

# THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH, BARTLE

England & Wales · Charity number 518144

## Details

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**Other names** CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1986-11-06

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY SHALL BE THE FURTHERANCE IN BARTLE OF THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA IN MANNER PROVIDED FOR IN THE MODEL SCHEME.

**Activities:** We are a local church serving the local community. We seek to spread the good news of the gospel in this area and to support individuals and other Christian organizations in different parts of the world

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** BARTLE
- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£81,974	£121,233	-	-
2024-12-31	£87,799	£128,818	-	-
2023-12-31	£69,661	£141,167	-	-
2022-12-31	£61,403	£131,270	-	-
2021-12-31	£64,984	£91,940	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BARBARA CLARK		
COLIN DAVID HOGARTH		2024-04-17
Derek William Rosendale		2024-04-17
James William Rosendale		2023-03-08
MR ALAN CLARK		
Rev Ian Kenneth Clarkson		2023-04-06

**THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH, BARTLE**

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 518144 (England and Wales)

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**



# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees**

Mr A Clark  
Mrs B Clark  
Mr J W Rosendale  
Rev I K Clarkson  
Mr C Hogarth  
Mr D Rosendale

**Charity number (England and Wales)**

518144

**Principal address**

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# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

#### **Objectives and activities**

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

The church was established for Christian worship, prayer, Bible teaching and the preaching of the gospel. We seek to serve the local community by providing a place of prayer and worship. Our Sunday services each week continue to underline these objectives. The support of missionary work in various parts of the world is high on our agenda. The words of Jesus underline these objectives, "Go you therefore and teach all nations.

At the end of June we had a barbecue and sports evening, a good number of people were there, the young people did sports and races but got completely soaked because of the heavy rain, they really enjoyed it! Will Marsden gave a gospel message near the end, people were really listening.

During November we had a firework night, Fire pits were lighted and many folk attended. A message was given by John Gorst before the fireworks were lit everyone was invited to stay for soup, hot dogs and cakes. The monthly service in the local care home continues with many of the residents attending who really appreciate a friendly chat with people from the church. The ladies meetings are held almost every month with many interesting speakers, refreshments are always available. A ladies day is usually held each year with a special speaker and a good meal. Youth work and the children's club continue on Friday nights. We pray that the numbers will increase in the coming months.

The mini bus continues to be used by the youth club for travelling to various events etc, and picking up children to attend the Christmas play and other activities. A mother and toddler group has now been started which is very well attended. Good opportunities are created each week to share the gospel message with children, mums and dads.

A carol service was held in the church this year; also a service was held on Christmas day.

The local school used the church building for their annual nativity play and the junior Christmas performance; the church was packed with parent's children and friends. We are also able to use the mini bus to transport pupils and staff to outside school activities which is greatly appreciated. Carol Services were also held in the local priory hospital and Swillbrook Rest Home.

We praise the Lord for His blessings day by day one being the fact that our services continue to be on line and many people can see and hear the word of God in their homes.

We look forward to the future as the Lord leads us together in the days ahead.

#### *Public benefit*

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

All our activities are offered free of charge to ensure they are accessible to all, and we are regularly promote and publicise our activities in the local community.

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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### **Achievements and performance**

#### *Significant activities and achievements against objectives*

Looking back over 2025 we are thankful to God for His continued provision of the gifts tithes and offerings for His work. We count it a privilege to have been able to support many missionary societies and individuals home and overseas, with gifts amounting to £45,344. We have continued to reach out into our local community with God's love and care.

### **Financial review**

Reserves held are usually sufficient to pay on-going expenses for at least two months. Any surplus funds are transferred to interest bearing accounts. Reserves held at the year-end are £187,860 (2024 - £301,187).

#### *Investment policy*

At the present time the trustees are seeking to use the money we have received from the sale of the land to help and support other Christian organizations and individuals. Also funds are being used to maintain and improve the church building and its facilities for the community in this area. Work has now been completed on the improvements to the church building.

A house and small field was purchased in 2018 adjacent to the church with a view to be used as a manse or rented out to church personnel. We have now completed an extension at the back of the property which is a new kitchen, utility room and toilet facilities. Since May it has been occupied by our own Pastor and his family.

A replacement garage has also been built as well as tarmacking the drive area. New fencing has been completed around the property and a storage shed across the yard has been re-roofed with electricity being restored after strong winds cut the supply off. The field is at the moment rented out on an annual summer grazing agreement, but could be used for car park extension and games area in the future.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity was established by trust deed dated 27/03/00 (New Scheme) and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 518144

Crown Lane Free Methodist Church is one of a number of Free Methodist Churches in the United Kingdom Conference.

The members of the church elect the trustees on an annual basis. The annual General meeting is held in the early part of the year.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr A Clark

Mrs B Clark

Mr J W Rosendale

Rev I K Clarkson

Mr C Hogarth

Mr D Rosendale

#### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

The members of the church elect the trustees on an annual basis. The annual general meeting is held in the early part of the year.

# **CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025***

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr A Clark

Date: .....

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Crown Lane Free Methodist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. You are satisfied that the financial statements of the charity are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 63 of the Charities Act 2008 and section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

#### **T M Preece FCCA**

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United Kingdom  
Date: .....

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	66,598	3,417	70,015	67,291	3,178	70,469
Investments	4	11,958	1	11,959	17,332	-	17,332
<b>Total income</b>		78,556	3,418	81,974	84,623	3,178	87,801
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	5	117,485	3,748	121,233	125,458	3,361	128,819
<b>Total expenditure</b>		117,485	3,748	121,233	125,458	3,361	128,819
<b>Net expenditure and movement in funds</b>		(38,929)	(330)	(39,259)	(40,835)	(183)	(41,018)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		1,619,855	1,274	1,621,129	1,660,689	1,458	1,662,147
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2025</b>		1,580,926	944	1,581,870	1,619,854	1,275	1,621,129

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

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		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		644,769		637,719
Investment property	13		749,024		681,804
			<u>1,393,793</u>		<u>1,319,523</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	7,245		7,425	
Cash at bank and in hand		184,166		297,823	
		<u>191,411</u>		<u>305,248</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	(3,334)		(3,642)	
		<u>188,077</u>		<u>301,606</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>188,077</u>		<u>301,606</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,581,870</u>		<u>1,621,129</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	17		944		1,275
Unrestricted funds	18		1,580,926		1,619,854
			<u>1,581,870</u>		<u>1,621,129</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

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Mr A Clark

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Crown Lane Free Methodist Church is an unincorporated charity.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Nil
Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing balance
Computers	25% Straight line
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Donations and gifts	66,598	3,417	70,015	67,291	3,178	70,469

#### 4 Income from investments

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Rental income	205	-	205	480	-	480
Interest receivable	11,753	1	11,754	16,852	-	16,852
	<u>11,958</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11,959</u>	<u>17,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,332</u>

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	<b>Church activities 2025 £</b>	<b>Church activities 2024 £</b>
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	36,792	40,464
Depreciation and impairment	5,558	7,060
Insurance	3,164	3,147
Telephone	1,028	832
Postage and stationery	281	327
Sundries	262	459
Travelling	-	810
Church running costs	10,266	9,354
Repairs and maintenance	3,554	4,527
conference levy	2,892	2,532
Subscriptions	248	239
Visiting preachers expenses	1,135	1,510
Woodland running costs	5,000	12,750
Minibus expenses	2,382	2,756
Outreach expenses	1,275	439
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	73,837	87,206
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	45,343	39,643
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>		
Support	50	50
Governance	2,003	1,920
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	121,233	128,819
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<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	117,485	125,458
Restricted funds	3,748	3,361
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	121,233	128,819
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# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 6 Grants payable

	Church activities 2025 £	Church activities 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Christian Institute	3,200	2,200
Heart Church	5,050	3,000
The Faith Mission	1,200	2,950
Kays Farm Childrens Homes	7,500	120
Ministry to Asians	1,200	1,700
Tanzania Farm Trust	7,200	2,200
Slavic Gospel	3,170	6,700
SportsReach	2,400	2,250
Message Trust	650	250
Hungry for Life	1,053	1,680
MAF	1,000	-
Logos Ministries International	1,938	2,000
Glasgow church plant	6,600	6,600
Yorkshire Camps	-	5,000
Armenian Ministries	-	1,000
Other	1,557	943
	<u>43,718</u>	<u>38,593</u>
Grants to individuals	1,625	1,050
	<u>45,343</u>	<u>39,643</u>

### 7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank charges	50	50
Governance costs	2,003	1,920
	<u>2,053</u>	<u>1,970</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Church activities	<u>2,053</u>	<u>1,970</u>

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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<b>8</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,003	1,920
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	5,558	7,060
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Charitable activities	1	1
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

#### Employment costs

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	34,074	37,902
Other pension costs	2,718	2,562
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>36,792</u>	<u>40,464</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2025	608,192	24,166	361	10,000	642,719
Additions	10,008	2,600	-	-	12,608
At 31 December 2025	618,200	26,766	361	10,000	655,327
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2025	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Depreciation charged in the year	-	4,015	293	1,250	5,558
At 31 December 2025	-	4,015	293	6,250	10,558
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2025	618,200	22,751	68	3,750	644,769
At 31 December 2024	608,192	24,166	361	5,000	637,719

### 13 Investment property

	<b>2025</b> £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 January 2025	681,803
Additions through external acquisition	67,221
At 31 December 2025	749,024

The investment property was valued at market value by the Trustees at 31 December 2021.

### 14 Debtors

	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	7,245	7,425

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
Other taxation and social security	457	617
Trade creditors	1,552	1,765
Accruals and deferred income	1,325	1,260
	3,334	3,642

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 16 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	2,718	2,562
	<u>2,718</u>	<u>2,562</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

### 17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£
	-	-	(160)	(160)
Sunday school	262	420	(483)	199
Gifts for specific purposes	1,012	2,998	(3,105)	905
	<u>1,274</u>	<u>3,418</u>	<u>(3,748)</u>	<u>944</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>At 31 December 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Sunday school	295	787	(820)	262
Gifts for specific purposes	1,163	2,391	(2,541)	1,013
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>3,178</u>	<u>(3,361)</u>	<u>1,275</u>

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

#### 18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£
General fund	600,204	78,556	(131,478)	547,282
Unrestricted designated fund	1,019,650	-	(5,040)	1,014,610
General funds	1	-	19,033	19,034
	<u>1,619,855</u>	<u>78,556</u>	<u>(117,485)</u>	<u>1,580,926</u>

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	756,089	84,623	(118,548)	722,164
Designated fund	904,600	-	(6,910)	897,690
	<u>1,660,689</u>	<u>84,623</u>	<u>(125,458)</u>	<u>1,619,854</u>

#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
<b>At 31 December 2025:</b>			
Tangible assets	644,041	728	644,769
Investment properties	749,024	-	749,024
Current assets/(liabilities)	187,861	216	188,077
	<u>1,580,926</u>	<u>944</u>	<u>1,581,870</u>

# CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 December 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	636,863	856	637,719
Investment properties	681,804	-	681,804
Current assets/(liabilities)	301,187	419	301,606
	<u>1,619,854</u>	<u>1,275</u>	<u>1,621,129</u>

### 20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

**THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH, BARTLE**

England & Wales - Charity number 518144

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# Accounts

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr N J Bovenizer (resigned 21/11/2024) Mr J A Clark Mrs B Clark Mr J W Rosendale Rev I K Clarkson Mr C Hogarth (appointed 17/4/2024) Mr D Rosendale (appointed 17/4/2024)
<b>Principal address</b>	Godson House Farm Catforth PRESTON PR4 0HE
<b>Registered charity number</b>	518144
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Xeinadin Dalton House 9 Dalton Square LANCASTER LA1 1WD
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank 292 Garstang Road Fulwood Preston PR4 0HE

## **CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

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

##### **Significant activities**

The church was established for Christian worship, prayer, Bible teaching and the preaching of the gospel. We seek to serve the local community by providing a place of prayer and worship. Our Sunday services each week continue to underline these objectives. The support of missionary work in various parts of the world is high on our agenda. The words of Jesus underline these objectives, "Go you therefore and teach all nations.

During March five students came from Capenwray College they visited schools and took assemblies, also they went round the area handing out blessing bags containing tracts and other items. We had various activities at the church and held a Keli at the village Hall which was well attended, we were sad to see them go.

During November we had a firework night, Fire pits were lighted and many folk attended. A message was given before the fireworks were lit everyone was invited to stay for soup, hot dogs and cakes.

The monthly service in the local care home continues with many of the residents attending. The ladies meetings are held almost every month with many interesting speakers. Youth work and the children's club continue on Friday nights. We pray that the numbers will increase in the coming months.

The mini bus continues to be used by the youth club for travelling to various events etc., and picking up children to attend the Christmas play and other activities.

A carol service was held in the church this year; also a service was held on Christmas day.

The local school used the premises for their annual nativity; the church was packed with parent's children and friends.

We praise the Lord for His blessings day by day one being the fact that our services are now on line and many people can see and hear the word of God in their homes.

We look forward to the future as the Lord leads us together in the days ahead.

##### **Public benefit**

All our activities are offered free of charge to ensure they are accessible to all, and we regularly promote and publicise our activities in the local community.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Achievement and performance**

##### **Charitable activities**

Looking back over 2024 we are thankful to God for His continued provision of the gifts tithes and offerings for His work. We count it a privilege to have been able to support many missionary societies and individuals home and overseas, with gifts amounting to £39,644. We have continued to reach out into our local community with God's love and care.

## **CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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#### **Financial review**

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

At the present time the trustees are seeking to use the money we have received from the sale of the land to help and support other Christian organizations and individuals. Also funds are being used to maintain and improve the church building and its facilities for the community in this area. Work has now been completed on the improvements to the church building.

A house and small field was purchased in 2018 adjacent to the church with a view to be used as a manse or rented out to church personnel, it is now empty and we have now almost completed an extension at the back of the property which will be a new kitchen and Utility room. A replacement garage is being built as well as tarmacking the drive area in the New Year; new fencing has been completed around the property and a storage shed across the yard has been re-roofed with electricity being restored after strong winds cut the supply off.

The field is at the moment rented out on an annual summer grazing agreement, but could be used for car park extension and games area in the future.

##### **Reserves policy**

Reserves held are usually sufficient to pay on-going expenses for at least two months. Any surplus funds are transferred to interest bearing accounts. Reserves held at the year-end are £301,187 (2023 - £457,073)

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Governing document**

The charity was established by trust deed dated 27/03/00 (new scheme) and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 518144.

Crown Lane Free Methodist Church is one of a number of Free Methodist Churches in the United Kingdom Conference.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The members of the church elect the trustees on an annual basis. The annual General meeting is held in the early part of the year.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr J A Clark - Trustee

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

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Crown Lane Free Methodist Church**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Crown Lane 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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31 March 2025

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments from</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	67,290	3,177	70,467	56,030
Investment income	3	17,332	-	17,332	13,631
<b>Total</b>		<u>84,622</u>	<u>3,177</u>	<u>87,799</u>	<u>69,661</u>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable activities</b>					
Church activities	4	<u>125,457</u>	<u>3,361</u>	<u>128,818</u>	<u>141,167</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(40,835)	(184)	(41,019)	(71,506)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,660,689	1,458	1,662,147	1,733,653
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>1,619,854</u></u>	<u><u>1,274</u></u>	<u><u>1,621,128</u></u>	<u><u>1,662,147</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10	636,864	856	637,720	640,723
Investment property	11	681,803	-	681,803	563,900
		<u>1,318,667</u>	<u>856</u>	<u>1,319,523</u>	<u>1,204,623</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	7,424	-	7,424	5,562
Cash at bank		297,405	418	297,823	462,951
		<u>304,829</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>305,247</u>	<u>468,513</u>
<b>Creditors</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,642)	-	(3,642)	(10,989)
		<u>301,187</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>301,605</u>	<u>457,524</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>					
		<u>1,619,854</u>	<u>1,274</u>	<u>1,621,128</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
		<u>1,619,854</u>	<u>1,274</u>	<u>1,621,128</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,619,854</u>	<u>1,274</u>	<u>1,621,128</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	14			1,619,854	1,660,689
Unrestricted funds				1,274	1,458
Restricted funds					
<b>Total funds</b>				<u>1,621,128</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr J A Clark - 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, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

**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.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% Reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 4 years

**Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1. Accounting policies - continued**

**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.

**2. Donations and legacies**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Committed giving	61,526	50,356
Gift aid	8,941	5,674
	<u>70,467</u>	<u>56,030</u>

**3. Investment income**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rents received	480	6,730
Deposit account interest	16,716	6,901
Other interest receivable	136	-
	<u>17,332</u>	<u>13,631</u>

**4. Charitable activities costs**

	<b>Direct Costs £</b>	<b>Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 6) £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
Church activities	<u>87,205</u>	<u>39,643</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>128,818</u>

**5. Grants payable**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church activities	<u>39,643</u>	<u>68,575</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**5. Grants payable - continued**

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ministry to Asians	1,700	750
Street Pastors	-	160
Kays Farm Childrens Home	120	580
Faith Mission	2,950	1,550
Sportsreach	2,250	750
Tanzania Farm Trust	2,200	2,850
Christian Institute	2,200	750
Childcare Ministries	213	80
Slavic Gospel	6,700	1,500
Capernwray Bible School	250	-
Heart Church Morecambe	3,000	-
International Aid	-	270
Glasgow Church Plant	6,600	6,600
Kirkham Free Methodist Church	-	50,000
Lea Primary School	-	200
Platform 67	-	1,435
Josiah Venture	250	200
Logos Ministries	2,000	-
Hungry For Life	1,680	-
The Message Trust	250	-
Armenian Ministries	1,000	-
Yorkshire Camps	5,000	-
Balloon Ministries	230	-
	<u>38,593</u>	<u>67,675</u>

**6. Support costs**

	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Governance</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>costs</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church activities	<u>50</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,970</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**6. Support costs - continued**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Governance costs**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Church</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>activities</b>	<b>activities</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy fees	1,920	1,851
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**7. 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.

**8. Staff costs**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	37,902	28,103
Other pension costs	2,562	1,863
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>40,464</u>	<u>29,966</u>

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

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Charitable activities	<u>          1</u>	<u>          1</u>

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

**9. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and endowments from</b>			
Donations and legacies	50,605	5,425	56,030
Investment income	13,631	-	13,631
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>64,236</u>	<u>5,425</u>	<u>69,661</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church activities	135,606	5,561	141,167
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(71,370)	(136)	(71,506)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	1,732,059	1,594	1,733,653
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>1,660,689</u>	<u>1,458</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024	608,192	80,770	10,000	1,174	700,136
Additions	-	4,057	-	-	4,057
At 31 December 2024	<u>608,192</u>	<u>84,827</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>1,174</u>	<u>704,193</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2024	-	56,394	2,500	519	59,413
Charge for year	-	4,266	2,500	294	7,060
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>60,660</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>66,473</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2024	<u>608,192</u>	<u>24,167</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>637,720</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>608,192</u>	<u>24,376</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>655</u>	<u>640,723</u>

11. Investment property

	£
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 January 2024	563,900
Additions	117,903
At 31 December 2024	<u>681,803</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2024	<u>681,803</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>563,900</u>

The investment property was valued at market value by the Trustees at the 31 December 2021.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**12. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	7,424	5,562

**13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	1,765	9,143
Social security and other taxes	617	646
Accrued expenses	1,260	1,200
	<u>3,642</u>	<u>10,989</u>

**14. Movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/24</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>At 31/12/24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	756,089	(33,925)	(121,960)	600,204
Unrestricted designated funds	904,600	(6,910)	121,960	1,019,650
	<u>1,660,689</u>	<u>(40,835)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,619,854</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Sunday school	295	(33)	-	262
Gifts for specific purposes	1,163	(151)	-	1,012
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>(184)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,274</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,662,147</u>	<u>(41,019)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,621,128</u>

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

	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	84,623	(118,548)	(33,925)
Unrestricted designated funds	(1)	(6,909)	(6,910)
	<u>84,622</u>	<u>(125,457)</u>	<u>(40,835)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	787	(820)	(33)
Gifts for specific purposes	2,390	(2,541)	(151)
	<u>3,177</u>	<u>(3,361)</u>	<u>(184)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>87,799</u>	<u>(128,818)</u>	<u>(41,019)</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**14. Movement in funds - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	841,140	(64,451)	(20,600)	756,089
Unrestricted designated funds	890,919	(6,919)	20,600	904,600
	<u>1,732,059</u>	<u>(71,370)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,660,689</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Sunday school	254	41	-	295
Gifts for specific purposes	1,340	(177)	-	1,163
	<u>1,594</u>	<u>(136)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,458</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,733,653</u></u>	<u><u>(71,506)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,662,147</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	64,236	(128,687)	(64,451)
Unrestricted designated funds	-	(6,919)	(6,919)
	<u>64,236</u>	<u>(135,606)</u>	<u>(71,370)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	390	(349)	41
Gifts for specific purposes	5,035	(5,212)	(177)
	<u>5,425</u>	<u>(5,561)</u>	<u>(136)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>69,661</u></u>	<u><u>(141,167)</u></u>	<u><u>(71,506)</u></u>

Designated funds comprises fixed assets designated for the purpose of church activities.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**15. Related party disclosures**

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

**THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH, BARTLE**

England & Wales - Charity number 518144

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# Accounts

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Scott & Wilkinson  
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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr N J Bovenizer Mr J A Clark Mrs B Clark Mr D W Rosendale (resigned 8/3/2023) Mrs B Scott (resigned 8/3/2023) Mrs M Sudell (resigned 8/3/2023) Mr W Cornall (resigned 8/3/2023) Mr J W Rosendale (appointed 8/3/2023) Rev I K Clarkson (appointed 6/4/2023)
<b>Principal address</b>	Godson House Farm Catforth PRESTON PR4 0HE
<b>Registered charity number</b>	518144
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Scott & Wilkinson Dalton House 9 Dalton Square LANCASTER LA1 1WD
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank 292 Garstang Road Fulwood Preston PR4 0HE

## **CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

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

##### **Significant activities**

The church was established for Christian worship, prayer, Bible teaching and the preaching of the gospel. We seek to serve the local community by providing a place of prayer and worship. The support of missionary work in various parts of the world is high on our agenda. The words of Jesus underline these objectives, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations.

At the beginning of April we welcomed Rev Ian Clarkson to be our new Pastor, along with his wife Joanna and their three children; they have been a great blessing to the fellowship. We look forward to the future as they under the Lords guidance lead us forward in the days ahead

Out church activities are now beginning to grow, the monthly service in the local care home continues with many of the residents attending. The ladies work is now in full swing again with meetings almost every month. Youth work and the children's club have now restarted and numbers are increasing. We pray that the numbers will continue to increase in the coming months.

A mini bus has been purchased and is used by the youth club for travelling to various events etc, and picking up for youth club when needed.

A carol service was held in the church this year; also a service was held on Christmas Day.

The local school used the premises for their annual nativity; the church was packed with parent's children and friends.

We praise the Lord for His blessings day by day one being the fact that our services are now on line and many people can see and hear the word of God in their homes

##### **Public benefit**

All our activities are offered free of charge to ensure they are accessible to all, and we regularly promote and publicise our activities in the local community.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Achievement and performance**

##### **Charitable activities**

Looking back over 2023 we are thankful to God for His continued provision of the gifts tithes and offerings for His work. We count it a privilege to have been able to support many missionary societies and individuals home and overseas, with gifts amounting to £68,575 (2022 - £35,680).

We have continued to reach out into our local community with God's love and care.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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**Financial review**

**Investment policy and objectives**

At the present time the trustees are seeking to use the money we have received from the sale of the land to help and support other Christian organizations and individuals. Also funds are being used to maintain and improve the church building and its facilities for the community in this area. Work has now been completed on the improvements to the church building.

A house and small field was purchased in 2018 adjacent to the church with a view to be used as a manse or rented out to church personnel, it is now empty and we are seeking to improve the downstairs area with a new kitchen.

The field is at the moment rented out on an annual summer grazing agreement, but could be used for car park extension and games area in the future.

**Reserves policy**

Reserves held are usually sufficient to pay on-going expenses for at least two months. Any surplus funds are transferred to interest bearing accounts. Reserves held at the year end are £457,073 (2022 - £543,353)

**Structure, governance and management**

**Governing document**

The charity was established by trust deed dated 27/03/00 (new scheme) and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 518144.

Crown Lane Free Methodist Church is one of a number of Free Methodist Churches in the United Kingdom Conference.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The members of the church elect the trustees on an annual basis. The annual General meeting is held in the early part of the year.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Mr J A Clark - Trustee

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

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Crown Lane Free Methodist Church**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Crown Lane 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**

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

Scott & Wilkinson  
Dalton House  
9 Dalton Square  
LANCASTER  
LA1 1WD

Date: ..... April 2024

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

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		<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2023 Total funds £</b>	<b>2022 Total funds £</b>
<b>Income and endowments from</b>	<b>Notes</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	50,605	5,425	56,030	52,883
Investment income	3	13,631	-	13,631	8,520
<b>Total</b>		<u>64,236</u>	<u>5,425</u>	<u>69,661</u>	<u>61,403</u>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable activities</b>	<b>4</b>				
Church activities		<u>135,606</u>	<u>5,561</u>	<u>141,167</u>	<u>131,270</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(71,370)	(136)	(71,506)	(69,867)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,732,059	1,594	1,733,653	1,803,520
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>1,660,689</u></u>	<u><u>1,458</u></u>	<u><u>1,662,147</u></u>	<u><u>1,733,653</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10	639,716	1,007	640,723	627,219
Investment property	11	563,900	-	563,900	563,900
		<u>1,203,616</u>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>1,204,623</u>	<u>1,191,119</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	5,562	-	5,562	6,493
Cash at bank		462,500	451	462,951	537,270
		<u>468,062</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>468,513</u>	<u>543,763</u>
<b>Creditors</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(10,989)	-	(10,989)	(1,229)
		<u>457,073</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>457,524</u>	<u>542,534</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>					
		<u>1,660,689</u>	<u>1,458</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
		<u>1,660,689</u>	<u>1,458</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,660,689</u>	<u>1,458</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	14			1,660,689	1,732,059
Unrestricted funds				1,458	1,594
Restricted funds					
<b>Total funds</b>				<u>1,662,147</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>

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

.....  
Mr J A Clark - 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, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

**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.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% Reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 4 years

**Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1. Accounting policies - continued**

**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.

**2. Donations and legacies**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Committed giving	50,356	48,414
Gift aid	5,674	4,469
	<u>56,030</u>	<u>52,883</u>

**3. Investment income**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rents received	6,730	7,200
Deposit account interest	6,901	1,320
	<u>13,631</u>	<u>8,520</u>

**4. Charitable activities costs**

	<b>Direct Costs £</b>	<b>Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 6) £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
Church activities	<u>70,716</u>	<u>68,575</u>	<u>1,876</u>	<u>141,167</u>

**5. Grants payable**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church activities	<u>68,575</u>	<u>35,680</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**5. Grants payable - continued**

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ministry to Asians	750	600
Street Pastors	160	-
Kays Farm Childrens Home	580	1,000
Faith Mission	1,550	1,200
Sportsreach	750	760
Sat 7	-	1,260
Sasra	-	1,250
Tanzania Farm Trust	2,850	500
Christian Institute	750	600
Childcare Ministries	80	480
Slavic Gospel	1,500	975
Free Methodist Missions	-	1,150
OMS One Mission	-	7,335
Heart Church Morecambe	-	5,000
International Aid	270	170
Glasgow Church Plant	6,600	10,000
Kirkham Free Methodist Church	50,000	-
Lea Primary School	200	-
Platform 67	1,435	-
Josiah Venture	200	-
	<u>67,675</u>	<u>32,280</u>

**6. Support costs**

	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Governance</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>costs</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church activities	<u>25</u>	<u>1,851</u>	<u>1,876</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Governance costs**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Church</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>activities</b>	<b>activities</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy fees	1,851	1,849
Legal and professional fees	-	1,800
	<u>1,851</u>	<u>3,649</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****7. 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.

**8. Staff costs**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	28,103	22,871
Other pension costs	1,863	2,975
	<u>29,966</u>	<u>25,846</u>

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Charitable activities	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

**9. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>Income and endowments from</b>			
Donations and legacies	47,836	5,047	52,883
Investment income	8,520	-	8,520
<b>Total</b>	<u>56,356</u>	<u>5,047</u>	<u>61,403</u>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable activities</b>			
Church activities	125,927	5,343	131,270
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(69,571)	(296)	(69,867)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	1,801,630	1,890	1,803,520
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>1,732,059</u>	<u>1,594</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold property £</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>	<b>Motor vehicles £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2023	608,192	70,446	-	899	679,537
Additions	-	10,324	10,000	275	20,599
At 31 December 2023	<u>608,192</u>	<u>80,770</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>1,174</u>	<u>700,136</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2023	-	52,093	-	225	52,318
Charge for year	-	4,301	2,500	294	7,095
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>56,394</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>59,413</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2023	<u>608,192</u>	<u>24,376</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>655</u>	<u>640,723</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>608,192</u>	<u>18,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>627,219</u>

**11. Investment property**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>563,900</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2023	<u>563,900</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>563,900</u>

The investment property was valued at market value by the Trustees at the 31 December 2021.

**12. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Other debtors	5,562	4,303
Prepayments	-	2,190
	<u>5,562</u>	<u>6,493</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	9,143	74
Social security and other taxes	646	-
Accrued expenses	1,200	1,155
	<u>10,989</u>	<u>1,229</u>

**14. Movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/23</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>At 31/12/23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	841,140	(64,451)	(20,600)	756,089
Unrestricted designated funds	890,919	(6,919)	20,600	904,600
	<u>1,732,059</u>	<u>(71,370)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,660,689</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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Gifts for specific purposes	1,340	(177)	-	1,163
	<u>1,594</u>	<u>(136)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,458</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,733,653</u>	<u>(71,506)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,662,147</u>

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	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	64,236	(128,687)	(64,451)
Unrestricted designated funds	-	(6,919)	(6,919)
	<u>64,236</u>	<u>(135,606)</u>	<u>(71,370)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	390	(349)	41
Gifts for specific purposes	5,035	(5,212)	(177)
	<u>5,425</u>	<u>(5,561)</u>	<u>(136)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>69,661</u>	<u>(141,167)</u>	<u>(71,506)</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**14. Movement in funds - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	913,269	(66,316)	(5,813)	841,140
Unrestricted designated funds	888,361	(3,255)	5,813	890,919
	<u>1,801,630</u>	<u>(69,571)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,732,059</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Sunday school	341	(87)	-	254
Gifts for specific purposes	1,549	(209)	-	1,340
	<u>1,890</u>	<u>(296)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,594</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,803,520</u></u>	<u><u>(69,867)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,733,653</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	56,356	(122,672)	(66,316)
Unrestricted designated funds	-	(3,255)	(3,255)
	<u>56,356</u>	<u>(125,927)</u>	<u>(69,571)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	571	(658)	(87)
Gifts for specific purposes	4,476	(4,685)	(209)
	<u>5,047</u>	<u>(5,343)</u>	<u>(296)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>61,403</u></u>	<u><u>(131,270)</u></u>	<u><u>(69,867)</u></u>

Designated funds comprises fixed assets designated for the purpose of church activities.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**15. Related party disclosures**

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

**THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH, BARTLE**

England & Wales - Charity number 518144

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
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<b>Trustees</b>	Rev D Lurie (resigned 31/5/2022) Mr N J Bovenizer Mr J A Clark Mrs B Clark Mr D W Rosendale Mrs B Scott Mrs M Sudell Mr W Cornall
<b>Principal address</b>	Godson House Farm Catforth PRESTON PR4 0HE
<b>Registered charity number</b>	518144
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Scott & Wilkinson Dalton House 9 Dalton Square LANCASTER LA1 1WD
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank 292 Garstang Road Fulwood Preston PR4 0HE

## **CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

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

##### **Significant activities**

The church was established for Christian worship, prayer, Bible teaching and the preaching of the gospel. We seek to serve the local community by providing a place of prayer and worship. The support of missionary work in various parts of the world is high on our agenda. The words of Jesus underline these objectives, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

2022 Covid restrictions have now been lifted, but some people in the congregation early in the year were still very cautious about returning and meeting up with others to worship the Lord.

At the end of May our Minister the Rev D Lurie felt the time had come to make a move to another church and is now pastor at a church in Bolton.

Out church activities were being affected during Covid, but things are getting a lot better. Parent and Toddler groups are hoping to be restarted in the coming months. The monthly service in the local care home continues with many of the residents attending. The ladies work is now in full swing again with meetings every month. Youth work and the children's club have now restarted and numbers are increasing. We pray that the numbers will increase in these activities in the coming months.

A carol service was held in the church this year; also two services were held on Christmas day. The local school used the premises for their annual nativity; the church was packed with parent's children and friends.

We praise the Lord for His blessings day by day one being the fact that our services are now on line and many people can see and hear the word of God in their homes

The building work on the church with extensions to the toilets, office and meeting room upstairs and a new storage building for toddler group equipment and a separate part for mowing machines has now been completed.

##### **Public benefit**

All our activities are offered free of charge to ensure they are accessible to all, and we regularly promote and publicise our activities in the local community.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Achievement and performance**

##### **Charitable activities**

Looking back over 2022 we are thankful to God for His continued provision of the gifts tithes and offerings for His work. We count it a privilege to have been able to support many missionary societies and individuals home and overseas, with gifts amounting to £35,680. We have continued to reach out into our local community with God's love and care.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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**Financial review**

**Investment policy and objectives**

At the present time the trustees are seeking to use the money we have received from the sale of the land to help and support other Christian organizations and individuals. Also funds are being used to maintain and improve the church building and its facilities for the community in this area. Work has continued over the year with the improvements to the church building and is now completed.

A house and small field was purchased in 2018 adjacent to the church with a view to be used as a manse or rented out to church personnel, it is currently rented out to a missionary family. The field is at the moment rented out on an annual summer grazing agreement, but could be used for car park extension and games area in the future.

**Reserves policy**

Reserves held are usually sufficient to pay on-going expenses for at least two months. Any surplus funds are transferred to interest bearing accounts. Reserves held at the year end are £543,353 (2021- £557,955).

**Structure, governance and management**

**Governing document**

The charity was established by trust deed dated 27/03/00 (new scheme) and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 518144.

Crown Lane Free Methodist Church is one of a number of Free Methodist Churches in the United Kingdom Conference.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The members of the church elect the trustees on an annual basis. The annual General meeting is held in the early part of the year.

Due to the Lock Down and Corona virus restrictions we have not met for the annual AGM, but hope to do so as soon as circumstances allow. During the year two of our trustees have resigned.

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

.....  
Mr J A Clark - Trustee

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

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Crown Lane Free Methodist Church**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Crown Lane 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

Scott & Wilkinson  
Dalton House  
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Date: .....

**CROWN LANE 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 £
<b>Income and endowments from</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	47,836	5,047	52,883	55,788
Investment income	3	8,520	-	8,520	9,196
<b>Total</b>		<u>56,356</u>	<u>5,047</u>	<u>61,403</u>	<u>64,984</u>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable activities</b>					
Church activities	4	<u>125,927</u>	<u>5,343</u>	<u>131,270</u>	<u>91,940</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(69,571)	(296)	(69,867)	(26,956)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,801,630	1,890	1,803,520	1,830,476
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>1,732,059</u></u>	<u><u>1,594</u></u>	<u><u>1,733,653</u></u>	<u><u>1,803,520</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10	626,035	1,184	627,219	581,168
Investment property	11	563,900	-	563,900	563,900
		<u>1,189,935</u>	<u>1,184</u>	<u>1,191,119</u>	<u>1,145,068</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	6,493	-	6,493	105,077
Cash at bank		536,860	410	537,270	555,158
		<u>543,353</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>543,763</u>	<u>660,235</u>
<b>Creditors</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,229)	-	(1,229)	(1,783)
		<u>542,124</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>542,534</u>	<u>658,452</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>					
		<u>1,732,059</u>	<u>1,594</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
		<u>1,732,059</u>	<u>1,594</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,732,059</u>	<u>1,594</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	14			1,732,059	1,801,630
Unrestricted funds				1,594	1,890
Restricted funds					
<b>Total funds</b>				<u>1,733,653</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>

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

.....  
Mr J A Clark - 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, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

**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.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% Reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 4 years

**Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**1. Accounting policies - continued**

**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.

**2. Donations and legacies**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Committed giving	48,414	50,477
Gift aid	4,469	5,311
	<u>52,883</u>	<u>55,788</u>

**3. Investment income**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rents received	7,200	7,200
Deposit account interest	1,320	1,996
	<u>8,520</u>	<u>9,196</u>

**4. Charitable activities costs**

	<b>Direct Costs £</b>	<b>Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 6) £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
Church activities	<u>91,941</u>	<u>35,680</u>	<u>3,649</u>	<u>131,270</u>

**5. Grants payable**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church activities	<u>35,680</u>	<u>31,138</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**5. Grants payable - continued**

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ministry to Asians	600	600
Street Pastors	-	450
Kays Farm Childrens Home	1,000	4,655
Faith Mission	1,200	2,000
Sportsreach	760	750
Sat 7	1,260	200
Sasra	1,250	-
Open Doors	-	4,000
Tanzania Farm Trust	500	4,000
Christian Institute	600	1,100
Childcare Ministries	480	480
Missionary Aviation Fellowship	-	770
Slavic Gospel	975	-
Free Methodist Missions	1,150	-
OMS One Mission	7,335	10,780
Heart Church Morecambe	5,000	-
Haiti Releif Work	-	450
Release International	-	873
Salvation Army Homeless	-	30
International Aid	170	-
Glasgow Church Plant	10,000	-
	<u>32,280</u>	<u>31,138</u>

**6. Support costs**

Church activities

**Governance  
costs  
£  
3,649**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Governance costs**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Church activities £</b>	<b>Total activities £</b>
Accountancy fees	1,849	1,694
Legal and professional fees	1,800	-
	<u>3,649</u>	<u>1,694</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022****7. 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.

**8. Staff costs**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	22,871	32,040
Other pension costs	2,975	2,070
	<u>25,846</u>	<u>34,110</u>

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

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Charitable activities	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

**9. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>Income and endowments from</b>			
Donations and legacies	52,715	3,073	55,788
Investment income	9,196	-	9,196
<b>Total</b>	<u>61,911</u>	<u>3,073</u>	<u>64,984</u>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable activities</b>			
Church activities	88,673	3,267	91,940
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(26,762)	(194)	(26,956)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	1,828,392	2,084	1,830,476
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>1,801,630</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold property £</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2022	564,490	65,532	-	630,022
Additions	43,702	4,914	899	49,515
At 31 December 2022	<u>608,192</u>	<u>70,446</u>	<u>899</u>	<u>679,537</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2022	-	48,854	-	48,854
Charge for year	-	3,239	225	3,464
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>52,093</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>52,318</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 December 2022	<u>608,192</u>	<u>18,353</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>627,219</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>564,490</u>	<u>16,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>581,168</u>

**11. Investment property**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>563,900</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2022	<u>563,900</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>563,900</u>

The investment property was valued at market value by the Trustees at the 31 December 2021.

**12. Debtors**

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	4,303	5,077
Prepayments	2,190	-
	<u>6,493</u>	<u>5,077</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>6,493</u>	<u>105,077</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	74	683
Accrued expenses	1,155	1,100
	<u>1,229</u>	<u>1,783</u>

**14. Movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/1/22</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>At 31/12/22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	913,269	(66,316)	(5,813)	841,140
Unrestricted designated funds	888,361	(3,255)	5,813	890,919
	<u>1,801,630</u>	<u>(69,571)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,732,059</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Sunday school	341	(87)	-	254
Gifts for specific purposes	1,549	(209)	-	1,340
	<u>1,890</u>	<u>(296)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,594</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,803,520</u>	<u>(69,867)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,733,653</u>

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

	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	56,356	(122,672)	(66,316)
Unrestricted designated funds	-	(3,255)	(3,255)
	<u>56,356</u>	<u>(125,927)</u>	<u>(69,571)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	571	(658)	(87)
Gifts for specific purposes	4,476	(4,685)	(209)
	<u>5,047</u>	<u>(5,343)</u>	<u>(296)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>61,403</u>	<u>(131,270)</u>	<u>(69,867)</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**14. Movement in funds - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	937,333	(24,064)	913,269
Unrestricted designated funds	891,059	(2,698)	888,361
	<u>1,828,392</u>	<u>(26,762)</u>	<u>1,801,630</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	290	51	341
Gifts for specific purposes	1,794	(245)	1,549
	<u>2,084</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>1,890</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,830,476</u></u>	<u><u>(26,956)</u></u>	<u><u>1,803,520</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	61,911	(85,975)	(24,064)
Unrestricted designated funds	-	(2,698)	(2,698)
	<u>61,911</u>	<u>(88,673)</u>	<u>(26,762)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	750	(699)	51
Gifts for specific purposes	2,323	(2,568)	(245)
	<u>3,073</u>	<u>(3,267)</u>	<u>(194)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>64,984</u></u>	<u><u>(91,940)</u></u>	<u><u>(26,956)</u></u>

Designated funds comprises fixed assets designated for the purpose of church activities.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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**15. Related party disclosures**

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

**THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH, BARTLE**

England & Wales - Charity number 518144

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**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
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<b>Trustees</b>	Rev D Lurrie Mr N J Bovenizer Mr J A Clark Mrs B Clark Mr C D Hogarth (resigned 7/6/2021) Mr T J Parkinson (resigned 7/6/2021) Mr D W Rosendale Mrs B Scott Mrs M Sudell Mr W Cornall
<b>Principal address</b>	Godson House Farm Catforth PRESTON PR4 0HE
<b>Registered charity number</b>	518144
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Scott & Wilkinson Dalton House 9 Dalton Square LANCASTER LA1 1WD
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank 292 Garstang Road Fulwood Preston PR4 0HE

## **CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

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

##### **Significant activities**

The church was established for Christian worship, prayer, Bible teaching and the preaching of the gospel. We seek to serve the local community by providing a place of prayer and worship. The support of missionary work in various parts of the world is high on our agenda. The words of Jesus underline these objectives, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

2021 has been another very sad and difficult year for us and many families. The church has been closed on some Sundays and restrictions have affected us all in different ways. Some people in the congregation are still very cautious about returning and meeting up with others to worship the Lord.

The weekly visit by our Minister to the Royal Preston Hospital has not been possible due to continued restrictions. Also we have not been able to visit the Priory Hospital quite close to the church; this work is in its early stages and we will see how this develops when we are able to visit again.

Our Minister Rev D Lurrie has been signed off work for 10 weeks due to ill health. We continue with the services, visiting speakers and people in our congregation filling in the appointments.

Due to Covid our church activities have been affected in a big way from Parent and Toddler groups to work with the Senior Citizens in the local care home. Craft afternoons were also being held. Included in our range of activities that have been badly affected are the children's club, youth work, ladies evenings and afternoon meetings for retired people of all ages. Youth work and the children's club have now restarted but numbers are few. Football coaching and matches for youngsters have also restarted on Saturday mornings at the church. We pray that the numbers will increase in these activities in the coming months.

Once again just before Christmas an outside nativity play and carol service was held in the car park, this was done on a dry but cold winters evening complete with fire pits to keep people warm! This was well attended.

The local school used the premises for their annual nativity, no parents etc. could attend but they were able to watch the nativity on a DVD at a later date.

We praise the Lord for His blessings day by day one being the fact that our services are now on line and many people can see and hear the word of God in their homes.

The building work on the church with extensions to the toilets, office and meeting room upstairs and a new storage building for toddler group equipment and a separate part for mowing machines has now almost been completed.

##### **Public benefit**

All our activities are offered free of charge to ensure they are accessible to all, and we regularly promote and publicise our activities in the local community.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**Achievement and performance**

**Charitable activities**

Looking back over 2021 we are thankful to God for His continued provision of the gifts tithes and offerings for His work. We count it a privilege to have been able to support many missionary societies and individuals home and overseas, with gifts amounting to £31,138. We have continued to reach out into our local community with God's love and care.

**Financial review**

**Investment policy and objectives**

At the present time the trustees are seeking to use the money we have received from the sale of the land to help and support other Christian organizations and individuals. Also funds are being used to maintain and improve the church building and its facilities for the community in this area. Work has continued over the year with the improvements to the church building and is now almost completed.

A house and small field was purchased in 2018 adjacent to the church with a view to be used as a manse or rented out to church personnel, it is currently rented out to a missionary family. The field is at the moment rented out on an annual summer grazing agreement, but could be used for car park extension and games area in the future.

**Reserves policy**

Reserves held are usually sufficient to pay on-going expenses for at least two months. Any surplus funds are transferred to interest bearing accounts. Free reserves held at the year end are £557,955 (2020 - £828,182).

**Structure, governance and management**

**Governing document**

The charity was established by trust deed dated 27/03/00 (new scheme) and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 518144.

Crown Lane Free Methodist Church is one of a number of Free Methodist Churches in the United Kingdom Conference.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The members of the church elect the trustees on an annual basis. The annual General meeting is held in the early part of the year.

Due to the Lock Down and Corona virus restrictions we have not met for the annual AGM, but hope to do so as soon as circumstances allow. During the year two of our trustees have resigned.

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

.....  
Mr J A Clark - Trustee

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

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Crown Lane Free Methodist Church**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Crown Lane 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  
Scott & Wilkinson  
Dalton House  
9 Dalton Square  
LANCASTER  
LA1 1WD

Date: .....

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments from</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	52,715	3,073	55,788	53,085
Investment income	3	9,196	-	9,196	15,894
Other income		-	-	-	3,810
<b>Total</b>		<u>61,911</u>	<u>3,073</u>	<u>64,984</u>	<u>72,789</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Church activities		88,673	3,267	91,940	80,294
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(26,762)</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>(26,956)</u>	<u>(7,505)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>1,828,392</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>1,830,476</u>	<u>1,837,981</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>1,801,630</u></u>	<u><u>1,890</u></u>	<u><u>1,803,520</u></u>	<u><u>1,830,476</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10	579,775	1,393	581,168	437,948
Investment property	11	563,900	-	563,900	563,900
		<u>1,143,675</u>	<u>1,393</u>	<u>1,145,068</u>	<u>1,001,848</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	105,077	-	105,077	5,744
Cash at bank		554,661	497	555,158	824,483
		<u>659,738</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>660,235</u>	<u>830,227</u>
<b>Creditors</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,783)	-	(1,783)	(1,599)
		<u>657,955</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>658,452</u>	<u>828,628</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>					
		<u>1,801,630</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>	<u>1,830,476</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
		<u>1,801,630</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>	<u>1,830,476</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,801,630</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>	<u>1,830,476</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	14			1,801,630	1,828,392
Unrestricted funds				1,890	2,084
Restricted funds					
<b>Total funds</b>				<u>1,803,520</u>	<u>1,830,476</u>

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

.....  
Mr J A Clark - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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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, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

**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.

Fixtures and fittings                      - 15% Reducing balance

**Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**2. Donations and legacies**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Committed giving	50,477	47,426
Gift aid	5,311	5,659
	<u>55,788</u>	<u>53,085</u>

**3. Investment income**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rents received	7,200	7,200
Deposit account interest	1,996	8,680
Other interest receivable	-	14
	<u>9,196</u>	<u>15,894</u>

**4. Charitable activities costs**

	<b>Direct Costs £</b>	<b>Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 6) £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
Church activities	<u>59,106</u>	<u>31,138</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>91,940</u>

**5. Grants payable**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church activities	<u>31,138</u>	<u>22,242</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**5. Grants payable - continued**

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ministry to Asians	600	600
Street Pastors	450	600
Kays Farm Childrens Home	4,655	495
Faith Mission	2,000	600
Sportsreach	750	600
Sat 7	200	-
Open Doors	4,000	2,570
Tanzania Farm Trust	4,000	240
Christian Institute	1,100	600
Childcare Ministries	480	480
Missionary Aviation Fellowship	770	-
Global Commission Partners	-	150
OMS One Mission	10,780	9,780
USA choir	-	1,000
Heart Church Morecambe	-	2,000
Free Methodist Church - UK	-	2,000
Swillbrook House Residential Care Home	-	52
Haiti Releif Work	450	-
Release International	873	-
Salvation Army Homeless	30	-
	<u>31,138</u>	<u>21,767</u>

**6. Support costs**

	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Governance</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>costs</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church activities	<u>2</u>	<u>1,694</u>	<u>1,696</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Governance costs**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Church</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>activities</b>	<b>activities</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy fees	<u>1,694</u>	<u>1,682</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****7. 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.

**8. Staff costs**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	32,040	31,304
Other pension costs	2,070	2,010
	<u>34,110</u>	<u>33,314</u>

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

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Charitable activities	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

**9. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>Income and endowments from</b>			
Donations and legacies	49,168	3,917	53,085
Investment income	15,894	-	15,894
Other income	3,810	-	3,810
<b>Total</b>	<u>68,872</u>	<u>3,917</u>	<u>72,789</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church activities	75,444	4,850	80,294
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(6,572)</u>	<u>(933)</u>	<u>(7,505)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	1,834,964	3,017	1,837,981
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>1,828,392</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>1,830,476</u>

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold property £</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2021	418,327	65,532	483,859
Additions	146,163	-	146,163
	<u>564,490</u>	<u>65,532</u>	<u>630,022</u>
At 31 December 2021			
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2021	-	45,911	45,911
Charge for year	-	2,943	2,943
	<u>-</u>	<u>48,854</u>	<u>48,854</u>
At 31 December 2021			
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2021	<u>564,490</u>	<u>16,678</u>	<u>581,168</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>418,327</u>	<u>19,621</u>	<u>437,948</u>

**11. Investment property**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	<u>563,900</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2021	<u>563,900</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>563,900</u>

The investment property was valued at market value by the Trustees at the 31 December 2021.

**12. Debtors**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	<u>5,077</u>	<u>5,744</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>105,077</u>	<u>5,744</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	683	519
Accrued expenses	1,100	1,080
	<u>1,783</u>	<u>1,599</u>

14. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	937,333	(24,064)	913,269
Unrestricted designated funds	891,059	(2,698)	888,361
	<u>1,828,392</u>	<u>(26,762)</u>	<u>1,801,630</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	290	51	341
Gifts for specific purposes	1,794	(245)	1,549
	<u>2,084</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>1,890</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,830,476</u>	<u>(26,956)</u>	<u>1,803,520</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	61,911	(85,975)	(24,064)
Unrestricted designated funds	-	(2,698)	(2,698)
	<u>61,911</u>	<u>(88,673)</u>	<u>(26,762)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	750	(699)	51
Gifts for specific purposes	2,323	(2,568)	(245)
	<u>3,073</u>	<u>(3,267)</u>	<u>(194)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>64,984</u>	<u>(91,940)</u>	<u>(26,956)</u>

CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

14. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	942,609	(3,398)	(1,878)	937,333
Unrestricted designated funds	892,355	(3,174)	1,878	891,059
	<u>1,834,964</u>	<u>(6,572)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,828,392</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Sunday school	443	(153)	-	290
Gifts for specific purposes	2,574	(780)	-	1,794
	<u>3,017</u>	<u>(933)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,084</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,837,981</u>	<u>(7,505)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,830,476</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,872	(72,270)	(3,398)
Unrestricted designated funds	-	(3,174)	(3,174)
	<u>68,872</u>	<u>(75,444)</u>	<u>(6,572)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sunday school	599	(752)	(153)
Gifts for specific purposes	3,318	(4,098)	(780)
	<u>3,917</u>	<u>(4,850)</u>	<u>(933)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>72,789</u>	<u>(80,294)</u>	<u>(7,505)</u>

Designated funds comprises fixed assets designated for the purpose of church activities.

**CROWN LANE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**15. Related party disclosures**

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