

FREE METHODIST CHURCH, MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 514358

Details

Other names HEYSHAM FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1983-11-02

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

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Activities

Objects: THE FURTHERANCE IN MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM OF THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES, DISCIPLINES AND USAGES OF THAT CHURCH FOR THE TIME BEING AS SET FORTH IN THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE.

Activities: Religious activities such as Sunday services, meetings for children, youth, elderly and general ages. Support of missions and local charities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£195,423	£175,785	-	-
2023-12-31	£182,354	£158,956	-	-
2022-12-31	£153,097	£156,775	-	-
2021-12-31	£127,354	£122,115	-	-
2020-12-31	£157,110	£131,827	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev MARK JOHNSTONE	Chair	
Bethany Ruth Fitch-Ryding		2024-09-01
Gillian Liley		2022-07-14
Ian David Parker		2016-09-01
NIGEL CHARLES PURCELL		
SANDRA PARKER		
Simeon Mark Johnstone		2023-09-01

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Lay Delegate Summary Report 2025

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A healthy church consists of:-

- 1) A church that worships in Spirit and Truth
- 2) A church that prays without ceasing
- 3) A church that constantly reaches the lost for Christ
- 4) A church that produces fully devoted disciples
- 5) A church that grows through multiplication
- 6) A church that ministers to the poor and disenfranchised
- 7) A church that engages in our World Missionary Movement
- 8) A church that is committed to placing mission ahead of method

God has called us together at Heysham FM to be a passionate & compassionate family of believers who reach out into our community with the love of Jesus. Our church vision statement is “Helping people find & follow Jesus”

It has been a very fruitful year here at Heysham FM. We have journeyed through some sermon series's in our morning and evening services:-

Journeying through the Gospel of Mark and Christmas and Easter series in the morning. A series in 1 John, 'The Bible Course' by Andrew Ollerton, the Seven Churches of Revelation series and the Book of Psalms series in the evening services.

Our weekly church outreach groups continue to thrive. Monday community coffee morning, Alpha courses and Friday mornings baby and toddler group (Little Fish) are all well attended.

The Heysham WhatsApp group helps people stay connected online. The prayer meetings continue to lead us close to God and many prayers have been answered this year. We are thankful to be able to pray for one another through the difficult times as well as the times of celebration.

The cafe area continues to provide a sanctuary and place for building friendships.

There are day time and evening Growth Groups. We meet together to study Gods Word, share together and support one another. We believe that life is done best when we are part of a smaller community within the larger community of the church.

We continue to be inspired by our growing HFM Youth Group. As they meet on a Sunday evening for fellowship and worship and as they serve in the church and help to lead the service on occasions and fellowship together in other social activities. As they discover a relationship with Jesus and grow in their walk with Him let us continue to pray for them and encourage them. We believe that young people are not just the 'future' of the church, they are an integral part of the church right now.

We are excited about the Ministry Sunday services that are getting underway to be a catalyst for encouraging people of all ages to discover their God given gifts and use them to serve the Lord and others.

We had a fruitful eight day outreach into our community. We were joined by several students from Capernwray Bible College for this. The week included visiting a local Care Home, Coffee Morning, Prayer Meetings & Devotionals, a Youth Service, Prayer Walking in our community, Litter Picking, a Community Car Wash and a Treasure Hunt in the neighbourhood. It didn't stop there, we had a Children's Pancake Party, Ladies Bowling & Supper Night, a Mens Curry Night and a Movie Night for the young people. There was even an afternoon of 'Giving of Gifts' to Community Workers in our area to say thank you for all they do.

We continue to give 15% of our Church Income to our Mission Partners. We have regular updates online and sometimes in person from CAP (Christians against Poverty), Open Doors for the persecuted church worldwide, NISCU for the work of Christians in our schools, Stand By Me, Christian Concern, West End Impact and others. Our Harvest Sunday Offering went to the work of Tearfund in South Sudan. Over 20 bags of groceries, along with bags of fruit & veg from our Harvest display were taken down to West End Impact.

We continue to be Salt and Light to our community as we seek to share the Love of Jesus with everyone. This Church year we had a 'Light Party' which was our Halloween Alternative. It was a well attended outreach with 70-80 people there as we focussed on Jesus as 'The Light Of The World'

The Leadership Team continues to meet fortnightly for Prayer and to seek Gods Vision for His Church. We have all benefited from the vision meetings we have had together in the social area. We are having an increasing number of people worshipping with us on Sundays. Let us seek God together as we see Him moving in our midst.

Being in church on Sunday continues to be a time of blessing. The Baptismal services have been an inspiration to all of us.

The Sunday School & Crèche Teams, the Prayer Groups, Stewards, Catering, Admin & Maintenance, Tech Teams, Worship Group, those who Counsel, Preach, Listen and the many who work behind the scenes! We are truly blessed to serve God together. It is good to be reminded at the end of our working church year just how much we need each other and how blessed we are to serve God together in our community.

We thank God for Pastor Marks faithful ministry and Pastoral Care in the last year. Let us continue to pray together as we seek Gods guidance for an Associate Pastor to come alongside Mark and help us see others finding and following Jesus.

Yours In Christ

Sandra Parker (Lay Delegate)

Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
INCOME		
General Offerings	47,324	45,820
Gift Aid Offerings	53,335	43,519
Gift Aid (Refund)	19,970	18,383
	120,629	107,721
Other Income		
Pastor's Contingency (previously Acts 2 Fund)	2,200	536
Harvest	1,289	1,139
Love Christmas	-	390
Gift Day Fund	-	3,400
Ladies Dinner	530	450
Teen Challenge	423	-
Children's worker	11,777	-
Open Doors	327	-
Saltmine	61	-
Sunday School	151	-
Tear Fund	-	879
	16,758	6,794
Funds from Heart Church for their share of expenses:		
Faithlife	-	100
CCLI	-	700
ThirtyOne Eight	26	75
Insurance	-	700
Dan's Tax & NI	5,870	4,319
Dan's Pension	3,343	3,089
Dan's Death in service policy	-	-
	9,239	8,983
Heart Church share of expenses netted off expenditure	(9,239)	(8,983)
Total Operating Income	137,387	114,515

Heart Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
INCOME		
General Offerings	25,633	28,670
Gift Aid Offerings	21,213	29,315
Gift Aid (Refund)	5,408	2,895
	52,254	60,879
Restricted Funds		
Other income		
Orchard conference	1,180	1,680
Alpha book donation	-	21
Love Christmas	4,040	5,258
Xcel conference	562	-
	5,782	6,959
Total Operating Income	58,036	67,838
EXPENDITURE		
Church		
Rent & Room hire	4,988	4,853
Ministry Budgets	842	979
	5,829	5,832
Pastor		
Net Salary	26,315	24,200
Pension	3,343	3,089
Death in service	702	747
Tax and National Insurance	5,867	4,294
	36,227	32,330
Other Expenses:		
Publicity	1,671	1,668
New Equipment	1,614	299
Sundry expenses	971	1,082
Pastor Travel	368	584
Pastor Study	1,731	313
Ministry Learning	230	450
ThirtyOne Eight	26	87
Licences	-	700
Insurance	-	700
Visiting Preachers	800	977
Stationery	63	338
Pastoral	183	500
Gocardless Churchsuite	225	178
Evangelical Alliance	108	108
Tithe	3,600	2,500
Independent examination fees	552	600
Orchard conference	1,226	1,632
Community & fellowship events	941	1,357
Xcel conference	1,325	-
Be Still Course	112	-
Website & emails	458	350
Love Christmas	7,075	7,488
	23,277	21,911
Total operating expenditure	65,333	60,073
Operating (deficit)/surplus	(7,297)	7,766

Notes:

1. General offerings includes £6,000 of funding from HFMC.

HFMC Income and Expenditure: Page 2

EXPENDITURE

Church

Water	255	333	
Electricity	2,674	2,108	
Fire/Gas Safety Testing	986	1,159	
Gas	4,482	4,127	
Gardening	1,491	1,283	
Telephone & Broadband	935	877	
Cleaning	3,395	3,174	
General Maintenance	5,058	1,386	
Window Cleaning	212	212	
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		19,487	14,661

Manse

Rates	1,998	1,910	
Telephone	689	757	
Maintenance	981	280	
Water	282	792	
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		3,950	3,738

Pastor

Pension	3,453	3,268	
Net Salary	24,190	23,901	
Death in service policy	681	721	

Assistant Pastor

Pension	(22)	-	
Net Salary	-	-	
Death in service policy	-	-	
Total Tax and National Insurance	5,740	3,477	

Note 2

34,043

31,367

Groups

Creche	250	11	
Little Fish	-	320	
Sunday School	777	711	
HFM Youth/ Teens	312	159	
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		1,339	1,201

Other Expenses

Child Protection (CCPAS)	229	259
Community/Fellowship Events	3,275	2,355
Conference	4,618	4,728
Licenses	1,418	807
External Mission Allocation (15%)	16,372	12,045
Insurance	3,485	2,748
Pastoral & Contingency	1,782	533
Printing & Stationery	719	501
Publicity	299	115
Sundry Expenses	2,449	2,149
Pastor Sabbatical	-	613
Gocardless Churchsuite	318	318
Evangelical Alliance	126	126
Discretionary funding of Heart Church	6,000	5,625
Iris Payroll	209	193
Mailchimp	200	206
Independent examination fees	840	840
	42,338	34,162

Restricted Funds

Acts 2 Fund	-	778
Gift Day Fund	2,174	2,993
Harvest	1,289	1,139
Heart Church	5,408	7,466
Love Christmas	-	500
Tear Fund	-	879
Teen Challenge	423	
	9,294	13,755

Total operating expenditure

110,452

98,883

Operating surplus

26,935

15,632

Notes:

1. No Licences or Insurance contributions deemed necessary from Heart Church this year.
2. Employment allowance claimed this year.

**Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of
Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church**

I report on the income and expenditure account of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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29 April 2025

Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of

Heart Church

I report on the income and expenditure of the Heart Church bank account for the year ended 31st December 2024. This report is supplementary to my report on the income and expenditure account of Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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Annual Reports 2023 - 2024

Heysham Free Methodist Church

Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for year ending 31st December 2023

We have faced some challenges in 2023 due to the increased cost of living, which has had an impact on the income together with increased costs in our expenditure. More people have committed to giving online, however the weekly offering in church fluctuates considerably.

Income

The overall income of £114,515.00 was similar to last year although higher than the proposed 2023 budget. The general offering of £45,820.00 was lower than last year, however the Gift Aid portion was higher at £43,519.00 and together with the Gift Aid refund figure of £18,383.00 amounted to £61,902.00. The other income (income given separately for specific purposes) was £15,777.00.

Expenditure

The budget of £97,000.00 was based on the predicted income together with an increase of inflationary costs. This resulted in an expenditure against the budget of £85,128.00 with an additional expenditure of Restricted Funds (money given separately for specific purposes) of £13,755.00 giving an overall expenditure of £98,883.00.

At the end of the year, this resulted in the income exceeding the expenditure by £15,632.00 and a reserves balance of £26,256.37.

Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
INCOME		
General Offerings	45,820	46,006
Gift Aid Offerings	43,519	41,031
Gift Aid (Refund)	18,383	15,245
	107,721	102,282
Other Income		
Acts 2 Fund	536	516
Harvest	1,139	1,658
Love Christmas	390	-
Ukraine	-	360
Gift Day Fund	3,400	9,498
Ladies Dinner	450	222
Tear Fund	879	-
	6,794	12,254
Funds from Heart Church for their share of expenses:		
Faithlife	100	101
CCLI	700	650
ThirtyOne Eight	75	-
Training	-	388
Child protection	-	297
Insurance	700	625
Dan's Tax & NI	4,319	5,505
Dan's Pension	3,089	1,965
Dan's Death in service policy	-	757
	8,983	10,288
Heart Church share of expenses netted off expenditure	(8,983)	(10,288)
 Total Operating Income	114,515	114,535

HFMC Income and Expenditure: Page 2

EXPENDITURE

Church

Water	333	278	
Electricity	2,108	2,122	
Fire/Gas Safety Testing	1,159	1,101	
Gas	4,127	4,392	
Gardening	1,283	939	
Telephone & Broadband	877	750	
Cleaning	3,174	2,786	
General Maintenance	1,386	3,489	
Window Cleaning	212	200	
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		14,661	16,056

Manse

Rates	1,910	1,833	
Telephone	757	701	
Maintenance	280	1,712	
Water	792	677	
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		3,738	4,924

Pastor

Pension	3,268	3,132	
Net Salary	23,901	22,145	
Death in service policy	721	1,112	

Assistant Pastor

	Note 1		
Pension	-	963	
Net Salary	-	7,544	
Death in service policy	-	363	

Total Tax and National Insurance

	Note 2	3,477	10,289
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31,367

45,548

Groups

Creche	11	-	
Little Fish	320	285	
Sunday School	711	649	
HFM Youth/ Teens	159		
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		1,201	934

HFMC Income and Expenditure: Page 3**Expenditure (continued)**

Other Expenses			
Assistant Pastor Study:	-		199
Assistant Pastor Travel:	-		131
Child Protection (CCPAS):	259		406
Community/Fellowship Events:	2,355		2,455
Conference:	4,728		4,716
Licenses:	807	-	231
External Mission Allocation (15%):	12,045		10,695
Insurance:	2,748		2,587
Pastoral & Contingency:	533		460
Printing & Stationery:	501		272
Publicity:	115		416
Sundry Expenses:	2,149		2,108
Pastor Sabbatical	613		-
Training	-		1,724
Gocardless Churchsuite	318		318
Evangelical Alliance	126		126
Discretionary funding of Heart Church	5,625		4,875
Iris Payroll	193		172
Mailchimp	206		165
Independent examination fees	840		570
		34,162	32,165
Restricted Funds			
Acts 2 Fund:	778		860
Gift Day Fund	2,993		7,731
Harvest:	1,139		1,660
Heart Church	7,466		3,351
Love Christmas:	500		-
Revitalisation Trust	-		750
Tear Fund	879		-
Ukraine Fund	-		360
		13,755	14,712
Total operating expenditure		98,883	114,339
Operating surplus/(deficit)		15,632	196

Notes:

1. Assistant Pastor's wages now fully paid via Heart Church.
2. Tax & National insurance expense is lower this year due to claiming the Employment Allowance part way through the year.

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16 April 2024

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c/f from 2022	£2,805.00
Allocation for 2023	£13,055.00
Total available in 2023	£15,860.00

Donation:

Total

Niscu	12%	£1,620.00
Stand By Me	12%	£1,620.00
West End Impact	15%	£2,040.00
Lancaster & Morecambe District Churches Debt Centre	15%	£2,040.00
Helen Jensen	12%	£1,620.00
Christian Concern	8%	£1,080.00
Freedom Church	8%	£1,080.00
Open Doors	8%	£1,080.00
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		£0.00

Total:		£12,180.00
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Surplus	£3,680.00
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Allan Barnes
Treasurer

Lay Delegate Summary Report 2024

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- 1) A Healthy Church Worships in Spirit and Truth - Nothing can fully heal our souls, emotions and relationships more thoroughly than true worship of God.
- 2) A Healthy Church Prays Without Ceasing - Prayer takes us beyond ourselves and emphasises our dependence on God.
- 3) A Healthy Church Constantly Reaches the Lost for Christ - Statistics show that over 75% of those who become Christians do so because of the testimony, deeds and encouragement of someone they trust.
- 4) A Healthy Church is an Enfolding Community that Produces Fully Devoted Disciples - We want everyone to feel that they belong and know that they have a place. We value small groups within the church as an effective environment for the discipleship and care of all believers.
- 5) A Healthy Church Grows through Multiplication - Within the church, we should regularly see the reproduction of disciples, leaders, groups and congregations.
- 6) A Healthy Church Ministers to the Poor and Disenfranchised - People who feel disconnected with society because of their condition, ethnicity or status need to both hear and see the good news of God's grace.

- 7) A Healthy Church Engages in our World Missionary Movement - Every local church is encouraged to participate in our world missionary movement by praying, supporting, or going.
- 8) A Healthy Church Organises around its Mission - We are committed to placing mission ahead of method. When a church understands its mission, making decisions about structure and function become clearer.

We believe God has called us together at Heysham FM to be a passionate and compassionate family of believers who reach out into our community with the love of Jesus. Our Church Vision Statement is:
“Helping People Find and Follow Jesus”

As we take time to reflect on the Goodness of God and His Faithfulness to us this year we want to thank Him for the way He has worked in and through the lives of every believer here at the Church. Everyone has had a part to play in helping others on their journey toward Faith in Jesus Christ.

It has been a fruitful year here at Heysham FM and it’s good to reflect on many of the amazing ministries both here and in the communities that God has placed us.

We have journeyed through several sermon series, one of which was called “Fruitfulness on the Frontline” which has encouraged and inspired us for everyday mission wherever God has placed us. We have been blessed with testimonies each Sunday from people in our Church family about their frontlines. Other themes have included, for Christmas “Jesus - Hope foretold” and a series on “The joy of living in Christ” and our current series “The King & His Kingdom”. At Christmas we held a service of reflection for those struggling with issues such as loss, pain or loneliness. It reminds me of a recent quote from Pastor Mark “Compassion is the birthplace of Evangelism”.

Our Weekly Church Outreach Events continue to thrive. Monday Community Coffee morning effectively reaches out each week, together with regular Monday night Alpha Courses. Four Growth Groups meet at church and in homes through the week. Our young people have a growth group and fellowship together each Sunday evening. Our thriving Parent, Baby and Toddler Group called “Little Fish” meet on Friday morning during term time. The Ladies Netball Team called “Heysham Harriers” meet during the season every Wednesday evening and always share a Gospel message. They are part of the Netball Sports Reach League.

This year we had the privilege of welcoming a team from 'Teen Challenge' A Christian Organisation that operates nationally to support and offer preventative help and support to young people who have developed life controlling problems, especially drug and alcohol addictions. They shared their testimonies of how their faith in Jesus had turned their lives around.

We continue to support and pray for Heart Church in Morecambe as it celebrates its two years in ministry in the heart of Morecambe. It continues to be our privilege to be in partnership with them and see their work grow.

Together with some of the men from Heart Church, men from Heysham joined them to attend the men's XCEL Conference at Life Church Bradford. This was a time of Worship, Hearing from God and Encouraging each other.

Being in Church on Sunday continues to be a time of real Blessing, both in outreach and helping to spur each other on in our Faith. The Sunday School and Crèche teams, the Prayer Group, Stewards, Catering, Tech Team, Worship Group, those who counsel and listen and those who work with the Youth each Sunday evening. We are so thankful for everyone and all the unique gifting and the things that happen on the administration and maintenance side. It is good to be reminded at the end of our working Church year just how much we need each other and how Blessed we are to serve God together in our community.

There are so many other ministries blossoming and growing in the Church and uniquely reaching out in seen and unseen ways. We are grateful for technology.

The Heysham WhatsApp group helps people stay connected online. The prayer meetings continue to lead us close to God and help us to see Him at work. The cafe area provides a sanctuary and place for building friendships. We recently held an all-age board games night that was well attended. An Outreach Group is meeting regularly to plan events to reach our community eg we are having a family fun day in June. Salt mine Theatre Company brought an Easter Outreach Presentation to us called 'The Liberator'.

The Leadership Team meets fortnightly for prayer and to seek Gods Vision for His Church. We have all benefitted from the Church Vision Meetings we have had together this year.

Niscu (Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union) has been to share about their work in the schools. We held a special 'Youth Sunday' when the young people helped to lead the Sunday evening service. We have started Sunday evening meetings at 6pm at church in the cafe area and every second Sunday we are going through the 'Talking Jesus Course' and all are welcome.

We have held a CAP Money Coaching Course which covers budgeting, debt etc.

We have enjoyed Sunday monthly picnic lunches together, at Easter an egg hunt, games and picnic, carol singing in the community at Christmas. Our annual Ladies Christmas dinner was a fruitful outreach. We joined with Heart Church to provide Christmas bags for those in our community and also a number have generously provided groceries in the basket at the back of church for the work of West End Impact, one of our mission's partners.

We continue to support local and worldwide missions. Some we have supported for many years and others have been able to come more recently and share about the countries God is calling them to go to. We are privileged to be able to join together here at church in June for an Inter Church Prayer Meeting for the work of Open Doors, a mission supporting persecuted Christians around the world.

Our Pastor Mark was able to take his Sabbatical this year. A time away from his ministry in the Church to enable recreation, replenishment, and personal development. This is said by Conference to be 'So necessary for the re-energising of ministry' And we do thank God for Pastor Marks faithful ministry to us over the last year.

In closing, we can afford to be excited about the prospect of employing someone to help our Pastor in the ministry work. We are all praying as we seek to employ a 'Families & Young People's Worker'. Primarily to work in the key groups of Children's, Youth and Families in our church family. And to actively reach out to them in the wider community of Heysham & Morecambe.

I am sure I have not covered all our amazing ministries that are happening in the Church family and the wider community but thank you to you all. God sees every one of those acts of kindness and He Loves You! As Bishop Keith Cowart said at this year's annual Conference "We are chosen and set apart by a God who loves us and has demonstrated that love in His Son Jesus".

Yours In Christ

Sandra Parker Lay Delegate HFM

Prayer Coordinator Report for ASM 2024

Jesus said: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations..." (Mark 11:17)

Isaiah also wrote: "...I will ..give them joy in my house of prayer." (Isaiah 56: 7)

As Prayer Coordinator for 3 years, it has been a joy and a privilege to serve the Lord at Heysham FM in this role. Firstly, I am passionate about the **LORD JESUS** and secondly, I am passionate about seeking **HIM** in prayer.

The Bible of course has a great deal to say about prayer.

It is our lifeline to God and must be a dialogue of listening to Him before speaking. The acronym **P.R.A.Y.** Can be helpful. (Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield), as can the acronym **A.C.T.S.** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication).

Although we can all pray at home, may I encourage us all to come together corporately as a church to pray and seek the Lord, if we possibly can? At present, there are two prayer meetings where the whole church can gather corporately to pray:

Sunday mornings between 9.30 am and 10 am. A maximum of 8 people gather together in the Crèche room to pray for the Holy Spirit to move among us. We pray for the Preacher, the Worship Team, the Teachers and Children of the Sunday School and Crèche, the Welcome Stewards, the Sound and Data Team, the Prayer Ministry Team, the Youth, the Refreshments Team, as well as for other local churches etc.etc. Indeed, we pray for **everyone** who comes through the doors, for unbelievers to be converted and for believers to be built up.

Tuesday mornings between 10 am and 11 am in the café area. A rota of 6 people take it in turns to “lead” the hour (under the “leading” of the Holy Spirit). We begin with some sung worship to give the **LORD JESUS** His rightful place among us, followed by many people praising and thanking the Lord for who He is and for what He has done in our lives. The “leader” will bring some verses from the Bible to inform our subsequent prayers and will go on to give some pointers for prayer, without it being a list. The Holy Spirit invariably puts things on people’s hearts to pray, including church matters, brothers and sisters in special need, as well as national and international concerns and issues. Once a month on average we pray for one of our **Mission Partners**. Recently, we have also prayed for the Growth Groups, the Youth, Little Fish and the Monday Coffee morning.

The Prayer Ministry Team consists of 7 people who are available to pray after the Sunday service either in the sanctuary or in the social area. May I make a special plea for the sanctuary to be kept quiet for prayer and reflection after the service, to be fair to the people coming forward for prayer? Thank you.

Hopefully, the first Tuesday in September there will be a prayer meeting at 7 pm, to pray for all those newly elected into positions of responsibility at the ASM.

Kathy Chaplain (Prayer Coordinator)

REPORT FROM THE MISSION SECRETARY

MATHEW 28:19 Therefore Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Mathew 5:36 says I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you visited me.

We are privileged to belong to a church that believes in mission work and 15% of our donations go into mission work. Our Mission Partners are West End Impact, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), NISCU (Northern Interschool Christian Union) Christian Concern, Open Doors, Freedom Church, Sports Outreach, and Stand by Me. Proceeds from our harvest giving on the 8th of October 2023 were donated to Tearfund. A donation was given to the Christian Institute last year to support their work.

On the 21st of January 2024, Catherine Leech from Josiah Ventures Europe came and gave us a talk on the work she does in Europe among the youth and encouraged those who would like to support her to do so freely.

On the 11th of February 2024, we had a Missions Sunday and Holly Wood from NISCU was present to give us a talk on the work they do.

This coming Sunday 9th June 2024, James Barrie from Open Doors enlightens us on their work.

Thanks for your financial support to the church, that enables us to support our Mission Partners.

Akpene Adugu

Music Report 2024

First of all, I just want to thank God for His faithfulness to us here at Heysham FM. We as a music team have been blessed to lead our Church family in worship each week. I thank God for each individual that takes part singing and playing each week.

During this last year some of the music team were able to attend a short conference with teaching from Chris Bowater. I think we all found it helpful in different ways. Helping us to reflect on worshipping with whatever song has been chosen.

Unfortunately, due to work shift patterns we have missed having Simeon around each week but we are always very grateful for when he can join us in playing and worshipping God.

Its great too to have Lyn Milburn and Becky Wood who are willing to stand in playing the keyboard when I'm away. It is such a help having the continuity of the keys each week. We appreciate that support so much, it makes me feel less like I have abandoned our worship group, to know we have people playing keys when I'm on holiday.

So this is a thank you to our singers: Ayshea Borwick, Phil Burns, Bethany Fitch-Riding and Katie Jones.

Also a thank you to our musicians: Simeon Johnstone, Janet McEwen, John McEwen, Lyn Milburn and Becky Wood

And please don't forget our wonderful Data/Sound Team which we rely on each week to get us sorted with sound and projecting song lyrics. I'm very grateful for all they do, thank you.

I hope you will take the time to thank and encourage these folk as they serve God and our Church each week.

God Bless,

Jacqui Johnstone

Sunday School Report September 2023-2024

We are so thankful and blessed to learn the truths of the Bible with our amazing children and young people. We continue to use the "Go Teach" material. We have covered the ten commandments which has been encouraging and challenging! Maybe you could ask the children what the sign language is for one of the commandments? Numbers fluctuate

from week to week. Good to see the children and young people at the summer party in June, good time had by all.

We were Blessed with the prize giving service in July, which the children took part in. So, encouraging to see them singing and doing actions to some of the songs. We all "went on a journey" together to explore the birth of Jesus at our Nativity Service. The children and young people were amazing.

We had an encouragement evening meal together followed by a meeting in April for our Sunday School leaders and helpers. We welcomed Edward and Millie who have come on board along with Rachael to help in Sunday school. We prayed for more young families to come along and worship with us. God is good He has answered our prayers!

A big thank you to all our faithful leaders and helpers who give their time to bless our children and young people.

Please pray with us and for us and especially that the children and young people will come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus.
Joan Cragg on behalf of the Sunday School Team.

Creche Report

Creche continues to work well. We have an amazing and committed team who teach and care for our wonderful pre-school children on a Sunday morning during the service. The team create a safe and warm environment that includes a Bible story time, singing, a snack, and plenty of playing! This enables parents to enjoy the service without interruptions – although we will fetch them if it is really necessary!

Recently, we have had up to 6 children in creche although numbers of children using the creche varies from week to week. We also now have a TV in the creche room that can be used for songs and for a link to our services during the summer when the Creche team take a break.

We want this space to be filled with God's love and joy and have an atmosphere of fun and laughter. Our aim is for the children to know at a young age that God loves them, as we believe this is where the first bricks in the foundation of a child's faith are built.

We believe that God has given parents the primary responsibility for teaching their children what it means to follow Jesus. But we also believe that it takes a church to raise a Christian, so we seek to support parents in the role God has given to them.

Although it would have been great to have had a leader over the past 12 months, I am grateful that the team have pulled together so well. Our team consists of Rhi, Ewelina, Beryl, Sara, Marie, Katrena, Jenny, and Beth. We are also thankful to have Ros joining the team in June, so we are grateful that the team is growing. Please pray that God will

call someone to lead our wonderful Creche Team and if you are that person, please come and have a chat. A big thank you to the team and to all who encourage them.

God bless you

Pastor Mark (on behalf of the Creche Team)

Youth Report

Our youth are going from strength to strength, one of our young girls has given her life to the Lord so we have provided her with some books etc to help support her.

We have been exploring our own relationships, what they mean and the ultimate relationship we should be seeking, and looking at the authorities in our lives and who is The One and only above all! We are set to grow again with a promising 3 more young people before we finish for the summer too.

We have been very blessed this year in that most of our young people have committed to going to camp including myself, we would very much appreciate pray for while they are away spending time with other young people in their walks with the Lord also.

God bless Caro Sim

AGM Report 2024 – Little Fish

Little Fish has continued to grow over the past 12 months. Since starting back in September our core group of mums/dads and grandparents has grown and we now receive on average 25 adults and 30 children each week. We have seen relationships between those in the group grow especially between those children who are all heading off to school in September.

For many at our group this is the only interaction with a church family that they experience, so we have been encouraged to see some start to attend church events. We have also run our own miniparties at Christmas and Easter that have been well attended. We will organise a summer / leaver's party at the end of July and gift those heading off to school with a Bible. As a team we meet before each session to pray for the mums, many with particular prayer requests that the mums/dads/grandparents share with us during the sessions. We have seen the confidence growing within the group to share with us and open up more freely about the challenges they are facing.

The team has grown to cope with the greater numbers that we now cater to, but there is a need for another person to help in the kitchen on a fortnightly basis.

Prayer Points:

- This time of year always has a bittersweet element as we wave goodbye to children as they head off to school. Pray for those starting school in September and for the salvation of their parents who won't be coming to group any more.

- Pray for the team as they devote their Fridays to supporting mums/dads/grandparents.
- Pray for those who we are in regular contact with. Pray we can show them the love of Jesus through our care and our conversations.
- Pray for wisdom as we move forward to grow the relationships that form at Little Fish once they leave our group

Rhi Wale

Andrew & Caro's Wednesday Evening Growth Group

All is going well; we are now a group of 10! We are extremely blessed with how everyone is in this group, very honest conversations and sharing where personal prayer is needed. We are currently doing a study on the book of Revelation; this we do on alternate weeks and the weeks in between are fellowship and prayer. This is very flexible as if someone is needing input, prayer etc then that's what we focus on.

God bless
Caro

Thursday Afternoon Growth Group

We are a small group of diverse people who meet each week at the church. We start with a time of worship and then spend some time discussing the scripture on which the Sunday sermon has been preached. As we do this we explore what impact that word has for our lives and how it can transform us.

We share prayer requests and undertake to pray for each other during the coming week. People comment on how they feel safe in the group and how good it is to be able to talk freely knowing that what is said will remain confidential.

Ours is a fun group with lots of laughter alongside some deep discussion. Our time of fellowship allows us to get to know each other well and make good friends.

I thank God for how important this group is to each one of us.
Carol Wood

Report on Thursday Evening Growth group – 2023/2024.

The group meets on a Thursday evening on a twice monthly basis. We are still mainly meeting at church as this has proved most convenient given the numbers in the group and seems to work very satisfactorily.

There are currently seventeen people belonging to the group though usually there are somewhat fewer meeting in practice, typically about ten to twelve. We start from 7.15 with tea/coffee and biscuits and a chat. Then we usually have a hymn accompanied on the piano by Tim Wood (thanks Tim!) and then follow this with a prayer and bible study usually based on a New Testament book. Last year we also did a series on the Apostles Creed. These studies are very interactive with lots of discussion and with the aim of exploring the practical implications for our Christian life. We finish usually around 8.45 to 9.00. In the main I (Nigel) lead the studies, but Tim Wood has recently led several which is great.

At Christmas and at the end of the summer programme we have a more social meet up at someone's home (usually at Pauline & Ed's – many thanks to you both) which is very enjoyable and helps to foster our sense of belonging.

The opportunity that all the House-groups provide to explore our faith through discussion and reflection as well as building a stronger sense of community and relationship is invaluable and I would encourage everyone in the church to join a group.

Nigel Purcell

FREE METHODIST CHURCH, MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM

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Lay Delegate Summary Report 2023

The annual Lay Delegate report is structured around eight characteristics in the life of the Free Methodist Church which we believe make up a healthy Church. These are approved by Conference and can be found in the Free Methodist Church UK and Ireland Handbook.

- 1) A Healthy Church Worships in Spirit and Truth - Nothing can fully heal our souls, emotions and relationships more thoroughly than true worship of God.
- 2) A Healthy Church Prays Without Ceasing - Prayer takes us beyond ourselves and emphasises our dependence on God.
- 3) A Healthy Church Constantly Reaches the Lost for Christ - Statistics show that over 75% of those who become Christians do so because of the testimony, deeds and encouragement of someone they trust.
- 4) A Healthy Church is an Enfolding Community that Produces Fully Devoted Disciples - We want everyone to feel that they belong and know that they have a place. We value small groups within the church as an effective environment for the discipleship and care of all believers.
- 5) A Healthy Church Grows through Multiplication - Within the church, we should regularly see the reproduction of disciples, leaders, groups and congregations.
- 6) A Healthy Church Ministers to the Poor and Disenfranchised - People who feel disconnected with society because of their condition, ethnicity or status need to both hear and see the good news of God's grace.
- 7) A Healthy Church Engages in our World Missionary Movement - Every local church is encouraged to participate in our world missionary movement by praying, supporting or going.
- 8) A Healthy Church Organises around its Mission - We are committed to placing mission ahead of method. When a church understands its mission, making decisions about structure and function becomes clearer.

We believe God has called us at Heysham Free Methodist Church to be a passionate and compassionate family of believers, reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus. With this heart, our Church Vision Statement is:
"Helping People Find and Follow Jesus"

As we reflect on this year of ministry let's remember the Goodness of God and the many Ways He has worked through the lives of every believer here at the Church to help others on their journey toward Faith in Jesus Christ.

We continue to pray and support Heart Church. It continues to be our privilege to be in partnership with our Church Plant as it grows in the heart of Morecambe.

This year we have seen many ministries blossom and grow within church life at Heysham FM:

Alpha courses, Discipleship groups, Fellowship Lunches and Sunday at 5pm gathering for worship, teaching and sharing.

The Heysham WhatsApp group continues to help people stay connected and the daytime and evening Growth Groups bring us together mid week.

The Monday Community Coffee morning reaches out each week. We have had Sunday Lunch picnics together after the morning service and community outreaches that have taken place - Litter Picking and Barbecue on the Beach.

The Netball team meet during the season every Wednesday evening in the league and always share a Gospel message. Our Parent, Baby and Toddler Group called 'Little Fish' meet every Friday in the church. On Sunday evenings there is a growth group here at church for young people.

During the Sunday morning service Crèche and Sunday School faithfully provide ministry for our young children. The music group and worship leaders continue to lead us close to God in worship and we have journeyed together through several sermon series's. The cafe area has provided a place to fellowship and build friendships and we are thankful for all those who cater for this in the kitchen and behind the scenes with cleaning and maintaining the church building and the manse. The Leadership Team continues to meet fortnightly for prayer and to seek God's Vision for His Church.

To be a multiplying church we recognise the need to encourage one another in prayer. We have a Tuesday morning prayer meeting, a prayer chain for specific prayers, a prayer meeting before the morning service and a prayer ministry team available after the morning service. The growth groups also meet to pray in smaller groups.

The Men's Conference and the Ladies Christmas dinner were both held again this year. There was Christmas Carol singing at Heysham Christmas market and doorstep Carols with our Nativity Trailer around the Heysham community. We now have a new Church Logo, Branding and Church Suite in progress. As we move forward in our internet world we are grateful for modern technology and our younger leaders who can manage it all! As well as those who faithfully keep up with all the changes on the sound desk.

Let's not forget the wonder of our world and celebrate the wild garden we are in the process of growing on the front lawn and the cross looking so wonderful as it stands out in the long grass in the turning circle.

I am sure I have not covered all our amazing ministries that are blossoming and growing this year. But thank you to you all, God knows you by name. May I leave you with this thought. The Church that gets down in the mess of the wounded and weary and holds out their hand to lift someone up, is the Church through which Jesus is miraculously working. May we continue, with the Lord's help and presence in our lives, to be that kind of Church.

Yours In Christ

Sandra Parker
Lay Delegate HFM

**Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
INCOME		
General Offerings	46,006	39,890
Gift Aid Offerings	41,031	50,519
Gift Aid (Refund)	15,245	14,638
	102,282	105,047
Other Income		
Acts 2 Fund	516	1,666
Harvest	1,658	2,190
Church Revitalisation Trust	-	1,750
Drum Fund	-	600
Dishwasher Fund	-	2,150
Keswick Convention (Funeral)	-	380
Loop Fund	-	660
Love Christmas	-	820
New Microphones	-	65
Videoswither	-	545
Ukraine	360	-
Gift Day Fund	9,498	-
Ladies Dinner	222	-
	12,254	10,826
Funds from Heart Church for their share of expenses:		
Faithlife	101	-
CCLI	650	-
Training	388	-
Child protection	297	-
Insurance	625	-
Dan's Tax & NI	5,505	-
Dan's Pension	1,965	-
Dan's Death in service policy	757	-
	10,288	-
Heart Church share of expenses netted off expenditure	(10,288)	-
Total Operating Income	114,535	115,873

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EXPENDITURE

Church

Water	278	130
Electricity	2,122	997
Fire/Gas Safety Testing	1,101	969
Gas	4,392	1,671
Gardening	939	877

Telephone & Broadband	750	691	
Cleaning	2,786	1,980	
General Maintenance	3,489	4,611	
Window Cleaning	200	200	
		16,056	12,125
Manse			
Rates	1,833	1,764	
Telephone	701	706	
Maintenance	1,712	195	
Water	677	670	
		4,924	3,335
Pastor			
Pension	3,132	3,050	
Net Salary	22,145	21,549	
Death in service policy	1,112	-	
Assistant Pastor			
Pension	963	2,852	
Net Salary	7,544	22,481	
Death in service policy	363	-	
Total Tax and National Insurance	Note 1	10,289	11,041
		45,548	60,974
Groups			
Creche	-	170	
Little Fish	285	29	
Sunday School	649	612	
		934	811

HFMC Income and Expenditure: Page 3

Expenditure (continued)

Other Expenses

Community/Fellowship Events	2,455	965	
Conference	4,716	4,632	
Printing & Stationery	272	82	
External Mission Allocation (15%)	10,695	14,645	
Assistant Pastor Travel	131	344	
Assistant Pastor Study	199	365	
Publicity	416	185	
Licences	Note 2	(231)	2,228
Child protection	406	166	
Pastoral & Contingency	460	467	
Sundry Expenses	2,108	5,498	
Insurance	2,587	2,660	
Gocardless Churchsuite	318	318	
Evangelical Alliance	126	116	
Payroll software	172	165	
Mailchimp	165	43	
Independent examination fees	570	510	
Training	1,724	-	
Discretionary funding of Heart Church	4,875	-	
		32,165	33,389

Restricted Funds

Acts 2 Fund	860	2,001
Harvest	1,660	2,190
Heart Church	3,351	1,298
Dishwasher Fund	-	2,146
Drum Fund	-	600
Keswick Convention	-	380
Loop Fund	-	660
Love Christmas	-	1,322
New Microphone	-	65
Revitalisation Trust	750	-
Ukraine	360	-
Gift Day Fund	7,731	-
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	14,712	10,661
Total operating expenditure	<hr/> 114,339 <hr/>	<hr/> 121,295 <hr/>
Operating surplus/(deficit)	<hr/> 196 <hr/>	<hr/> (5,422) <hr/>

Notes:

1. Tax & National insurance expense is £4,184.29 higher than it should be due to Employment Allowance being claimed after the year end.
2. Licences is net of £750.90 from Heart Church towards Faithlife & CCLI. CCLI covering the period ended 31 January 2023

Heart Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
INCOME		
General Offerings	29,517	3,318
Gift Aid Offerings	17,940	5,225
Gift Aid (Refund)	3,358	1,298
	50,815	9,841
Total Operating Income	50,815	9,841
EXPENDITURE		
Church		
Rent & Room hire	3,948	300
Ministry Budgets	1,772	-
	5,719	300
Pastor		
Pension	1,965	-
Net Salary	15,381	-
Death in service policy	757	-
Tax and National Insurance	5,505	-
	23,608	-
Other Expenses		
Printing & Stationery	107	-
Pastor Travel	572	-
Pastor Study	62	-
Visiting Speakers	265	-
Publicity	2,007	492
Ministry Learning	1,296	-
Copyright licences	751	-
Child protection (CCPAS)	297	-
Pastoral & Contingency	100	-
Sundry Expenses	2,545	1,317
Insurance	625	-
Gocardless Churchsuite	72	-
Evangelical Alliance	45	-
Training	388	-
New Equipment	3,476	9,372
Tithe	500	-
	13,109	11,181
Total operating expenditure	42,436	11,481
Operating surplus/(deficit)	8,380	(1,641)

Notes:

1. General offerings includes £4,875 of funding from HFMC. £6,000 per year to be received, for a period of 3 years.

**Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of
Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church**

I report on the income and expenditure account of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S P Slater
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17 May 2023

Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of

Heart Church

I report on the income and expenditure of the Heart Church bank account for the year ended 31st December 2022. This report is supplementary to my report on the income and expenditure account of Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church.

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LEAD PASTOR'S REPORT

This past church year (August 2021 - July 2022) has been a time of transition for us. For most of the last 12 months we have been slowly but surely exiting the long, deep valley of COVID19.

Lockdowns were eased, restrictions were gradually lifted, and little by little life began returning to a new "normal" and our church family began to transition fully back to live gatherings. While some decided to move on to other churches, we are also grateful for those who have made HFM their new spiritual home.

A lot has changed, but all the important things remain the same: God is still good, the Word of God still remains, the Gospel still saves, and the Spirit still shapes and transforms lives. And in and through it all, our mission remains the same: 'To help people find and follow Jesus' for the glory of God! This mission statement is a constant reminder to us that we don't just want to be a church that focuses inward but a church that is a constant presence in our community.

Through all that has changed, we cannot and must not go back to the church as we knew it before lockdown. For some time now the Lord has simply been saying to me, "Be the church outside of the church!" During COVID we learned to adapt to being church outside our walls. Maybe that's been a significant part of our problem; we had walls that we could safely hide behind! So we must do everything we can over the coming months to creatively bring the Good News of Jesus to the many precious people around us who are without Him and without hope.

Over the past year, my health has been up and down, but I thank God that he has given me the strength to keep going. Despite my health, I was still able to preach over 35 times and made over 230 pastoral home, care home, and hospital visits, as well as numerous emails, phone calls, letters, and references. I have helped lead an Alpha Course, led over 20 Leadership Team Meetings, and recently started to lead a Discipleship Group.

Alongside Sandra and Ian, I have also helped lead a Growing Leaders Course for our younger people, which was a great joy. If we want to be a church that functions for this generation, as well as the next generation, it is so important that we encourage, equip, and release our younger people to serve at different levels of church life.

Outside of local church life, I have taken 7 school assemblies, and continued to serve in the FM Conference on the Ministerial, Education, and Guidance Board (MEG), the Restructuring of Conference Task Group, and as a Conference Peace Advocate, which involves helping to bring reconciliation where there is conflict.

I've also led a Listening Service Team under the umbrella of the Bay Medical Group which has supported many people in our community especially over recent times. As we have come out of the pandemic, there has been a mental health crisis of epic proportions. Trauma leaves a mark—some are evident now and some will emerge in the years ahead. Not only will we need God's healing; we will need to be God's healers.

Some of the highlights this year have been seeing 9 people saved (We hope to have a Baptism Service very soon!), 10 people coming into membership, and as a mother church, seeing Heart Church launch in Morecambe. It was also great to be able to take the Christmas nativity trailer around our community again and to see so many come out of their homes to join us. In the midst of all our church ministry, I am constantly reminded that at the foundation of all that we do as a church, before we attempt any human effort, we need to start at the place of prayer, as we declare our total dependence upon God.

Over the past year, we have also said farewell to some dear brothers and sisters who are now at home with the Lord and who we miss greatly. Brian Jensen was taken so suddenly from us in August, Tom and Lil Parker went home to glory last November,

and Pauline Elder went to be with her Lord in January. "Well done, thou good and faithful servants!"

I want to say thank you for the way you have honoured God at HFM in your serving and in your giving and for your continued faithfulness. Financially, it has been and continues to be a challenging time for us, but your faithful and generous giving enables the ministry here to keep going and for us to support ministries beyond our own four walls, such as Heart Church, our 9 mission partners, as well as giving to Ukraine.

Although there will need to be a significant increase in our church income before we are in a position to think about employing an extra member of staff, we will continue to keep this in mind as a Leadership Team as we plan for the future.

As I close, I want to say how humbled I am to be your pastor. Serving Christ here with you continues to be a great joy and privilege. I am constantly touched by your kindness to me and have grown to love you deeply over our years together. I also want to say how grateful I am for your prayers, as I face my operation. In these uncertain days, let's continue to keep our eyes on the Lord, knowing that He is able to provide all that we need, and more, to serve Him and to live for Him.

We may not know what the next year holds for us, but the Lord is building his house. And because of that, we keep serving, keep growing, keep following, keep loving. I think the Apostle Paul may have had Psalm 127 in mind when he left us this encouragement: **"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."**

God be with you and bless you always!

Pastor Mark

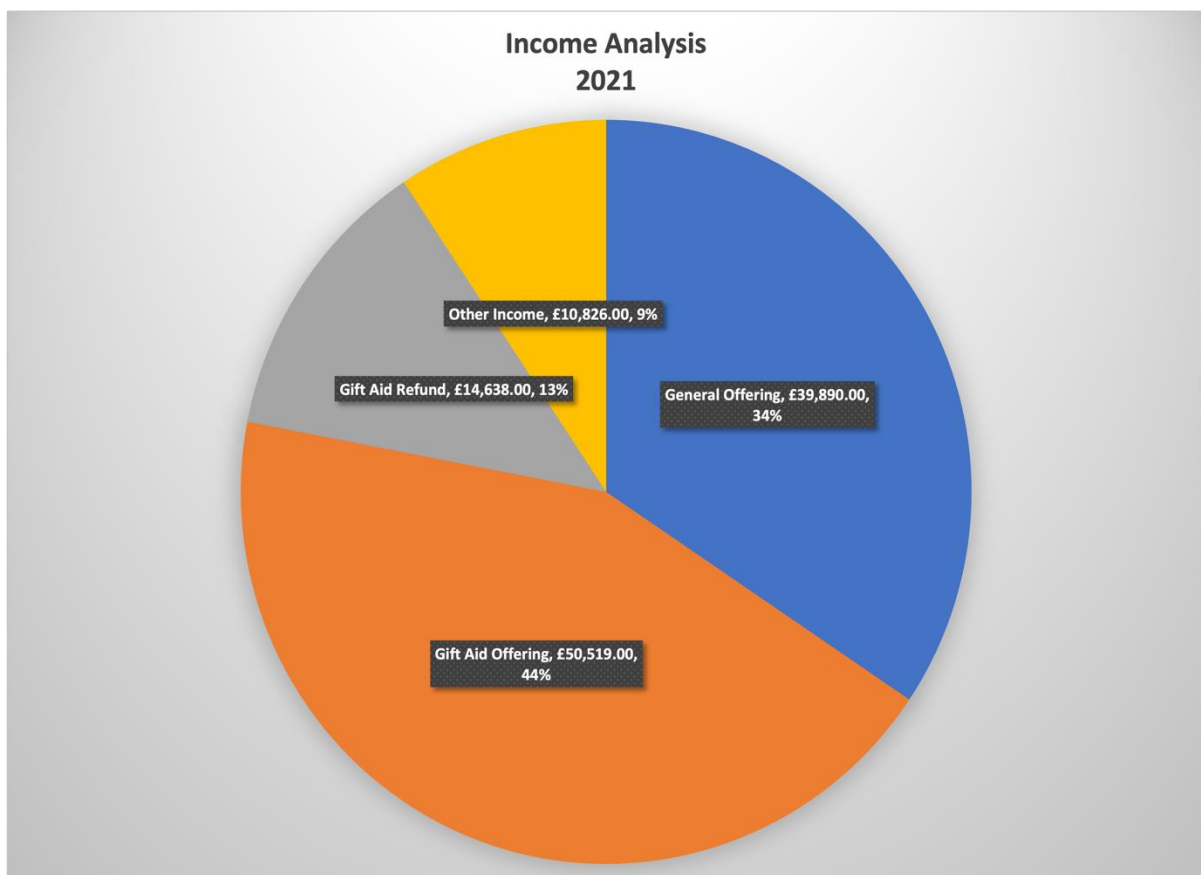
Treasurer's Report on Accounts 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

2021 has been another difficult year due to the ongoing pandemic, as physical gatherings were prohibited for part of the year, thus affecting our finances. As the year progressed morning services recommenced, although numbers fluctuated as many people didn't feel confident to return due to health issues and the risk of contracting Covid. Although many people continued giving online the monthly offering decreased considerably. As in 2020 the expenditure was lower due to no activities therefore, we managed to sustain our income/expenditure throughout the year.

Income:

Offerings for the year increased slightly to £105,047.00 which equates to £2,020.00 per week. The General offering was higher than last year at £39,890.00. However, the Gift Aid portion of the offering was lower at £50,519.00 and together with the Gift Aid refund figure of £14,638.00 amounted to £65,157.00. The other income (income given separately for specific purposes) was £10,826.00 which amounted to an overall total income of £115,873.00.

The graph below shows a breakdown of the church income:

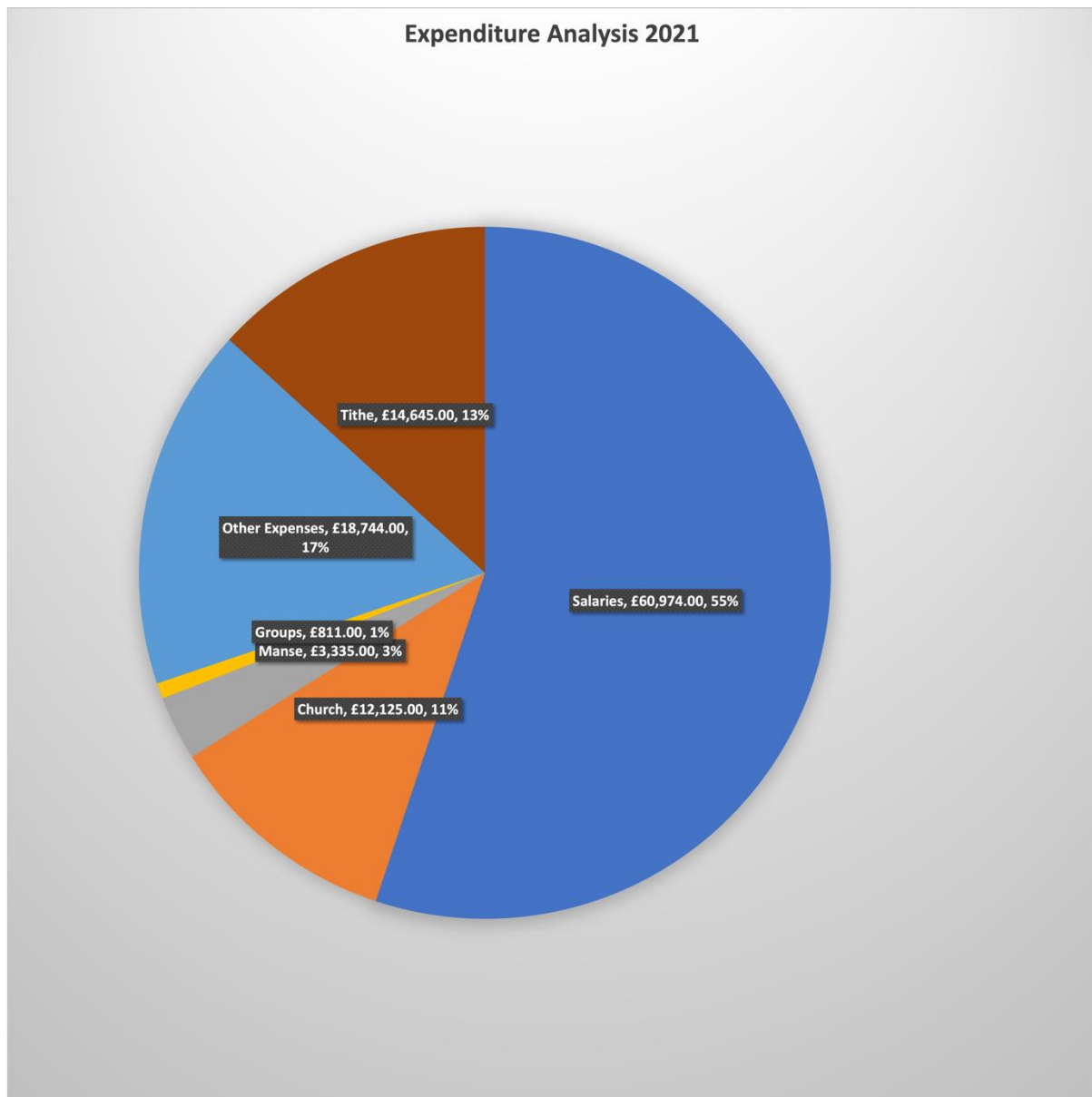


Expenditure:

The budgeted expenditure for the year was £110,634.00 which equates to £2,128.00 per week. We also had an additional expenditure of Restricted Funds (money given separately for specific purposes) of £10,661.00 giving us an overall expenditure of £121,295.00.

The budget of £110,000.00 was based on the previous year together with an increase for inflationary costs. However, due to a decrease in the offerings the expenditure exceeded the income, resulting in a loss at the end of the year of £5,422.00 and a balance of £10,350.80.

The graph below shows a breakdown of the church expenditure:



For more details on the above Income/Expenditure, see the following pages:

Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2021

				2021	2020
INCOME					
General Offerings			39,890	38,235	
Gift Aid Offerings			50,519	51,925	
Gift Aid (Refund)			14,638	14,605	
				105,047	104,765
Other Income					
Acts 2 Fund			1,666	7,487	
Cap Toys			-	1,000	
Transfer from Heart Church				109	
Heart Church			-	3,973	
Insurance Claim			-	9,600	
Harvest			2,190	1,804	
Church Revitalisation Trust		Note 1	1,750	-	
Drum Fund			600	-	
Dishwasher Fund			2,150	-	
Keswick Convention (Funeral)			380	-	
Loop Fund			660	-	
Love Christmas			820	-	
New Microphones			65	-	
Videoswicther			545	-	
				10,826	23,972
				115,873	128,737
EXPENDITURE					
Church					
Water			130	140	
Electricity			997	999	
Fire/Gas Safety Testing			969	1,140	
Gas			1,671	1,176	
Gardening			877	307	
Telephone & Broadband			691	646	
Cleaning			1,980	1,344	
General Maintenance			4,611	4,725	
Window Cleaning			200	200	
				12,125	10,678
Manse					
Rates			1,764	1,696	
Telephone			706	632	
Maintenance			195	718	
Water			670	668	
				3,335	3,714

HFMC Income and Expenditure: Page 2			Expenditure (continued)	
Pastor				
Pension		3,050		3,030
Net Salary		21,549		21,268
Assistant Pastor				
Pension		2,852		2,574
Net Salary		22,481		20,730
Total Tax and National Insurance		11,041		10,819
			60,974	58,420
Groups				
Creche		170		-
Little Fish		29		149
Finders Keepers		-		15
Sunday School		612		48
			811	212
Other Expenses				
Community/Fellowship Events		965		360
Conference		4,632		4,932
Printing & Stationery		82		180
External Mission Allocation (15%)		14,645		15,695
Assistant Pastor Travel		344		287
Assistant Pastor Study		365		127
Publicity		185		561
Copyright licences	Note 2	2,228		900
Child protection (CCPAS)		166		129
Pastoral & Contingency		467		385
Sundry Expenses		6,649		7,612
Insurance		2,660		2,585
Worship Team		-		100
			33,389	33,852
Restricted Funds				
Acts 2 Fund		2,001		6,148
Cap Toys		-		1,000
Harvest		2,190		1,804
Heart Church		1,298		4,274
Insurance Claim		-		9,600
Dishwasher Fund		2,146		-
Drum Fund		600		-
Keswick Convention		380		-
Loop Fund		660		-
Love Christmas		1,322		-
New Microphone		65		-
			10,661	22,826
Total operating expenditure			121,295	129,702
Operating deficit			- 5,422	- 965
Notes:				
1.	Church Revitalisation Trust income includes £930 which is repayable to Trinity Church.			
2.	Copyright licences includes £1,100.85 paid to CCLI covering the period ended 31 January 2023.			

Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of
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13 April 2022

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TITHE ALLOCATION 2021

c/f from 2020	£448.66
Allocation for 2021	£14,071.34
Total available in 2021	£14,520.00

Donation:		Total
Niscu		£2,004.00
Stand By Me		£2,004.00
West End Impact		£2,004.00
Lancaster & Morecambe District Debt Centre		£2,004.00
Helen Jensen		£2,004.00
Christian Concern		£1,500.00
Freedom Church		£1,500.00
Open Doors		£1,500.00
Freedom Church		£125.00
Total:		£14,645.00
Surplus	-£125.00	

Allan Barnes
Treasurer

Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church - Heart Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
INCOME		
General Offerings	3,318	2,528
Gift aid transferred from HFMC Church Account	1,298	2,274
Gift Aid Offerings	5,225	9,070
Gift from Frodsham Church	-	10,000
Gift from Allchurch Services	-	2,000
Gift from Crown Lane Church	-	2,000
Gift from Light & Life Church	-	500
	9,841	28,371
Total operating income	9,841	28,371
EXPENDITURE		
Church		
Rent	300	160
New Equipment	9,372	682
Publicity	492	519
Pastoral & Contingency	-	150
Transfer to HFMC	-	109
Sundry Expenses	1,317	504
	11,481	2,124
Total operating expenditure	11,481	2,124
Operating (deficit) / surplus	- 1,641	26,247

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH, MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 514358

Accounts

Lay Delegate Summary Report 2021

The annual Lay Delegate report is structured around eight core areas in the Life of the Free Methodist Church. These areas are approved by Conference and they consist of the following. That every Church is a Prayerful, Worshipping, Discipling, Evangelising, Reproducing Church. Together with these we are a Culture and Mission engaging congregation who seek to be a Purpose-Driven congregation.

We may ask then, what is our purpose? It is that we believe God has called us to be a passionate and compassionate family of believers, reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus. With this in mind our Church Vision Statement is 'Helping people find and follow Jesus'

- A) We seek to see lives transformed through teaching and applying unchanging Biblical Truth in a changing world
- B) We seek to be passionate about reaching those who don't yet know Jesus
- C) We seek to be relevant to our community in its diversity
- D) We seek to show God's Love to all people in word and action
- E) We seek to encourage and equip people to reach their full potential in Christ
- F) We seek to be open and accessible to all, no matter where they are on life's journey
- G) We seek to lovingly encourage and build each other up In Christ

We are living in unprecedented times for the Church. But these are also times when God is doing new things among us, both in our personal walk with God and our life together as His People. Adapting to lockdown may have been challenging for all of us and harder for some but we are thankful that our hope and trust is in Jesus and not in our ability to meet in a building. This time has shown us that the building may be closed but the Church is very much Alive.

It has meant that we have had to adapt to varied and new ways of staying together and helping one another through the tough times. It has also made us more creative in how we endeavour to make Jesus known to those who don't know Him yet. We know that a virtual relationship cannot take the place of our meeting together face to face, nevertheless many new contacts have been made during this time. Relationships within the fellowship have also been strengthened as people have found ways of connecting with each other. Untold number are logging into our weekly meetings online and our Pastors, Mark and Dan, are encouraging them to connect with us as they make decisions to follow Christ or are just searching for life's answers. This has been especially effective during our Sunday morning online service.

Our Church plant 'Heart Church' are meeting fortnightly at present on Thursday evening online, Heart in the Home. If you would like to be a part of this or just want to encourage the team then please tune into these services or contact Dan for current information.

Sunday morning services are going well, with communion regularly shared together. We are currently journeying together in an 8 part series in the Gospel of Mark. We are also journeying through Marks Gospel in our online Daily Devotionals. Two new online daytime Growth groups have been established to encourage people to connect for the first time with church and help others to stay connected in fellowship. These groups are helping people to digest and apply the Christian message to their lives as they look together at material from the Christianity Explored Course. There is also another evening online Growth group.

Video Prayer Meetings via Zoom have been well attended and a real blessing. Our online Prayer Chain continues to be effective in helping with special needs and also thanking God for answered prayer. Both our Pastors are available for Prayer via telephone or online when needed.

The Leadership Team continue to meet via Zoom every Tuesday evening fortnightly to pray and seek God for the way ahead. Practically people have been able to keep in touch and just have time to chat on a Wednesday morning at the online Coffee Morning. The Mums and Toddlers group (Little Fish) have been able to catch up on a Friday morning fortnightly via Zoom. WhatsApp and other means have also proved to be effective Bridge Builders within the fellowship.

We continue our giving to Missions, both worldwide and local during this time. We as a church have made vital contributions to those in our own fellowship who have been struggling during lockdown. We are thankful for all the unseen acts of kindness. We are also thankful for the way God has used the generous giving of God's people to give to what we have named the 'Acts 2 Fund'. In Acts 2 in scripture the church pulled together sharing their possessions and belongings with those in need. Many have contributed to this fund and we have been able to support those who are part of our church family at HFM through these challenging times of loss of income and financial security. To be able to provide both materially and financially has been a very rewarding part of our mission during lockdown.

As a Church we are grateful and thankful to all those who have been a part of the online Children's Ministry which has been such a blessing to all the children. And our thanks go to all who have worked so faithfully behind the scenes to make all these, and more outreach ministries thrive.

I wanted to close by quoting some words from our new Bishop, Keith Cowart, who oversees the Free Methodist Church in the UK and Ireland. "We are sheltering at home and trying to learn how to do life and church in these strange and difficult days. But there is something that gives us great strength and hope for this time. We are absolutely confident in the many promises of God's Word. That God always has an agenda in every circumstance and in every situation. And that His agenda is always for our good. We can know that God's aim is always to accomplish his purposes of purifying us and making us whole and moulding us in the image of His own Son Jesus Christ.

Even when God causes or allows our worlds to shake, we can see it as a gift. We have received a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. There is no doubt that Covid 19 has been disruptive and unsettling at every level but I believe God is exposing everything on which we have built our lives and our churches that is not solid ground. No one likes the shaking but God's intent is to give us an unshakeable foundation. And that foundation is not riches or the government or our well established church programmes. That foundation is Jesus Christ Himself and our mission is to live as whole and holy people rooted and grounded in Him and to take the light of life of Jesus Christ to everyone we know everywhere we go. May we have the grace and courage to let God shake off everything that can be shaken so that we might find ourselves standing on a foundation that can never be shaken"

Yours In Christ

Sandra Parker
Lay Delegate HFM

Treasurer's Report on Accounts 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

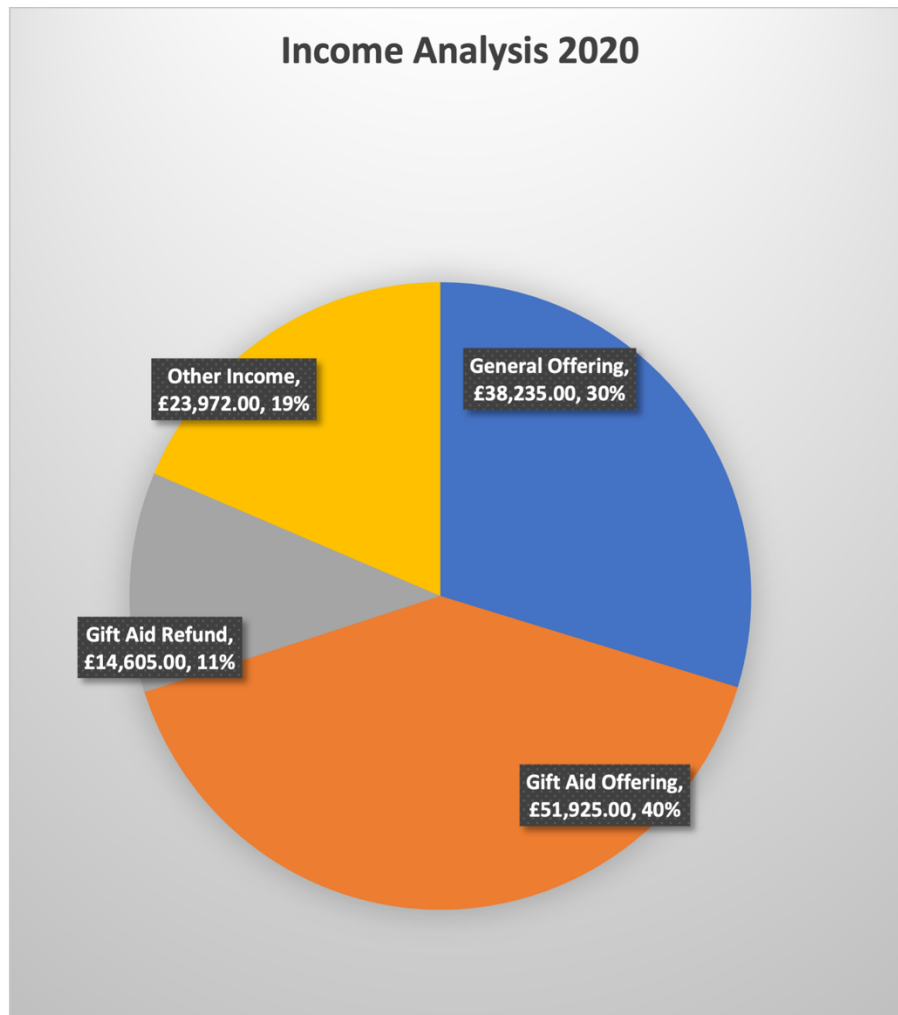
2020 has obviously been a very difficult year for us all and because physical gatherings were prohibited for so many months, this has affected our finances. The monthly income fluctuated during the first few months of the pandemic but gradually improved throughout the rest of the year. As the expenditure was lower due to no activities, we managed to sustain our income/expenditure throughout the year.

Income:

Offerings for the year increased slightly to £104,765.00. The General offering was somewhat lower at £38,235.00 which was 9% down on the previous year. However, the Gift Aid portion of the offering increased to £51,925.00 and together with the Gift Aid refund figure of £14,605.00 amounted to £66,530.00. The other income (income given separately for specific purposes) was £23,972.00 which amounted to an overall total income of £128,737.00.

The graph below shows a breakdown of the church income:

Income Analysis 2020



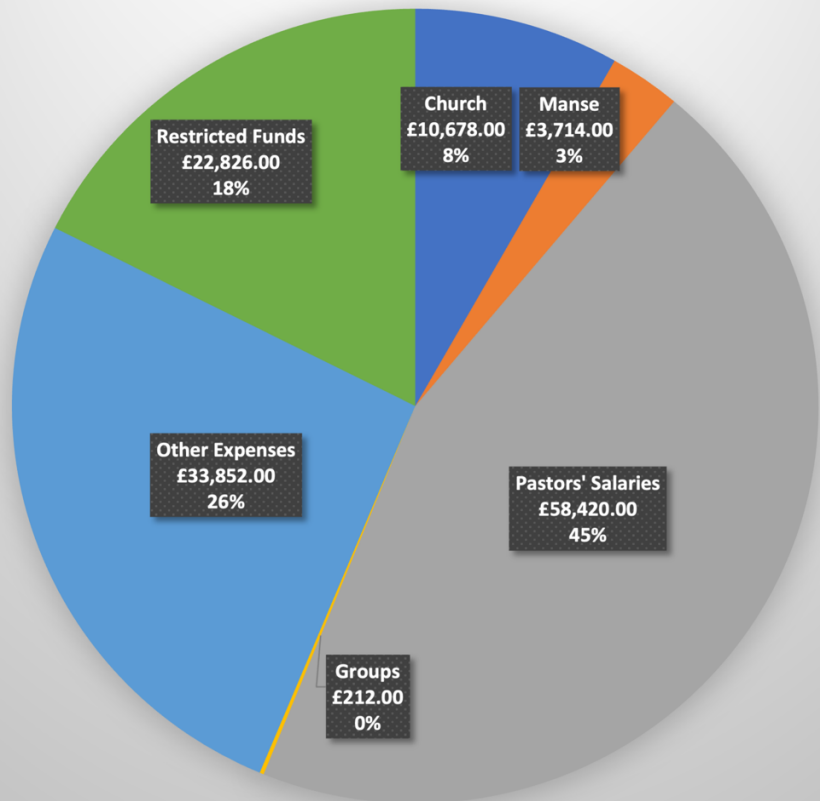
Expenditure:

The total expenditure for the year was £129,702.00 which equates to £10,808.50 per month. The budget figures were based on a similar income to the previous year with a provision to increase our reserves. However, although we had reduced running costs in some areas, this did not materialise due to extra maintenance costs and the purchase of new equipment (not totally budgeted for).

The end of year showed a £965.00 deficit and a reserves total of £15,812.34

The graph below shows a breakdown of the church expenditure:

Expenditure Analysis 2020



For more details on the above Income/Expenditure, see the following pages:

Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
INCOME		
General Offerings	38,235	41,516
Gift Aid Offerings	51,925	48,542
Gift Aid (Refund)	14,605	12,816
	104,765	102,873
Other Income		
Acts 2 Fund	7,487	-
Cap Toys	1,000	-
Insurance Claim	9,600	-
Transfer from Heart Church	109	130
Christmas Tea	-	352
New Equipment	-	1,237
Heart Church	3,973	1,850
Fun Day	-	671
Tuesday Prayer Meeting	-	315
Harvest	1,804	2,300
	23,972	6,855
Total Operating Income	128,737	109,728
EXPENDITURE		
Church		
Water	140	276
Electricity	999	1,770
Fire/Gas Safety Testing	1,140	1,042
Gas	1,176	1,484
Gardening	307	889
Telephone & Broadband	646	636
Cleaning	1,344	3,120
General Maintenance	4,725	345
Window Cleaning	200	200
	10,678	9,762
Manse		
Rates	1,696	1,632
Telephone	632	526
Maintenance	718	4,776
Water	668	694
	3,714	7,628

HFMC Income and Expenditure: Page 2**Expenditure (continued)**

Pastor			
Pension	3,030	2,984	
Net Salary	21,268	20,661	
Assistant Pastor			
Pension	2,574	2,327	
Net Salary	20,730	18,788	
Total Tax and National Insurance	10,819	10,239	
		58,420	55,000
Groups			
Creche	-	75	
Little Fish	149	142	
Rock Solid	-	-	
Finders Keepers	15	124	
Sunday School	48	380	
		212	721
Other Expenses			
Community/Fellowship Events	360	3,631	
Conference	4,932	4,536	
Printing & Stationery	180	575	
External Mission Allocation (15%)	15,695	14,028	
Assistant Pastor Travel	287	1,504	
Assistant Pastor Study	127	181	
Visiting Speakers	-	450	
Publicity	561	444	
Copyright licences	900	875	
Child protection (CCPAS)	129	157	
Pastoral & Contingency	385	268	
Sundry Expenses	7,612	2,339	
Insurance	2,585	2,515	
Worship Team	100	-	
		33,852	31,502
Restricted Funds			
Acts 2 Fund	6,148	-	
Cap Toys	1,000	-	
New Equipment	-	1,237	
Harvest	1,804	2,300	
Heart Church	4,274	2,238	
Tuesday AM	-	315	
Insurance Claim	9,600	-	
		22,826	6,090
Total operating expenditure		129,702	110,702
Operating deficit		- 965	- 973

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12 March 2021

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TITHE ALLOCATION 2020

c/f from 2019	£2,760.09
	£13,508.5
Allocation for 2020	7
	£16,268.
Total available in 2020	66

Donation:

Niscu
Stand By Me
West End Impact
Lancaster & Morecambe District Churches Debt
Centre
Helen Jensen
Christian Concern
Freedom Church
Open Doors
Helen Jensen (Extra)
Tori Micah
Project

Total:

Surplus £448.66

Allan Barnes
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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