

FREE METHODIST CHURCH, GARSTANG

England & Wales · Charity number 514360

Details

Other names GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1983-11-02

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

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Activities

Objects: THE FURTHERANCE IN GARSTANG 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: Our aim is to spread the message and love of Jesus to as many as possible through worship, Bible teaching and prayer. We provide free weekly activities for children and teenagers, meetings for the elderly in local residential homes, debt counselling, parenting classes, help to the homeless and financial aid to organisations in line with our aims at home and abroad.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GARSTANG
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£217,206	£246,151	-	-
2023-12-31	£322,074	£214,661	-	-
2022-12-31	£223,709	£218,361	-	-
2021-12-31	£211,602	£222,456	-	-
2020-12-31	£268,044	£200,904	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Capewell		2025-06-27
Emma Stanton		2024-06-27
Helen Sowerby		2024-06-27
JOHN FISHER		2023-06-27
Michael Thornton		2023-06-27
PAUL WELLS		2015-10-27
Sarah Victoria Kelsall		2014-09-01
William Alexander		2025-06-27

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Accounts

GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Trustees	Mrs K Counce Miss R Corkish Mrs A Fearnhead Mr J Fisher Mrs S Kelsall Mrs H Sowerby (appointed 27/6/2024) Mrs E Stanton (appointed 27/6/2024) Mr M Thornton Mrs R Thornton (resigned 27/6/2024) Mr P Wells Mr P Yates (resigned 27/6/2024)
Principal address	Windsor Road Garstang PRESTON PR3 1ED
Registered charity number	514360
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The object of the Free Methodist Church is the furtherance of the religious and other charitable works of the Free Methodist Church of North America.

The Trustees fully appreciate the wide range of ages and needs within the fellowship and the community. They are committed to providing an environment which encourages people to live out their Christian faith. This is done in the first instance through worship and prayer, Bible teaching and pastoral care but there are also opportunities for people to express their faith in word and deed within the wider community.

The primary purpose of the church is discipleship: for each of us to be disciples and to make disciples, within the church and without, in the local community and beyond.

When planning the church's activities the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Achievements and performance

Worship

The Pastors and leadership have tried to provide a balanced form of worship which appeals to all age groups in our two regular Sunday services. To that end we have a mix of music styles provided by a group of musicians from within the fellowship. These musicians themselves reflect the range of ages within the fellowship. A youth band also provides worship at services particularly aimed at the young people.

We have a significant number of young families in the church and hold Sunday School during the morning service and a crèche for children under school age. However, the leadership do feel it is important that the children are also made to feel part of the whole fellowship so they remain in the early part of the morning service where they can join in the worship and enjoy a short story to suit the age group before going to Sunday School or crèche. The leadership believe that the family aspect of church is very important and an 'All Age' Service is held on a regular basis.

The Sunday evening service tries to reflect the different needs and preferences within the congregation. It is usually a less formal service and takes a variety of different forms. It sometimes offers the opportunity to share from personal experience.

Bible teaching

This is seen as an essential part of the church's ministry and is an important part of the Sunday services

Sermons are preached by our own pastors and lay preachers as well as visiting speakers. Some of the young people within the fellowship are given opportunity to speak when it is recognised that they are gifted in this area.

Prayer

Prayer is considered a must for a healthy church and there are many opportunities for people to join in corporate prayer. We hold a prayer meeting each Tuesday.

There is also opportunity for prayer in the small groups which meet regularly in a variety of locations in the area. A prayer team is available to pray for those who have particular needs and request prayer. A prayer room is available within the church building for private prayer at any time and is used for prayer needs at the end of each Sunday service.

Work with children

In addition to the Sunday School, there are other activities for children of different age groups:

Toddle In meets on Thursday morning and provides opportunity for parents / carers with toddlers to meet and relax. Its reputation is such that local agencies often refer young parents to it.

Kidz Klub, for children in school years 1-4, meets on Tuesday evenings in term time. Their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Connect, for children in school years 5-7, meets on Friday evening in term time. Again their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Annually, there is an organized weekend away for Kidz Klub and Connect children using the facilities of a local Boys' Brigade.

We also annually hold a holiday club for children aged five to 11 on five successive mornings in August. This is available to children from church families as well as others from the local community. Activities in both of these events include music, drama, crafts and Bible teaching.

Work with teenagers

Youth for those in school year 8 and above meets on a Friday evening and involves a variety of activities. We alternate between games nights, worship + word and chill nights. We organise regular external activities and have an annual, residential weekend away.

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Rooted is a group for those who wish to go deeper into the Bible and look at bigger topics aside from a Friday evening. It is held on Sunday evenings, which also encourages our youth to come along to the evening service before the meeting.

Footprints is a weekly Sunday group that meets during the morning service and is for school years 7 and 8. This provides specific Bible content with leaders who help with the transition to high school and youth and also in being a more central part of our Sunday worship.

Work with the elderly

As part of our service for older people we have Friday Focus which meets every Friday morning. Our aim is to provide a space for spiritual growth, fellowship, and emotional support. Each week of the month has a different focus. Focus on Prayer is when we pray for each other, the church, our community and beyond. Focus on People is when we invite those within our group, the church and the community to share their life stories, their work, God's leading, their role in the church or community etc. Focus on Film offers a time to invite others to watch a film with spiritual content. This is followed by a light lunch which gives time for discussion and development of friendships. Focus on the Bible allows time for further spiritual growth and open discussion. When there is a fifth Friday in the month we either have a time of worship enjoying our favourite Christian songs or we have some light entertainment such as games or craft activities.

On issues of pastoral care, it is recognised that some areas need to be dealt with by the pastors but others can be undertaken by lay members of the church. Pastors visit those who are in hospital or bereaved but other visits are undertaken by trusted volunteers. The pastoral team will visit those who are housebound on a monthly basis as well as those who the pastors feel would benefit from a visit.

A wheelchair is available in the church and a loop system is fitted for those with hearing difficulties. Of particular benefit in small group situations have been the six portable loop hearing systems that were purchased some time ago. We have also purchased a walker which is kept in the church for anyone who might need it.

Work with adults

There are currently 14 life groups that meet on a regular basis for study, prayer and fellowship together. There are approximately 70-75% of members and regular attenders of GFM who have connections with these groups. Some groups meet on the church premises but many meet in homes. Life groups are both interest and age based and meet on a variety of days and times to provide something for everyone. Individuals are free to choose a group that best meets their particular needs, but the Adult Director can help to point individuals to particular groups with spaces for new members. Our aim, wherever possible is to keep life group size to 12-14 members to ensure that all those in the group have opportunity to share and participate in their meeting times together. We are very blessed to have 26 individuals who are committed to leading/co-leading our life groups.

Recently, our life groups have committed to a missional focus where group members pray intentionally and offer practical support where possible to the mission focus they have chosen. Some groups are connected to church outreach activities such as Alpha and Toddle In, while others support charitable community organisations or specific individuals in the mission field abroad. Having a missional focus has encouraged all of our life groups to look beyond ourselves and to building God's kingdom through partnerships with others seeking to do the same.

When the need arises, groups are organised to introduce seekers to the Christian faith, disciple new Christians in their faith and promote Christian values in relationships and marriage. The fellowship continues to participate in workshops and course teaching and encouraging intentional faith and witness. 13 missional bands have been established. These are small groups of 3-4 individuals who meet regularly to have intentional faith conversations followed by prayer. The aim is to encourage one another to continue growing in their faith and become more confident in demonstrating that faith in everyday life and experiences. These activities and life groups actively promote whole life discipleship among believers.

There are a variety of outreach activities run by volunteers from the church membership. Some members continue to support Ukrainian families in the area offering friendship, advice and help as appropriate. Several members volunteer with a local food bank hosted by another area church. Others still, promote outreach through both men's and women's fellowship activities that are open to others not connected to the church.

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There is a monthly Craft Café at GFM for adults run by a small team of GFM members but open to anyone who enjoys crafting activities. The majority of attenders are not connected to the church and so this provides an outreach opportunity to witness while enjoying crafting, refreshments and conversation together. Average attendance is around 15-20 at these meetings.

There is also a very popular weekly Welcome Café offering a light lunch and the opportunity to share conversation and friendship with others. This is very well attended by both church members and others from the local community. Average attendance is around 70 for lunch.

Many members support these projects and activities with regular gifts of time, money and prayer.

Mission

The church recognises its responsibility to encourage and support the world wide church and has given, from its income, money towards mission work in Greece, Hungary and Ukraine. It has also made many donations towards the work of national and international Christian mission work including, but not limited to: Cedar House counselling service in Preston, The Christian Institute, Christian Motorcyclists Association, Pakistan, Good News for Everyone (formerly the Gideons), Grace Ministries and NISCU.

In addition to all of this, special collections are made during Christmas, Easter and Harvest services to support worthy and topical causes, most recently towards WorldShare, an orphanage in Hungary and a local food bank.

The church has been further developing its relationship with a Christian ministry in Ukraine, with further ongoing support over the past few years. We have raised funds as a church, and many members have given additional gifts to support the work in Ukraine, in particular the development of a drug rehabilitation centre.

Early 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine, we raised funds to help with this crisis, to provide aid to those on the ground in Ukraine and to provide resources to those who had been displaced. This has been ongoing through 2023 and 2024. Our mission partners fled Ukraine in 2022 and transitioned to Garstang for a period of 10 months, but they have since returned and we continue to support their ministry work.

Thornton Light & Life Church

In 2017 the church plant into Thornton was officially launched. Over the years it has grown, with a large core of committed members, and its own leadership team which was established to manage the direction and day to day running of the church, while remaining under the responsibility and oversight of the Trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church.

In March 2022, Thornton Light & Life Church was established as a separate society. Garstang Free Methodist Church continues to partner with Thornton Light & Life, providing practical, spiritual and financial support, with financial commitment made until the end of 2026.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make the church the loving fellowship it is. It would be wrong to single out anyone for special mention but we do want to acknowledge that everything that is done is an expression of the love and commitment everyone has for the Lord, the fellowship of believers and the wider community in which we live.

The church is aware of, and takes seriously its safeguarding responsibilities and, where appropriate, volunteers are DBS checked. A specialist external advisor has designed our safeguarding policies and relevant training is compulsory.

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Financial review

The attached financial statements give a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the charity during 2024 and show that the charity ended 2024 with free reserves of £154,370 (2023: £159,218). It is the policy of the charity to maintain the free reserves at a level equivalent to approximately two months of expenditure to cover church running costs should income fall.

The amount recovered from HMRC through the Gift Aid scheme was £23,876 (2023: £33,127). This continues to be a crucial source of income for the church.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The main governing document of the Charity is the Trust Deed dated 21 April 1983.

In 2017 the Church Membership voted to adopt a new structure for governance and management of the church and its ministries. The Church Leadership Team (CLT), which had been comprised of trustees who worked alongside the pastors to lead the church as well as its individual ministries, was replaced with two new bodies: the Trustees and the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT).

The church is governed by the Trustee Board which is comprised of two lay delegates, a finance director, a fabric director and five trustees. All are trustees of the Church and work closely with the pastors in promoting the whole mission of the Church to provide pastoral care, an evangelistic outlook, opportunity for fellowship and awareness of the needs of the Church worldwide. The purpose of the Trustees is to provide governance and to empower the pastoral team to fulfil the Church mission statement, to be "a Christian community discipling all generations".

The Trustees are also responsible for the upkeep of the Church properties (which comprise the church building on Windsor Road and the Meadow Park manse) and to manage and monitor the finances of the Church.

The lay delegates represent the church in the UK Free Methodist conference where they and the pastors have voting rights.

Election to the Trustee Board takes place annually in June. Trustees are initially appointed for a twelve month term, and then if re-elected can choose to serve for terms of between 12 months and three years, in order to stagger the dates on which appointments are made. In 2024 the Trustees adopted a new policy whereby any trustee holding a general position should stand down after serving seven years, to enable more opportunities for people willing to serve (finance and fabric directors could serve longer if there was nobody else identified to take on those positions).

Ministry Leaders are appointed by the pastors and ratified by the Church Membership at the ASM. They undertake supervision of specific ministry areas including Children, Youth, Adult, Seniors and Worship, and seek to fulfil the Church's mission statement through those ministries.

Rev Ian Heath served as Lead Pastor for the church until his resignation August 2024; thereafter Rev Andy Woof served as acting Lead Pastor. Mr Jacob Taylor was appointed as Families and Young People's Worker in October 2024.

The local church is answerable to the UK conference of the Free Methodist Church which is led by National Leader Rev John Townley.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr J Fisher - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Garstang Free Methodist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

T M Preece F.C.C.A

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Date:

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies		193,641	20,874	214,515	237,043
Charitable activities					
Church activities		50	-	50	370
Investment income	2	1,272	1,369	2,641	1,458
Other income		-	-	-	83,203
Total		<u>194,963</u>	<u>22,243</u>	<u>217,206</u>	<u>322,074</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities					
Church activities		220,864	25,287	246,151	212,431
Pine Grove		-	-	-	2,230
Total		<u>220,864</u>	<u>25,287</u>	<u>246,151</u>	<u>214,661</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(25,901)	(3,044)	(28,945)	107,413
Transfers between funds	8	<u>5,447</u>	<u>(5,447)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(20,454)	(8,491)	(28,945)	107,413
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,534,369</u>	<u>86,144</u>	<u>1,620,513</u>	<u>1,513,100</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,513,915</u></u>	<u><u>77,653</u></u>	<u><u>1,591,568</u></u>	<u><u>1,620,513</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	1,359,545	-	1,359,545	1,375,151
Current assets					
Debtors	6	25,507	-	25,507	36,195
Cash at bank		155,969	77,653	233,622	234,840
		<u>181,476</u>	<u>77,653</u>	<u>259,129</u>	<u>271,035</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(27,106)	-	(27,106)	(25,673)
Net current assets		<u>154,370</u>	<u>77,653</u>	<u>232,023</u>	<u>245,362</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,513,915</u>	<u>77,653</u>	<u>1,591,568</u>	<u>1,620,513</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,513,915</u>	<u>77,653</u>	<u>1,591,568</u>	<u>1,620,513</u>
Funds	8				
Unrestricted funds				1,513,915	1,534,369
Restricted funds				77,653	86,144
Total funds				<u>1,591,568</u>	<u>1,620,513</u>

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

.....
Mrs S Kelsall - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% Straight Line (improvements only)
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% Reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,641	1,458

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

4. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	209,981	27,062	237,043
Charitable activities			
Church activities	370	-	370
Investment income	1,458	-	1,458
Other income	83,203	-	83,203
Total	<u>295,012</u>	<u>27,062</u>	<u>322,074</u>
Expenditure on Charitable activities			
Church activities	186,886	25,545	212,431
Pine Grove	-	2,230	2,230
Total	<u>186,886</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>214,661</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	108,126	(713)	107,413
Transfers between funds	570,586	(570,586)	-
Net movement in funds	678,712	(571,299)	107,413
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	855,657	657,443	1,513,100
Total funds carried forward	<u>1,534,369</u>	<u>86,144</u>	<u>1,620,513</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	1,392,554	138,019	113,068	1,643,641
Additions	-	7,184	-	7,184
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,392,554</u>	<u>145,203</u>	<u>113,068</u>	<u>1,650,825</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	56,032	100,016	112,442	268,490
Charge for year	13,628	8,899	263	22,790
At 31 December 2024	<u>69,660</u>	<u>108,915</u>	<u>112,705</u>	<u>291,280</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,322,894</u>	<u>36,288</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>1,359,545</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,336,522</u>	<u>38,003</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>1,375,151</u>

6. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid recoverable	23,860	33,127
Prepayments	1,647	3,068
	<u>25,507</u>	<u>36,195</u>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	750	997
Other creditors	26,356	24,676
	<u>27,106</u>	<u>25,673</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	1,479,332	(4,101)	5,447	1,480,678
Building Fund	33,237	-	-	33,237
Kingdom Ministries	21,800	(21,800)	-	-
	<u>1,534,369</u>	<u>(25,901)</u>	<u>5,447</u>	<u>1,513,915</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	19,920	(4,413)	-	15,507
Building Fund	48,860	1,369	(5,447)	44,782
Pine Grove	17,364	-	-	17,364
	<u>86,144</u>	<u>(3,044)</u>	<u>(5,447)</u>	<u>77,653</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,620,513</u></u>	<u><u>(28,945)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,591,568</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	194,963	(199,064)	(4,101)
Kingdom Ministries	-	(21,800)	(21,800)
	<u>194,963</u>	<u>(220,864)</u>	<u>(25,901)</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	20,874	(25,287)	(4,413)
Building Fund	1,369	-	1,369
	<u>22,243</u>	<u>(25,287)</u>	<u>(3,044)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>217,206</u></u>	<u><u>(246,151)</u></u>	<u><u>(28,945)</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	822,420	108,126	548,786	1,479,332
Building Fund	33,237	-	-	33,237
Kingdom Ministries	-	-	21,800	21,800
	<u>855,657</u>	<u>108,126</u>	<u>570,586</u>	<u>1,534,369</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	19,603	317	-	19,920
Building Fund	613,453	1,200	(565,793)	48,860
Pine Grove	24,387	(2,230)	(4,793)	17,364
	<u>657,443</u>	<u>(713)</u>	<u>(570,586)</u>	<u>86,144</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,513,100</u></u>	<u><u>107,413</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,620,513</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	295,012	(186,886)	108,126
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	25,862	(25,545)	317
Building Fund	1,200	-	1,200
Pine Grove	-	(2,230)	(2,230)
	<u>27,062</u>	<u>(27,775)</u>	<u>(713)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>322,074</u></u>	<u><u>(214,661)</u></u>	<u><u>107,413</u></u>

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8. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	822,420	104,025	554,233	1,480,678
Building Fund	33,237	-	-	33,237
Kingdom Ministries	-	(21,800)	21,800	-
	<u>855,657</u>	<u>82,225</u>	<u>576,033</u>	<u>1,513,915</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	19,603	(4,096)	-	15,507
Building Fund	613,453	2,569	(571,240)	44,782
Pine Grove	24,387	(2,230)	(4,793)	17,364
	<u>657,443</u>	<u>(3,757)</u>	<u>(576,033)</u>	<u>77,653</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,513,100</u>	<u>78,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,591,568</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	489,975	(385,950)	104,025
Kingdom Ministries	-	(21,800)	(21,800)
	<u>489,975</u>	<u>(407,750)</u>	<u>82,225</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	46,736	(50,832)	(4,096)
Building Fund	2,569	-	2,569
Pine Grove	-	(2,230)	(2,230)
	<u>49,305</u>	<u>(53,062)</u>	<u>(3,757)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>539,280</u>	<u>(460,812)</u>	<u>78,468</u>

Transfers between funds

The transfer from restricted to unrestricted funds (Building fund to General funds) represents capital expenditure on new or replacement equipment acquired from the Building fund. As the terms of any Building fund gift are met once the asset is acquired, therefore allowing the charity to use the asset on an unrestricted basis for any charitable purpose.

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9. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH, GARSTANG

England & Wales - Charity number 514360

Accounts

**GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Trustees	Mr J Carter (resigned 8/6/2023) Mrs S Kelsall Mr P Wells Mr P Yates Mrs R Thornton Mrs K Caunce Mrs A Fearnhead Mrs A Blundell (resigned 8/6/2023) Miss R Corkish Mr M Thornton (appointed 8/6/2023) Mr J Fisher (appointed 8/6/2023)
Principal address	Windsor Road Garstang PRESTON PR3 1ED
Registered charity number	514360
Independent examiner	Xeinadin Dalton House 9 Dalton Square LANCASTER LA1 1WD

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The object of the Free Methodist Church is the furtherance of the religious and other charitable works of the Free Methodist Church of North America.

The Elder Trustees fully appreciate the wide range of ages and needs within the fellowship and the community. They are committed to providing an environment which encourages people to live out their Christian faith. This is done in the first instance through worship and prayer, Bible teaching and pastoral care but there are also opportunities for people to express their faith in word and deed within the wider community.

The primary purpose of the church is discipleship: for each of us to be disciples and to make disciples, within the church and without, in the local community and beyond.

When planning the church's activities the Elder Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Achievement and performance

Worship

The Pastors and leadership have tried to provide a balanced form of worship which appeals to all age groups in our two regular Sunday services. To that end we have a mix of music styles provided by a group of musicians from within the fellowship. These musicians themselves reflect the range of ages within the fellowship. A youth band also provides worship at services particularly aimed at the young people.

We have a significant number of young families in the church and hold Sunday School during the morning service and a crèche for children under school age. However, the leadership do feel it is important that the children are also made to feel part of the whole fellowship so they remain in the early part of the morning service where they can join in the worship and enjoy a short story to suit the age group before going to Sunday School or crèche. The leadership believe that the family aspect of church is very important and an 'All Age' Service is held on a regular basis.

The Sunday evening service tries to reflect the different needs and preferences within the congregation. It is usually a less formal service and takes a variety of different forms. It sometimes offers the opportunity to share from personal experience.

Bible teaching

This is seen as an essential part of the church's ministry and is an important part of the Sunday services.

Sermons are preached by our own pastors and lay preachers as well as visiting speakers. Some of the young people within the fellowship are given opportunity to speak when it is recognised that they are gifted in this area.

Prayer

Prayer is considered a must for a healthy church and there are many opportunities for people to join in corporate prayer. We hold a prayer meeting each Tuesday evening.

There is also opportunity for prayer in the small groups which meet regularly in a variety of locations in the area. A prayer team is available to pray for those who have particular needs and request prayer. A prayer room is available within the church building for private prayer at any time and is used for prayer needs at the end of each Sunday service.

Work with children

In addition to the Sunday School, there are other activities for children of different age groups:

Toddle In meets on Thursday morning and provides opportunity for parents / carers with toddlers to meet and relax. Its reputation is such that local agencies often refer young parents to it.

Kidz Klub, for children in school years 1-4, meets on Tuesday evenings in term time. Their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Connect, for children in school years 5-7, meets on Friday evening in term time. Again their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Annually, there is an organized weekend away for Kidz Klub and Connect children using the facilities of a local Boys' Brigade.

We also annually hold a holiday club for children aged five to 11 on five successive mornings in August. This is available to children from church families as well as others from the local community. Activities in both of these events include music, drama, crafts and Bible teaching.

Work with teenagers

Youth for those in school year 8 and above meets on a Friday evening and involves a variety of activities. We alternate between games nights, worship + word and chill nights. We organise regular external activities and have an annual, residential weekend away.

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Rooted is a new youth group for those who wish to go deeper into the Bible and look at bigger topics aside from a Friday evening. It is held on Sunday evenings, which also encourages our youth to come along to the evening service before the meeting.

Footprints is a weekly Sunday group that meets during the morning service and is for school years 7 and 8. This provides specific Bible content with leaders who help with the transition to high school and youth and also in being a more central part of our Sunday worship.

Work with the elderly

Our approach to working with older people aims to provide for every aspect of their lives; spiritual, emotional, practical. To this end we have Friday Focus, which meets every Friday morning and has a different focus each week of the month. Focus on Prayer and Focus on The Bible helps meet the spiritual needs of those who attend the church, where they are able to share needs and concerns in confidence. Focus on the Bible allows us to discuss issues that are sometimes puzzling in a rapidly changing world while taking a biblical approach to understanding. Focus on Film, followed by a light lunch, attracts people from within and without the church helping combat loneliness and develop new friendships. Eating together is an important aspect of spending time together. Focus on People is a great opportunity to hear about other people's lives and get to know other better. It is an effective way of introducing new people and allowing the opportunity to share our histories and appreciate each other.

Our regular Sunday mornings which were held in three local residential homes for the elderly had to be halted due to Covid. We have now been able to fully reconnect with one of the residential homes. It became clear that a different format to that of our previous meetings was needed, so while we try to make sure we provide for the spiritual needs of residents with occasional prayer, hymns and a message, we also recognise that building friendships on a one to one basis and encouraging them to use their talents and abilities through crafts, memory experiences and a variety of games, is also not only enjoyable but a great benefit to all involved.

On issues of pastoral care, it is recognised that some areas need to be dealt with by the pastors but others can be undertaken by lay members of the church. Pastors visit those who are in hospital or bereaved but other visits are undertaken by trusted volunteers. The pastoral team will visit those who are housebound on a monthly basis as well as those who the pastors feel would benefit from a visit.

A wheelchair is available in the church and a loop system is fitted for those with hearing difficulties. Of particular benefit in small group situations have been the six portable loop hearing systems that were purchased some time ago. We have also purchased a walker which is kept in the church for anyone who might need it.

Work with adults

There currently 16 life groups that meet on a regular basis for study, prayer and fellowship together. There are approximately 70-75% of members and regular attenders who have connections with these groups. Some groups meet in the church premises but others meet in homes. Groups are both interest and age based and meet on a variety of days and times to offer something for everyone. We are very blessed to have 25 individuals who are committed to leading/co-leading these groups. Individuals are free to choose a group that best suits their particular needs, but the Adult Director can help to point individuals to particular groups that have space for new members.

When need arises, groups are organised to introduce seekers to the Christian faith, disciple new Christians in their faith and promote Christian values in relationships and marriage. The fellowship continues to participate in workshops and courses on teaching and encouraging intentional faith and witness.

13 missional bands have been established. These are small groups of 3-4 individuals who meet regularly to have intentional faith conversations followed by prayer. The aim is to encourage one another to continue growing in their faith and become more confident in demonstrating that faith in everyday life and experiences. These activities and life groups actively promote whole life discipleship among believers.

There's a variety of outreach activities run by volunteers from the church membership. Some members continue to work with Ukrainian families in the area offering friendship, advice and help as appropriate. Several members volunteer with a local food bank hosted by another area church.

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There is a monthly Craft Café at GFM for adults, attended by members as well as those with no church connection who enjoy crafting activities, refreshments and conversation together. Average attendance overall is around 20 at these meetings.

There is also a Welcome Café once a week offering a light lunch and opportunity to share conversation and friendship with others.

Many members support these projects with regular gifts of time, money and prayer.

Mission

The church recognises its responsibility to encourage and support the world wide church and has given, from its income, money towards mission work in Greece, Hungary and Ukraine. It has also made many donations towards the work of national and international Christian mission work including, but not limited to: Cedar House counselling service in Preston, The Christian Institute, Christian Motorcyclists Association, Pakistan, Good News for Everyone (formerly the Gideons), Grace Ministries and NISCU.

In addition to all of this, special collections are made during Christmas, Easter and Harvest services to support worthy and topical causes, most recently towards Mission Aviation Fellowship and a local food bank.

The church has been further developing its relationship with a Christian ministry in Ukraine, with further ongoing support over the past few years. We have raised funds as a church, and many members have given additional gifts to support the work in Ukraine, in particular the development of a drug rehabilitation centre.

Early 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine, we raised funds to help with this crisis, to provide aid to those on the ground in Ukraine and to provide resources to those who had been displaced. This has been ongoing through 2023 and 2024. Our mission partners fled Ukraine in 2022 and transitioned to Garstang for a period of 10 months, but they have since returned and we continue to support their ministry work.

Thornton Light & Life Church

In 2017 the church plant into Thornton was officially launched. Over the years it has grown, with a large core of committed members, and its own leadership team which was established to manage the direction and day to day running of the church, while remaining under the responsibility and oversight of the Elder Trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church.

In March 2022, Thornton Light & Life Church was established as a separate society. Garstang Free Methodist Church continues to partner with Thornton Light & Life, providing practical, spiritual and financial support, with financial commitment made until the end of 2026.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make the church the loving fellowship it is. It would be wrong to single out anyone for special mention but we do want to acknowledge that everything that is done is an expression of the love and commitment everyone has for the Lord, the fellowship of believers and the wider community in which we live.

The church is aware of, and takes seriously its safeguarding responsibilities and, where appropriate, volunteers are DBS checked. A specialist external advisor has designed our safeguarding policies and relevant training is compulsory.

Financial review

The attached financial statements give a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the charity during 2023 and show that the charity ended 2023 with free reserves of £159,218 (2022: £37,300). It is the policy of the charity to maintain the free reserves at a level equivalent to approximately two months of expenditure to cover church running costs should income fall.

The amount recovered from HMRC through the Gift Aid scheme was £33,127. This continues to be a crucial source of income for the church.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The main governing document of the Charity is the Trust Deed dated 21 April 1983.

In 2017 the Church Membership voted to adopt a new structure for governance and management of the church and its ministries. The Church Leadership Team (CLT), which had been comprised of trustees who worked alongside the pastors to lead the church as well as its individual ministries, was replaced with two new bodies: the Elder Trustees (ET) and the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT).

The church is governed by the Elder Trustee Board which is comprised of two lay delegates, a finance director, a fabric director and five elder trustees. All are trustees of the Church and work closely with the pastors in promoting the whole mission of the Church to provide pastoral care, an evangelistic outlook, opportunity for fellowship and awareness of the needs of the Church worldwide. The purpose of the Elder Trustees is to provide governance and to empower the pastoral team to fulfil the Church mission statement, to be "a Christian community discipling all generations".

The Elder Trustees are also responsible for the upkeep of the Church properties (which comprise the church building on Windsor Road, the Meadow Park manse and a house on Pine Grove previously bequeathed to the church) and to manage and monitor the finances of the Church.

The lay delegates represent the church in the UK Free Methodist conference where they and the pastors have voting rights.

Election to the Elder Trustee Board takes place annually in June. Elder Trustees are initially appointed for a twelve month term, and then if re-elected can choose to serve for terms of between 12 months and three years, in order to stagger the dates on which appointments are made.

Ministry Leaders are appointed by the pastors and ratified by the Church Membership at the ASM. They undertake supervision of specific ministry areas including Children, Youth, Adult, Seniors and Worship, and seek to fulfil the Church's mission statement through those ministries.

Throughout the year Rev Ian Heath served as Lead Pastor for the church, Rev Andy Woof served as Associate Pastor. Mr Andrew Tissingh served as Families, Youth and Missions Pastoral Assistant until his resignation in May 2023.

The local church is answerable to the UK conference of the Free Methodist Church which is led by National Leader Rev John Townley.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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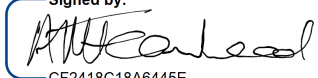
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Statement of trustees' responsibilities - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

10/18/2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Mrs A Fearnhead - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Garstang Free Methodist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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.

T M Preece F.C.C.A

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Date:

GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies		209,981	27,062	237,043	222,386
Charitable activities					
Church activities		370	-	370	-
Pine Grove		-	-	-	1,250
Investment income	2	1,458	-	1,458	73
Other income		83,203	-	83,203	-
Total		<u>295,012</u>	<u>27,062</u>	<u>322,074</u>	<u>223,709</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities					
Church activities		186,886	25,545	212,431	218,361
Pine Grove		-	2,230	2,230	-
Total		<u>186,886</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>214,661</u>	<u>218,361</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		108,126	(713)	107,413	5,348
Transfers between funds	8	<u>570,586</u>	<u>(570,586)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		678,712	(571,299)	107,413	5,348
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		855,657	657,443	1,513,100	1,507,752
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,534,369</u></u>	<u><u>86,144</u></u>	<u><u>1,620,513</u></u>	<u><u>1,513,100</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	1,375,151	-	1,375,151	1,527,895
Current assets					
Debtors	6	36,195	-	36,195	27,232
Cash at bank		148,696	86,144	234,840	81,613
		<u>184,891</u>	<u>86,144</u>	<u>271,035</u>	<u>108,845</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(25,673)	-	(25,673)	(123,640)
Net current assets		<u>159,218</u>	<u>86,144</u>	<u>245,362</u>	<u>(14,795)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,534,369</u>	<u>86,144</u>	<u>1,620,513</u>	<u>1,513,100</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,534,369</u>	<u>86,144</u>	<u>1,620,513</u>	<u>1,513,100</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	8			1,534,369	855,657
Restricted funds				86,144	657,443
Total funds				<u>1,620,513</u>	<u>1,513,100</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10/18/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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 Mrs S Kelsall - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. Accounting policies**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% Straight Line (improvements only)
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% Reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****2. Investment income**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,458	73

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

4. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	169,140	53,246	222,386
Charitable activities			
Pine Grove	-	1,250	1,250
Investment income	73	-	73
Total	<u>169,213</u>	<u>54,496</u>	<u>223,709</u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Church activities	185,672	32,689	218,361
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(16,459)	21,807	5,348
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	872,116	635,636	1,507,752
Total funds carried forward	<u>855,657</u>	<u>657,443</u>	<u>1,513,100</u>

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	1,522,554	137,070	113,068	1,772,692
Additions	-	1,333	-	1,333
Disposals	(130,000)	(384)	-	(130,384)
	<u>1,392,554</u>	<u>138,019</u>	<u>113,068</u>	<u>1,643,641</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	41,988	90,523	112,286	244,797
Charge for year	14,044	9,493	156	23,693
	<u>56,032</u>	<u>100,016</u>	<u>112,442</u>	<u>268,490</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,336,522</u>	<u>38,003</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>1,375,151</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,480,566</u>	<u>46,547</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>1,527,895</u>

6. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid recoverable	33,127	24,171
Prepayments	3,068	3,061
	<u>36,195</u>	<u>27,232</u>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Taxation and social security	997	1,742
Other creditors	24,676	121,898
	<u>25,673</u>	<u>123,640</u>

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8. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	822,420	108,126	548,786	1,479,332
Building Fund	33,237	-	-	33,237
Kingdom Ministries	-	-	21,800	21,800
	<u>855,657</u>	<u>108,126</u>	<u>570,586</u>	<u>1,534,369</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	19,603	317	-	19,920
Building Fund	613,453	1,200	(565,793)	48,860
Pine Grove	24,387	(2,230)	(4,793)	17,364
	<u>657,443</u>	<u>(713)</u>	<u>(570,586)</u>	<u>86,144</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,513,100</u></u>	<u><u>107,413</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,620,513</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	295,012	(186,886)	108,126
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	25,862	(25,545)	317
Building Fund	1,200	-	1,200
Pine Grove	-	(2,230)	(2,230)
	<u>27,062</u>	<u>(27,775)</u>	<u>(713)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>322,074</u></u>	<u><u>(214,661)</u></u>	<u><u>107,413</u></u>

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8. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	838,879	(16,459)	822,420
Building Fund	33,237	-	33,237
	<u>872,116</u>	<u>(16,459)</u>	<u>855,657</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	1,685	17,918	19,603
Building Fund	610,814	2,639	613,453
Pine Grove	23,137	1,250	24,387
	<u>635,636</u>	<u>21,807</u>	<u>657,443</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,507,752</u></u>	<u><u>5,348</u></u>	<u><u>1,513,100</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	169,213	(185,672)	(16,459)
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	36,417	(18,499)	17,918
Building Fund	16,829	(14,190)	2,639
Pine Grove	1,250	-	1,250
	<u>54,496</u>	<u>(32,689)</u>	<u>21,807</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>223,709</u></u>	<u><u>(218,361)</u></u>	<u><u>5,348</u></u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****8. Movement in funds - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	838,879	91,667	548,786	1,479,332
Building Fund	33,237	-	-	33,237
Kingdom Ministries	-	-	21,800	21,800
	<u>872,116</u>	<u>91,667</u>	<u>570,586</u>	<u>1,534,369</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	1,685	18,235	-	19,920
Building Fund	610,814	3,839	(565,793)	48,860
Pine Grove	23,137	(980)	(4,793)	17,364
	<u>635,636</u>	<u>21,094</u>	<u>(570,586)</u>	<u>86,144</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,507,752</u></u>	<u><u>112,761</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,620,513</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	464,225	(372,558)	91,667
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	62,279	(44,044)	18,235
Building Fund	18,029	(14,190)	3,839
Pine Grove	1,250	(2,230)	(980)
	<u>81,558</u>	<u>(60,464)</u>	<u>21,094</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>545,783</u></u>	<u><u>(433,022)</u></u>	<u><u>112,761</u></u>

Transfers between funds

The transfer from restricted to unrestricted funds (Building fund to General funds) represents the fixed asset development of the church property. As the terms of any Building fund gift are met once the building development has been completed, therefore allowing the charity to use the property on an unrestricted basis for any charitable purpose.

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9. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies				
Tithes and offerings	166,177	-	166,177	137,203
Gifts	10,677	27,062	37,739	52,319
Gift aid tax reclaimed	33,127	-	33,127	31,152
Tithes and offerings - Thornton	-	-	-	1,712
	<u>209,981</u>	<u>27,062</u>	<u>237,043</u>	<u>222,386</u>
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	1,458	-	1,458	73
Charitable activities				
Misc rental income	370	-	370	-
Rental income - Pine Grove	-	-	-	1,250
	<u>370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>1,250</u>
Other income				
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	83,203	-	83,203	-
	<u>83,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,203</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	295,012	27,062	322,074	223,709
Expenditure				
Charitable activities				
Wages	82,463	-	82,463	91,527
Social security	1,846	-	1,846	2,824
Pensions	7,940	-	7,940	9,480
Manse running costs	298	-	298	304
Church running costs	17,428	-	17,428	14,556
Pine Grove costs	-	2,230	2,230	-
Telephone	737	-	737	691
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	2,438	-	2,438	2,401
Travel and subsistence	417	-	417	554
Visiting preacher expenses	690	-	690	290
Church department expenses	2,632	-	2,632	2,842
Outreach and evangelism	533	-	533	1,456
Teaching materials and training	1,406	-	1,406	1,549
Conference levy	7,416	-	7,416	6,444
Thornton expenses	7,583	-	7,583	8,978
Depn of freehold property improvements	14,044	-	14,044	14,190
Depn of equipment	9,493	-	9,493	11,635
Carried forward	157,364	2,230	159,594	169,721

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GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Charitable activities				
Brought forward	157,364	2,230	159,594	169,721
Depn of fixtures & fittings	156	-	156	196
Grants payable	26,557	25,545	52,102	44,912
	<u>184,077</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>211,852</u>	<u>214,829</u>
Support costs				
Finance				
Bank charges	(356)	-	(356)	356
Governance costs				
Accountancy fees	1,864	-	1,864	1,968
Subscriptions and licences	1,301	-	1,301	1,208
	<u>3,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,165</u>	<u>3,176</u>
Total resources expended	<u>186,886</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>214,661</u>	<u>218,361</u>
Net income	<u>108,126</u>	<u>(713)</u>	<u>107,413</u>	<u>5,348</u>

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH, GARSTANG

England & Wales - Charity number 514360

Accounts

**GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Trustees	Mr J Carter Mrs S Kelsall Mr P Wells Mr P Yates Mrs R Thornton Mrs K Caunce Mrs A Fearnhead Mrs A Blundell Miss R Corkish
Principal address	Windsor Road Garstang PRESTON PR3 1ED
Registered charity number	514360
Independent examiner	Scott & Wilkinson Dalton House 9 Dalton Square LANCASTER LA1 1WD

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The object of the Free Methodist Church is the furtherance of the religious and other charitable works of the Free Methodist Church of North America.

The Elder Trustees fully appreciate the wide range of ages and needs within the fellowship and the community. They are committed to providing an environment which encourages people to live out their Christian faith. This is done in the first instance through worship and prayer, Bible teaching and pastoral care but there are also opportunities for people to express their faith in word and deed within the wider community.

The primary purpose of the church is discipleship: for each of us to be disciples and to make disciples, within the church and without, in the local community and beyond.

When planning the church's activities the Elder Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Achievement and performance

Worship

The Pastors and leadership have tried to provide a balanced form of worship which appeals to all age groups in our two regular Sunday services. To that end we have a mix of music styles provided by a group of musicians from within the fellowship. These musicians themselves reflect the range of ages within the fellowship. A youth band also provides worship at services particularly aimed at the young people.

We have a significant number of young families in the church and hold Sunday School during the morning service and a crèche for children under school age. However, the leadership do feel it is important that the children are also made to feel part of the whole fellowship so they remain in the early part of the morning service where they can join in the worship and enjoy a short story to suit the age group before going to Sunday School or crèche. The leadership believe that the family aspect of church is very important and an 'All Age' Service is held on a regular basis.

The Sunday evening service tries to reflect the different needs and preferences within the congregation. It is usually a less formal service and takes a variety of different forms. It sometimes offers the opportunity to share from personal experience.

Bible teaching

This is seen as an essential part of the church's ministry and is an important part of the Sunday services.

Sermons are preached by our own pastors and lay preachers as well as visiting speakers. Some of the young people within the fellowship are given opportunity to speak when it is recognised that they are gifted in this area.

Prayer

Prayer is considered a must for a healthy church and there are many opportunities for people to join in corporate prayer. We hold a prayer meeting each Tuesday evening.

There is also opportunity for prayer in the small groups which meet regularly in a variety of locations in the area. A prayer team is available to pray for those who have particular needs and request prayer. A prayer room is available within the church building for private prayer at any time and is used for prayer needs at the end of each Sunday service.

Work with children

In addition to the Sunday School, there are other activities for children of different age groups:

Toddle In meets on Thursday morning and provides opportunity for parents / carers with toddlers to meet and relax. Its reputation is such that local agencies often refer young parents to it.

Kidz Klub, for children in school years 1-4, meets on Tuesday evenings in term time. Their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Connect, for children in school years 5-7, meets on Friday evening in term time. Again their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Annually, there is an organized weekend away for Kidz Klub and Connect children using the facilities of a local Boys' Brigade.

We also annually hold a holiday club for children aged five to 11 on five successive mornings in August. This is available to children from church families as well as others from the local community. Activities in both of these events include music, drama, crafts and Bible teaching.

Work with teenagers

Youth for those in school year 8 and above meets on a Friday evening and involves a variety of activities. We alternate between games nights, worship + word and chill nights. We organise regular external activities and have an annual, residential weekend away.

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Rooted is a new youth group for those who wish to go deeper into the Bible and look at bigger topics aside from a Friday evening. It is held on Sunday evenings, which also encourages our youth to come along to the evening service before the meeting.

Footprints is a fortnightly Sunday group that meets during the morning service and is for school years 7 and 8. This provides specific Bible content with leaders who help with the transition to high school and youth and also in being a more central part of our Sunday worship.

Work with the elderly

Our approach to working with older people aims to provide for every aspect of their lives; spiritual, emotional, practical. To this end we have Friday Focus, which meets every Friday morning and has a different focus each week of the month. Focus on Prayer and Focus on The Bible helps meet the spiritual needs of those who attend the church, where they are able to share needs and concerns in confidence. Focus on the Bible allows us to discuss issues that are sometimes puzzling in a rapidly changing world while taking a biblical approach to understanding. Focus on Film followed by a light lunch attracts people from within and without the church helping combat loneliness and develop new friendships. Eating together is an important aspect of spending time together but COVID regulations has prevented our being able to serve food. We will reinstate this as soon as possible. Focus on People is a great opportunity to hear about other people's lives and get to know other better. It is an effective way of introducing new people and allowing the opportunity to share our histories and appreciate each other.

Our regular Sunday mornings which were held in three local residential homes for the elderly have also had to be halted for the time being, but we have tried to maintain contact through cards, letters and gifts. We will reinstate these as soon as possible because they do offer residents the chance to hear and join in some old hymns, to pray together., hear a short message and chat generally.

On issues of pastoral care, it is recognised that some areas need to be dealt with by the pastors but others can be undertaken by lay members of the church. Pastors visit those who are in hospital or bereaved but other visits are undertaken by trusted volunteers. The pastoral team will visit those who are housebound on a monthly basis as well as those who the pastors feel would benefit from a visit.

A wheelchair is available in the church and a loop system is fitted for those with hearing difficulties. Of particular benefit in small group situations have been the six portable loop hearing systems that were purchased some time ago. We have also purchased a walker which is kept in the church for anyone who might need it.

We aim to hold craft days at times which allow people to exercise their creativity, while also providing easy activities for the not so creative. These prove very therapeutic and relaxing for those who attend.

We are at present looking into how we can help combat loneliness amongst the older generation and hope to be able to befriend those who struggle in their later years.

All our activities are free of charge.

Work with adults

There currently 14 small groups that meet on a regular basis for study, prayer and fellowship together. Another two groups will be starting in September 2023 to accommodate increasing demand and need in the growing church fellowship. Some groups meet in the church premises but others meet in homes. Groups are both interest and age based and meet on a variety of days and times to offer something for everyone. Approximately, 70% of the church membership and regular attenders are engaged in small groups. Individuals are free to choose a group that best suits their particular needs, but the Adult Director can help to point individuals to particular groups that have space for new members.

When need arises, groups are organised to introduce seekers to the Christian faith, disciple new Christians in their faith and promote Christian values in relationships and marriage. In the past year the fellowship has participated in workshops teaching and encouraging intentional faith and witness. As a result, 13 missional bands have been established. These are small groups of 3-4 individuals who meet regularly to have intentional faith conversations followed by prayer. The aim is to encourage one another to continue growing in their faith and become more confident in demonstrating that faith in everyday life and experiences.

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Some church members are involved in various community projects offering help and support to homeless people or those in need due to the ongoing current cost of living crisis. Some members work with Ukrainian families in the area offering friendship, advice and help as appropriate. Many members support these projects with regular gifts of time, food, clothing and money.

There is a twice monthly Craft Café for adults which is an outreach activity. Church members as well as those with no church connection enjoy crafting activities, refreshments and conversation together. Average attendance overall is around 25 at these meetings.

Mission

The church recognises its responsibility to encourage and support the world wide church and has given, from its income, money towards mission work in Greece, Hungary and Ukraine. It has also made many donations towards the work of national and international Christian mission work including, but not limited to: Cedar House counselling service in Preston, The Christian Institute, Christian Motorcyclists Association, Pakistan, Gideons International, Grace Ministries and NISCU.

In addition to all of this, special collections are made during Christmas, Easter and Harvest services to support worthy and topical causes, most recently towards the earthquake in Turkey and a local food bank.

The church has been further developing its relationship with a Christian ministry in Ukraine, with further ongoing support over the past few years. We have raised funds as a church, and many members have given additional gifts to support the work in Ukraine, in particular the development of a drug rehabilitation centre.

2022 saw the beginning of the war between Russia and Ukraine. As a church we saw this as an opportunity to raise funds to help with this crisis and funds were raised to help those on the ground in Ukraine provide food and shelter to those in need and displaced. This has been ongoing through 2023. Our mission partners fled Ukraine in 2022 and transitioned to Garstang for a period of 10 months - during which the church was able to help them financially.

Thornton Light & Life Church

In 2017 the church plant into Thornton was officially launched. Over the years it has grown, with a large core of committed members, and its own leadership team which was established to manage the direction and day to day running of the church, while remaining under the responsibility and oversight of the Elder Trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church.

In March 2022, Thornton Light & Life Church was established as a separate society. Garstang Free Methodist Church continues to partner with Thornton Light & Life, providing practical, spiritual and financial support.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make the church the loving fellowship it is. It would be wrong to single out anyone for special mention but we do want to acknowledge that everything that is done is an expression of the love and commitment everyone has for the Lord, the fellowship of believers and the wider community in which we live.

The church is aware of, and takes seriously its safeguarding responsibilities and, where appropriate, volunteers are DBS checked. A specialist external advisor has designed our safeguarding policies and relevant training is compulsory.

Financial review

The attached financial statements give a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the charity during 2022 and show that the charity ended 2022 with free reserves of £37,300 (2021: £30,931). It is the policy of the charity to maintain the free reserves at a level equivalent to approximately two months of expenditure to cover church running costs should income fall.

The amount recovered from HMRC through the Gift Aid scheme was £31,152. This continues to be a crucial source of income for the church.

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The main governing document of the Charity is the Trust Deed dated 21 April 1983.

In 2017 the Church Membership voted to adopt a new structure for governance and management of the church and its ministries. The Church Leadership Team (CLT), which had been comprised of trustees who worked alongside the pastors to lead the church as well as its individual ministries, was replaced with two new bodies: the Elder Trustees (ET) and the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT).

The church is governed by the Elder Trustee Board which is comprised of two lay delegates, a finance director, a fabric director and five elder trustees. All are trustees of the Church and work closely with the pastors in promoting the whole mission of the Church to provide pastoral care, an evangelistic outlook, opportunity for fellowship and awareness of the needs of the Church worldwide. The purpose of the Elder Trustees is to provide governance and to empower the pastoral team to fulfil the Church mission statement, to be "a Christian community discipling all generations".

The Elder Trustees are also responsible for the upkeep of the Church properties (which comprise the church building on Windsor Road, the Meadow Park manse and a house on Pine Grove previously bequeathed to the church) and to manage and monitor the finances of the Church.

The lay delegates represent the church in the UK Free Methodist conference where they and the pastors have voting rights.

Election to the Elder Trustee Board takes place annually in June. Elder Trustees are initially appointed for a twelve month term, and then if re-elected can choose to serve for terms of between 12 months and three years, in order to stagger the dates on which appointments are made.

Ministry Leaders are appointed by the pastors and ratified by the Church Membership at the ASM. They undertake supervision of specific ministry areas including Children, Youth, Adult, Seniors and Worship, and seek to fulfil the Church's mission statement through those ministries.

Throughout the year Rev Ian Heath served as Lead Pastor for the church, Rev Andy Woof served as Associate Pastor and Mr Andrew Tissingh served as Families, Youth and Missions Pastoral Assistant.

The local church is answerable to the UK conference of the Free Methodist Church which is led by National Leader Rev John Townley.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mrs R Thornton - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Garstang Free Methodist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

T M Preece F.C.C.A

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Date: October 2023

GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies		169,140	53,246	222,386	209,754
Charitable activities					
Church activities		-	-	-	343
Pine Grove		-	1,250	1,250	1,500
Investment income	2	73	-	73	5
Total		<u>169,213</u>	<u>54,496</u>	<u>223,709</u>	<u>211,602</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities					
Church activities		185,672	32,689	218,361	222,386
Pine Grove		-	-	-	70
Total		<u>185,672</u>	<u>32,689</u>	<u>218,361</u>	<u>222,456</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(16,459)	21,807	5,348	(10,854)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		872,116	635,636	1,507,752	1,518,606
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>855,657</u></u>	<u><u>657,443</u></u>	<u><u>1,513,100</u></u>	<u><u>1,507,752</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	818,357	709,538	1,527,895	1,550,723
Current assets					
Debtors	6	27,232	-	27,232	24,262
Cash at bank		23,708	57,905	81,613	100,237
		<u>50,940</u>	<u>57,905</u>	<u>108,845</u>	<u>124,499</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(13,640)	(110,000)	(123,640)	(167,470)
Net current assets		<u>37,300</u>	<u>(52,095)</u>	<u>(14,795)</u>	<u>(42,971)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>855,657</u>	<u>657,443</u>	<u>1,513,100</u>	<u>1,507,752</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>855,657</u>	<u>657,443</u>	<u>1,513,100</u>	<u>1,507,752</u>
Funds	8				
Unrestricted funds				855,657	872,116
Restricted funds				657,443	635,636
Total funds				<u>1,513,100</u>	<u>1,507,752</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mrs S Kelsall - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% Straight Line (improvements only)
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	73	5
	<u>73</u>	<u>5</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

4. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	180,024	29,730	209,754
Charitable activities			
Church activities	343	-	343
Pine Grove	-	1,500	1,500
Investment income	5	-	5
Total	<u>180,372</u>	<u>31,230</u>	<u>211,602</u>
Expenditure on Charitable activities			
Church activities	196,190	26,196	222,386
Pine Grove	-	70	70
Total	<u>196,190</u>	<u>26,266</u>	<u>222,456</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(15,818)	4,964	(10,854)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	887,934	630,672	1,518,606
Total funds carried forward	<u>872,116</u>	<u>635,636</u>	<u>1,507,752</u>

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	1,522,418	134,013	113,068	1,769,499
Additions	136	3,057	-	3,193
	<u>1,522,554</u>	<u>137,070</u>	<u>113,068</u>	<u>1,772,692</u>
At 31 December 2022	1,522,554	137,070	113,068	1,772,692
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	27,798	78,888	112,090	218,776
Charge for year	14,190	11,635	196	26,021
	<u>41,988</u>	<u>90,523</u>	<u>112,286</u>	<u>244,797</u>
At 31 December 2022	41,988	90,523	112,286	244,797
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,480,566</u>	<u>46,547</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>1,527,895</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,494,620</u>	<u>55,125</u>	<u>978</u>	<u>1,550,723</u>

6. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift Aid recoverable	24,171	21,487
Prepayments	3,061	2,775
	<u>27,232</u>	<u>24,262</u>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Taxation and social security	1,742	1,837
Other creditors	121,898	165,633
	<u>123,640</u>	<u>167,470</u>

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8. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	838,879	(16,459)	822,420
Building Fund	33,237	-	33,237
	<u>872,116</u>	<u>(16,459)</u>	<u>855,657</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	1,685	17,918	19,603
Building Fund	610,814	2,639	613,453
Pine Grove	23,137	1,250	24,387
	<u>635,636</u>	<u>21,807</u>	<u>657,443</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,507,752</u></u>	<u><u>5,348</u></u>	<u><u>1,513,100</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	169,213	(185,672)	(16,459)
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	36,417	(18,499)	17,918
Building Fund	16,829	(14,190)	2,639
Pine Grove	1,250	-	1,250
	<u>54,496</u>	<u>(32,689)</u>	<u>21,807</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>223,709</u></u>	<u><u>(218,361)</u></u>	<u><u>5,348</u></u>

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8. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	854,697	(15,818)	838,879
Building Fund	33,237	-	33,237
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	887,934	(15,818)	872,116
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	1,185	500	1,685
Building Fund	607,780	3,034	610,814
Pine Grove	21,707	1,430	23,137
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	630,672	4,964	635,636
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,518,606</u>	<u>(10,854)</u>	<u>1,507,752</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180,372	(196,190)	(15,818)
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	12,216	(11,716)	500
Building Fund	17,514	(14,480)	3,034
Pine Grove	1,500	(70)	1,430
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	31,230	(26,266)	4,964
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>211,602</u>	<u>(222,456)</u>	<u>(10,854)</u>

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8. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	854,697	(32,277)	822,420
Building Fund	33,237	-	33,237
	<u>887,934</u>	<u>(32,277)</u>	<u>855,657</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	1,185	18,418	19,603
Building Fund	607,780	5,673	613,453
Pine Grove	21,707	2,680	24,387
	<u>630,672</u>	<u>26,771</u>	<u>657,443</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,518,606</u></u>	<u><u>(5,506)</u></u>	<u><u>1,513,100</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	349,585	(381,862)	(32,277)
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	48,633	(30,215)	18,418
Building Fund	34,343	(28,670)	5,673
Pine Grove	2,750	(70)	2,680
	<u>85,726</u>	<u>(58,955)</u>	<u>26,771</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>435,311</u></u>	<u><u>(440,817)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,506)</u></u>

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9. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH, GARSTANG

England & Wales - Charity number 514360

Accounts

**GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Scott & Wilkinson
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Trustees	Mr J Carter Mrs S Kelsall Mr P Wells Mr P Yates Mrs R Thornton Mrs K Caunce Mrs A Fearnhead Mrs A Blundell Miss R Corkish
Principal address	Windsor Road Garstang PRESTON Lancashire PR3 1ED
Registered charity number	514360
Independent examiner	Scott & Wilkinson Dalton House 9 Dalton Square LANCASTER LA1 1WD

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The object of the Free Methodist Church is the furtherance of the religious and other charitable works of the Free Methodist Church of North America.

The Elder Trustees fully appreciate the wide range of ages and needs within the fellowship and the community. They are committed to providing an environment which encourages people to live out their Christian faith. This is done in the first instance through worship and prayer, Bible teaching and pastoral care but there are also opportunities for people to express their faith in word and deed within the wider community.

The primary purpose of the church is discipleship: for each of us to be disciples and to make disciples, within the church and without, in the local community and beyond.

When planning the church's activities the Elder Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Covid-19

In 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic continued to have a huge impact on the church and its members. Throughout the year Leadership followed the relevant laws, regulations and guidance, to ensure that people were kept safe.

From March 2020 the church building was closed and recorded services were provided online or on DVD, to enable people to continue to worship and receive teaching and discipleship. Pastors, ministry leaders and members of the church worked together to ensure that people remained connected with the church and with each other, particularly during periods of national lockdown when many were at risk of loneliness and isolation, or in need of practical assistance.

By spring 2021 the church was able to resume meeting in person, albeit with restricted numbers initially and with many measures in place to ensure people were kept safe and Government regulations and guidelines were adhered to. Services continued to be recorded so that they could be accessed by people wishing to self isolate for an extended period, which also enabled people who missed church for any reason to catch up at their convenience online. By the end of the year most activities within church had resumed, although Covid-19 precautions remained in place as appropriate.

Although 2020 and 2021 presented many challenges, and for many it was an extremely difficult time, the church was blessed in many ways throughout the period:

- New people joined the church, and online services were accessed by many who may not have attended in person;
- Planned improvements in online provision, including streaming services, were expedited by necessity of circumstance;
- The second phase of building works, which were scheduled to begin in July 2020, were undertaken while the building was not in use, and completed in February 2021, just before live services were permitted again;
- The Thornton L&L church plant continued to thrive, producing high quality online content and engaging with a growing membership.

The Elder Trustees are very grateful to God for His blessing and provision during period, and recognise the efforts, both seen and unseen, of the people who worked diligently to further His kingdom and care for those in need.

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Achievement and performance

Worship

The Pastors and leadership have tried to provide a balanced form of worship which appeals to all age groups in our two regular Sunday services. To that end we have a mix of music styles provided by a group of musicians from within the fellowship. These musicians themselves reflect the range of ages within the fellowship. A youth band also provides worship on a regular basis at services particularly aimed at the young people.

We have a significant number of young families in the church and hold Sunday School during the morning service and a crèche for children under school age. However, the leadership do feel it is important that the children are also made to feel part of the whole fellowship so they remain in the early part of the morning service where they can join in the worship and enjoy a short story to suit the age group before going to Sunday School or crèche. The leadership believe that the family aspect of church is very important and an All Age Service is held on a regular basis.

The Sunday evening service tries to reflect the different needs and preferences within the congregation. It is usually a less formal service and takes a variety of different forms. It sometimes offers the opportunity to share from personal experience.

Bible teaching

This is seen as an essential part of the church's ministry and is an important part of the Sunday services.

Sermons are preached by our own pastors and lay preachers as well as visiting speakers. Some of the young people within the fellowship are given opportunity to speak when it is recognised that they are gifted in this area.

Prayer

Prayer is considered a must for a healthy church and there are many opportunities for people to join in corporate prayer. We hold a prayer meeting each Tuesday evening, a pre-service prayer meeting on Sunday evenings and a weekly prayer meeting specifically for the Thornton Light and Life church. When these meetings were unable to be held in person during Covid-19 restrictions prayer meetings were held online.

There is also opportunity for prayer in the small groups which meet regularly in a variety of locations in the area. A prayer team is available to pray for those who have particular needs and request prayer. A prayer room is available within the church building for private prayer at any time and is used for prayer needs at the end of each Sunday service.

Work with children

In addition to the Sunday School, there are other activities for children of different age groups:

Toddle In meets on Thursday morning and provides opportunity for parents / carers with toddlers to meet and relax. Its reputation is such that local agencies often refer young parents to it.

Kidz Klub, for children in school years 1-4, meets on Tuesday evenings in term time. Their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Connect, for children in school years 5-7, meets on Friday evening in term time. Again their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Annually, there is an organized weekend away for Kidz Klub and Connect children using the facilities of a local Boy's Brigade.

We also annually hold a holiday club for children aged five to 11 on five successive mornings in August. This is available to children from church families as well as others from the local community. Activities in both of these events include music, drama, crafts and Bible teaching.

For the first half of 2021 these activities could not be held in person, but some groups met online using Zoom meetings. By September most activities resumed, with events such the annual Light Party attracting large numbers of children.

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Work with teenagers

KORU for those in school year 8 and above meets on a Friday evening and involves a variety of activities. We alternate between games nights, worship + word and cell groups. We organise regular external activities and have an annual, residential weekend away.

Crucible is a fortnightly discipleship gathering of our older youth and young adults. It is a time of fellowship and looking at topics which challenge and encourage members into closer relationship with Jesus. Members are all encouraged to actively step out and discover and use their giftings by getting involved in helping with our Friday youth group and church services. Alongside this 1-1 mentoring is actively encouraged to further assist in the growth and development of our young adults.

Footprints is a fortnightly Sunday group that meets during the morning service and is for schools years 7 and 8. This provides specific Bible content with leaders who help with the transition to high school and youth and also in being a more central part of our Sunday worship.

Work with the elderly

Our approach to working with older people aims to provide for every aspect of their lives; spiritual, emotional, practical. To this end we have Friday Focus, which meets every Friday morning and has a different focus each week of the month. Focus on Prayer and Focus on The Bible helps meet the spiritual needs of those who attend the church, where they are able to share needs and concerns in confidence. Focus on the Bible allows us to discuss issues that are sometimes puzzling in a rapidly changing world while taking a biblical approach to understanding. Focus on Film followed by a light lunch attracts people from within and without the church helping combat loneliness and develop new friendships. Eating together is an important aspect of spending time together but COVID regulations has prevented our being able to serve food. We will reinstate this as soon as possible. Focus on People is a great opportunity to hear about other people's lives and get to know other better. It is an effective way of introducing new people and allowing the opportunity to share our histories and appreciate each other.

Our regular Sunday mornings which were held in three local residential homes for the elderly have also had to be halted for the time being, but we have tried to maintain contact through cards, letters and gifts. We will reinstate these as soon as possible because they do offer residents the chance to hear and join in some old hymns, to pray together., hear a short message and chat generally.

On issues of pastoral care, it is recognised that some areas need to be dealt with by the pastors but others can be undertaken by lay members of the church. Pastors visit those who are in hospital or bereaved but other visits are undertaken by trusted volunteers. The pastoral team will visit those who are housebound on a monthly basis as well as those who the pastors feel would benefit from a visit.

A wheelchair is available in the church and a loop system is fitted for those with hearing difficulties. Of particular benefit in small group situations have been the six portable loop hearing systems that were purchased some time ago. We have also purchased a walker which is kept in the church for anyone who might need it.

We aim to hold craft days at times which allow people to exercise their creativity, while also providing easy activities for the not so creative. These prove very therapeutic and relaxing for those who attend.

We are at present looking into how we can help combat loneliness amongst the older generation and hope to be able to befriend those who struggle in their later years.

All our activities are free of charge.

Work with adults

Several small groups meet on a regular basis. These consist of groups which study the Bible, pray and enjoy fellowship together. Many are geographically based but there are others which are interest or age based. Members are free to select the group which best suits their needs. Throughout the year membership of these small groups has risen steadily.

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From time to time, as the need dictates, groups are also organised to introduce seekers to the Christian faith, disciple new Christians in their faith and promote Christian values in relationships and marriage.

Some members of the church also visit the homeless centre in Lancaster to give help where it is needed. Some are also closely involved with the work of Grace Ministries in Morecambe which is a food bank and advice centre for those in need. Many members of the congregation give regular gifts of food and clothing to this work.

During 2020 and 2021 Covid-19 restrictions prevented small groups from meeting, however many groups used online services such as Zoom to continue meeting regularly. Whether able to continue meeting in this way or not, small group leaders ensured their members were connected, cared for and prayed for throughout the year. By the end of 2021 most groups had resumed meeting in person.

Mission

The church recognises its responsibility to encourage and support the world wide church and has given, from its income, money towards mission work in Greece, Portugal and Belgium. It has also made many donations towards the work of national and international Christian mission work including, but not limited to: Cedar House counselling service in Preston, The Christian Institute, Christian Motorcyclists Association, Gideons International, Grace Ministries and NISCU.

In addition to all of this, special collections are made during Christmas, Easter and Harvest services to support worthy and topical causes.

The church has been further developing its relationship with a Christian ministry in Ukraine, with further ongoing support in 2021. We have raised funds as a church, and many members have given additional gifts to support the work in Ukraine, in particular the development of a drug rehabilitation centre.

Thornton Light & Life Church

January 2021 marked four years since the church plant into Thornton was officially launched. The ministry is led by Mr Jonathan Leech, who is supported pastorally and administratively by Mrs Lydia Baines.

Until March 2020 the church was meeting at the Little Theatre in Thornton, with growing numbers, a large core of committed members, and its own leadership team which was established to manage the direction and day to day running of the church, while remaining under the responsibility and oversight of the Elder Trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church.

When the church was unable to meet in person the team quickly adapted to providing online content, initially in conjunction with Garstang Free Methodist Church, and then separately. Online provision continued throughout 2020 and into 2021, until live services were permitted in May 2021.

From May 2021 in person services were held, primarily in the Marine Hall at Fleetwood as the Thornton Little Theatre was not available as it was used as a vaccination centre.

Towards the end of the Thornton Light & Life leadership team worked towards establishing the church as a separate society, which was achieved in March 2022.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make the church the loving fellowship it is. It would be wrong to single out anyone for special mention but we do want to acknowledge that everything that is done is an expression of the love and commitment everyone has for the Lord, the fellowship of believers and the wider community in which we live.

The church is aware of, and takes seriously its safeguarding responsibilities and, where appropriate, volunteers are DBS checked. A specialist external advisor has designed our safeguarding policies and relevant training is compulsory.

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Church building

In 2018, following many years of deliberation regarding the scope and nature of work required, the church began the process of extending the church building to provide more classrooms, meeting areas and a new, larger kitchen. The work was completed by June 2019, providing much needed space for Sunday School and a variety of groups that meet throughout the week.

In September 2019 the Elder Trustees decided to press ahead with Phase 2 of the building development, which would remodel the sanctuary to increase seating capacity and make better use of the space, as well as replacing part of the roof that required significant repair. The work began in July 2020 and was completed in February 2021.

Throughout the period of building works the church was unable to meet due to Covid restrictions, therefore the project had minimal impact on the operation of the church activities. The completed building has been very well received since re-opening, and the additional space has enabled the church to comply with Covid restrictions while still accommodating relatively large numbers of people.

The Elder Trustees are very grateful to God for His care and provision, and seek to use the new facilities wisely as in furtherance of His Kingdom.

Financial review

The attached financial statements give a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the charity during 2021 and show that the charity ended the year with free reserves of £30,931 (2020: £58,136). It is the policy of the charity to maintain the free reserves at a level equivalent to approximately two months of expenditure to cover church running costs should income fall.

The amount recovered from HMRC through the Gift Aid scheme was £26,305. This continues to be a crucial source of income for the church.

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The main governing document of the Charity is the Trust Deed dated 21 April 1983.

In 2017 the Church Membership voted to adopt a new structure for governance and management of the church and its ministries. The Church Leadership Team (CLT), which had been comprised of trustees who worked alongside the pastors to lead the church as well as its individual ministries, was replaced with two new bodies: the Elder Trustees and the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT).

The church is governed by the Elder Trustee Board which is comprised of two lay delegates, a finance director, a fabric director and five elder trustees. All are trustees of the Church and work closely with the pastors in promoting the whole mission of the Church to provide pastoral care, an evangelistic outlook, opportunity for fellowship and awareness of the needs of the Church worldwide. The purpose of the Elder Trustees is to provide governance and to empower the pastoral team to fulfil the Church mission statement, to be "a Christian community discipling all generations".

The Elder Trustees are also responsible for the upkeep of the Church properties (which comprise the church building on Windsor Road, the Meadow Park manse and a house on Pine Grove previously bequeathed to the church) and to manage and monitor the finances of the Church.

The lay delegates represent the church in the UK Free Methodist conference where they and the pastors have voting rights.

Election to the Elder Trustee Board takes place annually in June. Elder Trustees are initially appointed for a twelve month term, and then if re-elected can choose to serve for terms of between 12 months and three years, in order to stagger the dates on which appointments are made.

Ministry Leaders are appointed by the pastors and ratified by both the Elder Trustees and the Church Membership at the ASM. They undertake supervision of specific ministry areas including Children, Youth, Adult, Seniors and Worship, and seek to fulfil the Church's mission statement through those ministries.

Rev Ian Heath was appointed as Lead Pastor for the church in January 2021. Rev Andy Woof served as Associate Pastor and Mr Andrew Tissingh served as Families, Youth and Missions Pastoral Assistant throughout the year.

The local church is answerable to the UK conference of the Free Methodist Church which is led by National Leader Rev John Townley with effect from January 2021.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs R Thornton - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Garstang Free Methodist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

T M Preece F.C.C.A
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Scott & Wilkinson
Dalton House
9 Dalton Square
LANCASTER
LA1 1WD

Date: October 2022

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies		180,024	29,730	209,754	256,244
Charitable activities					
Church activities		343	-	343	10,080
Pine Grove		-	1,500	1,500	1,500
Investment income	2	5	-	5	220
Total		<u>180,372</u>	<u>31,230</u>	<u>211,602</u>	<u>268,044</u>
Expenditure on Charitable activities					
Church activities		196,190	26,196	222,386	200,772
Pine Grove		-	70	70	132
Total		<u>196,190</u>	<u>26,266</u>	<u>222,456</u>	<u>200,904</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(15,818)	4,964	(10,854)	67,140
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		887,934	630,672	1,518,606	1,451,466
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>872,116</u></u>	<u><u>635,636</u></u>	<u><u>1,507,752</u></u>	<u><u>1,518,606</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	841,185	709,538	1,550,723	1,482,240
Current assets					
Debtors	6	21,777	2,485	24,262	17,109
Cash at bank		36,624	63,613	100,237	177,648
		<u>58,401</u>	<u>66,098</u>	<u>124,499</u>	<u>194,757</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(27,470)	(140,000)	(167,470)	(158,391)
Net current assets		<u>30,931</u>	<u>(73,902)</u>	<u>(42,971)</u>	<u>36,366</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>872,116</u>	<u>635,636</u>	<u>1,507,752</u>	<u>1,518,606</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>872,116</u>	<u>635,636</u>	<u>1,507,752</u>	<u>1,518,606</u>
Funds	8				
Unrestricted funds				872,116	887,934
Restricted funds				635,636	630,672
Total funds				<u>1,507,752</u>	<u>1,518,606</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mrs S Kelsall - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% Straight Line (improvements only)
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. Investment income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	5	220
	<u>5</u>	<u>220</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

4. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	144,154	112,090	256,244
Charitable activities			
Church activities	10,080	-	10,080
Pine Grove	-	1,500	1,500
Investment income	138	82	220
Total	<u>154,372</u>	<u>113,672</u>	<u>268,044</u>
Expenditure on Charitable activities			
Church activities	172,038	28,734	200,772
Pine Grove	-	132	132
Total	<u>172,038</u>	<u>28,866</u>	<u>200,904</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(17,666)	84,806	67,140
Transfers between funds	(1,242)	1,242	-
Net movement in funds	(18,908)	86,048	67,140
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	906,842	544,624	1,451,466
Total funds carried forward	<u>887,934</u>	<u>630,672</u>	<u>1,518,606</u>

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 January 2021	1,450,842	108,587	113,068	1,672,497
Additions	71,576	25,426	-	97,002
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,522,418</u>	<u>134,013</u>	<u>113,068</u>	<u>1,769,499</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	13,318	65,092	111,847	190,257
Charge for year	14,480	13,796	243	28,519
At 31 December 2021	<u>27,798</u>	<u>78,888</u>	<u>112,090</u>	<u>218,776</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,494,620</u>	<u>55,125</u>	<u>978</u>	<u>1,550,723</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,437,524</u>	<u>43,495</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>1,482,240</u>

6. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift Aid recoverable	21,487	16,823
Prepayments	2,775	286
	<u>24,262</u>	<u>17,109</u>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Taxation and social security	1,837	575
Other creditors	165,633	157,816
	<u>167,470</u>	<u>158,391</u>

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8. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	854,697	(15,818)	838,879
Building Fund	33,237	-	33,237
	<u>887,934</u>	<u>(15,818)</u>	<u>872,116</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	1,185	500	1,685
Building Fund	607,780	3,034	610,814
Pine Grove	21,707	1,430	23,137
	<u>630,672</u>	<u>4,964</u>	<u>635,636</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,518,606</u></u>	<u><u>(10,854)</u></u>	<u><u>1,507,752</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180,372	(196,190)	(15,818)
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	12,216	(11,716)	500
Building Fund	17,514	(14,480)	3,034
Pine Grove	1,500	(70)	1,430
	<u>31,230</u>	<u>(26,266)</u>	<u>4,964</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>211,602</u></u>	<u><u>(222,456)</u></u>	<u><u>(10,854)</u></u>

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8. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	873,715	(17,776)	(1,242)	854,697
Building Fund	33,127	110	-	33,237
	<u>906,842</u>	<u>(17,666)</u>	<u>(1,242)</u>	<u>887,934</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	1,998	(813)	-	1,185
Building Fund	523,529	84,251	-	607,780
Pine Grove	19,097	1,368	1,242	21,707
	<u>544,624</u>	<u>84,806</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>630,672</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,451,466</u></u>	<u><u>67,140</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,518,606</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	154,262	(172,038)	(17,776)
Building Fund	110	-	110
	<u>154,372</u>	<u>(172,038)</u>	<u>(17,666)</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	14,603	(15,416)	(813)
Building Fund	97,569	(13,318)	84,251
Pine Grove	1,500	(132)	1,368
	<u>113,672</u>	<u>(28,866)</u>	<u>84,806</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>268,044</u></u>	<u><u>(200,904)</u></u>	<u><u>67,140</u></u>

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8. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	873,715	(33,594)	(1,242)	838,879
Building Fund	33,127	110	-	33,237
	<u>906,842</u>	<u>(33,484)</u>	<u>(1,242)</u>	<u>872,116</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	1,998	(313)	-	1,685
Building Fund	523,529	87,285	-	610,814
Pine Grove	19,097	2,798	1,242	23,137
	<u>544,624</u>	<u>89,770</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>635,636</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,451,466</u></u>	<u><u>56,286</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,507,752</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	334,634	(368,228)	(33,594)
Building Fund	110	-	110
	<u>334,744</u>	<u>(368,228)</u>	<u>(33,484)</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	26,819	(27,132)	(313)
Building Fund	115,083	(27,798)	87,285
Pine Grove	3,000	(202)	2,798
	<u>144,902</u>	<u>(55,132)</u>	<u>89,770</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>479,646</u></u>	<u><u>(423,360)</u></u>	<u><u>56,286</u></u>

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9. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH, GARSTANG

England & Wales - Charity number 514360

Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Trustees	Mr J Carter Mrs S Kelsall Mr P Wells Mr P Yates Mrs R Thornton Mrs K Caunce Mrs A Fearnhead Mrs A Alexander (resigned 8/9/2020) Mrs A Blundell Miss R Corkish (appointed 8/9/2020)
Principal address	Windsor Road Garstang PRESTON Lancashire PR3 1ED
Registered charity number	514360
Independent examiner	Scott & Wilkinson LLP Chartered Accountants Dalton House 9 Dalton Square LANCASTER LA1 1WD

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The object of the Free Methodist Church is the furtherance of the religious and other charitable works of the Free Methodist Church of North America.

The Elder Trustees fully appreciate the wide range of ages and needs within the fellowship and the community. They are committed to providing an environment which encourages people to live out their Christian faith. This is done in the first instance through worship and prayer, Bible teaching and pastoral care but there are also opportunities for people to express their faith in word and deed within the wider community.

The primary purpose of the church is discipleship: for each of us to be disciples and to make disciples, within the church and without, in the local community and beyond.

When planning the church's activities the Elder Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Covid-19

2020 was a year unlike any other. The Covid-19 pandemic had a huge impact on the church and its members. Throughout the year Leadership followed the relevant laws, regulations and guidance, to ensure that people were kept safe.

From March the church building was closed and recorded services were provided online or on DVD, to enable people to continue to worship and receive teaching and discipleship. Pastors, ministry leaders and members of the church worked together to ensure that people remained connected with the church and with each other, particularly during periods of national lockdown when many were at risk of loneliness and isolation, or in need of practical assistance.

Although the year presented many challenges, and for many it was an extremely difficult time, the church was blessed in many ways throughout the period:

- New people joined the church, and online services were accessed by many who may not have attended in person;
- Planned improvements in online provision, including streaming services, were expedited by necessity of circumstance;
- The second phase of building works, which were scheduled to begin in July 2020, were undertaken while the building was not in use, and completed in February 2021, just before live services were permitted again;
- The Thornton L&L church plant continued to thrive, producing high quality online content and engaging with a growing membership.

The Elder Trustees are very grateful to God for His blessing and provision during 2020, and recognise the efforts, both seen and unseen, of the people who worked diligently to further His kingdom and care for those in need.

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Achievement and performance

Worship

The Pastors and leadership have tried to provide a balanced form of worship which appeals to all age groups in our two regular Sunday services. To that end we have a mix of music styles provided by a group of musicians from within the fellowship. These musicians themselves reflect the range of ages within the fellowship. A youth band also provides worship on a regular basis at services particularly aimed at the young people.

We have a significant number of young families in the church and hold Sunday School during the morning service and a crèche for children under school age. However, the leadership do feel it is important that the children are also made to feel part of the whole fellowship so they remain in the early part of the morning service where they can join in the worship and enjoy a short story to suit the age group before going to Sunday School or crèche. The leadership believe that the family aspect of church is very important and an All Age Service is held on a regular basis.

The Sunday evening service tries to reflect the different needs and preferences within the congregation. It is usually a less formal service and takes a variety of different forms. It sometimes offers the opportunity to share from personal experience.

Bible teaching

This is seen as an essential part of the church's ministry and is an important part of the Sunday services. In 2013, our pastors began a seven year programme of preaching sequentially through the Bible, which came to an end in 2020. Many of those attending expressed appreciation of this approach which covered some passages of scripture that are difficult and rarely tackled.

Sermons are preached by our own pastors and lay preachers as well as visiting speakers. Some of the young people within the fellowship are given opportunity to speak when it is recognised that they are gifted in this area.

Prayer

Prayer is considered a must for a healthy church and there are many opportunities for people to join in corporate prayer. We hold a prayer meeting each Tuesday evening, a pre-service prayer meeting on Sunday evenings and a weekly prayer meeting specifically for the Thornton Light and Life church. When these meetings were unable to be held in person during Covid-19 restrictions prayer meetings were held online.

There is also opportunity for prayer in the small groups which meet regularly in a variety of locations in the area. A prayer team is available to pray for those who have particular needs and request prayer. A prayer room is available within the church building for private prayer at any time and is used for prayer needs at the end of each Sunday service.

Work with children

In addition to the Sunday School, there are other activities for children of different age groups:

Toddle In meets on Thursday morning and provides opportunity for parents / carers with toddlers to meet and relax. Its reputation is such that local agencies often refer young parents to it.

Kidz Klub, for children in school years 1-4, meets on Tuesday evenings in term time. Their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Connect, for children in school years 5-7, meets on Friday evening in term time. Again their regular activities include games, Bible stories and crafts.

Annually, there is an organized weekend away for Kidz Klub and Connect children using the facilities of a local Boy's Brigade.

We also annually hold a holiday club for children aged five to 11 on five successive mornings in August. This is available to children from church families as well as others from the local community. Activities in both of these events include music, drama, crafts and Bible teaching.

During most of 2020 these activities could not be held in person, but some groups met online using Zoom meetings. Special events, such as the annual Light Party, were also held on Zoom and attracted large numbers of children.

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Online services for children were provided throughout lockdown in addition to the regular services, enabling children to continue to worship and receive teaching and to feel engaged with the church.

Work with teenagers

KORU for those in school year 8 and above meets on a Friday evening and involves a variety of activities including games, worship and film nights. We tend to rotate what happens each week, but always include prayer and weeks where we focus on some Bible teaching on issues relevant to personal living. External activities are organised regularly and an annual weekend away is a feature of the programme for this age group. There are a variety of backgrounds, and so flexibility and variety are important. This is designed to be a safe place where young people feel comfortable to invite their friends and ask questions without fear of judgement.

Crucible is a fortnightly discipleship gathering of our older youth and young adults. It is a time of fellowship and looking at topics which challenge and encourage members into closer relationship with Jesus. Members are all encouraged to actively step out and discover and use their giftings by getting involved with our Friday youth group and Sunday church services. Alongside this 1-1 mentoring is actively encouraged to further assist in the growth and development of our young adults.

Work with the elderly

Our approach to working with older people aims to provide for every aspect of their lives; spiritual, emotional, practical. To this end we have Friday Focus, which meets every Friday morning and has a different focus each week of the month. Focus on Prayer and Focus on The Bible helps meet the spiritual needs of those who attend the church where they are able to share needs and concerns in confidence. Focus on the Bible allows us to discuss issues that are sometimes puzzling in a rapidly changing world while taking a biblical approach to understanding. Focus on Film followed by a light lunch attracts people from within and without the church helping combat loneliness and develop new friendships. Focus on People is a great opportunity to hear about other people's lives and get to know other better. It is an effective way of introducing new people and allowing the opportunity to share our histories and appreciate each other.

Our Regular Sunday mornings, services held in three local residential homes for the elderly have had to be stop since Covid-19 but we have maintained contact via cards, small gifts for the residents and DVD which have been produced by the church and have offered residents what we could not provide in person.

On issues of pastoral care, it is recognised that some areas need to be dealt with by the pastors but others can be undertaken by lay members of the church. Pastors visit those who are in hospital or bereaved but other visits are undertaken by trusted volunteers. The pastoral team will visit those who are housebound on a monthly basis as well as those who the pastors feel would benefit from a visit. Contact has been maintained during. The Covid-19 lockdowns by phone calls, cards, small gifts and newsletters.

A wheelchair is available in the church and a loop system is fitted for those with hearing difficulties. Of particular benefit in small group situations have been the six portable loop hearing systems that were purchased some time ago. We have also purchased a walker which is kept in the church for anyone who might need it.

We aim to hold craft days at times which allow people to exercise their creativity, while also providing easy activities for the not so creative. These prove very therapeutic and relaxing for those who attend.

We are at present looking into how we can help combat loneliness amongst the older generation and hope to be able to befriend those who struggle in their later years.

All our activities are free of charge.

Work with adults

Several small groups meet on a regular basis. These consist of groups which study the Bible, pray and enjoy fellowship together. Many are geographically based but there are others which are interest or age based. Members are free to select the group which best suits their needs. Throughout the year membership of these small groups has risen steadily.

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From time to time, as the need dictates, groups are also organised to introduce seekers to the Christian faith, disciple new Christians in their faith and promote Christian values in relationships and marriage.

Some members of the church also visit the homeless centre in Lancaster to give help where it is needed. Some are also closely involved with the work of Grace Ministries in Morecambe which is a food bank and advice centre for those in need. Many members of the congregation give regular gifts of food and clothing to this work.

During 2020 Covid-19 restrictions prevented small groups from meeting, however many groups used online services such as Zoom to continue meeting regularly. Whether able to continue meeting in this way or not, small group leaders ensured their members were connected, cared for and prayed for throughout the year.

Mission

The church recognises its responsibility to encourage and support the worldwide church and has given, from its income, money towards mission work in Greece, Portugal and Belgium. It has also made many donations towards the work of national and international Christian mission work including, but not limited to: Cedar House counselling service in Preston, The Christian Institute, Christian Motorcyclists Association, Gideons International, Grace Ministries and NISCU.

In addition to all of this, special collections are made during Christmas, Easter and Harvest services to support worthy and topical causes.

The church has been further developing its relationship with a Christian ministry in Ukraine, with further ongoing support in 2020. We have raised funds as a church, and many members have given additional gifts to support the work in Ukraine, in particular the development of a drug rehabilitation centre. A visit was planned by the leaders of the mission in Ukraine for May 2020, however this was postponed due to Covid-19.

Thornton Light & Life Church

January 2021 marked four years since the church plant into Thornton was officially launched. The ministry is led by Mr Jonathan Leech, who is supported pastorally and administratively by Mrs Lydia Baines.

Until March 2020 the church was meeting at the Little theatre in Thornton, with growing numbers, a large core of committed members, and its own leadership team which was established to manage the direction and day to day running of the church, while remaining under the responsibility and oversight of the Elder Trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church.

When the church was unable to meet in person the team quickly adapted to providing online content, initially in conjunction with Garstang Free Methodist Church, and then separately.

Online provision continued throughout 2020 and into 2021, until live services were permitted in May 2021.

Volunteers

The Elder Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make the church the loving fellowship it is. It would be wrong to single out anyone for special mention but we do want to acknowledge that everything that is done is an expression of the love and commitment everyone has for the Lord, the fellowship of believers and the wider community in which we live.

The church is aware of, and takes seriously its safeguarding responsibilities and, where appropriate, volunteers are DBS checked. A specialist external advisor has designed our safeguarding policies and relevant training is compulsory.

Church building

In 2018, following many years of deliberation regarding the scope and nature of work required, the church began the process of extending the church building to provide more classrooms, meeting areas and a new, larger kitchen. The work was completed by June 2019, providing much needed space for Sunday School and a variety of groups that meet throughout the week.

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In September 2019 the Elder Trustees decided to press ahead with Phase 2 of the building development, which would remodel the sanctuary to increase seating capacity and make better use of the space, as well as replacing part of the roof that required significant repair. The work began in July 2020 and was completed in February 2021.

Throughout the period of building works the church was unable to meet due to Covid-19 restrictions, therefore the project had minimal impact on the operation of the church activities. The completed building has been very well received since re-opening, and the additional space has enabled the church to comply with Covid-19 restrictions while still accommodating relatively large numbers of people.

The Elder Trustees are very grateful to God for His care and provision, and seek to use the new facilities wisely as in furtherance of His Kingdom.

Financial review

The attached financial statements give a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the charity during 2020 and show that the charity ended the year with free reserves of £58,136 (2019: £68,228). It is the policy of the charity to maintain the free reserves at a level equivalent to approximately two months of expenditure to cover church running costs should income fall.

The amount recovered from HMRC through the Gift Aid scheme was £32,966. This continues to be a crucial source of income for the church.

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The main governing document of the Charity is the Trust Deed dated 21 April 1983.

In 2017 the Church Membership voted to adopt a new structure for governance and management of the church and its ministries. The Church Leadership Team (CLT), which had been comprised of trustees who worked alongside the pastors to lead the church as well as its individual ministries, was replaced with two new bodies: the Elder Trustees and the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT).

The church is governed by the Elder Trustee Board which is comprised of two lay delegates, a finance director, a fabric director and five elder trustees. All are trustees of the Church and work closely with the pastors in promoting the whole mission of the Church to provide pastoral care, an evangelistic outlook, opportunity for fellowship and awareness of the needs of the Church worldwide. The purpose of the Elder Trustees is to provide governance and to empower the pastoral team to fulfil the Church mission statement, to be "a Christian community discipling all generations".

The Elder Trustees are also responsible for the upkeep of the Church properties (which comprise the church building on Windsor Road, the Meadow Park manse and a house on Pine Grove previously bequeathed to the church) and to manage and monitor the finances of the Church.

The lay delegates represent the church in the UK Free Methodist conference where they and the pastors have voting rights.

Election to the Elder Trustee Board takes place annually in June. Elder Trustees are initially appointed for a twelve month term, and then if re-elected can choose to serve for terms of between 12 months and three years, in order to stagger the dates on which appointments are made.

Ministry Leaders are appointed by the pastors and ratified by both the Elder Trustees and the Church Membership at the ASM. They undertake supervision of specific ministry areas including Children, Youth, Adult, Seniors and Worship, and seek to fulfil the Church's mission statement through those ministries.

Rev John Sainsbury served as Lead Pastor for the church until his departure in August 2020. Rev Andy Woof served as Associate Pastor and Mr Andrew Tissingh served as Families, Youth and Missions Pastoral Assistant.

During 2020 the Elder Trustee Board worked alongside national leadership to recruit a new Lead Pastor. Rev Ian Heath was appointed and joined the church in January 2021.

The local church is answerable to the UK conference of the Free Methodist Church which in 2020 was governed by a National Leadership Team of Rev John Townley, Rev Andrew Gardner, Rev Michael Bretton and Bishop Keith Cowart of the Free Methodist Church in America. With effect from January 2021 Rev John Townley has been the National Leader of the Free Methodist Church in the UK and Ireland.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs R Thornton - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GARSTANG FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Garstang Free Methodist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Garstang Free Methodist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants 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.

T M Preece F.C.C.A
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Scott & Wilkinson LLP
Chartered Accountants
Dalton House
9 Dalton Square
LANCASTER
LA1 1WD

Date: October 2021

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies		144,154	112,090	256,244	247,656
Charitable activities					
Church activities		10,080	-	10,080	6,262
Pine Grove		-	1,500	1,500	1,500
Investment income	2	138	82	220	370
Total		<u>154,372</u>	<u>113,672</u>	<u>268,044</u>	<u>255,788</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities					
Church activities		172,038	28,734	200,772	211,638
Pine Grove		-	132	132	100
Total		<u>172,038</u>	<u>28,866</u>	<u>200,904</u>	<u>211,738</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(17,666)</u>	<u>84,806</u>	<u>67,140</u>	<u>44,050</u>
Transfers between funds	9	<u>(1,242)</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(18,908)</u>	<u>86,048</u>	<u>67,140</u>	<u>44,050</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		906,842	544,624	1,451,466	1,407,416
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>887,934</u></u>	<u><u>630,672</u></u>	<u><u>1,518,606</u></u>	<u><u>1,451,466</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	829,798	652,442	1,482,240	1,241,346
Current assets					
Debtors	7	17,109	-	17,109	27,595
Cash at bank		59,418	118,230	177,648	199,225
		<u>76,527</u>	<u>118,230</u>	<u>194,757</u>	<u>226,820</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(18,391)	(140,000)	(158,391)	(16,700)
Net current assets		<u>58,136</u>	<u>(21,770)</u>	<u>36,366</u>	<u>210,120</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>887,934</u>	<u>630,672</u>	<u>1,518,606</u>	<u>1,451,466</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>887,934</u>	<u>630,672</u>	<u>1,518,606</u>	<u>1,451,466</u>
Funds	9				
Unrestricted funds				887,934	906,842
Restricted funds				630,672	544,624
Total funds				<u>1,518,606</u>	<u>1,451,466</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs S Kelsall - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% Straight Line (improvements only)
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

2. Investment income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	220	370
	<u>220</u>	<u>370</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

4. Staff costs

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Charitable activities	-	6
	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	154,983	92,673	247,656
Charitable activities			
Church activities	6,262	-	6,262
Pine Grove	-	1,500	1,500
Investment income	254	116	370
Total	<u>161,499</u>	<u>94,289</u>	<u>255,788</u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Church activities	200,713	10,925	211,638
Pine Grove	-	100	100
Total	<u>200,713</u>	<u>11,025</u>	<u>211,738</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(39,214)</u>	<u>83,264</u>	<u>44,050</u>
Transfers between funds	184	(184)	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(39,030)</u>	<u>83,080</u>	<u>44,050</u>

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5. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	945,872	461,544	1,407,416
Total funds carried forward	<u>906,842</u>	<u>544,624</u>	<u>1,451,466</u>

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 January 2020	1,187,814	106,220	113,068	1,407,102
Additions	263,028	2,367	-	265,395
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,450,842</u>	<u>108,587</u>	<u>113,068</u>	<u>1,672,497</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	-	54,214	111,542	165,756
Charge for year	13,318	10,878	305	24,501
At 31 December 2020	<u>13,318</u>	<u>65,092</u>	<u>111,847</u>	<u>190,257</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,437,524</u>	<u>43,495</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>1,482,240</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,187,814</u>	<u>52,006</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>1,241,346</u>

7. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Gift Aid recoverable	16,823	27,375
Prepayments	286	220
	<u>17,109</u>	<u>27,595</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Taxation and social security	575	1,855
Other creditors	157,816	14,845
	<u>158,391</u>	<u>16,700</u>

9. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/20	Net	Transfers	At
	£	movement	between	31/12/20
		in funds	funds	
		£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	873,715	(17,776)	(1,242)	854,697
Building Fund	33,127	110	-	33,237
	<u>906,842</u>	<u>(17,666)</u>	<u>(1,242)</u>	<u>887,934</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	1,998	(813)	-	1,185
Building Fund	523,529	84,251	-	607,780
Pine Grove	19,097	1,368	1,242	21,707
	<u>544,624</u>	<u>84,806</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>630,672</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,451,466</u>	<u>67,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,518,606</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	154,262	(172,038)	(17,776)
Building Fund	110	-	110
	<u>154,372</u>	<u>(172,038)</u>	<u>(17,666)</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	14,603	(15,416)	(813)
Building Fund	97,569	(13,318)	84,251
Pine Grove	1,500	(132)	1,368
	<u>113,672</u>	<u>(28,866)</u>	<u>84,806</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>268,044</u>	<u>(200,904)</u>	<u>67,140</u>

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9. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	912,871	(39,340)	184	873,715
Building Fund	33,001	126	-	33,127
	<u>945,872</u>	<u>(39,214)</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>906,842</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	4,559	(623)	(1,939)	1,997
Building Fund	441,043	82,487	-	523,530
Pine Grove	15,942	1,400	1,755	19,097
	<u>461,544</u>	<u>83,264</u>	<u>(184)</u>	<u>544,624</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,407,416</u></u>	<u><u>44,050</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,451,466</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	161,373	(200,713)	(39,340)
Building Fund	126	-	126
	<u>161,499</u>	<u>(200,713)</u>	<u>(39,214)</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	10,302	(10,925)	(623)
Building Fund	82,487	-	82,487
Pine Grove	1,500	(100)	1,400
	<u>94,289</u>	<u>(11,025)</u>	<u>83,264</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>255,788</u></u>	<u><u>(211,738)</u></u>	<u><u>44,050</u></u>

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9. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	912,871	(57,116)	(1,058)	854,697
Building Fund	33,001	236	-	33,237
	<u>945,872</u>	<u>(56,880)</u>	<u>(1,058)</u>	<u>887,934</u>
Restricted funds				
Specified Gifts	4,559	(1,436)	(1,939)	1,184
Building Fund	441,043	166,738	-	607,781
Pine Grove	15,942	2,768	2,997	21,707
	<u>461,544</u>	<u>168,070</u>	<u>1,058</u>	<u>630,672</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,407,416</u></u>	<u><u>111,190</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,518,606</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	315,635	(372,751)	(57,116)
Building Fund	236	-	236
	<u>315,871</u>	<u>(372,751)</u>	<u>(56,880)</u>
Restricted funds			
Specified Gifts	24,905	(26,341)	(1,436)
Building Fund	180,056	(13,318)	166,738
Pine Grove	3,000	(232)	2,768
	<u>207,961</u>	<u>(39,891)</u>	<u>168,070</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>523,832</u></u>	<u><u>(412,642)</u></u>	<u><u>111,190</u></u>

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10. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.