
Marriage register		25.00		-
Church website		18.00		175.00
Safeguarding		304.00		181.25
Organ tuning		342.00		168.00
Gift - D Bracken		300.00		280.00
Zoom		172.48		129.51
Delivering piano		-		192.00
Christingles		100.00		-
Projector consumables		27.74		-
Year books		13.00		-
Conference fees		365.00		-
Half yearly meeting		142.00		-
Total Payments		<u>60,339.76</u>		<u>47,156.45</u>