

# FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD

England & Wales · Charity number 514359

## Details

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**Other names** FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1983-11-02

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE FURTHERANCE IN FULWOOD 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:** As a Church, we hold regular Sunday and weekday services. We also organise many other weekly activities, especially for children and young people. All our activities are financed by free will offerings given by attendees. We participate in local community activities, as well as supporting worldwide mission activity, particularly in Rwanda, India, Sierra Leone and Ecuador.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** FULWOOD
- Ecuador
- Rwanda
- Sierra Leone
- Lancashire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£481,736	£438,496	-	-
2023-12-31	£434,383	£507,128	-	-
2022-12-31	£437,182	£501,982	-	-
2021-12-31	£287,474	£344,657	-	-
2020-12-31	£409,266	£549,226	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DAVID BROWN</b>	Chair	
Gladys Nyandoro		2024-09-01
Lucy Margaret Sutton		2025-09-01
Martin Gordon Little		2025-09-01
Michael James Bedford		2025-09-01
Nicola Margaret Thorpe		2025-09-01
<b>PROFESSOR DAVID JOHN HAMBLIN</b>		
Rebecca Margaret Parkinson		2026-06-01
Sara Jane Wright		2025-09-01
Stephen Jonathan Allen		2021-09-15
Timothy James Mitchell		2024-09-01

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# Accounts

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# Fulwood Free Methodist Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

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**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**  
also known as **FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Trustees</b>	Stephen Allen Michael Bedford (appointed 1 September 2025) David Brown Carol Gornall (resigned 30 August 2024) David Hamblin Martin Little (appointed 1 September 2025) Gladys Mahachi (appointed 1 September 2024) Timothy Mitchell (appointed 1 September 2024) Andrew Slack Lucy Sutton (appointed 1 September 2025) Nicola Thorpe (appointed 1 September 2025) Geoff Tomlinson (resigned 31 August 2025) Rev. Ian Winter (resigned 13 December 2024) Sara Wright (appointed 1 September 2025)
<b>Key Staff</b>	Rev. Ian Winter (until 13 December 2023) Rev. Lawrence Davie Rev. Rebecca Parkinson
<b>Custodian Trustees</b>	Matthew Johns Dr Philip Johns
<b>Governing Document</b>	Book of Discipline of the Free Methodist Church (updated 2023) Approved scheme of the Charity Commission dated 21 April 1983 and last amended 9 March
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	514359
<b>Principal Address and Registered Office</b>	Lightfoot Lane Fulwood Preston P32 3LT
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Archie McDowall BA CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

**Main Bankers**

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# **FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

### **For the year ended 31 December 2024**

#### **Objects of the charity**

The furtherance in the area served by the Fulwood Church of the religious and other charitable work of the Free Methodist Church of North America in accordance with the doctrines, disciplines and usages of the Church for the time being as set out in the Book of Discipline

#### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The Church's principal activity is to further its objects by providing a centre of Christian worship, of Christian ministry and of support to the wider community based in the Fulwood area of Preston. It does not define the concept of 'Church' in terms of buildings or services, though it owns buildings and holds services, but rather as a worshipping community seeking to serve God and to support the spiritual and practical needs of its members, the people living within its reach and the wider world. To this end, it runs a wide range of activities from its site in Fulwood, supports other Christian activities within its local area and also supports mission focused organisations overseas.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

The Church's many activities are managed through Ministry Groups, each of which is led by a Group Leader. Each group reports to the Board and makes minutes of its meetings available to the Board. While it is clear that many activities are aimed at regular church attendees, no activity is "out of bounds" for casual visitors, and some activities are particularly aimed at people who otherwise have no association with the Church.

The Gatherings Team takes care of regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meetings (generally held at 7.00 am, 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm each Tuesday online). Prayer requests are brought from a wide range of sources from worldwide disasters to individuals some of whom have no other contact with the church. Since September 2015, except during Covid, we have held two services each Sunday morning. The second service is live streamed. An additional service is held on Sunday evenings.

The Outreach Team work to extend the message of the Gospel outside the borders of the Church itself. They lead regular events aimed at people enquiring about the Christian Faith, such as the Alpha Course. The team also plans special events from time to time, which are aimed to be of interest to non-Christians. Volunteers from Fulwood are at the forefront of the Street Pastor initiative in Preston. Along with volunteers from other churches, they work with the Police and local authority staff to provide a presence on streets where problems occur. Currently Street Pastors work in several areas of the city. The Church also operates a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre. CAP is a national organisation, based in Bradford, which aims to help anybody who finds their debt situation unmanageable. It is led in Fulwood by a Centre Manager and Debt Coach, who are supported by a number of volunteers, and they liaise with the Bradford Centre, ensuring that correct debt advice is available to clients. This operation from the Fulwood Church aims to help clients living in the Fylde, Longridge, and North Preston. Some clients succeed in becoming debt free.

The Childrens, Youth & Families Ministry delivers an energetic programme covering the ages from birth to eighteen. Some activities take place Sunday Morning (Energise and Ignite) while others take place on weeknights. The weeknight activities attract many children and young people who have no other Church connection, some of whom go on to become regular church attendees. They also manage the weekly Toddler Groups and a Bump and Baby groups which meet regularly during term time. Also, a group entitled "Who let the Dads out?" meet monthly on a Saturday mornings. All these activities are open to all comers and are managed by volunteers.

The Discipleship Ministry focuses on new and more mature Christians. They are responsible for the adult and youth Homegroups, which aim to supplement the teaching and fellowship presented at Sunday Services. This group is led by a Discipleship Pastor.

The Friends and Neighbours Ministry probably has the widest impact in the area around the Church, working among non-church people as well as supporting Church attendees in many situations. The Wednesday Lunch Break provides soup and a sandwich for up to 80 people each week, including a group from a local care home specialising in people with significant learning difficulties. We also have a Food Pantry which is kept topped up on a continuous basis so there is always something available in an emergency. This FFMC Food Pantry is linked to similar projects run by the Preston Christian Action Network and the Salvation Army so we are able to co-operate with others in and around Preston. It also supports the CAP Centre (see above) as an important additional resource for clients seeking debt help. A weekly activity known as "Inspirations Crafts" attracts ladies from many backgrounds who simply enjoy the sewing and the company of other likeminded ladies, most of whom have no other connection with the church. This Ministry also supports the "Men's Breakfast", where an invited speaker addresses topics of particular relevance to men. Another activity is a weekly carpet bowling group. This has attracted a large cohort of new people and now meets in our main worship area as it offers the largest area for bowling lanes.

The Global Partnership arranges support for many of our mission contacts and in particular allocates the Missions Budget which comprises a minimum of 15% of general church giving. The Team also organises VISA (Volunteers in Service Abroad) Teams. These teams visit the various projects which the church supports and undertake various practical activities while there. Another aspect of our missions' activity is the Kibogora Initiative that supports the work of Kibogora Hospital in Rwanda. It has its own ring-fenced bank accounts and raises funds under the title Kibogora Initiative. The main source of funds in 2024/25 was a gift day at Fulwood Free Methodist Church and regular monthly gifts many of which are through the sponsor-a-bed appeal. Support was also provided for the Free Methodist Polytechnic in Kibogora. The sponsor-a-pastor scheme has continued to provide scholarships for Rwandans who simply cannot afford to meet their own costs. Funding for this is channelled through the Kibogora accounts, as are other specific gifts for the polytechnic. All the accounts have comprehensive local audit. David Hamblin, one of the Fulwood trustees has now retired from being Vice Chancellor but remains advisor to the Vice Chancellor of Kibogora Polytechnic and remains in contact, providing advice and support. Within Rwanda the Kibogora Initiative is part of the Better Together group which seeks to improve communication amongst the various organisations involved in the hospital. This group includes the UK Free Methodist Conference, the Rwanda Free Methodist Conference, representatives of the Kibogora Free Methodist Church and CAHO (Central African Health Organisation: an American Charity which supports the work at Kibogora). Better Together met in person in November 2024 at Kibogora and members of the Fulwood team attended in person. We also receive quarterly written reports from Kibogora describing activities undertaken.

For Sierra Leone our donations go via the UK based Charity International Aid Trust (Charity Reg No: 1086597); for Rwanda they go to Kibogora Hospital which is regulated and audited by the Rwandan Ministry of Health;

and Pan de Vida is an Ecuadorian legally established non-profit organisation with the ministerial agreement MIES 0058 of September 21st 2007, and is also registered as a 501(c)3 foundation in the USA.

Each year we send a team of people to one of the three overseas projects we support. This allows people in our church to see for themselves how effective the projects are and for us to carry a review of effectiveness.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Organisation**

Major decisions are discussed and approved at Society Meetings where all church members can vote. Non-members who attend the church can attend the Society Meeting but cannot vote. The Board is made up principally of elected trustees. Elected Trustees are appointed by a ballot vote of Church Members at the Annual Society Meeting (typically held in June) or any of the other Society Meetings held at other times. They serve for a period of three years, but there is no limit to the period of service if nominated and re-elected at the end of their three-year term. Additionally, Lay Delegates are affirmed annually. Election requires a 50% majority of the members voting. Nominations are invited from church members three months in advance, closing one month later. If there are no or insufficient nominations at the closing date, the Board is empowered to make nominations as a cooperate body. A Senior Pastor may be appointed by the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. When there is a person appointed to the office of Senior Pastor, the Senior Pastor is ex officio a trustee and is a member of the Board. The Charity Scheme allows for the remuneration of the Senior Pastor. Rev Ian Winter resigned as Senior Pastor in December 2024 and ceased to be a trustee from the date of his resignation. At the time of writing (October 2025) the office of Senior Pastor is still vacant, and the Church has been managed by its elected trustees. The Board meets at least 3 times per year, and at other times if necessary.

The Board delegates Spiritual leadership issues to the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) which is made up of two lay delegates, (Lay Delegates attend and vote at the GB Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church), the Senior Pastor if a person is appointed to that role, plus ordinary members to take the total to a maximum of 8 members. The Board also delegates general management issues to the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT), some of whom are appointed to a specific role (e.g. Church Secretary, Head of Finance) while others are appointed “without portfolio” and are given administrative responsibilities from time to time as agreed by the Board. The Board receives minutes from both the SLT, and the ALT, who can also pass major items back to the Board for final decisions.

In the fourth quarter of the year the Head of Finance heads up a small team to prepare a budget for the following year. This is based on prudent estimates of anticipated income from offerings, together with expected financial requirements which are related to the overall vision of the Church for the following year. This passes to the ALT, the Board and finally to a Society Meeting when the treasurer also presents (unexamined) financial information relating to the previous year.

The Church has taken time to consider the advantages of changing its structure to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The trustees and members are in favour of becoming a CIO using one of the Charity Commission model constitutions. Action to make this change will begin in late 2025 or early 2026.

## **Financial Review**

The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 9. Total receipts from unrestricted funds during the year were £396,905. Restricted donations of £84,831 were also received and are detailed in the financial statements. Total expenditure was £438,496. The net result for the year was a surplus of £43,240 compared to a deficit of £72,745 in 2023. The charity's net assets increased by the same amount, to £2,387,467, of which £2,287,615

were unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. Net current assets increased by £52,351 to £475,015, of which £375,163 were unrestricted.

Income is mostly derived from free will gifts made to the church by Church Members and other attendees, some of which is designated to specific causes. This income is supplemented by tax refunds on Gift Aided donations, and occasionally by income from other charities, usually other Christian organisations, or grants from public bodies. The trustees manage incoming resources by a combination of prudent spending within an annual budget which is set by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board and Church Members.

The trustees, by virtue of the regular Board meetings, constantly make judgements and estimates relating to available funds and appropriate allocation of those funds. These are based on regular (four times per year) Income and Expenditure accounts prepared by the Church Treasurer and scrutinised by the Board. Unexpected demands on these funds can then be handled appropriately. The Trustees, through the Treasurer, keep appropriate records which satisfy the legal requirements placed on trustees.

### **Investments Policy**

Funds that are not needed immediately are invested in reputable UK financial institutions covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Invested money is split between fixed term accounts paying relatively high returns and accounts allowing quick access but paying lower returns.

### **Reserves Policy**

The charity aims to hold a minimum of £165,000 (which is in excess of six months of the Church operating expenditure) as unrestricted cash, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash and cash equivalent deposits of £367,664.

### **Key Risks and Uncertainties**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees under charity law**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name	STEVE ALLEN
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Signature
 <a href="#">SJAllen (Oct 30, 2025 15:59:34 GMT)</a>

Date	Oct 30, 2025
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**  
**('the Charity')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 9 to 23 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 11 to 13.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Archie McDowall*

[Archie McDowall \(Oct 30, 2025 17:44:06 GMT\)](#)

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Date: Oct 30, 2025

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 Restated £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	352,639	84,831	437,470	397,047
Charitable activities	4	38,965	-	38,965	31,743
Investments	5	5,301	-	5,301	5,593
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>396,905</b>	<b>84,831</b>	<b>481,736</b>	<b>434,383</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	331,978	106,517	438,496	507,661
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>331,978</b>	<b>106,517</b>	<b>438,496</b>	<b>507,661</b>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>64,927</b>	<b>(21,687)</b>	<b>43,240</b>	<b>(73,278)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	14	(36,990)	36,990	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>27,937</b>	<b>15,303</b>	<b>43,240</b>	<b>(73,278)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		2,259,679	84,548	2,344,227	2,417,505
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	14	<b>2,287,615</b>	<b>99,852</b>	<b>2,387,467</b>	<b>2,344,227</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 11-22 form part of these accounts.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 Restated £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	1,912,452	-	1,912,452	1,921,563
		<u>1,912,452</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,912,452</u>	<u>1,921,563</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	21,060	4,857	25,917	52,619
Investments	10	170,000	-	170,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand	11	197,664	94,995	292,659	390,422
		388,724	99,852	488,576	443,042
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(13,561)	-	(13,561)	(20,378)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>375,163</u>	<u>99,852</u>	<u>475,015</u>	<u>422,664</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>2,287,615</u>	<u>99,852</u>	<u>2,387,467</u>	<u>2,344,227</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	14				
General funds		2,244,205	-	2,244,205	2,259,678
Designated funds		43,411	-	43,411	-
		<u>2,287,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,287,615</u>	<u>2,259,678</u>
Restricted Funds		-	99,852	99,852	84,549
		<u>2,287,615</u>	<u>99,852</u>	<u>2,387,467</u>	<u>2,344,227</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

*SJAllen*

SJAllen (Oct 30, 2025 15:59:34 GMT)

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STEVE ALLEN

Date: Oct 30, 2025

Charity number: 514359

The notes on page 11-22 form part of these accounts.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a trust registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The previous year's results, which are stated for the purposes of comparison, have been restated following the identification of an error in the preparation of the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023. This is referred to in notes 6, 11, 12 and 14 below.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items) and such is material. Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**2 Accounting Policies (continued)**

- iii) **Legacies.** Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

c) **Expenditure**

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) **Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) **Tangible fixed assets**

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £250 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% per annum reducing balance or 10% per annum straight line
Office equipment	over 3 years straight line
Motor vehicles	25% per annum reducing balance

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) **Leased assets**

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

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**2 Accounting Policies (continued)**

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

j) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

k) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**3 Donations and legacies**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	316,932	330,272
Legacies receivable	56,500	-
Gift aid recoverable	64,038	66,775
	437,470	397,047

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church events and activities	15,676	4,778
Community outreach activities	14,710	21,154
Use of premises	7,138	5,811
Other income	1,441	-
	38,965	31,743

**5 Investment income**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	5,301	5,593
	5,301	5,593

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**6 Charitable expenditure**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>a Costs incurred directly on specific activities</b>		
Salaries, travel and expenses	186,768	199,229
Telephone and utilities	19,004	18,734
Cost of services	12,012	10,033
Catering	8,574	13,826
Childrens & youth ministry	12,941	10,784
Outreach ministry	15,351	8,285
Other ministry costs	23,221	2,836
Conference levy	12,108	13,071
Repairs & maintenance	19,328	15,424
Miscellaneous expenses	-	434
	309,306	292,656
Grants payable (note 6c)	83,016	169,696
	392,322	462,352

Costs incurred on Salaries, Travel and Expenses in the financial year ended 31 December 2023 have been restated due to the identification of an error in the financial statements for the prior year.

**b Costs incurred on support & administration**

Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	4,440	8,190
Other	570	-
	5,010	8,190
Office and administration	6,624	5,752
Subscriptions and professional fees	2,652	3,365
Bank fees and charges	1,550	1,158
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	22,705	23,681
Insurance	7,633	3,163
	46,173	45,309
<b>Total expenditure</b>	438,496	507,661

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £4,440 (2023: £8,190).

**c Grants payable**

	Institutions	Individuals	2024
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	66,736	8,908	75,644
Grants for the relief of poverty	1,080	-	1,080
	67,816	8,908	76,724

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2023
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	137,956	4,277	142,233
Grants for the relief of poverty	18,943	-	18,943
	156,899	4,277	161,176

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**6 Charitable expenditure (continued)**

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Kibogora	37,779	95,474
International Aid Trust	4,735	14,000
Christians Against Poverty	-	11,052
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	-	7,500
Pan de Vida	9,792	7,000
Tearfund	1,080	6,000
Open Doors	1,040	4,000
Cedar House	3,050	3,186
Preston Street Pastors	3,000	3,000
Sports Reach	2,000	2,000
Support Ukraine	-	1,801
Safe Families for Children	5,040	1,000
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	300	886
	<u>67,816</u>	<u>156,899</u>

**7 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 8 (2023: 11). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2024
				£
Trustees:				
Rev. Ian Winter	46,899	-	3,752	50,651
Other members of key management				<u>67,973</u>
				<u>118,624</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2023
				£
Trustees:				
Rev. Ian Winter	44,342	-	3,547	47,889
Other members of key management				<u>69,895</u>
				<u>117,784</u>

Rev. Ian Winter served as the church's Senior Pastor and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

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**8 Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Office equipment £	Total 2024 £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2024	1,813,757	370,208	11,465	2,195,430
Additions	6,600	6,994	-	13,594
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,820,357</u>	<u>377,202</u>	<u>11,465</u>	<u>2,209,024</u>
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	-	265,461	8,406	273,867
Charge for the year	-	21,881	824	22,705
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>287,342</u>	<u>9,230</u>	<u>296,572</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,820,357</u>	<u>89,859</u>	<u>2,235</u>	<u>1,912,452</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,813,757</u>	<u>104,747</u>	<u>3,059</u>	<u>1,921,563</u>

The original Land and Church buildings were revalued and included in the accounts at valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since that date have been included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

**9 Debtors**

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid recoverable	10,815	49,226
Other debtors	220	-
Prepayments and accrued income	14,883	3,393
	<u>25,917</u>	<u>52,619</u>

**10 Current asset investments**

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash equivalent deposits	170,000	-
	<u>170,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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**11 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2024	2023
	£	Restated £
Cash at bank with immediate access	292,546	389,858
Petty cash	113	565
	292,659	390,422

Cash at bank with immediate access as at 31 December 2023 has been restated following the identification of an error in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**12 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	Restated £
Taxation and social security	3,594	10,137
Other creditors	5,527	641
Accruals	4,440	9,600
	13,561	20,378

Creditors owed for Taxation and Social Security as at 31 December 2023 has been restated following the identification of an error in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**13 Pension commitments**

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £12,315 (2023: £15,616) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. Pension contributions of £1,356 were owing at the balance sheet date (2023: £261).

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**14 Funds**

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Gains and losses 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Development Fund	-	57,005	-	(13,594)	-	43,411
	-	57,005	-	(13,594)	-	43,411
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	2,259,679	339,900	(331,978)	(23,396)	-	2,244,205
Total Unrestricted Funds	2,259,679	396,905	(331,978)	(36,990)	-	2,287,615
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Food Bank Community	1,359	-	-	-	-	1,359
Christians Against Poverty	20,439	12,163	(16,702)	7,000	-	22,900
Cedar House	-	53	(3,050)	3,040	-	43
Leaving Gifts	634	-	-	-	-	634
Anna Snalam	204	7,126	(8,908)	1,578	-	-
Kibogora	48,384	28,441	(37,954)	4,500	-	43,371
Pan de Vida	3,562	9,327	(9,807)	-	-	3,081
Craft Inspirations	2,376	-	-	-	-	2,376
India	1,775	-	-	-	-	1,775
Sierra Leone	4,602	-	(4,735)	133	-	-
Global Partnership	-	9,354	(11,376)	16,389	-	14,367
Kez Watkins	-	2,365	(2,355)	1,500	-	1,510
Visa Teams	-	16,003	(11,631)	2,850	-	7,222
Other small funds	1,213	-	-	-	-	1,213
	84,549	84,831	(106,517)	36,990	-	99,852
Aggregate of funds	2,344,227	481,736	(438,496)	-	-	2,387,467

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**14 Funds (continued)**

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- a) Transfer of £13,594 from the **Development Fund** to the **General Fund** to reflect the acquisition of fixed assets during the year.
- b) Transfer of £3,040 from the **General Fund** to the **Cedar House Fund** to fund the church's support of the service.
- c) Transfer of £7,000 from the **General Fund** to the **Christians Against Poverty Fund** to support the church's partnership with CAP.
- d) Transfer of £4,500 from the **General Fund** to the **Kibogora Fund** to support the church's partnership with the project.
- e) Transfer of £2,850 from the **General Fund** to the **VISA Teams Fund** to support the annual trips overseas
- f) Transfer of £1,500 from the **General Fund** to the **Kez Watkins Fund** as the church's contribution to her work.
- h) Transfer of £18,100 from the **General Fund** to the **Global Partnership Fund** as the church's contribution to supporting partnerships locally and further afield.
- i) Transfer of £133 from the **Global Partnership Fund** to the **Sierra Leone Fund** to clear a year-end deficit. These funds share a similar purpose.
- i) Transfer of £1,578 from the **Global Partnership Fund** to the **Anna Snalam Fund** to clear a year-end deficit. These funds share a similar purpose.

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	1,912,452	-	-	1,912,452
Debtors	21,060	-	4,857	25,917
Investments held as current assets	170,000	-	-	170,000
Cash at bank and in hand	154,254	43,411	94,995	292,659
Creditors falling due within one year	(13,561)	-	-	(13,561)
	<u>2,244,205</u>	<u>43,411</u>	<u>99,852</u>	<u>2,387,467</u>

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**14 Funds (continued)**

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023	Incoming resources 2023	Outgoing resources 2023	Transfers in the year 2023	Gains and losses 2023	Closing balance 2023 Restated
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	2,311,689	299,196	(351,206)	-	-	2,259,679
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>2,311,689</b>	<b>299,196</b>	<b>(351,206)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,259,679</b>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Food Bank Community	1,529	(170)	-	-	-	1,359
Christians Against Poverty	22,784	22,431	(24,776)	-	-	20,439
Cedar House	-	3,186	(3,186)	-	-	-
Leaving Gifts	1,709	5,914	(6,988)	-	-	634
Anna Snalam	-	4,340	(4,135)	-	-	204
Kibogora	64,997	79,094	(95,708)	-	-	48,384
Pan de Vida	(467)	11,029	(7,000)	-	-	3,562
Craft Inspirations	2,212	185	(21)	-	-	2,376
India	1,775	-	-	-	-	1,775
Sierra Leone	9,682	8,919	(14,000)	-	-	4,602
Other small funds	1,595	259	(641)	-	-	1,213
	105,816	135,188	(156,455)	-	-	84,549
<b>Aggregate of funds</b>	<b>2,417,505</b>	<b>434,383</b>	<b>(507,661)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,344,227</b>

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			2023 Restated £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	1,921,563	-	-	1,921,563
Debtors	40,573	-	12,046	52,619
Cash at bank and in hand	317,920	-	72,503	390,422
Creditors falling due within one year	(20,378)	-	-	(20,378)
	2,259,678	-	84,549	2,344,227

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**14 Funds (continued)**

The expenditure attributable to the General Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023 has been restated, along with the balance of net current assets as at 31 December 2023, following the identification of an error in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The **Development Fund** is designated by the trustees for exceptional projects, such as further enhancements to the Fulwood site or church planting in another community.

The **Food Bank Community** a reserve of money that has been given from time to time to provide short term food relief (principally) to CAP clients who need emergency food help while CAP help to resolve their wider problems.

The **Christians Against Poverty Fund** reflects the church's long-standing partnership with CAP. It employs a worker (Linda McGuinness) to work on behalf of CAP with financially distressed clients within the local community. Occasionally, it holds gift days for funds to support Linda's costs. A surplus is retained in this fund to provide a robust buffer for these salary and other costs in the event of a downturn in giving.

The **Cedar House Fund** supports a counselling centre in Preston operated by Christians but providing services to anyone in need of help.

The **Leaving Gifts Fund** is made up of any money collected specifically as leaving gifts for staff, ministers or others when they move on from association with the church. Any balance in this fund should be transitory as we aim to pay out shortly after receipt.

The **Anna Snalam Fund** supports a previous church member who has moved on to become a full-time Christian worker in Wales. The church contributes to the cost of her work there.

The **Kibogora Fund** reflects the church's long-term relationship with Christian work in the Kibogora area of Rwanda. This started as support for the establishment of a hospital and progressed to include the development of a Christian polytechnic. The church supports the ongoing costs of both undertakings, with some of the gifting received being specifically targeted at supporting the training of Christian ministerial candidates, for whom there is no locally available financial support.

The **Pan de Vida Fund** supports a Christian charity based in Quito, Ecuador operating in the city and some other areas around the country. It is a charity registered in Ecuador and the USA. It provides food, health, education and support services to the poor of its region. It also assists people to establish small businesses and to become self-sufficient.

The **Sierra Leone Fund** supports the work of International Aid Trust in Sierra Leone.

The **Craft Inspirations Fund** supports the costs of running craft-based outreach activities within the church.

The **India Fund** has been used to support the work of a partner organisation in India.

The **Kez Watkins Fund** supports the work of a church member who is working with Youth With A Mission in Norway. The church is contributing to the cost of supporting her to do this work.

The **Global Partnership Fund** supports the church's giving to external charitable activities that are not part of any other specific named fund.

The **VISA Teams Fund** reflects the income and expenditure for the church teams sent out as 'Volunteers in Service Overseas' to work alongside our partner projects in other countries, typically once a year.

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**15 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £36,781 (2023: £42,500) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) paid expenses totalling £1,299 (2023: £1,065) on behalf of the trustees in relation to insurance premiums incurred by the charity in respect of indemnity and travel insurance for the trustees whilst carrying out duties associated with being trustees or when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee; no other expenses (2023: £nil) were paid to, for for, the trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>									
Donations and legacies	3	295,635	57,005	84,831	437,470	261,860	-	135,188	397,047
Charitable activities	4	38,965	-	-	38,965	31,743	-	-	31,743
Investments	5	5,301	-	-	5,301	5,593	-	-	5,593
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>339,900</b>	<b>57,005</b>	<b>84,831</b>	<b>481,736</b>	<b>299,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>135,188</b>	<b>434,383</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>									
Charitable activities:	6	331,978	-	106,517	438,496	351,206	-	156,455	507,661
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>331,978</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,517</b>	<b>438,496</b>	<b>351,206</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,455</b>	<b>507,661</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>7,922</b>	<b>57,005</b>	<b>(21,687)</b>	<b>43,240</b>	<b>(52,010)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(21,268)</b>	<b>(73,278)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	14	<b>(23,396)</b>	<b>(13,594)</b>	<b>36,990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(15,474)</b>	<b>43,411</b>	<b>15,303</b>	<b>43,240</b>	<b>(52,010)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(21,268)</b>	<b>(73,278)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>									
Total funds brought forward		2,259,679	-	84,548	2,344,227	2,311,689	-	105,816	2,417,505
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	14	<b>2,244,205</b>	<b>43,411</b>	<b>99,852</b>	<b>2,387,467</b>	<b>2,259,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,548</b>	<b>2,344,227</b>

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**

England & Wales - Charity number 514359

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# Accounts

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Charity Registration No: 514359**

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 514359**

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

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**Charity Name:** Fulwood Free Methodist Church

**Governed By:** Book of Discipline  
Approved scheme of the Charity Commission dated 21 April  
1983 and last amended 9 March 2000

**Charity Number:** 514359

**Principal Address:** Fulwood Free Methodist Church  
Lightfoot Lane  
Fulwood  
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PR2 3LT

**Main Bankers:** HSBC  
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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The trustees are pleased to present their report, together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2023.

**Board members/trustees register**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Retired</b>
Rev Ian Winter	Senior pastor	SLT		
Dr Philip Johns	Chair of finance	ALT		27/10/2023
Mr Matthew Johns	Treasurer	ALT		15/10/2023
Mr David Brown	Lay delegate	SLT		
Prof D Hamblin		ALT		
Mr Geoff Tomlinson	Church secretary	ALT		
Mr Andrew Slack		SLT		
Mrs Carol Gornall	Lay delegate	SLT		30/08/2024
Mr Stephen Allen	Head of Finance	ALT		
Mr Tim Mitchell		ALT	01/09/2024	
Mrs Gladys Mahachi		ALT	01/09/2024	

**Notes:**

SLT means Spiritual Leadership Team

ALT means Administrative Leadership Team.

The Board of trustees comprises the SLT plus the ALT

**Governing Document**

The approved scheme dated 21 April 1983, as amended on 9 March 2000 is the controlling Charity Document (Charity Number 514359) but this Scheme recognises the role of Book of Discipline of the Free Methodist Church of North America as amended from time to time (Latest version dated 2011). The Church is also part of the GB Conference of the Free Methodist Church, and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The Senior Pastor (a Trustee) is appointed by the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. Other Trustees are appointed by a ballot vote of the Church Members present at the Annual Society Meeting (held in June) or any of the other Society Meetings held at other times. They serve for a period of three years, but there is no limit to the period of service if nominated and re-elected at the end of their three year term. Additionally, Lay Delegates are affirmed annually.

Election requires a 50% majority of the members present. Nominations are invited from church members three months in advance, closing one month later. If there are no or insufficient nominations at the closing date, the Board is empowered to make nominations as a cooperate body. As identified above, the Chair of finance and the Treasurer retired from the Board and left the church in October 2023. Their roles were taken up by other trustees and members in acting capacities to ensure the continuity and smooth organisation of the charity.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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### **Trustee Induction and training**

The first responsibility of a Trustee is to accept a position as a Church Leader, and Church Leadership courses are regularly organised by the Church. It is expected that trustee nominees will already be in leadership roles in church departments or will have participated in a leadership course. The legal responsibilities of trustees are explained by making available copies of the Approved Scheme, the Book of Discipline, appropriate Charity Documents, (eg The Essential Trustee) and a number of internal documents (including The Biblical Basis of Leadership, Decision Making in FFMC, Standing Financial Instructions, the Health & Safety Policy, and the Safeguarding Policy).

All nominees must already be Church Members and a condition of Church Membership is a requirement to accept and support the scriptural doctrines and principles required of members of the Free Methodist Church, as outlined in the Book of Discipline. Each Trustee is expected to have DBS clearance at appointment, (unless DBS clearance has already been obtained as required by some other role within the Church.)

### **Organisation**

Major decisions are discussed and approved at Society Meetings where all church members can vote while non-members who attend the church can attend the Society Meeting but cannot vote. The Board consisting of all elected trustees and the Senior Pastor (a Trustee whose remuneration is specifically allowed for in the Charity Scheme) meets at least 3 times per year, and at other times if necessary. It delegates Spiritual leadership issues to the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) which comprises the Senior Pastor, two lay delegates, (Lay Delegates attend and vote at the GB Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church) plus ordinary members to take the total to a maximum of 8 members (including the Senior Pastor). The Board also delegates general management issues to the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT), some of whom are appointed to a specific role (e.g. Church Secretary, Head of Finance) while three others are appointed "without portfolio" and are given administrative responsibilities from time to time as agreed by the Board. The Board receives minutes from both the SLT, and the ALT, who can also pass major items back to the board for final decisions.

A Framework Document sets out the principal sub-committee leadership structure so that each ongoing activity of the Church is part of a particular Ministry Group. All of these groups comprise volunteers from the Church congregation, and are led by a Ministry Group Leader, who liaises with the Board.

A key Ministry Group is the Global Partnership Team who deal with the Church's giving to other organizations both in the UK and elsewhere in the world. The Church gives a minimum of 15% of its general income to these causes, along with the proceeds of several Gift Days each year. (These are Sundays when the offerings taken on that day are given to a specific cause). This Team's plans are approved at a Society Meeting.

In the fourth quarter of the year the Head of Finance heads up a small team to prepare a budget for the following year. This is based on prudent estimates of anticipated income from offerings, together with expected financial requirements which are related to the overall vision of the Church for the following year. This passes to the ALT, the Board and finally to the February Society Meeting when the treasurer also presents (unexamined) financial information relating to the previous year.

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**Related Parties**

- 1) From time to time members and trustees are appointed to positions of responsibility in the functioning of the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. (Itself a Registered Charity). The Conference Boards all consist of Free Methodist Pastors and Church Members.
- 2) Some Trustees are also Trustees of other Christian Charities in Preston.

None of these represents a conflict of interest.

**Risk Management**

The trustees are aware of particular risks and take appropriate steps to control these risks and mitigate any impact they might have.

Budgetary control is actively pursued by preparing an annual budget and by studying the quarterly financial statements prepared by the Treasurer. Then when necessary, spending controls are introduced in addition to regular controls to keep spending within the actual income.

Insurance policies for buildings, trustees and travel are in place and reviewed from time to time to ensure the values insured are adequate. Changes in the assets are also monitored to ensure that the insurance cover is adequate.

Protection of the Church Building is strengthened by the fitting of a maintained security system an internal and external CCTV system, (External system recently upgraded to incorporate digital cameras) and a comprehensive fire alarm system. Cash theft from inside the church is minimised by the fitting of appropriate safes for the storage of cash (e.g. offerings before banking, income received for charitable events, or petty cash floats).

All people working with children and/or vulnerable adults have DBS clearance (renewed every three years where required) and this is complemented by a carefully prepared and implemented Safeguarding Policy. From time to time all people working with children or vulnerable adults have received specific training by Thirty One : Eight (previously Church's Child Protection Advisory Service). The CCTV installation throughout the premises provides additional protection for all visitors, staff and volunteers.

The church makes wide use of computers for many of its activities (for which it holds a data protection licence). These computers are replaced as and when necessary to ensure software upgrades can be applied. The Church now uses Churchsuite, a software system which complies with current GDPR requirements, and holds much information about activities and attendees. For example it has been extremely useful during the COVID situation in allowing us to keep in contact with Church attendees who have registered their willingness to be contacted by E-mail. At the end of the year the Church declared the intention to move accounting and book-keeping to the ExpensePlus suite of software from January 2024 onwards.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Fulwood Free Methodist Church was built on the present site some 46 years ago. It is part of a worldwide network of Churches entitled "Free Methodist Churches Worldwide" (HQ Indianapolis, Indiana, USA). Locally it is part of the GB (UK) Conference (FMCUK, Conference Office, 47 High St, Kingswood, Bristol BF15 4AA). Each Church is an individual charity with its own Charity Document while the Spiritual Ethos is laid down in the Book of Discipline, a fact which is recognised in the FFMC Charity Document.

When planning the charity's activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. The main objective of the Charity is the promotion of the Christian Faith in the local community in Fulwood and other parts of Preston. Other worldwide activities are often in conjunction with our sister Free Methodist Churches, or other Christian Charities. Main activities on the Fulwood site are regular Church Services, Youth and Children's activities and other miscellaneous activities. These are directed by the Senior Pastor, and other ministerial staff, together with Board Members and many other volunteers. All these activities are open for anybody to attend.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The buildings on the Lightfoot Lane site have been erected in 3 major developments since opening in 1978, and completed in 2008.

During the year the staff team comprised the senior, discipleship, & youth pastor who meet weekly to co-ordinate the smooth running of the church activities., In addition the Church employs two CAP staff, general secretary, building manager and two housekeepers.

The pastoral staff are given a period of Sabbatical Leave every five years, and funds are provided to facilitate a period of study.

In 2008 the UK Free Methodist Conference replaced the Conference Superintendent by a National Leadership Team, (NLT), comprising two FMC Pastors. Andrew Gardner, the senior Pastor at Fulwood was appointed to this team, as from Autumn 2012. However, this role ceased on 31 December 2020, when NLT was replaced by a National Leader of FMC UK and Northern Ireland.

The Church's many activities are managed through Ministry Groups, each of which is led by a Group Leader. These are described below. Each group reports to the Board and makes minutes of its meetings available to the Board. While it is clear that many activities are aimed at regular church attendees, no activity is "out of bounds" for casual visitors, and some activities are particularly aimed at people who otherwise have no association with the Church.

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**The Gatherings Team** takes care of regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meetings (held at 7.00 am, 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm each Tuesday on line.) Prayer requests are brought from a wide range of sources from worldwide disasters to individuals some of whom have no other contact with the church. From September 2015 we have held two services each Sunday morning, except during Covid, and returned to two services in early 2023. Now the second service is live streamed.

**The Outreach Team** work to extend the message of the Gospel outside the borders of the Church itself. They lead regular events aimed at people enquiring about the Christian Faith such as the Alpha Course. The team also plan special events from time to time which are aimed to be of interest to non-Christians.

Volunteers from Fulwood are at the forefront of the Street Pastor initiative in Preston. Along with volunteers from other churches, they work with the Police and local authority staff to provide a presence on streets where problems occur. Currently Street Pastors work in several areas of the city. The Church also operates a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre. This is a national organisation, based in Bradford which aims to help anybody who finds their debt situation unmanageable. It is led in Fulwood by a Centre Manager and Debt Coach, who are supported by a number of volunteers, and they liaise with the Bradford Centre, ensuring that correct debt advice is available to clients. This operation from the Fulwood Church aims to help clients living in the Fylde, Longridge, and North Preston. Some clients are regularly declared debt free.

**The Children's, Youth & Families Ministry** delivers an energetic programme covering the ages from birth to eighteen. Some activities take place Sunday Morning (Energise and Ignite) while others take place on weeknights. The weeknight activities attract many children and young people who have no other Church connection, some of whom go on to become regular church attendees. They also manage the weekly Toddler Groups and a Bump and Baby groups which meet regularly during term time. Also a group entitled "Who let the Dads out?" meet monthly on a Saturday morning. All of these activities are open to all comers, and are managed by volunteers.

**The Discipleship Ministry** focuses on new Christians and the more mature. They are responsible for the adult and youth Homegroups which aim to supplement the teaching and fellowship presented at Sunday Services. This group is led by the Discipleship Pastor.

**The Friends and Neighbours Ministry** probably has the widest impact in the area around the Church among non-church people as well as supporting Church attendees in many situations. The Wednesday Lunch Break provides soup and a sandwich for up to 80 people each week, including a group from a local care home specialising in people with significant learning difficulties. We also have a Food Pantry which is kept topped up on a continuous basis so there is always something available in an emergency. This FFMC Food Bank is also linked to similar projects run by the Preston Christian Action Network and the Salvation Army so we are able to co-operate with others in and around Preston. It also supports the CAP Centre (see above) as an important additional resource for clients seeking debt help.

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A weekly activity known as “Inspirations Crafts” attracts ladies from many backgrounds who simply enjoy the sewing and the company of other likeminded ladies, most of whom have no other connection with the church.

This Ministry also supports the “Men’s Breakfast”, where an invited speaker addresses topics of particular relevance to men.

Another activity is a weekly carpet bowling group. This has attracted a large cohort of new people and now meets in Cedar, our main worship area as it offers the largest area for bowling lanes.

The Global Partnership arranges support for many of our mission contacts and in particular allocates the Missions Budget which comprises a minimum of 15% of general church giving. The Team also organises VISA (Volunteers in Service Abroad) Teams. These teams visit the various projects which the church supports and undertake various practical activities while there.

Another aspect of our missions’ support is the Kibogora Initiative that supports the work of Kibogora Hospital in Rwanda. It has its own ring-fenced bank accounts and raises funds under the title Kibogora Initiative. The main source of funds in 2023/24 was a gift day at Fulwood Free Methodist Church and regular monthly gifts many of which are through the sponsor-a-bed appeal.

Support was also provided for the Free Methodist Polytechnic in Kibogora. The sponsor-a-pastor scheme has continued to provide scholarships for Rwandans who simply cannot afford to meet their own costs. Funding for this is channelled through the Kibogora accounts, as are other specific gifts for the polytechnic. All the accounts have comprehensive local audit. David Hamblin, one of the Fulwood trustees has now retired from being Vice Chancellor, but remains advisor to the Vice Chancellor of Kibogora Polytechnic and remains in contact, providing advice and support

Within Rwanda the Kibogora Initiative is part of the Better Together group which seeks to improve communication amongst the various organisations involved in the hospital. This group includes the UK Free Methodist Conference, the Rwanda Free Methodist Conference, representatives of the Kibogora Free Methodist Church and CAHO (Central African Health Organisation: an American Charity which supports the work at Kibogora). The Better Together annual meeting took place in Kibogora in November 2023. One of our church members, Ian Higginbotham, who is Chancellor of Kibogora Polytechnic attended the meeting in person and Dave Brown, Trustee and Lead for our Global Partnerships Team attended both days via zoom from the UK. This proves highly effective in maintaining contact, reviewing progress and encouraging the people on the ground in Rwanda. Better Together will meet in person in November 2024 at Kibogora and both Dave Brown and Ian Higginbotham will be attending in person. We also receive quarterly written reports from Kibogora describing activities undertaken.

Prior to the covid-19, we arranged to send a team of people to one of the three overseas projects we support each year in rotation. This allows people in our church to see for themselves how effective the projects are and for us to carry a review of effectiveness. As we hadn’t been able to travel for 3 years, we visited all three in 2023/4. In March 2023 a team of 6 people travelled out to Sierra Leone to spend 9 days with the International Aid Hope Church, School and Emmanuel Home projects that we support. The team was able to see first-hand the work that is being supported. In July 2023 a team of 11 went to Kibogora and visited people supported by the Community Programme, Palliative Care and Chaplaincy projects we support. During the time there, our GPT Lead and Trustee, Dave Brown, spent time with the new hospital director to build rapport and with the head of finance to review some aspects of the budget with him. A team of 10 people went to Pan de Vida in Ecuador in November to visit the projects we support there. In April 2024 a team of 5 visited Sierra Leone along with one of International Aid’s Team and spent time with the Emmanuel Home, Hope Church and some village outreach programmes. Dave Brown co-led all the teams and was able to review each of the projects whilst there.

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For Sierra Leone our donations go via the UK based Charity International Aid Trust (Charity Reg No: 1086597); for Rwanda they go to Kibogora Hospital which is regulated and audited by the Rwandan Ministry of Health; and Pan de Vida is an Ecuadorian legally established non-profit organisation with the ministerial agreement MIES 0058 of September 21st 2007, and is also registered as a 501(c)3 foundation in the USA.

**Sale of Land North of Eastway**

In November 2016, the Land North of Eastway (approximately 13 acres) was sold to Barratts, with planning permission for the erection of 140 dwellings. (This building programme has now been completed) The land was jointly owned with Crown Lane Church. The agreed split of the proceeds was one third to Fulwood Free Methodist Church, resulting in an income of £1,179,928.

The Board considered the impact of this additional income, and the overall spending plans were approved by members at the Society Meeting in February 2017. This income has now been mostly used, with the last major capital spending being resurfacing and re-lining of the car park in spring 2022. Also an area was marked out for activities such as netball and five-a-side football, mainly for the various youth groups.

Additional staff members include the CAP Centre Manager, CAP Debt Coach, Youth & Children's Workers and Discipleship Pastor have been funded from this income, but all staff currently in post are seen to be funded from general income.

**Shortfall in giving**

We have introduced facilities for giving by other means (e.g. online or by card) in order ensure that giving is both easy and in line with modern transaction procedures, and especially to encourage giving by the younger group of our Church.

Rental of free space is taken up by some regular parties including University of the Third Age, National Blood Transfusion Service and Local Vocals Choir. The rental income is applied to the charitable activities of the Church

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

A summary of our income and expenditure is set out on page 13. Total receipts from unrestricted funds during the year were £299,194 (2022: £341,188), of which committed giving totalled £264,785 compared to £300,111 in 2022.

Restricted donations of £135,189 (2022: £95,994) were also received and are detailed in the financial statements in note 20.

Total expenditure was £507,128 (2022: £501,982) as disclosed on page 13.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £72,745 compared to £64,800 in 2022.

Income is mostly derived from free will gifts made to the church by Church Members and other attendees, some of which is designated to specific causes. This income is supplemented by tax refunds on Gift Aided gifts, and occasionally by income from other charities, usually other Christian organisations or grants from public bodies.

The trustees manage incoming resources by a combination of prudent spending within an annual budget which is set by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board and Church Members. Surplus funds can be invested, but these amounts are usually relatively small and are usually identified for future developments.

The trustees, by virtue of the regular Board meetings, constantly make judgements and estimates relating to available funds and appropriate allocation of those funds. These are based on regular (four times per year) Income and Expenditure accounts prepared by the Church Treasurer and scrutinised by the Board. Unexpected demands on these funds can then be handled appropriately. The Trustees, through the Treasurer, keep appropriate records which satisfy the legal requirements placed on trustees.

**Reserves policy**

The accounts show the current state of the finances which the trustees consider to be sound. The trustees are satisfied that the assets of the charity are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the Charity.

In accordance with guidelines issued by the Charity Commissioners the level of reserves have been considered and reviewed at regular intervals by the trustees. At this time our free reserves are £338,654 (note 19). The trustees have agreed on a plan on how some of these reserves will be spent; see page 8 'Sale of Land North of Eastway'.

**CONCLUSION**

The trustees are confident that the charity is delivering on its objects and has reserves, plans and processes to ensure that is maintained for the future.

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**Key management personnel remuneration**

The trustees consider the board of trustees and pastoral team as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. Details of key management personnel remuneration, trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 23 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and record them on the 'Register of Interests'.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

The senior pastor has continued heading up a plan for the future embodied in the acronym CREED (Celebrate, Reach, Establish, Equip, Deploy), and the church has continued this year looking at each section of this vision, and how it will impact the Church in future years. The Church is committed to ensuring access to appropriate pre-existing and in-house developed on-line materials to deepen engagement and discipleship.

As part of this a new programme began known as LDY (Leader Development Year). This ran from September to the following Summer, and was aimed at younger people who showed potential for future leadership. The first group began in September 2023 and includes two people from FFMC and one person from one of our sister FMC Churches.

The Trustees intend to move our charitable status to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The object of the CIO is the furtherance in the area served by the church of the religious and other charitable work of the Free Methodist Church in the UK and Ireland in accordance with the spirit of the doctrines and usages of the church as set forth in the Book of Discipline of the Free Methodist Church of America so far as they are applicable and in line with the laws and customs of the UK.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Acceptance Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

**S Allen  
Trustee**

**J Spender  
Treasurer**

**Date:** 29 October 2024

**Date:** 29 October 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fulwood Free Methodist Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity 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 charity 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**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Julie Flintoff BA (Hons) FCA  
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Preston  
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**Dated:** 29 October 2024

**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
				2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Local community	2	263,242	35,814	<b>299,056</b>	320,772
Wider community	2	-	97,827	<b>97,827</b>	75,515
		<u>263,242</u>	<u>133,641</u>	<b>396,883</b>	<u>396,287</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local community	3	31,743	-	<b>31,743</b>	33,250
<b>Investments</b>					
Local community	4	4,209	-	<b>4,209</b>	475
Wider community	5	-	1,548	<b>1,548</b>	405
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Local community	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Other</b>					
Local community	7	-	-	-	6,765
<b>Total income</b>		<u>299,194</u>	<u>135,189</u>	<b>434,383</b>	<u>437,182</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local community					
Church Costs	8	323,040	13,726	<b>336,766</b>	376,536
Grants made	9	3,267	25,622	<b>28,889</b>	21,027
Wider community					
Grants made	10	23,931	116,876	<b>140,807</b>	103,912
Bank charges	11	432	234	<b>666</b>	507
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>350,670</u>	<u>156,458</u>	<b>507,128</b>	<u>501,982</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(51,476)	(21,269)	<b>(72,745)</b>	(64,800)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	19/20	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(51,476)</u>	<u>(21,269)</u>	<b>(72,745)</b>	<u>(64,800)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,311,692</u>	<u>105,813</u>	<b>2,417,505</b>	2,482,305
Total funds carried forward	19/20	<u>2,260,216</u>	<u>84,544</u>	<b>2,344,760</b>	<u>2,417,505</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements

**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Land and buildings	13	1,813,757	-	<b>1,813,757</b>	1,813,757
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	14	104,746	-	<b>104,746</b>	124,583
Office Equipment	14	3,059	-	<b>3,059</b>	-
Motor Vehicles	14	-	-	-	-
		<u>1,921,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,921,562</b></u>	<u>1,938,340</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	15	40,574	12,046	<b>52,620</b>	77,372
Cash at bank and in hand	16	<u>308,321</u>	<u>72,498</u>	<u><b>380,819</b></u>	<u>416,964</u>
		348,895	84,544	<b>433,439</b>	494,336
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	17	<u>(10,241)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>(10,241)</b></u>	<u>(15,171)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>338,654</u>	<u>84,544</u>	<u><b>423,198</b></u>	<u>479,165</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	21	<u><u>2,260,216</u></u>	<u><u>84,544</u></u>	<u><u><b>2,344,760</b></u></u>	<u><u>2,417,505</u></u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Unrestricted funds	19	2,260,216	-	<b>2,260,216</b>	2,311,692
Restricted funds	20	<u>-</u>	<u>84,544</u>	<u><b>84,544</b></u>	<u>105,813</u>
		<u>2,260,216</u>	<u>84,544</u>	<u><b>2,344,760</b></u>	<u>2,417,505</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

**S Allen**  
Trustee

**J Spender**  
Treasurer

**Date:** 29 October 2024

**Date:** 29 October 2024

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

**Fund accounting**

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees and Board are responsible in law.

Unrestricted funds are those available to the Trustees and Board for general use without restriction, in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Designated funds are those, where donors have expressed a preference, without imposing a trust, or unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund. Restricted funds are detailed in Note 20.

No accounts of informal gatherings of church members are included as these are not under direct Board control.

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Incoming recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift aid is included in incoming resources on a receivable basis.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/ executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Voluntary Tithes and Offerings are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Church. Covenants are recognised only when received. Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Grant income is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income is apportioned between that received from and for the local community in Preston and income for use elsewhere (wider community).

**Gifts in kind**

The church benefits from many voluntary hours and unclaimed out of pocket expenses contributed by a large number of people. It would be impossible to place a value on these gifts in kind for which we are extremely grateful.

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Donations payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust.

Like income, costs are apportioned between those for the local community in Preston and those for elsewhere (the wider community). Costs are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and are allocated to the particular activity, where the costs relate directly to that activity.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently at their settlement value.

**Basic financial assets**

Trade and other receivables are recognised at the settlement amount. Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and immediate deposits.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

**Basic financial liabilities**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in payment to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discount due.

**Value added tax**

As the charity's activities are classified as exempt for the purposes of Value Added Tax, the charity is unable to reclaim Value Added Tax which it suffers on its purchases. Expenditure in these financial statements is therefore shown inclusive of Value Added Tax.

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been differentiated between governance and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees.

Governance costs and support costs have been identified within notes 12 and 8 respectively. No support costs and governance costs have been allocated against raising funds as an immaterial portion of costs relate to this type of expenditure. The charity has only one type of charitable activity. The trustees have decided to meet all governance and support costs from local unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance or support related costs.

**Valuation of freehold land and buildings**

The Land and Church Buildings were last revalued and included in the accounts at the valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since are included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

**Fixtures and fittings and equipment**

Assets were originally included at an estimated value at 31 December 1997. Future additions have been included at cost with items under £250 being written off to revenue in the year of expenditure.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at the following rates based on the estimated useful lives of the fixed assets and the anticipated residual values:

Freehold land & buildings	Nil	
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20%	Per annum reducing balance, or
	10%	Per annum straight line
Office equipment	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %	Per annum straight line
Motor Vehicles	25%	Per annum reducing balance

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

**Pension costs**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities and included in staff costs.

**Operating lease agreements**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>Local Community</b>				
Committed giving	261,654	-	<b>261,654</b>	300,111
Anna Snalam	-	4,340	<b>4,340</b>	-
ACTS435	-	90	<b>90</b>	529
Christians Against Poverty	-	22,431	<b>22,431</b>	14,142
Leaving gifts	-	5,914	<b>5,914</b>	1,709
Food Bank Community	-	(170)	<b>(170)</b>	3,694
Cedar House	-	3,186	<b>3,186</b>	-
Other	1,588	-	<b>1,588</b>	587
Funeral collections	-	23	<b>23</b>	-
	<u>263,242</u>	<u>35,814</u>	<u><b>299,056</b></u>	<u>320,772</u>
<b>Wider Community</b>				
Kibogora	-	77,546	<b>77,546</b>	49,566
Gift days - Other	-	19,949	<b>19,949</b>	17,696
Missionary boxes	-	-	-	132
Support Ukraine	-	147	<b>147</b>	6,849
Savannah & Samuele Cestari	-	-	-	754
Small donations <£1,000	-	185	<b>185</b>	518
	<u>-</u>	<u>97,827</u>	<u><b>97,827</b></u>	<u>75,515</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>263,242</u>	<u>133,641</u>	<u><b>396,883</b></u>	<u>396,287</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>300,698</u>	<u>95,589</u>		<u>396,287</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Unrestricted income from charitable activities – Local community

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>Church Departments:</b>				
Use of premises	5,811	-	5,811	2,351
Preaching gifts	-	-	-	90
<b>Ministry Groups:</b>				
Outreach	222	-	222	1,727
Youth & Children	8,252	-	8,252	10,003
Friends & Neighbours	7,565	-	7,565	10,094
Families	5,115	-	5,115	5,013
Discipleship	307	-	307	180
Resources	4,471	-	4,471	3,792
	<u>31,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,743</u>	<u>33,250</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>33,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,250</u>	<u>33,250</u>

A description of each Ministry Group can be found within the Trustees Annual Report on pages 6-7.

4 Unrestricted income from investments – Local community

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
Bank deposit Interest	4,045	-	4,045	436
Interest on tax repayments	164	-	164	39
	<u>4,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,209</u>	<u>475</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>475</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

**5 Restricted income from investments – Wider community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
Deposit interest – Kibogora	-	1,548	<b>1,548</b>	405
For 31 December 2022	-	405		405

**6 Unrestricted income from other trading activities – Local community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
Fulwood Free Music	-	-	-	-
For 31 December 2022	-	-		-

**7 Unrestricted income from other – Local community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
Profit on sale of assets	-	-	-	400
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	6,365
	-	-	-	6,765
For 31 December 2022	6,765	-		6,765

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Expenditure on charitable activities – Local community – Church costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
Gatherings (note 8a)				
Other	259	-	259	735
Discipleship (note 8b)	2,661	-	2,661	1,749
Resources/Support costs				
Technical resources	5,765	-	5,765	5,953
Building & grounds	1,202	-	1,202	575
Catering	13,826	-	13,826	9,058
Flowers	163	-	163	190
Printing & office costs	5,752	-	5,752	6,111
Running costs	21,897	-	21,897	21,636
Repairs & maintenance	14,222	-	14,222	13,580
Safeguarding	2,219	-	2,219	757
Consumables	4,009	-	4,009	4,032
Bank charges	492	-	492	442
Payroll charges	696	-	696	636
Salaries				
Pastoral	114,237	-	114,237	138,245
Youth & Children	23,465	-	23,465	33,396
Christians Against Poverty	-	13,726	13,726	17,486
Admin & Housekeeping	46,310	-	46,310	51,613
Sundry expenses	434	-	434	598
Conference levy	13,071	-	13,071	10,848
Depreciation	23,681	-	23,681	23,862
Governance costs (note 12)	8,190	-	8,190	8,190
Outreach	530	-	530	2,607
Youth & Children	10,784	-	10,784	11,246
COVID expenditure	12	-	12	295
Travelling costs	858	-	858	557
Safeguarding staff	-	-	-	13
Sabbatical	100	-	100	-
Friends & Neighbours	5,315	-	5,315	6,240
LDY	1,004	-	1,004	-
Subscriptions	450	-	450	-
Life ins & income protection	-	-	-	3,926
Families	1,436	-	1,436	1,960
	<u>323,040</u>	<u>13,726</u>	<u>336,766</u>	<u>376,536</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>359,028</u>	<u>17,508</u>		<u>376,536</u>

Note 8a Gatherings include travelling expenses and visiting preachers costs.  
Note 8b Discipleship includes teaching materials and training.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

9 Expenditure on charitable activities – Local community – Grants made

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>Donations:</b>				
Cedar House	-	3,186	<b>3,186</b>	2,500
Ministry to Asians in Preston	-	-	-	100
Preston Youth For Christ	100	-	<b>100</b>	-
Preston Street Pastors	3,000	-	<b>3,000</b>	2,500
Christians Against Poverty	-	11,052	<b>11,052</b>	6,231
Food Bank Community	-	-	-	3,798
Savannah & Samuele Cestari	-	142	<b>142</b>	2,857
Leaving gifts	-	6,988	<b>6,988</b>	812
ACTS435	-	90	<b>90</b>	529
Anna Snalam	-	4,135	<b>4,135</b>	-
Christian Unions	-	-	-	500
Small donations under £1,000	167	29	<b>196</b>	1,200
	<u>3,267</u>	<u>25,622</u>	<u><b>28,889</b></u>	<u>21,027</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>8,899</u>	<u>12,128</u>		<u>21,027</u>

10 Expenditure on charitable activities – Wider community – Grants made

Funding is mainly undertaken via partner organisations or for emergency relief.

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>Donations:</b>				
Kibogora	-	95,474	<b>95,474</b>	60,019
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	7,500	-	<b>7,500</b>	10,100
Pan de Vida	-	7,000	<b>7,000</b>	14,000
Open Doors	4,000	-	<b>4,000</b>	4,000
Sierra Leone	-	14,000	<b>14,000</b>	-
Small donations <£1,000	1,483	49	<b>1,532</b>	150
Support Ukraine	1,448	353	<b>1,801</b>	6,643
Tear Fund	6,000	-	<b>6,000</b>	6,000
Safe families for children	1,000	-	<b>1,000</b>	1,000
Sports Reach	2,000	-	<b>2,000</b>	2,000
Christian Unions	500	-	<b>500</b>	-
	<u>23,931</u>	<u>116,876</u>	<u><b>140,807</b></u>	<u>103,912</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>25,589</u>	<u>78,323</u>		<u>103,912</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

11 Expenditure on charitable activities – Wider community – Other costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
Bank Charges – Kibogora	432	234	666	507
For 31 December 2022	-	507		507

12 Governance costs – Local Community

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
Accountancy fees	8,190	-	8,190	8,190
For 31 December 2022	8,190	-		8,190

13 Fixed assets – Freehold land and buildings

	Land & Church Buildings £
Cost/Valuation at 1 January 2023	1,813,757
Additions	-
Cost at 31 December 2023	1,813,757

**Valuation of freehold land and buildings**

The original Land and Church buildings were revalued and included in the accounts at valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since that date have been included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

14 Fixtures, fittings, equipment and motor vehicles

Cost	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Office Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
At 1 January 2023	367,187	7,581	-	374,768
Additions	3,020	3,883	-	6,903
Disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>31 December 2023</b>	<b>370,207</b>	<b>11,464</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>381,671</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2023	242,604	7,581	-	250,185
Charge for year	22,857	824	-	23,681
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>31 December 2023</b>	<b>265,461</b>	<b>8,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>273,866</b>
<b>Written down value at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>104,746</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,805</b>
Written down value at 31 December 2022	124,583	-	-	124,583

15 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
Tax refund on Gift Aid	37,180	12,046	49,226	73,707
Prepayments	3,394	-	3,394	3,665
	40,574	12,046	52,620	77,372
For 31 December 2022	62,671	14,701		77,372

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

16 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b><u>Local Community</u></b>				
Current account	14,774	-	14,774	24,152
Lunch petty cash	163	-	163	18
Capital reserve account	272,396	-	272,396	278,352
Community account	-	13,963	13,963	-
Covenant account	8,720	-	8,720	11,744
Parents and Toddlers petty cash	367	-	367	324
Restricted account	(4,795)	18,468	13,673	33,228
Stripe account	957	-	957	-
Cash pending bank cash	35	-	35	270
<b><u>Wider Community</u></b>				
Kibogora	15,704	40,067	55,771	68,876
	<u>308,321</u>	<u>72,498</u>	<u>380,819</u>	<u>416,964</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>325,852</u>	<u>91,112</u>		<u>416,964</u>

17 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	641	-	641	575
Accruals	9,600	-	9,600	10,040
PAYE/NI	-	-	-	4,556
	<u>10,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,241</u>	<u>15,171</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>15,171</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>15,171</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

18 Financial instruments

	Total Funds	
	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at settlement value	<u>49,226</u>	<u>73,707</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Creditors measured at settlement value	<u>10,241</u>	<u>10,615</u>

19 Analysis of unrestricted charitable funds

	At 01.01.23 £	Incoming resources £	Resourced expended £	Transfers £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>General Fund</b>					
Free reserves	373,352	299,194	(326,989)	(6,903)	338,654
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Property Asset Fund	1,938,340	-	(23,681)	6,903	1,921,562
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,311,692</u>	<u>299,194</u>	<u>(350,670)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,260,216</u>

**General Fund:** The 'free reserves' of the charity after allowing for all designated funds.

**Designated Funds:** Whilst remaining part of the unrestricted funds, this expenditure has already been utilised and is therefore not available as part of the free reserves.

**Property Asset Fund:** The property assets fund is the value of the unrestricted funds already spent and represented by the tangible assets of the charity.

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20 Analysis of restricted charitable funds

	At 01.01.23 £	Income And Tax Recover- able £	Expend- iture £	Capital Expend- iture £	Transfers £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Revenue Funds</b>						
<b>Local Community:</b>						
Free Voices Choir	43	-	-	-	-	43
Food bank community	1,529	(170)	-	-	-	1,359
Youth & Children	31	-	-	-	-	31
Christians Against Poverty	22,786	22,431	(24,778)	-	-	20,439
Cedar House	-	3,186	(3,186)	-	-	-
Funeral donations	6	23	(29)	-	-	-
Catherine's child giving	500	-	-	-	-	500
ACTS435	-	90	(90)	-	-	-
Ian & Joanna gift	1,709	2,613	(4,322)	-	-	-
Anna Snalam	-	4,340	(4,135)	-	-	205
Vicky gift	-	635	-	-	-	635
Sue & Graham gift	-	2,666	(2,666)	-	-	-
<b>Wider Community:</b>						
Kibogora	64,995	79,094	(95,708)	-	-	48,381
Pan de Vida	(467)	11,030	(7,000)	-	-	3,563
Shoe box appeal	28	-	(28)	-	-	-
Missionary Boxes	334	-	-	-	-	334
Savannah	142	-	(142)	-	-	-
Craft Inspirations	2,211	185	(21)	-	-	2,375
India	1,773	-	-	-	-	1,773
Christian resource centre	179	-	-	-	-	179
Support Ukraine	206	147	(353)	-	-	-
Haiti	126	-	-	-	-	126
Sierra Leone	9,682	8,919	(14,000)	-	-	4,601
	105,813	135,189	(156,458)	-	-	84,544
<b>Capital Fund</b>						
<b>Local Community:</b>						
Development fund monies	-	-	-	-	-	-
	105,813	135,189	(156,458)	-	-	84,544

**Revenue Funds**

The individual revenue funds, the purposes of which are detailed above, received income during the year from donations containing restrictions. These donations are used for the continuation of the individual projects listed.

**Capital Fund:**

**Development Fund**

The development fund originally represented amounts given to the church to build the new annexe and equip it. As the annexe is now complete, gifts to the development fund were used for the repayment of the bank loan, taken out to partially fund the annexe costs. The bank loan is now fully repaid; the remaining funds have been used for development of the property.

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds:

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds	
			2023 £	2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,921,562	-	<b>1,921,562</b>	1,938,340
Current assets	348,895	84,544	<b>433,439</b>	494,336
Current liabilities	(10,241)	-	<b>(10,241)</b>	(15,171)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,260,216</u>	<u>84,544</u>	<u><b>2,344,760</b></u>	<u>2,417,505</u>
For 31 December 2022	<u>2,311,692</u>	<u>105,813</u>		<u>2,417,505</u>

22 Summary of wages and salaries

	2023 £	2022 £
Total remuneration for the year amounted to:		
Main Church – Pastors	<b>114,237</b>	138,245
Main Church – Administration	<b>46,310</b>	51,613
Main Church – Youth & Children	<b>23,465</b>	33,396
Main Church – Christians Against Poverty	<b>13,726</b>	17,486
	<u><b>197,738</b></u>	<u>240,740</u>
The average number of paid staff for the year were:	2023 £	2022 £
Main Church: full time employees	<b>4</b>	3
Main Church: part time employees	<b>5</b>	5
Administration: part time employees	<b>1</b>	1
Domestics: part time employees	<b>1</b>	1
	<u><b>11</b></u>	<u>10</u>

No employee earned over £60,000 in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and pastoral team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £114,237 (2022: £138,245).

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**23 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The pastor of the Church is also a trustee under the charity scheme sealed in March 2000. That scheme allows for payment of trustees, and in that role they received remuneration and expenses from the Church as detailed below:

		<b>2023</b>	2022
		£	£
I Winter	Gross salary	<b>44,342</b>	34,501
	Pension contributions (money purchase scheme)	<b>3,547</b>	2,760
		<b><u>47,889</u></b>	<u>37,261</u>

The aggregate donations received without conditions from trustees were £42,500 (2022: £69,000).

Vicky Johns, wife of a trustee, received remuneration in her role as secretary during the year of £12,976 (2022: £16,093).

No other trustees have received any remuneration in the year. Insurance premiums of £85 (2022: £85) were incurred by the charity during the year in respect of indemnity insurance for the trustees. The charity also has insurance premiums totalling £980 (2022: £980) to cover travel by trustees and non-trustees.

**24 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**

England & Wales - Charity number 514359

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# Accounts

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Charity Registration No: 514359**

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 514359**

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

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**Charity Name:** Free Methodist Church, Fulwood

**Governed By:** Book of Discipline  
Approved scheme of the Charity Commission dated 21  
April 1983 and last amended 9 March 2000

**Charity Number:** 514359

**Principal Address:** Fulwood Free Methodist Church  
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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The trustees are pleased to present their report, together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2022.

**Board members/trustees register**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Retired</b>
Rev Ian Winter	Senior pastor	SLT	11.04.22	
Dr Philip Johns	Chair of finance	ALT		
Mr Matthew Johns	Treasurer	ALT		
Mr David Brown	Lay delegate	SLT		
Prof D Hamblin		ALT		
Mr Geoff Tomlinson	Church secretary	ALT		
Mr Andrew Slack		SLT		
Mrs Carol Gornall	Lay delegate	SLT		
Mr Stephen Allen		ALT		
Mr Jonathan Leeming		SLT		31.12.22
Mr Daniel Feeny		SLT		06.03.23

**Notes:**

SLT means Spiritual Leadership Team

ALT means Administrative Leadership Team.

The Board of trustees comprises the SLT plus the ALT

**Governing Document**

The approved scheme dated 21 April 1983, as amended on 9 March 2000 is the controlling Charity Document (Charity Number 514359) but this Scheme recognises the role of Book of Discipline of the Free Methodist Church of North America as amended from time to time (Latest version dated 2011). The Church is also part of the GB Conference of the Free Methodist Church, and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The Senior Pastor (a Trustee) is appointed by the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. Other Trustees are appointed by a ballot vote of the Church Members present at the Annual Society Meeting (held in June) or any of the other Society Meetings held at other times. They serve for a period of three years, but there is no limit to the period of service if nominated and re-elected at the end of their three year term. Additionally, Lay Delegates are affirmed annually.

Election requires a 50% majority of the members present. Nominations are invited from church members three months in advance, closing one month later. If there are no or insufficient nominations at the closing date, the Board is empowered to make nominations as a cooperate body.

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### **Trustee Induction and training**

After election, new trustees must sign the minutes of the first Board Meeting which they attend, indicating their willingness to accept the role and responsibilities which are required. The first responsibility of a Trustee is to accept a position as a Church Leader, and Church Leadership courses are regularly organized by the Church. It is expected that trustee nominees will already be in leadership roles in church departments or will have participated in a leadership course. The Framework Document is made available to them to clarify the leadership structure of the church. The legal responsibilities of trustees are explained by making available copies of the Approved Scheme, the Book of Discipline, appropriate Charity Documents, (eg The Essential Trustee) and a number of internal documents (including The Biblical Basis of Leadership, Decision Making in FFMC, Standing Financial Instructions, the Health & Safety Policy, and the Safeguarding Policy).

All nominees must already be Church Members and a condition of Church Membership is a requirement to accept and support the scriptural doctrines and principles required of members of the Free Methodist Church, as outlined in the Book of Discipline. Each Trustee is expected to have DBS clearance at appointment, (unless DBS clearance has already been obtained as required by some other role within the Church.)

### **Organisation**

Major decisions are discussed and approved at Society Meetings where all church members can vote while non-members who attend the church can attend the Society Meeting but cannot vote. The Board consisting of all elected trustees and the Senior Pastor (a Trustee whose remuneration is specifically allowed for in the Charity Scheme) meets at least 4 times per year, and at other times if necessary. It delegates Spiritual leadership issues to the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) which comprises the Senior Pastor, two lay delegates, plus a further lay delegate for each ordained minister, (Lay Delegates attend and vote at the GB Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church) plus ordinary members to take the total to a maximum of 8 members (including the Senior Pastor). The Board also delegates general management issues to the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT), some of whom are appointed to a specific role (i.e. Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, Chair of Finance,) while three others are appointed "without portfolio" and are given administrative responsibilities from time to time as agreed by the Board. The Board receives minutes from both the SLT, and the ALT, who can also pass major items back to the board for final decisions.

The Framework Document sets out the principal sub-committee leadership structure so that each ongoing activity of the Church is part of a particular Ministry Group. All of these groups comprise volunteers from the Church congregation, and are led by a Ministry Group Leader, who liaises with the Board.

A key Ministry Group is the Global Partnership Team who deal with the Church's giving to other organizations both in the UK and elsewhere in the world. The Church gives a minimum of 15% of its general income to these causes, along with the proceeds of several Gift Days each year. (These are Sundays when the offerings taken on that day are given to a specific cause). This Team's plans are approved at a Society Meeting.

In the fourth quarter of the year the Chair of Finance heads up a small team to prepare a budget for the following year. This is based on prudent estimates of anticipated income from offerings, together with expected financial requirements which are related to the overall vision of the Church for the following year. This passes to the ALT, the Board and finally to the February Society Meeting when the treasurer also presents (unexamined) financial information relating to the previous year.

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**Related Parties**

- 1) From time to time members and trustees are appointed to positions of responsibility in the functioning of the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. (Itself a Registered Charity). The Conference Boards all consist of Free Methodist Pastors and Church Members.
- 2) Some Trustees are also Trustees of other Christian Charities in Preston.

None of these represents a conflict of interest.

**Risk Management**

The trustees are aware of particular risks and take appropriate steps to control these risks and mitigate any impact they might have.

Budgetary control is actively pursued by preparing an annual budget and by studying the quarterly financial statements prepared by the Treasurer. Then when necessary, spending controls are introduced in addition to regular controls to keep spending within the actual income.

Insurance policies for buildings, trustees and travel are in place and reviewed from time to time to ensure the values insured are adequate. Changes in the assets are also monitored to ensure that the insurance cover is adequate.

Protection of the Church Building is strengthened by the fitting of a maintained security system an internal and external CCTV system, (External system recently upgraded to incorporate digital cameras) and a comprehensive fire alarm system. Cash theft from inside the church is minimised by the fitting of appropriate safes for the storage of cash (e.g. offerings before banking, income received for charitable events, or petty cash floats).

All people working with children and/or vulnerable adults have DBS clearance (renewed every three years where required) and this is complemented by a carefully prepared and implemented Safeguarding Policy. From time to time all people working with children or vulnerable adults have received specific training by Thirty One : Eight (previously Church's Child Protection Advisory Service). The CCTV installation throughout the premises provides additional protection for all visitors and staff and volunteers.

The church makes wide use of computers for many of its activities (for which it holds a data protection licence). These computers are replaced as and when necessary to ensure software upgrades can be applied. The Church now uses Churchsuite, a software system which complies with current GDPR requirements, and holds much information about activities and attendees. For example it has been extremely useful during the COVID situation in allowing us to keep in contact with Church attendees who have registered their willingness to be contacted by E-mail.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Fulwood Free Methodist Church was built on the present site some 45 years ago. It is part of a worldwide network of Churches entitled "Free Methodist Churches Worldwide" (HQ Indianapolis, Indiana, USA). Locally it is part of the GB (UK) Conference (FMCUK, Conference Office, 47 High St, Kingswood, Bristol BF15 4AA). Each Church is an individual charity with its own Charity Document while the Spiritual Ethos is laid down in the Book of Discipline, a fact which is recognised in the FFMC Charity Document.

When planning the charity's activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. The main objective of the Charity is the promotion of the Christian Faith in the local community in Fulwood and other parts of Preston. Other worldwide activities are often in conjunction with our sister Free Methodist Churches, or other Christian Charities. Main activities on the Fulwood site are regular Church Services, Youth and Children's activities and other miscellaneous activities. These are directed by the Senior Pastor, and other ministerial staff, together with Board Members and many other volunteers. All these activities are open for anybody to attend.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The buildings on the Lightfoot Lane site have been erected in 3 major developments since opening in 1978, and completed in 2008.

Currently the staff team comprises the senior, discipleship, & youth pastors, two CAP staff, general secretary, building manager and two housekeepers, who meet weekly to co-ordinate the smooth running of the church activities.

The pastoral staff are given a period of Sabbatical Leave every five years, and funds are provided to facilitate a period of study..

In 2008 the UK Free Methodist Conference replaced the Conference Superintendent by a National Leadership Team, (NLT), comprising two FMC Pastors. Andrew Gardner, the senior Pastor at Fulwood was appointed to this team, as from Autumn 2012. However, this role ceased on 31 December 2020, when NLT was replaced by a National Leader of FMC UK and Northern Ireland.

The Church's many activities are managed through Ministry Groups, each of which is led by a Group Leader. These are described below. Each group reports to the Board and makes minutes of its meetings available to the Board. While it is clear that many activities are aimed at regular church attendees, no activity is "out of bounds" for casual visitors, and some activities are particularly aimed at people who otherwise have no association with the Church.

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**The Gatherings Team** takes care of regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meetings (held at 7.00 am, 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm each Tuesday on line.) Prayer requests are brought from a wide range of sources from worldwide disasters to individuals some of whom have no other contact with the church. From September 2015 we have held two services each Sunday morning, and while returning to in person services following the covid situation, there was just one service, returning to two services in early 2023. Now the second service is live streamed.

**The Outreach Team** work to extend the message of the Gospel outside the borders of the Church itself. They lead regular events aimed at people enquiring about the Christian Faith such as the Alpha Course. The team also plan special events from time to time which are aimed to be of interest to Non-Christians.

Volunteers from Fulwood are at the forefront of the Street Pastor initiative in Preston. Along with volunteers from other churches, they work with the Police and local authority staff to provide a presence on streets where problems occur. Currently Street Pastors work in several areas of the city. The Church also operates a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre. This is a national organisation, based in Bradford which aims to help anybody who finds their debt situation unmanageable. It is led in Fulwood by a Centre Manager, and by a Debt Coach, who are supported by a number of volunteers, and they liaise with the Bradford Centre, ensuring that correct debt advice is available to clients. This operation from the Fulwood Church aims to help clients living in the Fylde, Longridge, and North Preston. Some clients are regularly declared debt free.

**The Children's, Youth & Families Ministry** delivers an energetic programme covering the ages from birth to eighteen. Some activities take place Sunday Morning (Energise and Ignite) while others take place on weeknights. The weeknight activities attract many children and young people who have no other Church connection, some of whom go on to become regular church attendees. They also manage the weekly Toddler Groups and a Bump and Baby groups which meet regularly during term time. Also a group entitled "Who let the Dads out?" meet monthly on a Saturday morning. All of these activities are open to all comers, and are managed by volunteers.

**The Discipleship Ministry** focuses on both new Christians and the more mature. They are responsible for the adult and youth Homegroups which aim to supplement the teaching and fellowship presented at Sunday Services. This group is led by the Discipleship Pastor.

**The Friends and Neighbours Ministry** probably has the widest impact in the area around the Church among non-church people as well as supporting Church attendees in many situations. The Wednesday Lunch Break provides soup and a sandwich for up to 60 people each week, including a group from a local care home specialising in people with significant learning difficulties. We also have a Food Pantry which is kept topped up on a continuous basis so there is always something available in an emergency. This FFM Food Bank is also linked to similar projects run by the Preston Christian Action Network and the Salvation Army so we are able to co-operate with others in and around Preston. It also supports the CAP Centre (see above) as an important additional resource for clients seeking debt help.

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A weekly activity known as “Inspirations Crafts” attracts ladies from many backgrounds who simply enjoy the sewing and the company of other likeminded ladies, most of whom have no other connection with the church.

This Ministry also supports the “Men’s Breakfast”, where an invited speaker addresses topics of particular relevance to men. This along with many activities was paused during covid, but it now runs again in the Winter months.

Another activity is a weekly carpet bowling group. This has attracted a large cohort of new people and now meets in Cedar, our main worship area as it offers the largest area for bowling lanes.

**The Global Partnership** arranges support for many of our mission contacts and in particular allocates the Missions Budget which comprises a minimum of 15% of general church giving. The Team also organises VISA (Volunteers in Service Abroad) Teams. These teams visit the various projects which the church supports and undertake various practical activities while there.

Another aspect of our missions’ support is the Kibogora Initiative that supports the work of the Kibogora Hospital in Rwanda. It has its own ring-fenced bank accounts and raises funds under the title Kibogora Initiative. The funds come from an annual Gift Day held in Spring, together with many individual gifts, some coming from donors who have no other connection with FFMFC.

Support is also provided for the Free Methodist Polytechnic in Kibogora. The Pastors Scholarship scheme continues to provide scholarships for Rwandans who simply cannot afford to meet their own costs. Funding for this is channelled through the Kibogora accounts, as are other specific gifts for the polytechnic. David Hamblin, one of the Fulwood trustees has now retired from being Rector, but remains Rector Emeritus of the polytechnic and remains in contact, providing advice and support where he can.

Within Rwanda the Kibogora Initiative is part of the Better Together group which seeks to improve communication amongst the various organisations involved in the hospital. This group includes the UK Free Methodist Conference, the Rwanda Free Methodist Conference, representatives of the Kibogora Free Methodist Church and CAHO (Central African Health Organisation: an American Charity which supports the work at Kibogora). The planned Better Together meeting in Kibogora in November 2022 could not take place, however Better Together introduced a quarterly review meeting using Zoom with all the partners and has proved highly effective in maintaining contact, reviewing progress and encouraging the people on the ground in Rwanda. Better Together will meet in person in November 2023 at Kibogora – one member of our church will be attending and our GPT Lead will join certain parts of the programme via ZOOM. We also receive monthly written reports from Kibogora describing activities undertaken.

Having not carried out any VISA trips to our partners for the past three years due to Coronavirus – we decided to arrange a trip to each of our three current overseas partners. In March 2023 a team of 6 people travelled out to Sierra Leone to spend 9 days with the International Aid Hope Church, School and Emmanuel Home projects that we support. In July 2023 a team of 11 went to Kibogora and visited people supported by the Community Programme, Palliative Care and Chaplaincy projects we support. During the time there, our GPT Lead and Trustee, Dave Brown, spent time with the new hospital director to build rapport and with the head of finance to review some aspects of the budget with him. A team of 10 people will be going to Pan de Vida in Ecuador in November to visit the projects we support there.

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**Sale of Land North of Eastway**

In November 2016, the Land North of Eastway (approximately 13 acres) was sold to Barratts, with planning permission for the erection of 140 dwellings. (This building programme has now been completed) The land was jointly owned with Crown Lane Church. The agreed split of the proceeds was one third to Fulwood Free Methodist Church, resulting in an income of £1,179,928.

The Board considered the impact of this additional income, and the overall spending plans were approved by members at the Society Meeting in February 2017. This income has now been mostly used, with the last major capital spending being resurfacing and re-lining of the car park in spring 2022. Also an area was marked out for activities such as netball and five-a-side football, mainly for the various youth groups.

Additional staff members include the CAP Centre Manager, CAP Debt Coach, Youth & Children's Workers and Discipleship Pastor have been funded from this income, but all staff currently in post are seen to be funded from general income.

**Shortfall in giving**

We have introduced facilities for giving by other means (e.g. online or by card) in order ensure that giving is both easy and in line with modern transaction procedures, and especially to encourage giving by the younger group of our Church.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

A summary of our income and expenditure is set out on page 15. Total receipts from unrestricted funds during the year were £341,188 (2021: £287,474), of which committed giving totalled £300,111 compared to £249,819 in 2021.

Restricted donations of £95,994 (2021: £123,734) were also received and are detailed in the financial statements in note 20.

Total expenditure was £501,982 (2021: £447,171) as disclosed on page 15.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £64,800 compared to £35,963 in 2021.

Income is mostly derived from free will gifts made to the church by Church Members and other attendees, some of which is designated to specific causes. This income is supplemented by tax refunds on Gift Aided gifts, and occasionally by income from other charities, usually other Christian organisations or grants from public bodies.

The trustees manage incoming resources by a combination of prudent spending within an annual budget which is set by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board and Church Members. Surplus funds can be invested, but these amounts are usually relatively small and are usually identified for future developments.

The trustees, by virtue of the regular Board meetings, constantly make judgements and estimates relating to available funds and appropriate allocation of those funds. These are based on regular (four times per year) Income and Expenditure accounts prepared by the Church Treasurer and scrutinised by the Board. Unexpected demands on these funds can then be handled appropriately. The Trustees, through the Treasurer, keep appropriate records which satisfy the legal requirements placed on trustees.

**Reserves policy**

The accounts show the current state of the finances which the trustees consider to be sound. The trustees are satisfied that the assets of the charity are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the Charity.

In accordance with guidelines issued by the Charity Commissioners the level of reserves have been considered and reviewed at regular intervals by the trustees. At this time our free reserves are £373,352 (note 19). The trustees have agreed on a plan on how some of these reserves will be spent; see page 8 'Sale of Land North of Eastway'.

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**Key management personnel remuneration**

The trustees consider the board of trustees and pastoral team as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. Details of key management personnel remuneration, trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 23 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and record them on the 'Register of Interests'.

**CHANGE OF SENIOR PASTOR**

Initially the senior pastor, Rev Andrew Gardner had intended to retire some time in 2020, but delayed this partly because of the Covid situation, finally retiring on 16 February 2021. Our associate pastor was appointed acting lead pastor in the interim. The senior pastor's sabbatical plans were also delayed until January-February 2021, but even these plans were changed because of continuing Covid restrictions.

Later this year a search team of four was set up including the two lay delegates, and two members of the ALT. The National Leader of Free Methodist Church in the UK had indicated to us that there was no suitable pastor within the UK Free Methodist Church to recommend to us as future senior pastor. The search team identified a "preferred candidate" and after negotiations with him, he came to the Church in spring 2022. His arrival was delayed by covid infections in his family at critical times, and at present he has chosen to spend a significant amount of time getting to know key people and how we work at present.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

Since the arrival of the new senior pastor in Spring 2022 he has been engaged in a process of meeting key people on a one to one basis, as well as regular meetings with the staff team. This has enabled him to evaluate the situation at present and consider his vision for the best way forwards.

In October there was an away day for trustees and staff team when he outlined his vision and plans for the future periods. In many ways this represents significant changes from the past, so we expect that there will be a time of unfolding these details and putting them into practice.

A plan for the future was embodied in the acronym CREED (Celebrate, Reach, Establish, Equip, Deploy), and sermon series begun earlier this year is looking at each section of this vision, and how it will impact the Church in future years

As part of this a new programme has begun known as LDY (Leader Development Year ) Set to run from September to the following Summer, and aimed at younger people who show potential for future leadership. The first group began in September 2023 and includes two people from FFMC and one person from one of our sister FMC Churches.

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**SERIOUS INCIDENT**

On 15 April 2021 a planned regular inspection of the main chandelier and its suspension wires by a competent person, who provided his companies lifting machine to give him access to the roof void above the chandelier was in progress. While in this space he fell through the ceiling and to the floor below (about 9 metres), bringing the chandelier down with him. He was admitted to hospital with multiple fractures and internal injuries. Three "Church People" present witnessed the incident which was reported to HSE.

Subsequently Preston Environmental Health Department Dept (Two inspectors) attended on behalf of HSE. They sealed off the room (Main worship area of the church) and served a prohibition notice to prevent further access to the roof void above the chandelier. This was reported to Riddor, and HSE, and the Police and Fire & Rescue also attended. (This is a resume of the report sent to the Charity Commission on 22/04/2021, by P Johns, Chair of Finance and CC liaison person.) This incident had an adverse effect on our Covid restricted worship activities.

After many conversations with official bodies, as well as our insurers we were able to have the ceiling damage repaired and use the room for worship services again, but there is still a prohibition notice on accessing the roof space from where the person fell. This is likely to remain as the roof construction, while correct at the time of building, would not be allowed today.

An update was requested by the Charity Commissioners in the form of 4 specific questions, which were answered on 14 July 2021. They responded on 30 July 2021 saying "Based on the information which you have provided, which we assume is a full and frank disclosure of the relevant facts, you have assured us that the trustees are dealing with the matter appropriately and responsibly."

Insurance negotiations have now been completed and an offer of some £10,000 was made and accepted for the cost of damage to the chandelier, and the company's insurance accepted liability for the incident. We are glad to report that the injured person has made a good recovery, and we have been allowed to visit and support him and his family.

Through all of this we have had the benefit of advice from our Discipleship Pastor, who has previously worked in the area of health and safety.

In June 2022 a Safeguarding incident was reported to the Charity Commission but their response was to consider the matter closed as they felt that our team had handled the situation appropriately and responsibly.

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**IMPACT OF THE COVID SITUATION**

We first closed the church on 17 March 2020 and began to allow limited openings with precautions from 1 August 2020, with some limited in-person services from October 2020. We held limited in-person services at Christmas, followed by further lockdown. By Easter (4 April 2021) we were anticipating a gradual return to in person services but the Critical Incident (see "Serious Incident") on 15 April put our main worship area out of bounds until the end of May 2021. Since then, a gradual return to a more normal situation has begun and is almost complete. During the whole of this time, we continued to produce on-line services, available on YouTube, and the plan is to continue this facility.

During periods of closure we have been using the internet to keep in contact with people, especially using Churchsuite, a suite of programmes designed to enable Churches to keep in contact with attendees, volunteers and others. Various pastoral staff have been sending prayer letters by e-mail to all who signed up on Churchsuite to be contacted in this way, and this process of dissemination of information continues, replacing many paper copies which we previously used. Also from the first date of closure we produced an on line service each Sunday morning, prepared by participants during the week, and made available by YouTube. These were entitled "Fulwood Scattered", and remain available to watch for a considerable time. During the week regular updates on YouTube have been produced by various members of the pastoral staff. At present our second Sunday morning in-person service goes out live on YouTube, a process which has necessitated some upgrading of our technical equipment.

General giving has not been adversely affected by the COVID pandemic. Gifts to the Gift Aid account and other monthly transfers have continued as normal, although cash and cheque gifts have unsurprisingly decreased. Ministry group income is now back to normal, albeit in some cases in a slightly different form. We have been able to use the newly introduced Churchsuite to enable giving through our website, and also introduced a "Giving Station" in the church foyer which allows giving by card. However the main giving route is still by bank transfer, either by regular standing order, or one off gifts. Significantly new people have joined us on a regular basis, having first watched our on line services.

During this time we have been able to provide food parcels, and this has been supported by extra giving towards our CAP food bank. Also we set up an internal fund to give help to people who were struggling financially, and this was channelled through the pastoral staff.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

**P Johns  
Chair of Finance**

**Dated:** 18 October 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fulwood Free Methodist Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity 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 charity 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**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Julie Flintoff BA (Hons) FCA  
Floor 1, Capital House  
8 Pittman Court  
Pittman Way  
Fulwood  
Preston  
PR2 9ZG**

**Dated:** 19 October 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
				2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Local community	2	300,698	20,074	<b>320,772</b>	291,485
Wider community	2	-	75,515	<b>75,515</b>	91,030
		<u>300,698</u>	<u>95,589</u>	<b>396,287</b>	<u>382,515</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local community	3	33,250	-	<b>33,250</b>	13,842
<b>Investments</b>					
Local community	4	475	-	<b>475</b>	191
Wider community	5	-	405	<b>405</b>	135
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Local community	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Other</b>					
Local community	7	<u>6,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<b>6,765</b>	<u>14,525</u>
<b>Total income</b>		<u>341,188</u>	<u>95,994</u>	<b>437,182</b>	<u>411,208</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local community					
Church Costs	8	359,028	17,508	<b>376,536</b>	323,229
Grants made	9	8,899	12,128	<b>21,027</b>	26,202
Wider community					
Grants made	10	25,589	78,323	<b>103,912</b>	97,353
Bank charges	11	-	507	<b>507</b>	387
		<u>393,516</u>	<u>108,466</u>	<b>501,982</b>	<u>447,171</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>393,516</u>	<u>108,466</u>	<b>501,982</b>	<u>447,171</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(52,328)	(12,472)	<b>(64,800)</b>	(35,963)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	19/20	1,795	(1,795)	-	-
		<u>(50,533)</u>	<u>(14,267)</u>	<b>(64,800)</b>	<u>(35,963)</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(50,533)</u>	<u>(14,267)</u>	<b>(64,800)</b>	<u>(35,963)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,362,225</u>	<u>120,080</u>	<b>2,482,305</b>	<u>2,518,268</u>
Total funds carried forward	19/20	<u>2,311,692</u>	<u>105,813</u>	<b>2,417,505</b>	<u>2,482,305</u>

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022 Unrestricted	2022 Restricted	Total Funds	
		£	£	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Land and buildings	13	1,813,757	-	<b>1,813,757</b>	1,752,035
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	14	124,583	-	<b>124,583</b>	114,976
Office Equipment	14	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicles	14	-	-	-	-
		<u>1,938,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,938,340</b></u>	<u>1,867,011</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	15	62,671	14,701	<b>77,372</b>	63,537
Cash at bank and in hand	16	<u>325,852</u>	<u>91,112</u>	<u><b>416,964</b></u>	<u>567,199</u>
		388,523	105,813	<b>494,336</b>	630,736
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	17	<u>(15,171)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>(15,171)</b></u>	<u>(15,442)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>373,352</u>	<u>105,813</u>	<u><b>479,165</b></u>	<u>615,294</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	21	<u><u>2,311,692</u></u>	<u><u>105,813</u></u>	<u><u><b>2,417,505</b></u></u>	<u><u>2,482,305</u></u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Unrestricted funds	19	2,311,692	-	<b>2,311,692</b>	2,362,225
Restricted funds	20	<u>-</u>	<u>105,813</u>	<u><b>105,813</b></u>	<u>120,080</u>
		<u>2,311,692</u>	<u>105,813</u>	<u><b>2,417,505</b></u>	<u>2,482,305</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

**M Johns**  
**Treasurer**

**Date:** 18 October 2023

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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1. Accounting policies

**Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

**Fund accounting**

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees and Board are responsible in law.

Unrestricted funds are those available to the Trustees and Board for general use without restriction, in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Designated funds are those, where donors have expressed a preference, without imposing a trust, or unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund. Restricted funds are detailed in Note 20.

No accounts of informal gatherings of church members are included as these are not under direct Board control.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Incoming recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift aid is included in incoming resources on a receivable basis.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/ executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Voluntary Tithes and Offerings are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Church. Covenants are recognised only when received. Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Grant income is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income is apportioned between that received from and for the local community in Preston and income for use elsewhere (wider community).

**Gifts in kind**

The church benefits from many voluntary hours and unclaimed out of pocket expenses contributed by a large number of people. It would be impossible to place a value on these gifts in kind for which we are extremely grateful.

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Donations payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust.

Like income, costs are apportioned between those for the local community in Preston and those for elsewhere (the wider community). Costs are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and are allocated to the particular activity, where the costs relate directly to that activity.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently at their settlement value.

**Basic financial assets**

Trade and other receivables are recognised at the settlement amount. Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and immediate deposits.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

**Basic financial liabilities**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in payment to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discount due.

**Value added tax**

As the charity's activities are classified as exempt for the purposes of Value Added Tax, the charity is unable to reclaim Value Added Tax which it suffers on its purchases. Expenditure in these financial statements is therefore shown inclusive of Value Added Tax.

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been differentiated between governance and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees.

Governance costs and support costs have been identified within notes 12 and 8 respectively. No support costs and governance costs have been allocated against raising funds as an immaterial portion of costs relate to this type of expenditure. The charity has only one type of charitable activity. The trustees have decided to meet all governance and support costs from local unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance or support related costs.

**Valuation of freehold land and buildings**

The Land and Church Buildings were last revalued and included in the accounts at the valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since are included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

**Fixtures and fittings and equipment**

Assets were originally included at an estimated value at 31 December 1997. Future additions have been included at cost with items under £250 being written off to revenue in the year of expenditure.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at the following rates based on the estimated useful lives of the fixed assets and the anticipated residual values:

Freehold land & buildings	Nil	
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20%	Per annum reducing balance, or
	10%	Per annum straight line
Office equipment	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %	Per annum straight line
Motor Vehicles	25%	Per annum reducing balance

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

**Pension costs**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities and included in staff costs.

**Operating lease agreements**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
<b>Local Community</b>				
Committed giving	300,111	-	300,111	249,819
ACTS435	-	529	529	-
Christians against poverty	-	14,142	14,142	28,962
Leaving gifts	-	1,709	1,709	-
Food Bank Community	-	3,694	3,694	4,009
Government grants	-	-	-	7,064
Other	587	-	587	-
Catherine's child giving	-	-	-	500
NLT grant towards Pastor salary	-	-	-	1,131
	<u>300,698</u>	<u>20,074</u>	<u>320,772</u>	<u>291,485</u>
<b>Wider Community</b>				
Committed giving – Kibogora	-	40,446	40,446	30,465
Gift days - Kibogora	-	9,120	9,120	22,027
	-	49,566	49,566	52,492
Gift days - Other	-	17,696	17,696	36,514
Missionary boxes	-	132	132	-
Support Ukraine	-	6,849	6,849	-
Savannah & Samuele Cestari	-	754	754	1,132
Tithes & offerings	-	-	-	667
Small donations <£1,000	-	518	518	225
	<u>-</u>	<u>75,515</u>	<u>75,515</u>	<u>91,030</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>300,698</u>	<u>95,589</u>	<u>396,287</u>	<u>382,515</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>258,781</u>	<u>123,734</u>		<u>382,515</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Unrestricted income from charitable activities – Local community

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
<b>Church Departments:</b>				
Use of premises	2,351	-	2,351	1,830
Preaching gifts	90	-	90	-
<b>Ministry Groups:</b>				
Outreach	1,727	-	1,727	1,237
Youth & Children	10,003	-	10,003	2,593
Friends & Neighbours	10,094	-	10,094	5,159
Families	5,013	-	5,013	1,886
Discipleship	180	-	180	385
Resources	3,792	-	3,792	752
	<u>33,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,250</u>	<u>13,842</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>13,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,842</u>	<u>13,842</u>

A description of each Ministry Group can be found within the Trustees Annual Report on pages 6-7.

4 Unrestricted income from investments – Local community

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
Bank deposit Interest	436	-	436	45
Interest on tax repayments	39	-	39	146
	<u>475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>191</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>191</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**5 Restricted income from investments – Wider community**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	
			<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Deposit interest – Kibogora	-	405	<b>405</b>	135
For 31 December 2021	<u>135</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>135</u>

**6 Unrestricted income from other trading activities – Local community**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	
			<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Fulwood Free Music	-	-	-	-
For 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

**7 Unrestricted income from other – Local community**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	
			<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Profit on sale of assets	400	-	<b>400</b>	-
Miscellaneous income	6,365	-	<b>6,365</b>	<b>14,525</b>
	<u>6,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>6,765</b></u>	<u><b>14,525</b></u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>14,525</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>14,525</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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8 Expenditure on charitable activities – Local community – Church costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
Gatherings (note 8a)				
Other	735	-	735	1,980
Discipleship (note 8b)	1,749	-	1,749	1,991
Resources/Support costs				
Technical resources	5,953	-	5,953	2,457
Building & grounds	575	-	575	144
Catering	9,058	-	9,058	879
Flowers	190	-	190	61
Printing & office costs	6,111	-	6,111	4,993
Running costs	21,636	-	21,636	19,871
Repairs & maintenance	13,580	-	13,580	12,343
Banner Group	-	-	-	-
Library	-	-	-	18
Safeguarding	757	-	757	1,581
Consumables	4,032	-	4,032	1,374
Bank charges	420	22	442	351
Payroll charges	636	-	636	612
Salaries				
Pastoral	138,245	-	138,245	111,487
Youth & Children	33,396	-	33,396	36,909
Christians Against Poverty	-	17,486	17,486	16,828
Admin	36,133	-	36,133	31,401
Housekeeping	15,480	-	15,480	14,484
Sundry expenses	598	-	598	1,704
Conference levy	10,848	-	10,848	10,232
Depreciation	23,862	-	23,862	29,590
Governance costs (note 12)	8,190	-	8,190	7,800
Outreach	2,607	-	2,607	2,867
Youth & Children	11,246	-	11,246	4,740
COVID expenditure	295	-	295	318
Travelling costs	557	-	557	281
Safeguarding staff	13	-	13	18
Job advertisement	-	-	-	275
Friends & Neighbours	6,240	-	6,240	4,635
Life ins & income protection	3,926	-	3,926	-
Families	1,960	-	1,960	1,005
	<u>359,028</u>	<u>17,508</u>	<u>376,536</u>	<u>323,229</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>306,324</u>	<u>16,905</u>		<u>323,229</u>

Note 8a Gatherings include travelling expenses and visiting preachers costs.

Note 8b Discipleship includes teaching materials and training.

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9 Expenditure on charitable activities – Local community – Grants made

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
<b>Donations:</b>				
Cedar House	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Ministry to Asians in Preston	100	-	100	100
Preston Youth For Christ	-	-	-	100
Preston Street Pastors	2,500	-	2,500	4,500
Christians Against Poverty	99	6,132	6,231	9,644
Food Bank Community	-	3,798	3,798	4,578
Savannah & Samuele Cestari	2,000	857	2,857	1,215
Leaving gifts	-	812	812	3,532
ACTS435	-	529	529	-
Christian Unions	500	-	500	-
Small donations under £1,000	1,200	-	1,200	33
	<u>8,899</u>	<u>12,128</u>	<u>21,027</u>	<u>26,202</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>7,233</u>	<u>18,969</u>		<u>26,202</u>

10 Expenditure on charitable activities – Wider community – Grants made

Funding is mainly undertaken via partner organisations or for emergency relief.

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
<b>Donations:</b>				
Kibogora	2,489	57,530	60,019	30,841
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	10,100	-	10,100	10,000
Pan de Vida	-	14,000	14,000	20,000
Open Doors	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	13,000
Haiti	-	-	-	4,318
Small donations <£1,000	-	150	150	-
Support Ukraine	-	6,643	6,643	-
Tear Fund	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Safe families for children	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Sports Reach	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Shelling Trust	-	-	-	2,000
Impact for Middle East	-	-	-	4,100
International Aid	-	-	-	94
	<u>25,589</u>	<u>78,323</u>	<u>103,912</u>	<u>97,353</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>31,100</u>	<u>66,253</u>		<u>97,353</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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11 Expenditure on charitable activities – Wider community – Other costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
Bank Charges – Kibogora	-	507	<b>507</b>	387
For 31 December 2021	387	-		387

12 Governance costs – Local Community

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
Accountancy fees	8,190	-	<b>8,190</b>	7,800
For 31 December 2021	7,800	-		7,800

13 Fixed assets – Freehold land and buildings

	Land & Church Buildings £
Cost/Valuation at 1 January 2022	1,752,035
Additions	61,722
Cost at 31 December 2022	<b>1,813,757</b>

**Valuation of freehold land and buildings**

The original Land and Church buildings were revalued and included in the accounts at valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since that date have been included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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**14 Fixtures, fittings, equipment and motor vehicles**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings &amp; equipment £</b>	<b>Office Equipment £</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
At 1 January 2022	333,718	9,208	-	<b>342,926</b>
Additions	33,469	-	-	<b>33,469</b>
Disposals	-	(1,627)	-	<b>(1,627)</b>
<b>31 December 2022</b>	<b>367,187</b>	<b>7,581</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>374,768</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2022	218,742	9,208	-	<b>227,950</b>
Charge for year	23,862	-	-	<b>23,862</b>
Depreciation on disposals	-	(1,627)	-	<b>(1,627)</b>
<b>31 December 2022</b>	<b>242,604</b>	<b>7,581</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250,185</b>
<b>Written down value at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>124,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,583</b>
Written down value at 31 December 2021	114,976	-	-	<b>114,976</b>

**15 Debtors and prepayments**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	
			<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Tax refund on Gift Aid	59,006	14,701	<b>73,707</b>	60,832
Prepayments	3,665	-	<b>3,665</b>	2,705
	<b>62,671</b>	<b>14,701</b>	<b>77,372</b>	<b>63,537</b>
For 31 December 2021	<b>47,647</b>	<b>15,890</b>		<b>63,537</b>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

16 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
<b><u>Local Community</u></b>				
Current account	24,152	-	<b>24,152</b>	24,229
Lunch petty cash	18	-	<b>18</b>	67
Capital reserve account	278,352	-	<b>278,352</b>	416,920
Development Fund	-	-	-	1,814
Covenant account	11,744	-	<b>11,744</b>	10,570
Parents and Toddlers petty cash	324	-	<b>324</b>	340
Restricted account	-	33,228	<b>33,228</b>	35,335
Cash pending bank cash	270	-	<b>270</b>	104
<b><u>Wider Community</u></b>				
Kibogora	10,992	57,884	<b>68,876</b>	77,820
	<u>325,852</u>	<u>91,112</u>	<u><b>416,964</b></u>	<u>567,199</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>463,009</u>	<u>104,190</u>		<u>567,199</u>

17 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	575	-	<b>575</b>	25
Accruals	10,040	-	<b>10,040</b>	12,185
PAYE/NI	4,556	-	<b>4,556</b>	3,232
	<u>15,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>15,171</b></u>	<u>15,442</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>15,442</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>15,442</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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18 Financial instruments

	Total Funds	
	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at settlement value	<u>73,707</u>	<u>60,832</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Creditors measured at settlement value	<u>10,615</u>	<u>12,210</u>

19 Analysis of unrestricted charitable funds

	At 01.01.22 £	Incoming resources £	Resourced expended £	Transfers £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>General Fund</b>					
Free reserves	495,214	341,188	(369,654)	(93,396)	373,352
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Property Asset Fund	1,867,011	-	(23,862)	95,191	1,938,340
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,362,225</u>	<u>341,188</u>	<u>(393,516)</u>	<u>1,795</u>	<u>2,311,692</u>

**General Fund:** The 'free reserves' of the charity after allowing for all designated funds.

**Designated Funds:** Whilst remaining part of the unrestricted funds, this expenditure has already been utilised and is therefore not available as part of the free reserves.

**Property Asset Fund:** The property assets fund is the value of the unrestricted funds already spent and represented by the tangible assets of the charity.

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20 Analysis of restricted charitable funds

	At 01.01.22 £	Income And Tax Recover- able £	Expend- iture £	Capital Expend- iture £	Transfers £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Revenue Funds</b>						
<b>Local Community:</b>						
Free Voices Choir	43	-	-	-	-	43
Food bank community	1,633	3,694	(3,798)	-	-	1,529
Youth & Children	31	-	-	-	-	31
Christians Against Poverty	32,262	14,142	(23,618)	-	-	22,786
Andrew Gardner gift	812	-	(812)	-	-	-
Funeral donations	6	-	-	-	-	6
Catherine's child giving	500	-	-	-	-	500
ACTS435	-	529	(529)	-	-	-
Ian & Joanna gift	-	1,709	-	-	-	1,709
<b>Wider Community:</b>						
Kibogora	73,061	49,971	(58,037)	-	-	64,995
Pan de Vida	3,468	10,065	(14,000)	-	-	(467)
Shoe box appeal	24	4	-	-	-	28
Missionary Boxes	252	132	(50)	-	-	334
Savannah	245	754	(857)	-	-	142
Craft Inspirations	1,797	514	(100)	-	-	2,211
India	1,773	-	-	-	-	1,773
Christian resource centre	179	-	-	-	-	179
Support Ukraine	-	6,849	(6,643)	-	-	206
Haiti	126	-	-	-	-	126
Sierra Leone	2,051	7,631	-	-	-	9,682
	<u>118,263</u>	<u>95,994</u>	<u>(108,444)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,813</u>
<b>Capital Fund</b>						
<b>Local Community:</b>						
Development fund monies	1,817	-	(22)	-	(1,795)	-
	<u>120,080</u>	<u>95,994</u>	<u>(108,466)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,795)</u>	<u>105,813</u>

**Revenue Funds**

The individual revenue funds, the purposes of which are detailed above, received income during the year from donations containing restrictions. These donations are used for the continuation of the individual projects listed.

**Capital Fund:**

**Development Fund**

The development fund originally represented amounts given to the church to build the new annexe and equip it. As the annexe is now complete, gifts to the development fund were used for the repayment of the bank loan, taken out to partially fund the annexe costs. The bank loan is now fully repaid; the remaining funds have been used for development of the property.

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds:

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,938,340	-	<b>1,938,340</b>	1,867,011
Current assets	388,523	105,813	<b>494,336</b>	630,736
Current liabilities	(15,171)	-	<b>(15,171)</b>	(15,442)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,311,692</u>	<u>105,813</u>	<u><b>2,417,505</b></u>	<u>2,482,305</u>
For 31 December 2021	<u>2,362,225</u>	<u>120,080</u>		<u>2,482,305</u>

22 Summary of wages and salaries

	2022 £	2021 £
Total remuneration for the year amounted to:		
Main Church – Pastors	<b>138,245</b>	111,487
Main Church – Administration	<b>51,613</b>	45,885
Main Church – Youth & Children	<b>33,396</b>	36,909
Main Church – Christians Against Poverty	<b>17,486</b>	16,828
	<u><b>240,740</b></u>	<u>211,109</u>
The average number of paid staff for the year were:	2022 £	2021 £
Main Church: full time employees	<b>3</b>	2
Main Church: part time employees	<b>5</b>	7
Administration: part time employees	<b>1</b>	1
Domestics: part time employees	<b>1</b>	2
	<u><b>10</b></u>	<u>12</u>

No employee earned over £60,000 in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and pastoral team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £138,245 (2021: £111,487).

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**23 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The pastor of the Church is also a trustee under the charity scheme sealed in March 2000. That scheme allows for payment of trustees, and in that role they received remuneration and expenses from the Church as detailed below:

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
A J Gardner	Gross salary	-	6,238
	Pension contributions (money purchase scheme)	-	499
		<u>-</u>	<u>6,737</u>
	Reimbursement received from NLT	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,131)</u>
I Clarkson	Gross salary	<b>37,447</b>	30,745
	Pension contributions (money purchase scheme)	<b>2,996</b>	2,460
		<u><b>40,378</b></u>	<u>33,205</u>
I Winter	Gross salary	<b>34,501</b>	-
	Pension contributions (money purchase scheme)	<b>2,760</b>	-
		<u><b>40,378</b></u>	<u>-</u>

Rev Ian Clarkson, a trustee, received expenses totalling £1,484 (2021: £398) for travel, training and other incidental expenses during the year.

The aggregate donations received without conditions from trustees were £69,000.

Vicky Johns, wife of a trustee, received remuneration in her role as secretary during the year of £16,093 (2021: £15,784).

No other trustees have received any remuneration in the year. Insurance premiums of £85 (2021: £85) were incurred by the charity during the year in respect of indemnity insurance for the trustees. The charity also has insurance premiums totalling £980 (2021: £840) to cover travel by trustees and non-trustees.

**24 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**

England & Wales - Charity number 514359

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# Accounts

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Charity Registration No: 514359**

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
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**CHARITY INFORMATION**

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**Charity Name:** Free Methodist Church, Fulwood

**Governed By:** Book of Discipline  
Approved scheme of the Charity Commission dated 21  
April 1983 and last amended 9 March 2000

**Charity Number:** 514359

**Principal Address:** Fulwood Free Methodist Church  
Lightfoot Lane  
Fulwood  
Preston  
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**Main Bankers:** HSBC  
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The trustees are pleased to present their report, together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2021.

**Board members/trustees register**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Retired</b>
Rev Ian Winter	Senior pastor	SLT	11.04.22	
Rev Andrew Gardner	Senior pastor	SLT		26.02.21
Rev Ian Clarkson	Pastor	ALT & SLT	26.02.21	31.12.21
Dr Philip Johns	Chair of finance	ALT		
Mr Matthew Johns	Treasurer	ALT		
Mr David Brown	Lay delegate	SLT		
Prof D Hamblin		ALT		
Mrs Louise Hoyle	Lay delegate	SLT		15.09.21
Mr Geoff Tomlinson	Church secretary	ALT		
Mr Andrew Slack		SLT		
Mrs Carol Gornall	Lay delegate	SLT		
Mr Stephen Allen		ALT	15.09.21	
Mr Jonathan Leeming		SLT	15.09.21	
Mr Daniel Feeny		SLT	15.09.21	

**Notes:**

SLT means Spiritual Leadership Team

ALT means Administrative Leadership Team.

The Board of trustees comprises the SLT plus the ALT

**Governing Document**

The approved scheme dated 21 April 1983, as amended on 9 March 2000 is the controlling Charity Document (Charity Number 514359) but this Scheme recognises the role of Book of Discipline of the Free Methodist Church of North America as amended from time to time (Latest version dated 2011). The Church is also part of the GB Conference of the Free Methodist Church, and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The Senior Pastor (a Trustee) is appointed by the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. Other Trustees are appointed by a ballot vote of the Church Members present at the Annual Society Meeting (held in June) or any of the other Society Meetings held at other times. They serve for a period of three years, but there is no limit to the period of service if nominated and re-elected at the end of their three year term. Additionally, Lay Delegates are affirmed annually.

Election requires a 50% majority of the members present. Nominations are invited from church members three months in advance, closing one month later. If there are no or insufficient nominations at the closing date, the Board is empowered to make nominations as a cooperate body.

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### **Trustee Induction and training**

After election, new trustees must sign the minutes of the first Board Meeting which they attend, indicating their willingness to accept the role and responsibilities which are required. The first responsibility of a Trustee is to accept a position as a Church Leader, and Church Leadership courses are regularly organized by the Church. It is expected that trustee nominees will already be in leadership roles in church departments or will have participated in a leadership course. The Framework Document is made available to them to clarify the leadership structure of the church. The legal responsibilities of trustees are explained by making available copies of the Approved Scheme, the Book of Discipline, appropriate Charity Documents, (eg The Essential Trustee) and a number of internal documents (including The Biblical Basis of Leadership, Decision Making in FFMC, Standing Financial Instructions, the Health & Safety Policy, and the Safeguarding Policy).

All nominees must already be Church Members and a condition of Church Membership is a requirement to accept and support the scriptural doctrines and principles required of members of the Free Methodist Church, as outlined in the Book of Discipline. Each Trustee is expected to have DBS clearance at appointment, (unless DBS clearance has already been obtained as required by some other role within the Church.)

### **Organisation**

Major decisions are discussed and approved at Society Meetings where all church members can vote while non-members who attend the church can attend the Society Meeting but cannot vote. The Board consisting of all elected trustees and the Senior Pastor (a Trustee whose remuneration is specifically allowed for in the Charity Scheme) meets at least 4 times per year, and at other times if necessary. It delegates Spiritual leadership issues to the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) which comprises the Senior Pastor, two lay delegates, plus a further lay delegate for each ordained minister, (Lay Delegates attend and vote at the GB Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church) plus ordinary members to take the total to a maximum of 8 members (including the Senior Pastor). The Board also delegates general management issues to the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT), some of whom are appointed to a specific role (i.e. Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, Chair of Finance,) while three others are appointed "without portfolio" and are given administrative responsibilities from time to time as agreed by the Board. The Board receives minutes from both the SLT, and the ALT, who can also pass major items back to the board for final decisions.

The Framework Document sets out the principal sub-committee leadership structure so that each ongoing activity of the Church is part of a particular Ministry Group. All of these groups comprise volunteers from the Church congregation, and are led by a Ministry Group Leader, who liaises with the Board.

A key Ministry Group is the Global Partnership Team who deal with the Church's giving to other organizations both in the UK and elsewhere in the world. The Church gives a minimum of 15% of its general income to these causes, along with the proceeds of several Gift Days each year. (These are Sundays when the offerings taken on that day are given to a specific cause). This Team's plans are approved at a Society Meeting.

In the fourth quarter of the year the Chair of Finance heads up a small team to prepare a budget for the following year. This is based on prudent estimates of anticipated income from offerings, together with expected financial requirements which are related to the overall vision of the Church for the following year. This passes to the ALT, the Board and finally to the February Society Meeting when the treasurer also presents (unexamined) financial information relating to the previous year.

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**Related Parties**

- 1) From time to time members and trustees are appointed to positions of responsibility in the functioning of the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. (Itself a Registered Charity). The Conference Boards all consist of Free Methodist Pastors and Church Members.
- 2) Some Trustees are also Trustees of other Christian Charities in Preston.

None of these represents a conflict of interest.

**Risk Management**

The trustees are aware of particular risks and take appropriate steps to control these risks and mitigate any impact they might have.

Budgetary control is actively pursued by preparing an annual budget and by studying the quarterly financial statements prepared by the Treasurer. Then when necessary, spending controls are introduced in addition to regular controls to keep spending within the actual income.

Insurance policies for buildings, trustees and travel are in place and reviewed from time to time to ensure the values insured are adequate. Changes in the assets are also monitored to ensure that the insurance cover is adequate.

Protection of the Church Building is strengthened by the fitting of a maintained security system an internal and external CCTV system, (External system recently upgraded to incorporate digital cameras) and a comprehensive fire alarm system. Cash theft from inside the church is minimised by the fitting of appropriate safes for the storage of cash (e.g. offerings before banking, income received for charitable events, or petty cash floats).

All people working with children and/or vulnerable adults have DBS clearance (renewed every three years where required) and this is complemented by a carefully prepared and implemented Safeguarding Policy. From time to time all people working with children or vulnerable adults have received specific training by Thirty One : Eight (previously Church's Child Protection Advisory Service). The CCTV installation throughout the premises provides additional protection for all visitors and staff and volunteers.

The church makes wide use of computers for many of its activities (for which it holds a data protection licence). These computers are replaced as and when necessary to ensure software upgrades can be applied. The Church now uses Churchsuite, a software system which complies with current GDPR requirements, and holds much information about activities and attendees. For example it has been extremely useful during the COVID situation in allowing us to keep in contact with Church attendees who have registered their willingness to be contacted by E-mail.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Fulwood Free Methodist Church was built on the present site some 45 years ago. It is part of a worldwide network of Churches entitled "Free Methodist Churches Worldwide" (HQ Indianapolis, Indiana, USA). Locally it is part of the GB (UK) Conference (FMCUK, Conference Office, 47 High St, Kingswood, Bristol BF15 4AA). Each Church is an individual charity with its own Charity Document while the Spiritual Ethos is laid down in the Book of Discipline, a fact which is recognised in the FPMC Charity Document.

When planning the charity's activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. The main objective of the Charity is the promotion of the Christian Faith in the local community in Fulwood and other parts of Preston. Other worldwide activities are often in conjunction with our sister Free Methodist Churches, or other Christian Charities. Main activities on the Fulwood site are regular Church Services, Youth and Children's activities and other miscellaneous activities. These are directed by the Senior Pastor, and other ministerial staff, together with Board Members and many other volunteers. All these activities are open for anybody to attend, although most people do attend regularly.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The buildings on the Lightfoot Lane site have been erected in 3 major developments since opening in 1978, and completed in 2008.

Currently the staff team comprises the senior, associate, discipleship, and lay pastors, the childrens, youth & family leaders, the two CAP staff, the general secretary, the building manager and the housekeepers, who meet weekly to co-ordinate the smooth running of the church activities.

The pastoral staff are allowed a period of Sabbatical Leave every five years, and funds are provided to facilitate a period of study. The senior pastor took a sabbatical in 2015, and the assistant pastor in 2018, and the senior pastor was due again in 2020. His plans had to be changed in the light of the COVID situation, and his retirement in 2021, and were to be completed after he left the Fulwood Church.

In 2008 the UK Free Methodist Conference replaced the Conference Superintendent by a National Leadership Team, (NLT), comprising two FMC Pastors. Andrew Gardner, the senior Pastor at Fulwood was appointed to this team, as from Autumn 2012. For this work he was seconded to Conference for 1.5 days per week, for which the Church was reimbursed. This role ceased on 31 December 2020, but now NLT has been dissolved and replaced by a National Leader of FMC UK and Northern Ireland.

The Church's activities are managed through Ministry Groups, each of which is led by a Group Leader, and includes a Board Member. Each group reports to the Board and makes minutes of its meetings available to the Board. While it is clear that many activities are aimed at regular church attendees, no activity is "out of bounds" for casual visitors, and some activities are particularly aimed at people who otherwise have no association with the Church.

The information given about the activities of the different ministry team is of course correct up and until the closure of the church due to the COVID situation which for Fulwood FMC began on 17 March 2020. However, we are now almost back to a pre-covid situation, as described under "Impact of the Covid Pandemic" .

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**The Gatherings Team** takes care of regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meetings (held at 7.00 am, 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm each Tuesday on line.) Prayer requests are brought from a wide range of sources from worldwide disasters to individuals some of whom have no other contact with the church. From September 2015 we have held two services each Sunday morning but since returning to in person services there has been just one service. This service this is still available on line on YouTube, but we are planning to return to two services again in Spring 2023.

**The Outreach Team** work to extend the message of the Gospel outside the borders of the Church itself. They lead regular events aimed at people enquiring about the Christian Faith such as the Alpha Course. The team also plan special events from time to time which are aimed to be of interest to Non-Christians.

Volunteers from Fulwood are at the forefront of the Street Pastor initiative in Preston. Along with volunteers from other churches, they work with the Police and local authority staff to provide a presence on streets where problems occur. Currently Street Pastors work in several areas of the city. The Church also operates a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre. This is a national organisation, based in Bradford which aims to help anybody who finds their debt situation unmanageable. It is led in Fulwood by a Centre Manager, and by a Debt Coach, who are supported by a number of volunteers, and they liaise with the Bradford Centre, ensuring that correct debt advice is available to clients. This operation from the Fulwood Church aims to help clients living in the Fylde, Longridge, and North Preston. Some clients are regularly declared debt free.

**The Children's, Youth & Families Ministry** delivers an energetic programme covering the ages from birth to eighteen. Some activities take place Sunday Morning (Energise and Ignite) while others take place on weeknights. The weeknight activities attract many children and young people who have no other Church connection, some of whom go on to become regular church attendees. They also manage the weekly Toddler Groups and a Bump and Baby groups which meet regularly during term time. More recently a group entitled "Who let the Dads out?" meet occasionally on a Saturday morning. All of these activities are open to all comers, and are managed by volunteers.

**The Discipleship Ministry** focuses on both new Christians and the more mature. They are responsible for the adult and youth Homegroups which aim to supplement the teaching and fellowship presented at Sunday Services. This group is led by the Discipleship Pastor who has recently returned to active ministry following a major stroke.

**The Friends and Neighbours Ministry** probably has the widest impact in the area around the Church among non-church people as well as supporting Church attendees in many situations. The Wednesday Lunch Break provides soup and a sandwich for up to 60 people each week, including a group from a local care home specialising in people with significant learning difficulties. We also have a Food Pantry which is kept topped up on a continuous basis so there is always something available in an emergency. This FFM Food Bank is also linked to similar projects run by the Preston Christian Action Network and the Salvation Army so we are able to co-operate with others in and around Preston. It also supports the CAP Centre (see above) as an important additional resource for clients seeking debt help.

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A weekly activity known as “Inspirations Crafts” attracts ladies from many backgrounds who simply enjoy the sewing and the company of other likeminded ladies, most of whom have no other connection with the church.

This Ministry also supports the “Men’s Breakfast”, where an invited speaker addresses topics of particular relevance to men. This along with many activities was paused during covid, but there are plans to begin again shortly.

Another activity is a weekly carpet bowling group. This has attracted a large cohort of new people and now meets in Cedar, our main worship area as it offers the largest area for bowling lanes.

**The Global Partnership** arranges support for many of our mission contacts and in particular allocates the Missions Budget which comprises a minimum of 15% of general church giving. The Team also organises VISA (Volunteers in Service Abroad) Teams. These teams visit the various projects which the church supports and undertake various practical activities while there. No VISA teams took place 2022 due to uncertainty around the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope to restart them in 2023

Another aspect of our missions’ support is the Kibogora Initiative that supports the work of Kibogora Hospital in Rwanda. It has its own ring-fenced bank accounts and raises funds under the title Kibogora Initiative. The main source of funds in 2021/22 was a gift day at Fulwood Free Methodist Church and regular monthly gifts many of which are through the sponsor-a-bed appeal.

Support was also provided for the Free Methodist Polytechnic in Kibogora. The sponsor-a-pastor scheme has continued to provide scholarships for Rwandans who simply cannot afford to meet their own costs. Funding for this is channelled through the Kibogora accounts, as are other specific gifts for the polytechnic. David Hamblin, one of the Fulwood trustees has now retired from being Rector, but remains Rector Emeritus of the polytechnic and remains in contact, providing advice and support where he can.

Within Rwanda the Kibogora Initiative is part of the Better Together group which seeks to improve communication amongst the various organisations involved in the hospital. This group includes the UK Free Methodist Conference, the Rwanda Free Methodist Conference, representatives of the Kibogora Free Methodist Church and CAHO (Central African Health Organisation: an American Charity which supports the work at Kibogora). The planned Better Together meeting in Kibogora in November 2021 could not take place, however Better Together introduced a quarterly review meeting using Zoom with all the partners and has proved highly effective in maintaining contact, reviewing progress and encouraging the people on the ground in Rwanda. Better Together will meet in person in November 2022 at Kibogora. We also receive monthly written reports from Kibogora describing activities undertaken.

The coronavirus pandemic has significantly affected our overseas partners where “lockdowns” have a massive impact on the poorest people who live day-to-day buying food today from the money they earn today, and when they cannot go to work their family does not eat. Pan de Vida in Ecuador, International Aid in Sierra Leone and the Kibogora Initiative in Rwanda have all responded to these needs. Our 2021/22 gift days for these organisations have raised funds to help with this support, and we have seen continued generosity from our congregation despite the difficult times many face here in the UK.

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**Sale of Land North of Eastway**

In November 2016, the Land North of Eastway (approximately 13 acres) was sold to Barratts, with planning permission for the erection of 140 dwellings. The land was jointly owned with Crown Lane Churches. The agreed split of the proceeds was one third to Fulwood Free Methodist Church, resulting in funds of £1,179,928.

The Board have considered the impact of this additional income, and the overall spending plans were approved by members at the Society Meeting in February 2017. As the FMC Book of Discipline requires that such income will be used within 5 years, the spending plan takes this into consideration.

The five-year budgeted spending plan was approved as follows:

£169,000	To give away to other bodies representing 15% of income received
£450,000	To increase the number of staff from 7 to 12
£271,000	To enhance the building and grounds
£6,000	To support Ministry Groups
£177,000	To cover the current shortfall in giving
£107,000	Held for future development
£1,180,000	

The additional staff members include the CAP Centre Manager, CAP Debt Coach, Youth & Children's Workers and Discipleship Pastor.

This fund has been used in the following capital projects:

- Cedar heating and ventilation – £120,000 (Actually cost considerably less = £85,200)
- New carpets in Oak and Cypress – £20,000 (Actual cost £13,700)
- Sound and visual replacements/enhancements – £41,000 (Actual cost £48,000)
- Extension of the car park – £55,000 (final cost £94,361 for works to the existing car park, completed in Spring 2022)
- New chairs in Cedar – £30,000 (actual cost £22,300)
- Other minor works – £5,000 (actual cost £19,100)

Total to date £282,661 of £271,000 allocated.

The car park extension has not taken place as intended because the planning application required a new complex and costly drainage system, plus significant other costs which ruled the original plans out of reach. However these funds have been used to resurface the existing car park, along with relining the parking areas, new more energy efficient lighting, and new digital cameras for the external CCTV facility. This all took place in spring 2022. Planned resurfacing is required at approximately 20 year intervals, and on this occasion a level games area was created to enable games to be played by our various youth groups. This represents the last major capital spend.

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Shortfall in giving

It was expected that with the investments in these key areas, attendance would increase coinciding with the completion of housing developments near the church. We expected that this would lead to an increase in congregation and in time greater giving, resulting in reduced need for funds from the land sale proceeds allowing the Board to reallocate funds to other causes or developments. Although giving has increased, it is not yet at the levels required to sustain the additional staff appointed. No doubt these anticipated increases have been muted by the Covid situation, which could not have been anticipated 5 years ago when the land income was allocated to appropriate projects.

We have introduced facilities for giving by other means (e.g. online or by card) in order to ensure that giving is both easy and in line with modern transaction procedures, and especially to encourage giving by the younger group of our Church.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

A summary of our income and expenditure is set out on page 15. Total receipts from unrestricted funds during the year were £287,474 (2020: £293,853), of which committed giving totalled £249,819 compared to £260,171 in 2020.

Restricted donations of £123,734 (2020: £115,413) were also received and are detailed in the financial statements in note 20.

Total expenditure was £447,171 (2020: £549,226) as disclosed on page 15.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £35,963 compared to £139,960 in 2020.

Income is mostly derived from free will gifts made to the church by Church Members and other attendees, some of which is designated to specific causes. This income is supplemented by tax refunds on Gift Aided gifts, and occasionally by income from other charities, usually other Christian organisations or grants from public bodies.

The trustees manage incoming resources by a combination of prudent spending within an annual budget which is set by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board and Church Members. Surplus funds can be invested, but these amounts are usually relatively small and are usually identified for future developments.

The trustees, by virtue of the regular Board meetings, constantly make judgements and estimates relating to available funds and appropriate allocation of those funds. These are based on regular (four times per year) Income and Expenditure accounts prepared by the Church Treasurer and scrutinised by the Board. Unexpected demands on these funds can then be handled appropriately. The Trustees, through the Treasurer, keep appropriate records which satisfy the legal requirements placed on trustees.

**Reserves policy**

The accounts show the current state of the finances which the trustees consider to be sound. The trustees are satisfied that the assets of the charity are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the Charity.

In accordance with guidelines issued by the Charity Commissioners the level of reserves have been considered and reviewed at regular intervals by the trustees. At this time our free reserves are £495,214 (note 19). The trustees have agreed on a plan on how some of these reserves will be spent; see page 8 'Sale of Land North of Eastway'.

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**Key management personnel remuneration**

The trustees consider the board of trustees and pastoral team as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. Details of key management personnel remuneration, trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 23 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and record them on the 'Register of Interests'.

**CHANGE OF SENIOR PASTOR**

Initially the senior pastor, Rev Andrew Gardner had intended to retire some time in 2020, but delayed this partly because of the Covid situation, finally retiring on 16 February 2021. Our associate pastor was appointed acting lead pastor in the interim. The senior pastor's sabbatical plans were also delayed until January-February 2021, but even these plans were changed because of continuing Covid restrictions.

Later this year a search team of four was set up including the two lay delegates, and two members of the ALT. The National Leader of Free Methodist Church in the UK had indicated to us that there was no suitable pastor within the UK Free Methodist Church to recommend to us as future senior pastor. The search team identified a "preferred candidate" and after negotiations with him, he came to the Church in spring 2022. His arrival was delayed by covid infections in his family at critical times, and at present he has chosen to spend a significant amount of time getting to know key people and how we work at present.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

Since the arrival of the new senior pastor in Spring 2022 he has been engaged in a process of meeting key people on a one to one basis, as well as regular meetings with the staff team. This has enabled him to evaluate the situation at present and consider his vision for the best way forwards.

In October there was an away day for trustees and staff team when he outlined his vision and plans for the future periods. In many ways this represents significant changes from the past, so we expect that there will be a time of unfolding these details and putting them into practice.

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**SERIOUS INCIDENT**

On 15 April 2021 a planned regular inspection of the main chandelier and its suspension wires by a competent person, who provided his companies lifting machine to give him access to the roof void above the chandelier was in progress. While in this space he fell through the ceiling and to the floor below (about 9 metres), bringing the chandelier down with him. He was admitted to hospital with multiple fractures and internal injuries. Three "Church People" present witnessed the incident which was reported to HSE.

Subsequently Preston Environmental Health Department Dept (Two inspectors) attended on behalf of HSE. They sealed off the room (Main worship area of the church) and served a prohibition notice to prevent further access to the roof void above the chandelier. This was reported to Riddor, and HSE, and the Police and Fire & Rescue also attended. (This is a resume of the report sent to the Charity Commission on 22/04/2021, by P Johns, Chair of Finance and CC liaison person.)

This incident had an adverse effect on our Covid restricted worship activities, for details see the section on the Impact of the Covid Situation.

After many conversations with official bodies, as well as our insurers we were able to have the ceiling damage repaired and use the room for worship services again, but there is still a prohibition notice on accessing the roof space from where the person fell. This is likely to remain as the roof construction, while correct at the time of building, would not be allowed today.

An update was requested by the Charity Commissioners in the form of 4 specific questions, which were answered on 14 July 2021. They responded on 30 July 2021 saying "Based on the information which you have provided, which we assume is a full and frank disclosure of the relevant facts, you have assured us that the trustees are dealing with the matter appropriately and responsibly."

Insurance negotiations have now been completed and an offer of some £10,000 was made and accepted for the cost of damage to the chandelier, and the company's insurance accepted liability for the incident. We are glad to report that the injured person has made a good recovery, and we have been allowed to visit him.

Through all of this we have had the benefit of advice from our Discipleship Pastor, who has previously worked in the area of health and safety.

In June 2022 a Safeguarding incident was reported to the Charity Commission but their response was to consider the matter closed as they felt that our team had handled the situation appropriately and responsibly.

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**IMPACT OF THE COVID SITUATION**

We first closed the church on 17 March 2020 and began to allow limited openings with precautions from 1 August 2020, with some limited in-person services from October 2020. We held limited in-person services at Christmas, followed by further lockdown. By Easter (4 April 2021) we were anticipating a gradual return to in person services but the Critical Incident (see "Serious Incident") on 15 April put our main worship area out of bounds until the end of May 2021. Since then, a gradual return to a more normal situation has begun and is almost complete. During the whole of this time, we continued to produce on-line services, available on YouTube, and the plan is to continue this facility.

During periods of closure we have been using the internet to keep in contact with people. Various pastoral staff have been sending prayer letters by e-mail to all who signed up on Churchsuite to be contacted in this way. Also from the first date of closure we produced an on line service each Sunday morning, prepared by participants during the week, and made available by YouTube. These were entitled "Fulwood Scattered", and remain available to watch for a considerable time. During the week regular updates on YouTube have been produced by various members of the pastoral staff. At present our Sunday morning in-person service goes out live on YouTube, a process which has necessitated some upgrading of our technical equipment. This single service is now available in person without booking, singing by the congregation being possible since July 2020. For those who request socially spaced seating, this was available to people, but is now no longer needed.

Impact on staff has varied. The pastoral staff and general secretary have remained "In work" to be available by various means to support people with different needs. During this period several Fulwood people have died, or suffered severe illness so the pastoral staff have been quite busy, despite their work looking very different. Several other staff have been furloughed as appropriate, but all are now working as normal as we are holding services once again. Our CAP work has been closed for much of this time, partly due to advice from CAP headquarters and partly due to the inability to meet clients in their own homes.

General giving has not been adversely affected by the COVID pandemic. Gifts to the Gift Aid account and other monthly transfers have continued as normal, although cash and cheque gifts have unsurprisingly decreased. Ministry group income almost completely stopped when these activities did not take place, but is beginning to pick up again as most ministry activity is beginning again, albeit in some cases in a slightly different form. We have been able to use the newly introduced Churchsuite to enable giving through our website, and also introduced a "Giving Station" in the church foyer which allows giving by card. However the main giving route is still by bank transfer, either by regular standing order, or one off gifts. Significantly new people have joined us on a regular basis, having first watched our on line services.

During this time we have been able to provide food parcels, and this has been supported by extra giving towards our CAP food bank. Also we set up an internal fund to give help to people who were struggling financially, and this was channelled through the pastoral staff.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

**P Johns  
Chair of Finance**

**Dated:** 19 October 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fulwood Free Methodist Church for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity 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 charity 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**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Julie Flintoff BA (Hons) FCA  
Floor 1, Capital House  
8 Pittman Court  
Pittman Way  
Fulwood  
Preston  
PR2 9ZG**

**Dated:** 20 October 2022

**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds	
				2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Local community	2	258,014	33,471	<b>291,485</b>	323,965
Wider community	2	767	90,263	<b>91,030</b>	76,938
		<u>258,781</u>	<u>123,734</u>	<b>382,515</b>	<u>400,903</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local community	3	13,842	-	<b>13,842</b>	7,686
<b>Investments</b>					
Local community	4	191	-	<b>191</b>	635
Wider community	5	135	-	<b>135</b>	32
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Local community	6	-	-	-	10
<b>Other</b>					
Local community	7	14,525	-	<b>14,525</b>	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>287,474</u>	<u>123,734</u>	<b>411,208</b>	<u>409,266</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local community					
Church Costs	8	306,324	16,905	<b>323,229</b>	366,205
Grants made	9	7,233	18,969	<b>26,202</b>	20,980
Wider community					
Grants made	10	31,100	66,253	<b>97,353</b>	161,718
Bank charges	11	-	387	<b>387</b>	323
		<u>344,657</u>	<u>102,514</u>	<b>447,171</b>	<u>549,226</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>344,657</u>	<u>102,514</u>	<b>447,171</b>	<u>549,226</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(57,183)	21,220	<b>(35,963)</b>	(139,960)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	20/21	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(57,183)</u>	<u>21,220</u>	<b>(35,963)</b>	<u>(139,960)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,419,408</u>	<u>98,860</u>	<b>2,518,268</b>	2,658,228
Total funds carried forward	20/21	<u>2,362,225</u>	<u>120,080</u>	<b>2,482,305</b>	<u>2,518,268</u>

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements

**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Land and buildings	13	1,752,035	-	<b>1,752,035</b>	1,752,035
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	14	114,976	-	<b>114,976</b>	137,021
Office Equipment	14	-	-	-	588
Motor Vehicles	14	-	-	-	-
		<u>1,867,011</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,867,011</b></u>	<u>1,889,644</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	15	47,647	15,890	<b>63,537</b>	36,957
Cash at bank and in hand	16	<u>463,009</u>	<u>104,190</u>	<u><b>567,199</b></u>	<u>608,771</u>
		510,656	120,080	<b>630,736</b>	645,728
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	17	<u>(15,442)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>(15,442)</b></u>	<u>(17,104)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>495,214</u>	<u>120,080</u>	<u><b>615,294</b></u>	<u>628,624</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	21	<u><u>2,362,225</u></u>	<u><u>120,080</u></u>	<u><u><b>2,482,305</b></u></u>	<u><u>2,518,268</u></u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Unrestricted funds	19	2,362,225	-	<b>2,362,225</b>	2,419,408
Restricted funds	20	<u>-</u>	<u>120,080</u>	<u><b>120,080</b></u>	<u>98,860</u>
		<u>2,362,225</u>	<u>120,080</u>	<u><b>2,482,305</b></u>	<u>2,518,268</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

**M Johns**  
Treasurer

**Date:** 19 October 2022

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

**Fund accounting**

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees and Board are responsible in law.

Unrestricted funds are those available to the Trustees and Board for general use without restriction, in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Designated funds are those, where donors have expressed a preference, without imposing a trust, or unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund. Restricted funds are detailed in Note 20.

No accounts of informal gatherings of church members are included as these are not under direct Board control.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Incoming recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift aid is included in incoming resources on a receivable basis.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/ executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Voluntary Tithes and Offerings are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Church. Covenants are recognised only when received. Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Grant income is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income is apportioned between that received from and for the local community in Preston and income for use elsewhere (wider community).

**Gifts in kind**

The church benefits from many voluntary hours and unclaimed out of pocket expenses contributed by a large number of people. It would be impossible to place a value on these gifts in kind for which we are extremely grateful.

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Donations payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust.

Like income, costs are apportioned between those for the local community in Preston and those for elsewhere (the wider community). Costs are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and are allocated to the particular activity, where the costs relate directly to that activity.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently at their settlement value.

**Basic financial assets**

Trade and other receivables are recognised at the settlement amount. Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and immediate deposits.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

**Basic financial liabilities**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in payment to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discount due.

**Value added tax**

As the charity's activities are classified as exempt for the purposes of Value Added Tax, the charity is unable to reclaim Value Added Tax which it suffers on its purchases. Expenditure in these financial statements is therefore shown inclusive of Value Added Tax.

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been differentiated between governance and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees.

Governance costs and support costs have been identified within notes 12 and 8 respectively. No support costs and governance costs have been allocated against raising funds as an immaterial portion of costs relate to this type of expenditure. The charity has only one type of charitable activity. The trustees have decided to meet all governance and support costs from local unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance or support related costs.

**Valuation of freehold land and buildings**

The Land and Church Buildings were last revalued and included in the accounts at the valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since are included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

**Fixtures and fittings and equipment**

Assets were originally included at an estimated value at 31 December 1997. Future additions have been included at cost with items under £250 being written off to revenue in the year of expenditure.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at the following rates based on the estimated useful lives of the fixed assets and the anticipated residual values:

Freehold land & buildings	Nil	
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20%	Per annum reducing balance, or
	10%	Per annum straight line
Office equipment	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %	Per annum straight line
Motor Vehicles	25%	Per annum reducing balance

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

**Pension costs**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities and included in staff costs.

**Operating lease agreements**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
<b>Local Community</b>				
Committed giving	249,819	-	249,819	260,171
Andrew Gardner gift	-	-	-	4,344
Christians against poverty	-	28,962	28,962	34,070
Funeral collections	-	-	-	61
Food Bank Community	-	4,009	4,009	-
Government grants	7,064	-	7,064	10,491
Hannah Limbach gift	-	-	-	1,084
Catherine's child giving	-	500	500	-
NLT grant towards Pastor salary	1,131	-	1,131	13,744
	<u>258,014</u>	<u>33,471</u>	<u>291,485</u>	<u>323,965</u>
<b>Wider Community</b>				
Committed giving – Kibogora	-	30,465	30,465	32,616
Gift days - Kibogora	-	22,027	22,027	6,663
	-	52,492	52,492	39,279
Gift days - Other	-	36,514	36,514	35,054
Missionary boxes	-	-	-	42
Christian resource centre	-	-	-	1,250
Savannah & Samuele Cestari	-	1,132	1,132	1,095
Tithes & offerings	667	-	667	-
Small donations <£1,000	100	125	225	218
	<u>767</u>	<u>90,263</u>	<u>91,030</u>	<u>76,938</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>258,781</u>	<u>123,734</u>	<u>382,515</u>	<u>400,903</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>285,490</u>	<u>115,413</u>		<u>400,903</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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3 Unrestricted income from charitable activities – Local community

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
<b>Church Departments:</b>				
Use of premises	1,830	-	1,830	794
Preaching gifts	-	-	-	30
<b>Ministry Groups:</b>				
Outreach	1,237	-	1,237	2,720
Youth & Children	2,593	-	2,593	291
Friends & Neighbours	5,159	-	5,159	2,530
Families	1,886	-	1,886	1,050
Discipleship	385	-	385	265
Resources	752	-	752	6
	<u>13,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,842</u>	<u>7,686</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>7,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,686</u>	<u>7,686</u>

A description of each Ministry Group can be found within the Trustees Annual Report on pages 6-7.

4 Unrestricted income from investments – Local community

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Bank deposit Interest	45	-	45	598
Interest on tax repayments	146	-	146	37
	<u>191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>635</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>635</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**5 Restricted income from investments – Wider community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Deposit interest – Kibogora	135	-	135	32
For 31 December 2020	32	-		32

**6 Unrestricted income from other trading activities – Local community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Fulwood Free Music	-	-	-	10
For 31 December 2020	10	-		10

**7 Unrestricted income from other – Local community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Profit on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous income	14,525	-	14,525	-
	14,525	-	14,525	-
For 31 December 2020	-	-		-

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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8 Expenditure on charitable activities – Local community – Church costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Gatherings (note 8a)				
Other	1,980	-	1,980	867
Discipleship (note 8b)	1,991	-	1,991	2,751
Resources/Support costs				
Technical resources	2,457	-	2,457	4,940
Building & grounds	144	-	144	5,228
Catering	879	-	879	1,073
Flowers	61	-	61	432
Printing & office costs	4,993	-	4,993	5,601
Running costs	19,871	-	19,871	20,121
Repairs & maintenance	12,343	-	12,343	11,639
Banner Group	-	-	-	300
Library	18	-	18	8
Safeguarding	1,581	-	1,581	428
Consumables	1,374	-	1,374	622
Bank charges	274	77	351	155
Payroll charges	612	-	612	401
Salaries				
Pastoral	111,487	-	111,487	146,338
Youth & Children	36,909	-	36,909	35,953
Christians Against Poverty	-	16,828	16,828	17,419
Admin	31,401	-	31,401	33,264
Housekeeping	14,484	-	14,484	17,160
Sundry expenses	1,704	-	1,704	2,658
Conference levy	10,232	-	10,232	9,801
Depreciation	29,590	-	29,590	27,435
Governance costs (note 12)	7,800	-	7,800	6,300
Outreach	2,867	-	2,867	6,607
Youth & Children	4,740	-	4,740	2,828
COVID expenditure	318	-	318	2,352
Travelling costs	281	-	281	251
Safeguarding staff	18	-	18	21
Job advertisement	275	-	275	-
Friends & Neighbours	4,635	-	4,635	2,155
Parent & Toddler	-	-	-	247
Families	1,005	-	1,005	850
	<u>306,324</u>	<u>16,905</u>	<u>323,229</u>	<u>366,205</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>348,714</u>	<u>17,491</u>		<u>366,205</u>

Note 8a Gatherings include travelling expenses and visiting preachers costs.

Note 8b Discipleship includes teaching materials and training.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**  
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**9 Expenditure on charitable activities – Local community – Grants made**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	
			<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
<b>Donations:</b>				
Cedar House	2,500	-	<b>2,500</b>	2,500
Ministry to Asians in Preston	100	-	<b>100</b>	100
Preston Youth For Christ	100	-	<b>100</b>	2,500
Preston Street Pastors	4,500	-	<b>4,500</b>	2,500
Christians Against Poverty	-	9,644	<b>9,644</b>	10,851
Food Bank Community	-	4,578	<b>4,578</b>	
Savannah & Samuele Cestari	-	1,215	<b>1,215</b>	767
Andrew and Katharine's leaving	-	3,532	<b>3,532</b>	-
Hardship fund	-	-	-	350
Global Connections	-	-	-	1,000
Benevolent Gifts	-	-	-	45
Small donations under £1,000	33	-	<b>33</b>	367
	<u>7,233</u>	<u>18,969</u>	<u><b>26,202</b></u>	<u>20,980</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>9,317</u>	<u>11,663</u>		<u>20,980</u>

**10 Expenditure on charitable activities – Wider community – Grants made**

Funding is mainly undertaken via partner organisations or for emergency relief.

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	
			<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
<b>Donations:</b>				
Kibogora	-	30,841	<b>30,841</b>	94,495
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	10,000	-	<b>10,000</b>	10,000
Pan de Vida	-	20,000	<b>20,000</b>	21,200
Open Doors	4,000	-	<b>4,000</b>	4,000
Sierra Leone	-	13,000	<b>13,000</b>	20,102
Haiti	2,000	2,318	<b>4,318</b>	
Missionary Boxes	-	-	-	100
Christian resource centre	-	-	-	1,071
Tear Fund	6,000	-	<b>6,000</b>	6,000
Safe families for children	1,000	-	<b>1,000</b>	1,500
AICT – Tanzania	-	-	-	1,250
Sports Reach	2,000	-	<b>2,000</b>	2,000
Shelling Trust	2,000	-	<b>2,000</b>	-
Impact for Middle East	4,100	-	<b>4,100</b>	-
International Aid	-	94	<b>94</b>	
	<u>31,100</u>	<u>66,253</u>	<u><b>97,353</b></u>	<u>161,718</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>77,450</u>	<u>84,268</u>		<u>161,718</u>

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11 Expenditure on charitable activities – Wider community – Other costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
Bank Charges – Kibogora	387	-	387	323
For 31 December 2020	323	-		323

12 Governance costs – Local Community

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
Accountancy fees	7,800	-	7,800	6,300
For 31 December 2020	6,300	-		6,300

13 Fixed assets – Freehold land and buildings

	Land & Church Buildings £
Cost/Valuation at 1 January 2021	1,752,035
Additions	-
Cost at 31 December 2021	<u>1,752,035</u>

**Valuation of freehold land and buildings**

The original Land and Church buildings were revalued and included in the accounts at valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since that date have been included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

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14 Fixtures, fittings, equipment and motor vehicles

Cost	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Office Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
At 1 January 2021	328,848	9,208	-	<b>338,056</b>
Additions	6,957	-	-	<b>6,957</b>
Disposals	(2,087)	-	-	<b>(2,087)</b>
<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>333,718</b>	<b>9,208</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>342,926</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2021	191,827	8,620	-	<b>200,447</b>
Charge for year	29,002	588	-	<b>29,590</b>
Depreciation on disposals	(2,087)	-	-	<b>(2,087)</b>
<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>218,742</b>	<b>9,208</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>227,950</b>
<b>Written down value at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>114,976</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,976</b>
Written down value at 31 December 2020	137,021	588	-	<b>137,609</b>

15 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
Tax refund on Gift Aid	44,942	15,890	<b>60,832</b>	34,237
Prepayments	2,705	-	<b>2,705</b>	2,720
	<b>47,647</b>	<b>15,890</b>	<b>63,537</b>	<b>36,957</b>
For 31 December 2020	<b>25,840</b>	<b>11,117</b>		<b>36,957</b>

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16 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
<b><u>Local Community</u></b>				
Current account	23,946	283	24,229	25,543
Lunch petty cash	67	-	67	77
Capital reserve account	416,920	-	416,920	481,190
Development Fund	69	1,745	1,814	1,891
Covenant account	10,570	-	10,570	8,371
Parents and Toddlers petty cash	340	-	340	20
Youth petty cash	-	-	-	15
Kick Start account	-	-	-	36
All In petty cash	-	-	-	36
Evangelism petty cash	-	-	-	46
Restricted account	-	35,335	35,335	35,307
Cash pending bank cash	104	-	104	-
<b><u>Wider Community</u></b>				
Kibogora	10,993	66,827	77,820	56,239
	<u>463,009</u>	<u>104,190</u>	<u>567,199</u>	<u>608,771</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>521,028</u>	<u>87,743</u>		<u>608,771</u>

17 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	25	-	25	51
Accruals	12,185	-	12,185	12,388
PAYE/NI	3,232	-	3,232	4,665
	<u>15,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,442</u>	<u>17,104</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>17,104</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>17,104</u>

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18 Financial instruments

	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at settlement value	<u>60,832</u>	<u>34,237</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Creditors measured at settlement value	<u>12,210</u>	<u>12,439</u>

19 Analysis of unrestricted charitable funds

	At 01.01.21 £	Incoming resources £	Resourced expended £	Transfers £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>General Fund</b>					
Free reserves	529,764	287,474	(315,067)	(6,957)	495,214
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Property Asset Fund	1,889,644	-	(29,590)	6,957	1,867,011
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,419,408</u>	<u>287,474</u>	<u>(344,657)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,362,225</u>

**General Fund:** The 'free reserves' of the charity after allowing for all designated funds.

**Designated Funds:** Whilst remaining part of the unrestricted funds, this expenditure has already been utilised and is therefore not available as part of the free reserves.

**Property Asset Fund:** The property assets fund is the value of the unrestricted funds already spent and represented by the tangible assets of the charity.

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20 Analysis of restricted charitable funds

	At 01.01.21 £	Income And Tax Recover- able £	Expend- iture £	Capital Expend- iture/ Loan repaym- ents £	Transfers (To)/ From Un- restricted Funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Revenue Funds</b>						
<b>Local Community:</b>						
Free Voices Choir	43	-	-	-	-	43
Food bank community	2,202	4,009	(4,578)	-	-	1,633
Youth & Children	31	-	-	-	-	31
Christians Against Poverty	29,772	28,962	(26,472)	-	-	32,262
Andrew Gardner gift	4,344	-	(3,532)	-	-	812
Funeral donations	106	-	-	-	-	106
Catherine's child giving	-	500	-	-	-	500
<b>Wider Community:</b>						
Kibogora	51,797	52,493	(31,229)	-	-	73,061
Pan de Vida	1,940	21,528	(20,000)	-	-	3,468
Shoe box appeal	118	-	(94)	-	-	24
Missionary Boxes	252	-	-	-	-	252
Savannah	328	1,132	(1,215)	-	-	245
Craft Inspirations	1,672	125	-	-	-	1,797
India	1,673	-	-	-	-	1,673
Christian resource centre	179	-	-	-	-	179
Haiti	-	2,443	(2,317)	-	-	126
Sierra Leone	2,509	12,542	(13,000)	-	-	2,051
	<u>96,966</u>	<u>123,734</u>	<u>(102,437)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,263</u>
<b>Capital Fund</b>						
<b>Local Community:</b>						
Development fund monies	1,894	-	(77)	-	-	1,817
	<u>98,860</u>	<u>123,734</u>	<u>(102,514)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,080</u>

**Revenue Funds**

The individual revenue funds, the purposes of which are detailed above, received income during the year from donations containing restrictions. These donations are used for the continuation of the individual projects listed.

**Capital Fund:**

**Development Fund**

The development fund originally represented amounts given to the church to build the new annexe and equip it. As the annexe is now complete, gifts to the development fund were used for the repayment of the bank loan, taken out to partially fund the annexe costs. The bank loan is now fully repaid; the remaining funds will be used for development of the property.

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds:

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,867,011	-	<b>1,867,011</b>	1,889,644
Current assets	510,656	120,080	<b>630,736</b>	645,728
Current liabilities	(15,442)	-	<b>(15,442)</b>	(17,104)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,362,225</u>	<u>120,080</u>	<u><b>2,482,305</b></u>	<u>2,518,268</u>
For 31 December 2020	<u>2,419,408</u>	<u>98,860</u>		<u>2,518,268</u>

22 Summary of wages and salaries

	2021 £	2020 £
Total remuneration for the year amounted to:		
Main Church – Pastors	<b>111,487</b>	146,338
Main Church – Administration	<b>45,885</b>	50,425
Main Church – Youth & Children	<b>36,909</b>	35,953
Main Church – Christians Against Poverty	<b>16,828</b>	17,419
	<u><b>211,109</b></u>	<u>250,135</u>
The average number of paid staff for the year were:	2021 £	2020 £
Main Church: full time employees	<b>2</b>	3
Main Church: part time employees	<b>7</b>	7
Administration: part time employees	<b>1</b>	1
Domestics: part time employees	<b>2</b>	2
	<u><b>12</b></u>	<u>13</u>

No employee earned over £60,000 in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and pastoral team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £111,487 (2020: £146,338).

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**23 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The pastor of the Church is also a trustee under the charity scheme sealed in March 2000. That scheme allows for payment of trustees, and in that role they received remuneration and expenses from the Church as detailed below:

		<b>2021</b>	<i>2020</i>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
A J Gardner	Gross salary	<b>6,238</b>	40,411
	Pension contributions (money purchase scheme)	<b>499</b>	3,235
		<u><b>6,737</b></u>	<u>43,646</u>
	Reimbursement received from NLT	<u><b>(1,131)</b></u>	<u>(13,744)</u>
I Clarkson	Gross salary	<b>30,745</b>	-
	Pension contributions (money purchase scheme)	<b>2,460</b>	-
		<u><b>33,205</b></u>	<u>-</u>

Rev Andrew Gardner, a trustee, received expenses totalling £Nil (2020: £700) for Sabbatical expenses during the year.

Rev Ian Clarkson, a trustee, received expenses totalling £398 (2020: £Nil) for travel and training expenses during the year.

The aggregate donations received without conditions from trustees were £62,774.

Vicky Johns, wife of a trustee, received remuneration in her role as secretary during the year of £15,784 (2020: £15,531).

No other trustees have received any remuneration in the year. Insurance premiums of £85 (2020: £85) were incurred by the charity during the year in respect of indemnity insurance for the trustees. The charity also has insurance premiums totalling £840 (2020: £840) to cover travel by trustees and non-trustees.

**24 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FULWOOD**

England & Wales - Charity number 514359

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# Accounts

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2020**

**Charity Registration No: 514359**

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 514359**

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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

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**Charity Name:** Free Methodist Church, Fulwood

**Governed By:** Book of Discipline  
Approved scheme of the Charity Commission dated 21  
April 1983 and last amended 9 March 2000

**Charity Number:** 514359

**Principal Address:** Fulwood Free Methodist Church  
Lightfoot Lane  
Fulwood  
Preston  
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**Main Bankers:** HSBC  
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**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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The trustees are pleased to present their report, together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2020.

**Board members/trustees register**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Retired</b>
Rev Andrew Gardner	Senior pastor	SLT		26.02.21
Rev Ian Clarkson	Acting Lead Pastor	ALT & SLT	26.02.21	
Dr Philip Johns	Chair of finance	ALT		
Mr Matthew Johns	Treasurer	ALT		
Mr David Brown	Lay delegate	SLT		
Prof D Hamblin		ALT		
Mrs Louise Hoyle	Lay delegate	SLT		15.09.21
Mr Geoff Tomlinson	Church secretary	ALT		
Mr Andrew Slack		SLT		
Mrs Carol Gornall	Lay delegate	SLT		
Miss Anna Lucy Kember		ALT		06.01.20
Mr Stephen Allen		ALT	15.09.21	
Mr Jonathan Leeming		SLT	15.09.21	
Mr Daniel Feeny		SLT	15.09.21	

**Notes:**

SLT means Spiritual Leadership Team

ALT means Administrative Leadership Team.

The Board of trustees comprises the SLT plus the ALT

**Governing Document**

The approved scheme dated 21 April 1983, as amended on 9 March 2000 is the controlling Charity Document (Charity Number 514359) but this Scheme recognises the role of Book of Discipline of the Free Methodist Church of North America as amended from time to time (Latest version dated 2011). The Church is also part of the GB Conference of the Free Methodist Church, and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The Senior Pastor (a Trustee) is appointed by the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. Other Trustees are appointed by a ballot vote of the Church Members present at the Annual Society Meeting (held in June) or any of the other Society Meetings held at other times. They serve for a period of three years, but there is no limit to the period of service if nominated and re-elected at the end of their three year term. Additionally, Lay Delegates are affirmed annually.

Election requires a 50% majority of the members present. Nominations are invited from church members three months in advance, closing one month later. If there are no or insufficient nominations at the closing date, the Board is empowered to make nominations as a cooperate body.

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### **Trustee Induction and training**

After election, new trustees must sign the minutes of the first Board Meeting which they attend, indicating their willingness to accept the role and responsibilities which are required. The first responsibility of a Trustee is to accept a position as a Church Leader, and Church Leadership courses are regularly organized by the Church. It is expected that trustee nominees will already be in leadership roles in church departments or will have participated in a leadership course. The Framework Document is made available to them to clarify the leadership structure of the church. The legal responsibilities of trustees are explained by making available copies of the Approved Scheme, the Book of Discipline, appropriate Charity Documents, (eg The Essential Trustee) and a number of internal documents (including The Biblical Basis of Leadership, Decision Making in FFMC, Standing Financial Instructions, the Health & Safety Policy, and the Safeguarding Policy).

All nominees must already be Church Members and a condition of Church Membership is a requirement to accept and support the scriptural doctrines and principles required of members of the Free Methodist Church, as outlined in the Book of Discipline. Each Trustee is expected to have DBS clearance at appointment, (unless DBS clearance has already been obtained as required by some other role within the Church.)

### **Organisation**

Major decisions are discussed and approved at Society Meetings where all church members can vote while non-members who attend the church can attend the Society Meeting but cannot vote. The Board consisting of all elected trustees and the Senior Pastor (a Trustee whose remuneration is specifically allowed for in the Charity Scheme) meets at least 4 times per year, and at other times if necessary. It delegates Spiritual leadership issues to the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) which comprises the Senior Pastor, two lay delegates, plus a further lay delegate for each ordained minister, (Lay Delegates attend and vote at the GB Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church) plus ordinary members to take the total to a maximum of 8 members (including the Senior Pastor). The Board also delegates general management issues to the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT), some of whom are appointed to a specific role (i.e. Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, Chair of Finance,) while three others are appointed "without portfolio" and are given administrative responsibilities from time to time as agreed by the Board. The Board receives minutes from both the SLT, and the ALT, who can also pass major items back to the board for final decisions.

The Framework Document sets out the principal sub-committee leadership structure so that each ongoing activity of the Church is part of a particular Ministry Group. All of these groups comprise volunteers from the Church congregation, and are led by a Ministry Group Leader, who liaises with the Board.

A key Ministry Group is the Global Partnership Team who deal with the Church's giving to other organizations both in the UK and elsewhere in the world. The Church gives a minimum of 15% of its general income to these causes, along with the proceeds of several Gift Days each year. (These are Sundays when the offerings taken on that day are given to a specific cause). This Team's plans are approved at a Society Meeting.

In the fourth quarter of the year the Chair of Finance heads up a small team to prepare a budget for the following year. This is based on prudent estimates of anticipated income from offerings, together with expected financial requirements which are related to the overall vision of the Church for the following year. This passes to the ALT, the Board and finally to the February Society Meeting when the treasurer also presents (unexamined) financial information relating to the previous year.

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**Related Parties**

- 1) From time to time members and trustees are appointed to positions of responsibility in the functioning of the GB (UK) Conference of the Free Methodist Church. (Itself a Registered Charity). The Conference Boards all consist of Free Methodist Pastors and Church Members.
- 2) Some Trustees are also Trustees of other Christian Charities in Preston.

None of these represents a conflict of interest.

**Risk Management**

The trustees are aware of particular risks and take appropriate steps to control these risks and mitigate any impact they might have.

Budgetary control is actively pursued by preparing an annual budget and by studying the quarterly financial statements prepared by the Treasurer. Then when necessary, spending controls are introduced in addition to regular controls to keep spending within the actual income.

Insurance policies for buildings, trustees and travel are in place and reviewed from time to time to ensure the values insured are adequate. Changes in the assets are also monitored to ensure that the insurance cover is adequate.

Protection of the Church Building is strengthened by the fitting of a maintained security system an internal and external CCTV system, and a comprehensive fire alarm system. Cash theft from inside the church is minimised by the fitting of appropriate safes for the storage of cash (e.g. offerings before banking, income received for charitable events, or petty cash floats).

All people working with children and/or vulnerable adults have DBS clearance (renewed every three years where required) and this is complemented by a carefully prepared and implemented Safeguarding Policy. From time to time all people working with children or vulnerable adults have received specific training by Thirty One : Eight (previously Church's Child Protection Advisory Service). The CCTV installation throughout the premises provides additional protection for all visitors and staff and volunteers.

The church makes wide use of computers for many of its activities (for which it holds a data protection licence). These computers are replaced as and when necessary to ensure software upgrades can be applied. Recently the Church has invested in Churchsuite, a software system which complies with current GDPR requirements, and holds much information about activities and attendees. For example it has been extremely useful during the COVID situation in allowing us to keep in contact with Church attendees who have registered their willingness to be contacted by E-mail.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Fulwood Free Methodist Church was built on the present site some 40 years ago. It is part of a worldwide network of Churches entitled "Free Methodist Churches Worldwide" (HQ Indianapolis, Indiana, USA). Locally it is part of the GB (UK) Conference (FMCUK, Conference Office, 47 High St, Kingswood, Bristol BF15 4AA). Each Church is an individual charity with its own Charity Document while the Spiritual Ethos is laid down in the Book of Discipline, a fact which is recognised in the FPMC Charity Document.

When planning the charity's activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. The main objective of the Charity is the promotion of the Christian Faith in the local community in Fulwood and other parts of Preston. Other worldwide activities are often in conjunction with our sister Free Methodist Churches, or other Christian Charities. Main activities on the Fulwood site to which all are welcome, are regular Church Services, Youth and Children's activities and other miscellaneous activities. These are directed by the Senior Pastor, and other ministerial staff, together with Board Members and many other volunteers, appointed as already described.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The buildings on the Lightfoot Lane site have been erected in 3 major developments since opening in 1978, and completed in 2008.

Currently the staff team comprises the senior, associate, discipleship, and lay pastors, the childrens, youth & family leaders, the two CAP staff, the general secretary, the building manager and the housekeepers, who meet weekly to co-ordinate the smooth running of the church activities.

The pastoral staff are allowed a period of Sabbatical Leave every five years, and funds are provided to facilitate a period of study. The senior pastor took a sabbatical in 2015, the assistant pastor in 2018 and lay pastor is due in 2019, and the senior pastor again in 2020. His plans have been changed in the light of the COVID situation, and his retirement in 2021.

In 2008 the UK Free Methodist Conference replaced the Conference Superintendent by a National Leadership Team, (NLT), comprising two Pastors. Andrew Gardner, the senior Pastor at Fulwood was appointed to this team, as from Autumn 2012. For this work he was seconded to Conference for 1.5 days per week, for which the Church is reimbursed. His role ceased on 31 December 2020, but now NLT has been dissolved and replaced by a National Leader of FMC UK and Northern Ireland.

The Church's activities are managed through Ministry Groups, each of which is led by a Group Leader, and includes a Board Member. Each group reports to the Board and makes minutes of its meetings available to the Board. While it is clear that many activities are aimed at regular church attendees, no activity is "out of bounds" for casual visitors, and some activities are particularly aimed at people who otherwise have no association with the Church.

The information given about the activities of the different ministry team is of course correct up and until the closure of the church due to the COVID situation which for Fulwood FMC began on 17 March 2020. We are now moving back to a more normal situation, as described under "Impact of the Covid situation" .

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**The Gatherings Team** takes care of regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meetings (held at 7.00 am, 12.00 and 7.30 pm each Tuesday). Prayer requests are brought from a wide range of sources from worldwide disasters to individuals many of whom have no other contact with the church. From September 2015 we have held two services each Sunday morning at 9.15 and 11.00. This is to prepare for growth, in anticipation of the new housing developments planned in the North Preston area. The impact of this development continues to be monitored, and currently is showing signs of significant growth.

**The Outreach Team** work to extend the message of the Gospel outside the borders of the Church itself. They lead regular sessions aimed at people enquiring about the Christian Faith such as the Alpha Course, and Christianity Explored. The team also plan special events from time to time which are aimed to be of interest to Non-Christians.

Volunteers from Fulwood are at the forefront of the Street Pastor initiative in Preston. Along with volunteers from other churches, they work with the Police and local authority staff to provide a presence on streets where problems occur. Currently Street Pastors work in several areas of the city. In September 2015 the Church began to operate a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre. This is a national organisation, based in Bradford which aims to help anybody who finds their debt situation unmanageable. It is led in Fulwood by a Centre Manager, and by a Debt Coach, who are supported by a number of volunteers, and who liaise with the Bradford Centre, ensuring that correct debt advice is available to clients. This operation from the Fulwood Church aims to help clients living in the Fylde, Longridge, and North Preston. Some clients are regularly declared debt free.

**The Children's, Youth & Families Ministry** delivers an energetic programme covering the ages from birth to eighteen. Some activities take place Sunday Morning (Energise and Ignite) while others take place on weeknights (Kickstart, Space, and Impact). The weeknight activities attract many children and young people who have no other Church connection, some of whom go on to become regular church attendees. They also manage the weekly Toddler Groups and a Bump and Baby groups which meet regularly during term time. Both activities were developed by introducing an additional group meeting in the early afternoon. Parenting courses are organised as the need arises. All of these activities are open to all comers. Recently two new staff members were appointed to this ministry on a job share basis.

**The Discipleship Ministry** focuses on both new Christians and the more mature. They are responsible for the adult and youth Homegroups which aim to supplement the teaching and fellowship presented at Sunday Services. Currently the Board are engaged in a comprehensive review of the best way of developing this ministry, and this is being progressed by the appointment of a discipleship pastor, who has introduced the "Freedom in Christ" course and the "Bible Course" a new initiative looking at the Bible as a whole. Both these courses run in weeknight evenings and are open to all.

**The Friends and Neighbours Ministry** probably has the widest impact in the area around the Church among non-church people as well as supporting Church attendees in many situations. Pastoral Care and visiting with possible referral to trained councillors where needed is part of the remit. The Wednesday Lunch Break provides soup and a sandwich for up to 60 people each week, including a group from a local care home specialising in people with significant learning difficulties. Also a "Food Pantry" operates to help anyone in particular need, and this grows into a major activity just before Christmas when large boxes are filled with food for distribution around Preston. The Food Pantry is topped up on a continuous basis so there is always something available in an emergency. This FFMC Food Bank is also linked to similar projects run by the Preston Christian Action Network and the Salvation Army so we are able to co-operate with others in and around Preston. It also supports the CAP Centre (see above) as an important resource for clients seeking debt help.

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A weekly activity known as “Inspirations Crafts” attracts ladies from many backgrounds who simply enjoy the sewing and the company of other likeminded ladies, most of whom have no other connection with the church.

This Ministry also supports the “Men’s Breakfast”, where an invited speaker addresses topics of particular relevance to men. A ministry aimed at women of all ages is now well developed. Known as Rise, it presents both social and spiritual activities, with many non-church goers attending.

A relatively new activity is a weekly carpet bowling group. This has attracted a large cohort of new people and now meets in Cedar, our main worship area as it offers the largest area for bowling lanes.

**The Global Partnership** arranges support for many of our mission contacts and in particular allocates the Missions Budget which comprises a minimum of 15% of general church giving. The Team also organises VISA (Volunteers in Service Abroad) Teams. These teams visit the various projects which the church supports and undertake various practical activities while there. The planned VISA trip to visit the work of Kibogora Hospital and Polytechnic in July 2020 did not go ahead due to coronavirus. There are no plans for a VISA team for 2021 due to current restrictions.

Another aspect of our missions’ support is the Kibogora Initiative that supports the work of Kibogora Hospital in Rwanda. It has its own ring-fenced bank accounts and raises funds under the title Kibogora Initiative. The main source of funds in 2020 was a gift day at Fulwood Free Methodist Church and regular monthly gifts many of which are through the sponsor-a-bed appeal.

Support was also provided for the Free Methodist Polytechnic in Kibogora. The sponsor-a-pastor scheme has continued to provide scholarships for Rwandans who simply cannot afford to meet their own costs. Funding for this is channelled through the Kibogora accounts, as are other specific gifts for the polytechnic. David Hamblin, one of the Fulwood trustees has now retired as Rector but remains as Rector-Emeritus of the polytechnic and remains in regular contact, providing advice and support where he can.

Within Rwanda the Kibogora Initiative is part of the Better Together group which seeks to improve communication amongst the various organisations involved in the hospital. This group includes the UK Free Methodist Conference, the Rwanda Free Methodist Conference, representatives of the Kibogora Free Methodist Church and CAHO (Central African Health Organisation: an American Charity which supports the work at Kibogora). The planned Better Together meeting in Kibogora in November 2020 could not take place, however Better Together introduced a quarterly review meeting using Zoom with all the partners and this has proved highly effective in maintaining contact, reviewing progress and encouraging the people on the ground in Rwanda. We also receive monthly written reports from Kibogora describing activities undertaken.

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has significantly affected our overseas partners where “lockdowns” have a massive impact on the poorest people who live day-to-day buying food today from the money they earn today, and when they cannot go to work their family does not eat. Pan de Vida in Ecuador, International Aid in Sierra Leone and the Kibogora Initiative in Rwanda have all responded to these needs. Our 2020/21 gift days for these organisations have raised funds to help with this support, and we have seen continued generosity from our congregation despite the difficult times many face here in the UK.

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**Sale of Land North of Eastway**

In November 2016, the Land North of Eastway (approximately 13 acres) was sold to Barratts, with planning permission for the erection of 140 dwellings. The land was jointly owned with Crown Lane Churches. The agreed split of the proceeds was one third to Fulwood Free Methodist Church, resulting in funds of £1,179,928.

The Board have considered the impact of this additional income, and the overall spending plans were approved by members at the Society Meeting in February 2017. As the FMC Book of Discipline requires that such income will be used within 5 years, the spending plan takes this into consideration.

The five-year budgeted spending plan was approved as follows:

£169,000	To give away to other bodies representing 15% of income received
£450,000	To increase the number of staff from 7 to 12
£271,000	To enhance the building and grounds
£6,000	To support Ministry Groups
£177,000	To cover the current shortfall in giving
£107,000	Held for future development
£1,180,000	

The additional staff members include the CAP Centre Manager, CAP Debt Coach, Youth & Children's Workers and Discipleship Pastor.

This fund has been used in the following capital projects:

- Cedar heating and ventilation – £120,000 (Actually cost considerably less = £85,200)
- New carpets in Oak and Cypress – £20,000 (Actual cost £13,700)
- Sound and visual replacements/enhancements – £41,000 (Actual cost £48,000)
- Extension of the car park – £55,000 (cost to date £7,300 on preliminary fees)
- New chairs in Cedar – £30,000 (actual cost £22,300)
- Other minor works – £5,000 (actual cost £19,100)

Total to date £195,600 of £271,000 allocated.

The car park extension has not taken place. This is because the planned extension required new complex and costly drainage system, plus significant other costs which ruled the original plans out of reach. However these funds are being applied to resurfacing the existing car park, which is due to take place shortly. Planned resurfacing is required at approximately 20 year intervals, and on this occasion it is planned to create a more flat surface to enable games to be played by our various youth groups.

**Shortfall in giving**

It was expected that with the investments in these key area's, attendance would increase coinciding with the completion of housing developments near the church. We expected that this would lead to an increase in congregation and in time greater giving, resulting in reduced need for funds from the land sale proceeds allowing the Board to reallocate funds to other causes or developments. Although giving has increased, it is not yet at the levels required to sustain the additional staff appointed. No doubt these anticipated increases have been muted by the Covid situation, which could not have been anticipated 5 years ago when the land income was allocated to appropriate projects.

The trustees are currently reviewing all aspects of giving processes (e.g.online or by card) in order ensure that giving is both easy and in line with modern transaction procedures.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

A summary of our income and expenditure is set out on page 14. Total receipts from unrestricted funds during the year were £293,853 (2019: £289,382), of which committed giving totalled £260,171 compared to £235,461 in 2019.

Restricted donations of £115,413 (2019: £110,805) were also received and are detailed in the financial statements in note 20.

Total expenditure was £549,226 (2019: £531,777) as disclosed on page 14.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £139,960 compared to £131,590 in 2019.

Income is mostly derived from free will gifts made to the church by Church Members and other attendees, some of which is designated to specific causes. This income is supplemented by tax refunds on Gift Aided gifts, and occasionally by income from other charities, usually other Christian organisations or grants from public bodies.

The trustees manage incoming resources by a combination of prudent spending within an annual budget which is set by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board and Church Members. Surplus funds can be invested, but these amounts are usually relatively small and are usually identified for future developments.

The trustees, by virtue of the regular Board meetings, constantly make judgements and estimates relating to available funds and appropriate allocation of those funds. These are based on regular (four times per year) Income and Expenditure accounts prepared by the Church Treasurer and scrutinised by the Board. Unexpected demands on these funds can then be handled appropriately. The Trustees, through the Treasurer, keep appropriate records which satisfy the legal requirements placed on trustees.

**Reserves policy**

The accounts show the current state of the finances which the trustees consider to be sound. The trustees are satisfied that the assets of the charity are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the Charity.

In accordance with guidelines issued by the Charity Commissioners the level of reserves have been considered and reviewed at regular intervals by the trustees. At this time our free reserves are £529,592 (note 19). The trustees have agreed on a plan on how some of these reserves will be spent; see page 8 'Sale of Land North of Eastway'.

**Key management personnel remuneration**

The trustees consider the board of trustees and pastoral team as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. Details of key management personnel remuneration, trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 23 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and record them on the 'Register of Interests'.

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**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

Our vision for the future continues to be covered by the phrase "Beyond our Walls" i.e. to develop activities which impact the community around us. This fits well with a call made by the FMC UK Conference held at Fulwood in May 2019 when a vision to plant 100 Free Methodist Churches was shared with the churches represented. The implications of this vision for Fulwood both now and in the future are being evaluated.

More details of this can be found in the section "Retirement of the Senior Pastor"

**RETIREMENT OF SENIOR PASTOR**

Initially the senior pastor, Rev Andrew Gardner had intended to retire some time in 2020, but delayed this partly because of the Covid situation, finally retiring on 16 February 2021. Our associate pastor was appointed acting lead pastor in the interim. The senior pastor's sabbatical plans were also delayed until January-February 2021, but even these plans were changed because of continuing Covid restrictions.

Later this year a search team of four was set up including the two lay delegates, and two members of the ALT. The National Leader of Free Methodist Church in the UK had indicated to us that there was no suitable pastor within the UK Free Methodist Church to recommend to us as future senior pastor. The search team identified a "preferred candidate" and at present negotiations with him are still ongoing.

**SERIOUS INCIDENT**

On 15 April 2021 a planned regular inspection of the main chandelier and its suspension wires by a competent person, who provided his companies lifting machine to give him access to the roof void above the chandelier was in progress. While in this space he fell through the ceiling and to the floor below (about 9 metres), bringing the chandelier down with him. He was admitted to hospital with multiple fractures and internal injuries. Three "Church People" present witnessed the incident which was reported to HSE.

Subsequently Preston Environmental Health Department Dept (Two inspectors) attended on behalf of HSE. They sealed off the room (Main worship area of the church) and served a prohibition notice to prevent further access to the roof void above the chandelier. This was reported to Riddor, and HSE, and the Police and Fire & Rescue also attended. (This is a resume of the report sent to the Charity Commission on 22/04/2021, by P Johns, Chair of Finance and CC liaison person.)

This incident had an adverse effect on our Covid restricted worship activities, for details see the section on the Impact of the Covid Situation.

After many conversations with official bodies, as well as our insurers we were able to have the ceiling damage repaired and use the room for worship services, but there is still a prohibition notice on accessing the roof space from where the person fell. The matter is now in the hands of insurers, ours insists that the liability remains with the contractor's insurer. However, our insurer made us an offer for the Chandelier of £10,000 and that was accepted (Without excess) and paid the repair costs. We have been instructed that we must not contact the injured party to enquire about his health progress, as this is possibly the subject of legal proceedings, which we have been advised may take several years to complete.

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An update was requested by the Charity Commissioners in the form of 4 specific questions, which were answered on 14 July 2021. They responded on 30 July 2021 saying “Based on the information which you have provided, which we assume is a full and frank disclosure of the relevant facts, you have assured us that the trustees are dealing with the matter appropriately and responsibly.”

Through all of this we have had the benefit of advice from our Discipleship Pastor, who has previously worked in the area of health and safety.

**IMPACT OF THE COVID SITUATION IN 2020**

We first closed the church on 17 March 2020 and began to allow limited openings with precautions from 1 August 2020, with some limited in-person services from October 2020. We held limited in-person services at Christmas, followed by further lockdown. By Easter (4 April 2021) we were anticipating a gradual return to in person services but the Critical Incident (see “Serious Incident”) on 15 April put our main worship area out of bounds until the end of May. Since then, a gradual return to a more normal situation has begun and is continuing. During the whole of this time, we continued to produce on-line services, available on YouTube, and the plan is to continue this facility.

During periods of closure we have been using the internet to keep in contact with people. Our discipleship pastor has been sending prayer letters by e-mail to all who signed up on Churchsuite to be contacted in this way. Also from the first date of closure we have produced an on line service each Sunday morning, prepared by participants during the week, and made available by YouTube. These were entitled “Fulwood Scattered”, and remain available to watch for a considerable time. During the week regular updates on YouTube have been produced by various members of the pastoral staff. At present our Sunday morning in-person service goes out live on YouTube, a process which has necessitated some upgrading of our technical equipment. This single service is now available in person without booking, singing by the congregation being possible since July 2020., For those who request socially spaced seating, this is available to people booking in advance on Churchsuite.

Impact on staff has varied. The pastoral staff and general secretary have remained “In work” to be available by various means to support people with different needs. During this period several Fulwood people have died, or suffered severe illness so the pastoral staff have been quite busy, despite their work looking very different. Several other staff have been furloughed as appropriate, but all are now working as normal as we are holding services once again. Our CAP work has been closed for much of this time, partly due to advice from CAP headquarters and partly due to the inability to meet clients in their own homes.

General giving has not been adversely affected by the COVID pandemic. Gifts to the Gift Aid account and other monthly transfers have continued as normal, although cash and cheque gifts have unsurprisingly decreased. Having said that, we occasionally receive cash and cheque gifts through the post. Ministry group income almost completely stopped when these activities did not take place, but is beginning to pick up again as most ministry activity is beginning again, albeit in some cases in a slightly different form. We have been able to use the newly introduced Churchsuite to enable giving through our website. This has enabled people to give from all over the country, people who until the outbreak had not been involved with Fulwood FMC, but have watched our live stream services. We have used this to collect funds for our gift days very successfully as well as for other calls for funds and general gifts.

During this time we have been able to provide food parcels, and this has been supported by extra giving towards our CAP food bank. Also we set up an internal fund to give help to people who were struggling financially, and this was channelled through the pastoral staff.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

**P Johns**  
**Chair of Finance**

**Dated:** 24 October 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fulwood Free Methodist Church for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity 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 charity 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**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Julie Flintoff BA (Hons) FCA  
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**Dated:** 28 October 2021

**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
				2020 £	2019 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Local community	2	285,490	38,475	<b>323,965</b>	276,303
Wider community	2	-	76,938	<b>76,938</b>	83,498
		<u>285,490</u>	<u>115,413</u>	<b>400,903</b>	<u>359,801</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local community	3	7,686	-	<b>7,686</b>	38,920
<b>Investments</b>					
Local community	4	635	-	<b>635</b>	1,377
Wider community	5	32	-	<b>32</b>	71
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Local community	6	10	-	<b>10</b>	-
<b>Other</b>					
Local community	7	-	-	-	18
<b>Total income</b>		<u>293,853</u>	<u>115,413</u>	<b>409,266</b>	<u>400,187</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local community					
Church Costs	8	348,714	17,491	<b>366,205</b>	399,824
Grants made	9	9,317	11,663	<b>20,980</b>	23,133
Wider community					
Grants made	10	77,450	84,268	<b>161,718</b>	108,659
Bank charges	11	-	323	<b>323</b>	161
		<u>435,481</u>	<u>113,745</u>	<b>549,226</b>	<u>531,777</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>435,481</u>	<u>113,745</u>	<b>549,226</b>	<u>531,777</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(141,628)	1,668	<b>(139,960)</b>	(131,590)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	20/21	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(141,628)</u>	<u>1,668</u>	<b>(139,960)</b>	<u>(131,590)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,561,036</u>	<u>97,192</u>	<b>2,658,228</b>	2,789,818
Total funds carried forward	20/21	<u>2,419,408</u>	<u>98,860</u>	<b>2,518,268</b>	<u>2,658,228</u>

The notes on pages 16 to 30 form part of these financial statements

**FULWOOD FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 514359**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 Unrestricted	2020 Restricted	Total Funds 2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Land and buildings	13	1,752,035	-	<b>1,752,035</b>	1,752,035
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	14	137,021	-	<b>137,021</b>	151,157
Office Equipment	14	588	-	<b>588</b>	1,441
Motor Vehicles	14	-	-	-	-
		<u>1,889,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,889,644</b></u>	<u>1,904,633</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	15	25,840	11,117	<b>36,957</b>	46,971
Cash at bank and in hand	16	<u>521,028</u>	<u>87,743</u>	<u><b>608,771</b></u>	<u>722,534</u>
		546,868	98,860	<b>645,728</b>	769,505
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	17	<u>(17,104)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>(17,104)</b></u>	<u>(15,910)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>529,764</u>	<u>98,860</u>	<u><b>628,624</b></u>	<u>753,595</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	21	<u><u>2,419,408</u></u>	<u><u>98,860</u></u>	<u><u><b>2,518,268</b></u></u>	<u><u>2,658,228</u></u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Unrestricted funds	19	2,419,408	-	<b>2,419,408</b>	2,561,036
Restricted funds	20	<u>-</u>	<u>98,860</u>	<u><b>98,860</b></u>	<u>97,192</u>
		<u>2,419,408</u>	<u>98,860</u>	<u><b>2,518,268</b></u>	<u>2,658,228</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

**M Johns**  
Treasurer

**Date:** 23 October 2021

The notes on pages 16 to 30 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

**Fund accounting**

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees and Board are responsible in law.

Unrestricted funds are those available to the Trustees and Board for general use without restriction, in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Designated funds are those, where donors have expressed a preference, without imposing a trust, or unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund. Restricted funds are detailed in Note 20.

No accounts of informal gatherings of church members are included as these are not under direct Board control.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Incoming recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift aid is included in incoming resources on a receivable basis.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/ executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Voluntary Tithes and Offerings are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Church. Covenants are recognised only when received. Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Grant income is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income is apportioned between that received from and for the local community in Preston and income for use elsewhere (wider community).

**Gifts in kind**

The church benefits from many voluntary hours and unclaimed out of pocket expenses contributed by a large number of people. It would be impossible to place a value on these gifts in kind for which we are extremely grateful.

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Donations payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust.

Like income, costs are apportioned between those for the local community in Preston and those for elsewhere (the wider community). Costs are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and are allocated to the particular activity, where the costs relate directly to that activity.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently at their settlement value.

**Basic financial assets**

Trade and other receivables are recognised at the settlement amount. Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and immediate deposits.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)  
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

**Basic financial liabilities**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in payment to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discount due.

**Value added tax**

As the charity's activities are classified as exempt for the purposes of Value Added Tax, the charity is unable to reclaim Value Added Tax which it suffers on its purchases. Expenditure in these financial statements is therefore shown inclusive of Value Added Tax.

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been differentiated between governance and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees.

Governance costs and support costs have been identified within notes 12 and 8 respectively. No support costs and governance costs have been allocated against raising funds as an immaterial portion of costs relate to this type of expenditure. The charity has only one type of charitable activity. The trustees have decided to meet all governance and support costs from local unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance or support related costs.

**Valuation of freehold land and buildings**

The Land and Church Buildings were last revalued and included in the accounts at the valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since are included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

**Fixtures and fittings and equipment**

Assets were originally included at an estimated value at 31 December 1997. Future additions have been included at cost with items under £250 being written off to revenue in the year of expenditure.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at the following rates based on the estimated useful lives of the fixed assets and the anticipated residual values:

Freehold land & buildings	Nil	
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20%	Per annum reducing balance, or
	10%	Per annum straight line
Office equipment	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %	Per annum straight line
Motor Vehicles	25%	Per annum reducing balance

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

**Pension costs**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities and included in staff costs.

**Operating lease agreements**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
<b>Local Community</b>				
Committed giving	260,171	-	260,171	235,461
Andrew Gardner gift	-	4,344	4,344	-
Christians against poverty	-	34,070	34,070	27,555
Funeral collections	-	61	61	(191)
Cedar house	-	-	-	(7)
Government grants	10,491	-	10,491	-
Hannah Limbach gift	1,084	-	1,084	-
NLT grant towards Pastor salary	13,744	-	13,744	13,485
	<u>285,490</u>	<u>38,475</u>	<u>323,965</u>	<u>276,303</u>
<b>Wider Community</b>				
Committed giving – Kibogora	-	32,616	32,616	52,454
Gift days - Kibogora	-	6,663	6,663	7,652
	-	39,279	39,279	60,106
Gift days - Other	-	35,054	35,054	22,465
Missionary boxes	-	42	42	101
Christian resource centre	-	1,250	1,250	-
Savannah & Samuele Cestari	-	1,095	1,095	-
Small donations <£1,000	-	218	218	826
	<u>-</u>	<u>76,938</u>	<u>76,938</u>	<u>83,498</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>285,490</u>	<u>115,413</u>	<u>400,903</u>	<u>359,801</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>248,996</u>	<u>110,805</u>		<u>359,801</u>

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3 Unrestricted income from charitable activities – Local community

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
<b>Church Departments:</b>				
Use of premises	794	-	794	4,229
Preaching gifts	30	-	30	205
<b>Ministry Groups:</b>				
Outreach	2,720	-	2,720	5,639
Youth & Children	291	-	291	9,615
Friends & Neighbours	2,530	-	2,530	13,572
Families	1,050	-	1,050	4,020
Discipleship	265	-	265	1,024
Resources	6	-	6	616
	<u>7,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,686</u>	<u>38,920</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>38,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,920</u>	<u>38,920</u>

A description of each Ministry Group can be found within the Trustees Annual Report on pages 6-7.

4 Unrestricted income from investments – Local community

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
Bank deposit Interest	598	-	598	1,343
Interest on tax repayments	37	-	37	34
	<u>635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>1,377</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>1,377</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,377</u>	<u>1,377</u>

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**5 Restricted income from investments – Wider community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
Deposit interest – Kibogora	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>71</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>71</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>71</u>

**6 Unrestricted income from other trading activities – Local community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
Fulwood Free Music	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

**7 Unrestricted income from other – Local community**

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
Profit on sale of assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>18</u>

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8 Expenditure on charitable activities – Local community – Church costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
Gatherings (note 8a)				
Other	867	-	867	1,370
Discipleship (note 8b)	2,751	-	2,751	4,367
Resources/Support costs				
Technical resources	4,940	-	4,940	3,523
Building & grounds	5,228	-	5,228	2,006
Catering	1,073	-	1,073	4,984
Flowers	432	-	432	49
Printing & office costs	5,601	-	5,601	6,497
Running costs	20,121	-	20,121	30,283
Repairs & maintenance	11,639	-	11,639	17,502
Banner Group	300	-	300	
Library	8	-	8	-
Safeguarding	428	-	428	698
Consumables	622	-	622	1,530
Bank charges	83	72	155	72
Payroll charges	401	-	401	361
Salaries				
Pastoral	146,338	-	146,338	141,748
Youth & Children	35,953	-	35,953	33,833
Christians Against Poverty	-	17,419	17,419	11,157
Admin	33,264	-	33,264	36,319
Housekeeping	17,160	-	17,160	13,784
Sundry expenses	2,658	-	2,658	485
Conference levy	9,801	-	9,801	9,671
Depreciation	27,435	-	27,435	28,313
Governance costs (note 12)	6,300	-	6,300	9,156
Church planting	-	-	-	257
Outreach	6,607	-	6,607	12,771
Youth & Children	2,828	-	2,828	13,080
COVID expenditure	2,352	-	2,352	-
Travelling costs	251	-	251	-
Safeguarding staff	21	-	21	-
Friends & Neighbours	2,155	-	2,155	12,598
Parent & Toddler	247	-	247	-
Families	850	-	850	3,410
	<u>348,714</u>	<u>17,491</u>	<u>366,205</u>	<u>399,824</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>388,595</u>	<u>11,229</u>	<u>399,824</u>	

Note 8a Gatherings include travelling expenses and visiting preachers costs.

Note 8b Discipleship includes teaching materials and training.

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9 Expenditure on charitable activities – Local community – Grants made

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
<b>Donations:</b>				
Cedar House	2,500	-	2,500	2,507
Ministry to Asians in Preston	100	-	100	100
Preston Youth For Christ	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Preston Street Pastors	2,500	-	2,500	3,500
Christians Against Poverty	-	10,851	10,851	8,609
Christian Unions	-	-	-	1,500
Savannah & Samuele Cestari	-	767	767	1,200
Hardship fund	350	-	350	-
Global Connections	1,000	-	1,000	-
Benevolent Gifts	-	45	45	-
Small donations under £1,000	367	-	367	3,217
	<u>9,317</u>	<u>11,663</u>	<u>20,980</u>	<u>23,133</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>13,963</u>	<u>9,170</u>		<u>23,133</u>

10 Expenditure on charitable activities – Wider community – Grants made

Funding is mainly undertaken via partner organisations or for emergency relief.

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
<b>Donations:</b>				
Kibogora	52,700	41,795	94,495	53,909
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	10,000	-	10,000	10,700
Pan de Vida	-	21,200	21,200	19,300
Open Doors	4,000	-	4,000	8,000
Sierra Leone	-	20,102	20,102	7,100
Missionary Boxes	-	100	100	650
Christian resource centre	-	1,071	1,071	-
Tear Fund	6,000	-	6,000	7,000
Safe families for children	1,500	-	1,500	-
AICT – Tanzania	1,250	-	1,250	-
Sports Reach	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
	<u>77,450</u>	<u>84,268</u>	<u>161,718</u>	<u>108,659</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>32,700</u>	<u>75,959</u>		<u>108,659</u>

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11 Expenditure on charitable activities – Wider community – Other costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
Bank Charges – Kibogora	-	323	<b>323</b>	161
For 31 December 2019	-	161		161

12 Governance costs – Local Community

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
Accountancy fees	6,300	-	<b>6,300</b>	9,156
For 31 December 2019	9,156	-		9,156

13 Fixed assets – Freehold land and buildings

	Land & Church Buildings £
Cost/Valuation at 1 January 2020	1,752,035
Additions	-
Cost at 31 December 2020	<b>1,752,035</b>

**Valuation of freehold land and buildings**

The original Land and Church buildings were revalued and included in the accounts at valuation for insurance purposes as at 31 December 1997. All additions since that date have been included at cost. No information about original cost is available.

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14 Fixtures, fittings, equipment and motor vehicles

Cost	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Office Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
At 1 January 2020	316,402	9,208	-	<b>325,610</b>
Additions	12,446	-	-	<b>12,446</b>
Disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>31 December 2020</b>	<b>328,848</b>	<b>9,208</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>338,056</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2020	165,245	7,767	-	<b>173,012</b>
Charge for year	26,582	853	-	<b>27,435</b>
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>31 December 2020</b>	<b>191,827</b>	<b>8,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200,447</b>
<b>Written down value at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>137,021</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137,609</b>
Written down value at 31 December 2019	151,157	1,441	-	<b>152,598</b>

15 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
Tax refund on Gift Aid	23,120	11,117	<b>34,237</b>	43,591
Prepayments	2,720	-	<b>2,720</b>	3,380
	<b>25,840</b>	<b>11,117</b>	<b>36,957</b>	<b>46,971</b>
For 31 December 2019	<b>26,861</b>	<b>20,110</b>		<b>46,971</b>

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16 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
<b><u>Local Community</u></b>				
Current account	25,260	283	<b>25,543</b>	12,984
Benevolent petty cash	-	-	-	45
Lunch petty cash	77	-	77	12
Capital reserve account	481,190	-	<b>481,190</b>	618,847
Development Fund	69	1,822	<b>1,891</b>	1,963
Covenant account	8,371	-	<b>8,371</b>	7,559
Parents and Toddlers petty cash	20	-	<b>20</b>	254
Youth petty cash	15	-	<b>15</b>	15
Kick Start account	36	-	<b>36</b>	36
All In petty cash	36	-	<b>36</b>	36
Evangelism petty cash	46	-	<b>46</b>	46
Restricted account	-	35,307	<b>35,307</b>	30,314
<b><u>Wider Community</u></b>				
Kibogora	5,908	50,331	<b>56,239</b>	50,423
	<u>521,028</u>	<u>87,743</u>	<u><b>608,771</b></u>	<u>722,534</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>645,452</u>	<u>77,082</u>		<u>722,534</u>

17 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	51	-	<b>51</b>	964
Accruals	12,388	-	<b>12,388</b>	10,520
PAYE/NI	4,665	-	<b>4,665</b>	4,426
	<u>17,104</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>17,104</b></u>	<u>15,910</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>15,910</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>15,910</u>

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18 Financial instruments

	Total Funds	
	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at settlement value	<u>34,237</u>	<u>43,591</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Creditors measured at settlement value	<u>12,439</u>	<u>11,484</u>

19 Analysis of unrestricted charitable funds

	At 01.01.20 £	Incoming resources £	Resourced expended £	Revaluation gains/ Transfers £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>General Fund</b>					
Free reserves	656,403	293,853	(408,046)	(12,446)	529,764
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Property Asset Fund	1,904,633	-	(27,435)	12,446	1,889,644
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,561,036</u>	<u>293,853</u>	<u>(435,481)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,419,408</u>

**General Fund:** The 'free reserves' of the charity after allowing for all designated funds.

**Designated Funds:** Whilst remaining part of the unrestricted funds, this expenditure has already been utilised and is therefore not available as part of the free reserves.

**Property Asset Fund:** The property assets fund is the value of the unrestricted funds already spent and represented by the tangible assets of the charity.

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20 Analysis of restricted charitable funds

	At 01.01.20 £	Income And Tax Recover- able £	Expend- iture £	Capital Expend- iture/ Loan repaym- ents £	Transfers (To)/ From Un- restricted Funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Revenue Funds</b>						
<b>Local Community:</b>						
Free Voices Choir	43	-	-	-	-	43
Benevolent	45	-	(45)	-	-	-
Youth & Children	31	-	-	-	-	31
Christians Against Poverty	26,174	34,070	(28,270)	-	-	31,974
Andrew Gardner gift	-	4,344	-	-	-	4,344
Funeral donations	45	61	-	-	-	106
<b>Wider Community:</b>						
Kibogora	54,636	39,279	(42,118)	-	-	51,797
Pan de Vida	-	23,140	(21,200)	-	-	1,940
Shoe box appeal	-	118	-	-	-	118
Missionary Boxes	310	42	(100)	-	-	252
Savannah	-	1,095	(767)	-	-	328
Craft Inspirations	1,572	100	-	-	-	1,672
India	1,673	-	-	-	-	1,673
Christian resource centre	-	1,250	(1,071)	-	-	179
Sierra Leone	10,697	11,914	(20,102)	-	-	2,509
	95,226	115,413	(113,673)	-	-	96,966
<b>Capital Fund</b>						
<b>Local Community:</b>						
Development fund monies	1,966	-	(72)	-	-	1,894
	97,192	115,413	(113,745)	-	-	98,860

**Revenue Funds**

The individual revenue funds, the purposes of which are detailed above, received income during the year from donations containing restrictions. These donations are used for the continuation of the individual projects listed.

**Capital Fund:**

**Development Fund**

The development fund originally represented amounts given to the church to build the new annexe and equip it. As the annexe is now complete, gifts to the development fund were used for the repayment of the bank loan, taken out to partially fund the annexe costs. The bank loan is now fully repaid; the remaining funds will be used for development of the property.

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds:

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,889,644	-	1,889,644	1,904,633
Current assets	546,868	98,860	645,728	769,505
Current liabilities	(17,104)	-	(17,104)	(15,910)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,419,408</u>	<u>98,860</u>	<u>2,518,268</u>	<u>2,658,228</u>
For 31 December 2019	<u>2,561,036</u>	<u>97,192</u>		<u>2,658,228</u>

22 Summary of wages and salaries

	2020 £	2019 £
Total remuneration for the year amounted to:		
Main Church – Pastors	146,338	141,748
Main Church – Administration	50,425	50,103
Main Church – Youth & Children	35,953	33,833
Main Church – Christians Against Poverty	17,419	11,157
	<u>250,135</u>	<u>236,841</u>
The average number of paid staff for the year were:	2020 £	2019 £
Main Church: full time employees	3	3
Main Church: part time employees	7	6
Administration: part time employees	1	1
Domestics: part time employees	2	2
	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>

No employee earned over £60,000 in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and pastoral team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £146,338 (2019: £141,748).

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**23 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The pastor of the Church is also a trustee under the charity scheme sealed in March 2000. That scheme allows for payment of trustees, and in that role they received remuneration and expenses from the Church as detailed below:

	2020	2019
	£	£
A J Gardner		
Gross salary	40,411	39,551
Pension contributions (money purchase scheme)	<u>3,235</u>	<u>2,968</u>
	<u>43,646</u>	<u>42,519</u>
Reimbursement received from NLT	<u>(13,744)</u>	<u>(13,485)</u>

David Hamblin, a trustee, was Rector of the University in Rwanda. He has made regular visits to Rwanda and monitors the use of funds from the UK. His travel expenses of £0 (2019: £451) and the reimbursement of equipment purchased for the University of £0 (2019: £634) were met by the restricted Kibogora fund.

Heather Hamblin, wife of David Hamblin, had travel expenses met by the Kibogora fund totalling £0 (2019: £451). Heather used to work for the Open University in Milton Keynes, and has used her skills to run customer care and executive teambuilding courses, and support the Moodle Virtual Learning Environment at the University.

David Brown, a trustee, visited Rwanda as Team Leader of the VISA team. The travel expenses of £0 (2018: £9,237) for the entire team were reimbursed by the Kibogora fund. No trustees were part of the travel team in the current year.

Rev Andrew Gardner, a trustee, received expenses totalling £700 (2019: £Nil) for Sabbatical expenses during the year.

The aggregate donations received without conditions from trustees were £53,672.

Vicky Johns, wife of a trustee, received remuneration in her role as secretary during the year of £15,531 (2019: £14,802).

No other trustees have received any remuneration in the year. Insurance premiums of £85 (2019: £85) were incurred by the charity during the year in respect of indemnity insurance for the trustees. The charity also has insurance premiums totalling £840 (2019: £398) to cover travel by trustees and non-trustees.

**24 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.