

FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FRODSHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 518907

Details

Other names KINGS CHURCH FRODSHAM

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1987-07-17

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

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Activities

Objects: (1) THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY SHALL BE THE FURTHERANCE IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE FRODSHAM CHURCH OF THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES, DISCIPLINES AND USAGES OF THAT CHURCH FOR THE TIME BEING AS SET FORTH IN THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE. (2) THE SAID LAND AND BUILDINGS SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED FOR THE SAID OBJECT.

Activities: Frodsham Free Methodist Church is the official name for King's Church, Frodsham. We are a lively, forward-looking Church seeking to make an impact in the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE FRODSHAM
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£115,903	£101,106	-	-
2023-12-31	£81,499	£72,489	-	-
2022-12-31	£60,824	£69,740	-	-
2021-12-31	£32,865	£51,234	-	-
2020-12-31	£35,350	£64,590	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jonathan Scott Manning	Chair	2022-04-19
Dr Stephen Paul Sutcliffe		2023-07-16
Jenny Lynn Manning		2022-02-08
Michelle Davina Whitfield		2025-07-20
Richard Andrew Robinson		2022-02-08
William Joseph Thomas		2023-07-16

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Accounts

King's Church Frodsham



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Charity number: 518907

Charity address: King's Church, Chester Road, Frodsham. WA6 6XR

Governing document: The Church is part of the Conference of the Free Methodist Church UK, and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline.

Objects of the charity: The furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of the Free Methodist Church of North America (United Kingdom District).

Trustees as at 31 December 2024:

Jonathan Manning (Chair)
Jenny Manning (Secretary)
Richard Robinson (Lay Delegate)
Geoff Whitfield
Rachel Robinson
Bill (William) Thomas
Stephen Sutcliffe
Emma Ngogo
Thierry Ngogo
Jeremy Bromley

Independent Examiner: Mattocks Grindley Chartered Accountants 18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, Widnes, Cheshire. WA8 0WN

Banker: TSB, Kingdom Bank, Redwood Bank, Charity Bank, Virgin Money.

Principle objectives, and activity of the Charity

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

The Free Methodist Church Frodsham was built on the present site in 1985. It is part of a worldwide network of Churches entitled "Free Methodist Churches Worldwide" (HQ Indianapolis, Indiana, USA). Locally it is part of the UK Conference (FMCUK, Conference Office, 47 High St, Kingswood, Bristol BF15 4AA). Each Church is an individual charity with its own Charity Document while the Spiritual Ethos is laid down in the Book of Discipline, a fact which is recognised in the FFMC Charity Document.

Our mission is to serve God in the Frodsham / Helsby area, Knutsford and surrounding area as well as online and to spread the good news of Jesus. We aim to introduce people in the area to Jesus by giving them the opportunity to participate in relevant activities that will impact their life and

allow them to grow and develop their own relationship with God and so go out into their own circle of friends / family and pass on God's love for humankind.

Structure governance and management

The church is part of the Conference of the Free Methodist Church UK and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline. The church members (partners) elect the Official Church Board and they also elect the charity's trustees. Both are elected at the Annual Society (Partners) Meeting and these, together with the Church employees engaged in ministry, form the Leadership Team.

One of the elected Board of Trustees serves as the Church's Lay Delegate and as such represents the Church at the Annual Free Methodist Church UK Conference.

The church is governed by a leadership team, a Senior Pastor and the Lay Delegate. The senior pastor is responsible for the overall spiritual direction of the church, ensuring that teaching is biblical and that God's will and direction for the church and the activities it is involved in is established. The church trustees are appointed annually according to the trustees' appointments procedure. The trustees assist the pastor and also hold responsibility as trustees of the charity. The trustees of the church, including the pastor, meet at least once every two months to ensure that the church meets its obligations. Ministry leaders are appointed by the leadership team to manage the various ministry activities in the church. They are supported by their ministry teams. Together the pastor, lay delegate, trustees and ministry leaders ensure that the objects and purposes of the charity are carried out to benefit the public in the surrounding area and those beyond.

Achievement and performance

Worship Every Sunday morning at 10.30am at our Frodsham site, and at 5.30pm at our Knutsford site, we held a time of worship, teaching and fellowship to learn and understand the bible messages and principles. Our morning service continued being live-streamed online and this has enabled the gospel to be presented to the wider congregation and beyond. This has been an important aspect of church life, especially for those who are unable to attend the service in person. We have continued holding a monthly Heartbeat evening service at Frodsham which is predominantly prayer and praise.

Bible teaching Sunday morning services (both on-line and in person) were instrumental in teaching the principles and truths of the Bible. Several bible study groups were held in Frodsham, Ellesmere Port, Northwich, Liverpool, Knutsford, and online. We also launched a monthly Soulfood bible study with a meal where each month focusses on a whole book of the bible.

Prayer As a community of believers King's church continued to hold its weekly corporate prayer meeting to pray for current issues, the church body, the local church, the local community, the congregation, mission activities and any other relevant items that required prayer. An emailed prayer chain continued to be used for specific prayers which saw many answers to prayer. Prayer was also an important part of our Sunday morning service as we prayed corporately for relevant issues.

Conference This year we held our first ever King's Church Conference (Ignite), meeting together over a weekend to worship, plan and discern together where God wants to lead King's Church. This was a key way to share the vision and unite as a church family.

Work with children The popular Tiddlers playgroup continued to meet each week providing an opportunity to bring local parents/carers with young children together. This enabled the church to support local families and was a great opportunity to present God's love and message of hope. The Sunday School met during the Sunday morning services where the children in the church had an opportunity to hear the Gospel message presented at a level that enabled them to understand it and appreciate the relevance to their lives; during the year they 'moved' into the cabin and the 'back room' where they used to meet became a dedicated creche space for use during the Sunday morning services. We also held several events open to all local families as an opportunity to build relationships and allow them to encounter Jesus including an Easter egg hunt, a Light Party as an alternative to Halloween, and a Nativity from Scratch service.

In October we appointed a part time paid Families Worker to broaden our work with children in the community. They quickly made links with schools and helped to run the annual Christmas Journey alongside other Frodsham churches for Year 2 pupils to attend.

Work with Seniors We have continued to hold a monthly Sunday afternoon service (Cameo) which, although open to anyone, was a great opportunity for senior members of the church and community to meet for a shorter service followed by cream tea. We also continued a weekly Friendship Café as a place for seniors to come and meet others, play games and socialize.

Men's group Our group for men, All The King's Men, continued to meet once a month in the local hotel for a cooked breakfast and to listen to a guest speaker. It continued to be a good event that non-Christians could go to and explore Christianity.

Mission The Church continued to support several charities by giving financially and supporting them in prayer. Financial support was given to Medcare Charity, which is a children's medical centre in Uganda, established and led by one of our congregants to support the poor and needy in their community, as instructed by God in scripture. The church also financially supported Brad Venter's family, who serve Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea as a pilot family, serving their community by transporting supplies, medical teams and missionaries between communities that are not accessible by road. More locally the church held various outreach events throughout the year. The Good news of Jesus' birth and death were presented in an interactive way where the local community could take part in a nativity play at Christmas and join in an Easter egg hunt at Easter. A professional theatre company also performed Christmas and Easter shows at the church as a way of sharing God with the community. We held a Light Party as an alternative celebration to Hallowe'en. We also took part in the local town's Christmas festivals using the opportunity to remind people of the true reason we celebrate Christmas.

Properties During the year the church maintained the building and grounds in a suitable condition to maintain the safe operation of the church. Our cabin previously used as a youth room developed a serious leak on its flat roof; as a result, work was carried out to replace the roof to make the cabin usable as a children's space once again. This work was completed at the start of 2024.

Work was also carried out to transform the upstairs storage room into a recording area for podcasts and teaching videos as we continue to embrace the digital world.

Risk management

The trustees regularly prioritise the work of property and procedure risk assessment to highlight areas that we need to improve and make sure that our property and organisation is compliant with all regulations. This is ongoing work and is part of our regular leaders' meeting. They have reviewed and updated all policies throughout the year.

Public benefit

The above section on achievements and performance demonstrates the strong emphasis the Frodsham Free Methodist Church places on ensuring that the activities it runs have a significant benefit to the public, all of which have been provided at no charge to the public. The trustees have ensured that the Frodsham Free Methodist Church has managed its activities and resources to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit. We have celebrated seven baptisms in 2024 who have then become Partners.

Financial review and Reserves Policy

The full financial review is presented in the attached set of approved accounts.

In summary, during 2024 our income was £115,902.66 and our expenditure was £101,105.54.

Four new higher interest savings accounts were opened where we invested £210,000. These accounts are in addition to the current account and the basic savings account.

Future developments

Our Families Worker will plan and lead holiday clubs and term-time after school clubs to build on links already made since their appointment in October. This will enable us as a church to connect with more families and share God's love with them.

Our online presence continues to be reviewed to provide a better online experience of our church.

We have developed the Discipleship Pathway to support new attendees as they become disciples who make disciples and will lead another Encounter's Course early 2025 for new attendees as part of this pathway.

We will hold another Ignite Conference to keep building on and developing our vision.

Trustees responsibilities

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The trustees are responsible for keeping

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



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sunday Offering	5,438	-	-	5,438	9,907
Bank Direct Debits	87,036	-	-	87,036	47,185
Gift Aid Claim	13,892	-	-	13,892	11,813
Income from Ministries	1,153	-	-	1,153	2,511
Other income including Hall Hire	5,569	-	-	5,569	7,360
Interest from Savings	2,814	-	-	2,814	2,723
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	115,903	-	-	115,903	81,499
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	115,903	-	-	115,903	81,499
A3 Payments					
Wages and pension	51,531	-	-	51,531	42,701
Utilities and insurance	7,121	-	-	7,121	6,676
Tithe	4,260	-	-	4,260	4,436
Ministry Fund	10,236	-	-	10,236	-
Building Maintenance	17,402	-	-	17,402	8,678
Hospitality	1,660	-	-	1,660	2,087
Governance costs	1,353	-	-	1,353	1,003
Subscriptions	324	-	-	324	480
FM Conference costs	2,596	-	-	2,596	1,452
Publicity	1,595	-	-	1,595	1,019
Children and youth outreach	1,007	-	-	1,007	603
worship resources	974	-	-	974	1,205
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	101,106	-	-	101,106	72,489
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	101,106	-	-	101,106	72,489
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,797	-	-	14,797	9,010
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	283,051	-	-	283,051	274,041
Cash funds this year end	297,848	-	-	297,848	283,051

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

Details

Unrestricted funds
to nearest £

Restricted funds
to nearest £

Endowment funds
to nearest £

Current account TSB	34,845	-	-
Savings account TSB	16,641	-	-
Savings account Kingdom Bank	36,362	-	-
Savings account Redwood 1 year	50,000	-	-
Savings account Redwood 95 day	20,000	-	-
Savings account Virgin Money	70,000	-	-
Savings account Charity Bank	70,000	-	-

Total cash funds

297,848

-

-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted funds
to nearest £

Restricted funds
to nearest £

Endowment funds
to nearest £

Details

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use


Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	STEPHAN SURCUTTE	06/08/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Free Methodist Church, Frodsham

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

518907

Set out on pages

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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 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the financial statements 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.

Signed:

Date:

6/8/25

Name:

G. Mattocks

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

FCA

Address:

Mattocks Grindley Chartered Accountants

18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, Widnes, Cheshire.

WA8 0WN

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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Jenny Manning (Secretary)

Geoff Whitfield

Lorraine Harvey

Michelle Whitfield

Richard Beaney

Rachel Robinson

Richard Robinson

Tabitha Heathcote

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Banker: TSB

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Achievement and performance

Worship Every Sunday morning at 10.30am we held a time of worship, teaching and fellowship to learn and understand the bible messages and principles. Our services continued being live-streamed online as the church moves to a digital reality and this has enabled the gospel to be presented to the wider congregation and beyond. This has been a really important aspect of the church life as it enables the church community to pull together to support each other, including those who are unable to attend the service in person.

Bible teaching Sunday morning services (both on-line and in person) were instrumental in teaching the principles and truths of the Bible. Our Senior Pastor Scott Manning also produces and publishes an online daily short video series "Morning Brew" for anyone to tap into God's word. Several bible studies were held in Frodsham, Ellesmere Port, Northwich, Liverpool, Knutsford, and online, as well as a monthly Believer's service which aimed to help mature Christians to delve deeper into passages from the Bible. A bible based, twelve session course called Encounters was also held in Knutsford with each week focusing on a different encounter of Jesus from the Bible. This was a valuable way for people to deepen their relationship with God, get to know each other and understand King's church vision and values.

Prayer As a community of believers King's church continued to hold its weekly corporate prayer meeting to pray for current issues, the church body, the local church, the local community, the congregation, mission activities and any other relevant items that required prayer. An emailed prayer chain continued to be used for specific prayers which saw many answers to prayer. Prayer was also an important part of our Sunday morning service as we prayed corporately for relevant issues.

Work with children The popular Tiddlers playgroup continued to meet each week providing an opportunity to bring local parents/carers with young children together. This enabled the church to support local families and was a great opportunity to present God's love and message of hope. The Sunday School met during the Sunday morning services where the children in the church had an opportunity to hear the Gospel message presented at a level that enabled them to understand it and appreciate the relevance to their lives. We also held several events open to all local families as an opportunity to build relationships and allow them to encounter Jesus including a pancake party, an Easter egg hunt, a Light Party as an alternative to Halloween, and a Nativity from Scratch service. During the summer we also held a sports themed holiday club over three days for children which included biblical teaching.

Work with Seniors We have continued to hold a monthly Sunday afternoon service (Cameo) which, although open to anyone, was a great opportunity for senior members of the church and community to meet for a shorter service followed by cream tea. We also started a weekly Friendship Café as a place for seniors to come and meet others, play games and socialize.

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Properties During the year the church maintained the building and grounds in a suitable condition to maintain the safe operation of the church. Our cabin previously used as a youth room developed a serious leak on its flat roof; as a result, work was carried out to replace the roof to make the cabin usable as a children's space once again. This work continued into the start of 2024.

Planting a second church site in the Knutsford area After becoming aware of a group of Christians in the Knutsford area who were looking for a church, Rev Scott began holding a weekly bible study in Jubilee Hall in Knutsford in January every Sunday evening. In March, the King's Encounters Course was run in its place. After much prayer and with a committed group of attendees, in June we officially launched King's Church Knutsford as a second site with services held each Sunday evening by Rev Scott hiring Jubilee Hall as its church building.

Risk management

The trustees regularly prioritise the work of property and procedure risk assessment to highlight areas that we need to improve and make sure that our property and organisation is compliant with all regulations. This is ongoing work and is part of our regular leaders' meeting.

Public benefit

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Financial review and Reserves Policy

The full financial review is presented in the attached set of approved accounts.

In summary, during 2023 our income was £81,499 and our expenditure was £72,489.

Following meetings of the finance team, four new higher interest savings accounts were identified and the process of opening them began; this will continue into 2024. These accounts are in addition to the current account and the basic savings account.

Future developments

During the year we developed our church vision and began a process of implementing that vision and this is ongoing.

In July 2023, we advertised for a new employed Families Worker. However, no appointment was made and this will be pursued again in 2024.

We have experienced good growth in terms of membership and attendance and plans are in place to increase this.

Our online presence continues to be reviewed to provide a better online experience of our church. The church also plans to continue a programme of review of all policies, making sure they are up to date, and that the relevant policies have been agreed and are followed.

Trustees responsibilities

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Free Methodist Church Frodsham

No (if any)
518907

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sunday Offering	9,907	-	-	9,907	9,174
Bank Direct Debits	47,185	-	-	47,185	36,196
Gift Aid Claim	11,813	-	-	11,813	6,657
Income from Ministries	2,511	-	-	2,511	807
Other income including Hall Hire	7,360	-	-	7,360	6,898
Interest from Savings	2,723	-	-	2,723	1,092
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,499	-	-	81,499	60,824
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,499	-	-	81,499	60,824
A3 Payments					
Wages and pension	42,701	-	-	42,701	40,032
Utilities and insurance	6,676	-	-	6,676	5,080
Tithe	4,436	-	-	4,436	4,260
Building Maintenance	8,678	-	-	8,678	5,510
Hospitality	2,087	-	-	2,087	2,617
Governance costs	1,003	-	-	1,003	830
Subscriptions	480	-	-	480	595
FM Conference costs	1,452	-	-	1,452	1,056
Publicity	1,019	-	-	1,019	552
Children and youth outreach	603	-	-	603	679
	2,150	-	-	2,150	1,459
worship resources	1,205	-	-	1,205	7,069
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	72,489	-	-	72,489	69,740
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72,489	-	-	72,489	69,740
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,010	-	-	9,010	8,916
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	274,041	-	-	274,041	282,957
Cash funds this year end	283,051	-	-	283,051	274,041

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account TSB	22,861	-	-
	savings account TSB	224,992	-	-
	savings other	35,198	-	-
	Total cash funds	283,051	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

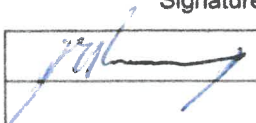
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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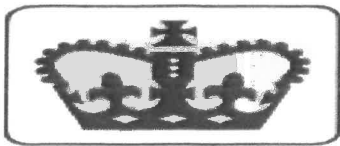
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B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name RUS Manning	Date of approval 1/10/24
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Free Methodist Church, Frodsham

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

518907

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**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 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

Signed:

Date:

7/10/24

Name:

G. Mattocks

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
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Mattocks Grindley Chartered Accountants

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FRODSHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 518907

Accounts

King's Church Frodsham



Charity name: Frodsham Free Methodist Church

Charity number: 518907

Charity address: King's Church, Chester Road, Frodsham. WA6 6XR

Governing document: The Church is part of the Conference of the Free Methodist Church UK, and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline.

Objects of the charity: The furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of the Free Methodist Church of North America (United Kingdom District).

Trustees as at 31 December 2022:

Jonathan Manning (Chair)

Jenny Manning (Secretary)

Geoff Whitfield

Lorraine Harvey

Michelle Whitfield

Richard Beaney

Rachel Robinson

Richard Robinson

Tabitha Heathcote

Independent Examiner: Mattocks Grindley Chartered Accountants 18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, Widnes, Cheshire. WA8 0WN

Banker: TSB

Principle objectives, and activity of the Charity

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

The Free Methodist Church Frodsham was built on the present site in 1985. It is part of a worldwide network of Churches entitled "Free Methodist Churches Worldwide" (HQ Indianapolis, Indiana, USA). Locally it is part of the UK Conference (FMCUK, Conference Office, 47 High St, Kingswood, Bristol BF15 4AA). Each Church is an individual charity with its own Charity Document while the Spiritual Ethos is laid down in the Book of Discipline, a fact which is recognised in the FPMC Charity Document.

Our mission is to serve God in the Frodsham / Helsby area, as well as online and to spread the good news of Jesus. We aim to introduce people in the area to Jesus by giving them the opportunity to participate in relevant activities that will impact their life and allow them to grow and develop their own relationship with God and so go out into their own circle of friends / family and pass on God's love for humankind.

Structure governance and management

The church is part of the Conference of the Free Methodist Church UK and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline. The church members (partners) elect the Official Church Board and they also elect the charity's trustees. Both are elected at the Annual Society (Partners) Meeting and these, together with the Church employees engaged in ministry, form the Leadership Team.

One of the elected Board of Trustees serves as the Church's Lay Delegate and as such represents the Church at the Annual Free Methodist Church UK Conference.

The church is governed by a leadership team, a Senior Pastor and the Lay Delegate. The senior pastor is responsible for the overall spiritual direction of the church, ensuring that teaching is biblical and that God's will and direction for the church and the activities it is involved in is established. The church trustees are appointed annually according to the trustees' appointments procedure. The trustees assist the pastor and also hold responsibility as trustees of the charity. The trustees of the church, including the pastor, meet at least once every two months to ensure that the church meets its obligations. Ministry leaders are appointed by the leadership team to manage the various ministry activities in the church. They are supported by their ministry teams. Together the pastor, lay delegate, trustees and ministry leaders ensure that the objects and purposes of the charity are carried out to benefit the public in the surrounding area and those beyond.

Achievement and performance

Worship Every Sunday morning at 10.30am we held a time of worship, teaching and fellowship to learn and understand the bible messages and principles. Our services continued being live-streamed online as the church moves to a digital reality and this has enabled the gospel to be presented to the wider congregation and beyond. This has been a really important aspect of the church life as it enables the church community to pull together to support each other, including those who are unable to attend the service in person.

Bible teaching Sunday morning services (both on-line and in person) were instrumental in teaching the principles and truths of the Bible. Our Senior Pastor Scott Manning also produces and publishes an online daily short video series "Morning Brew" for anyone to tap into God's word. A fortnightly online bible study was led by the Senior Pastor as well as a monthly Believer's service which aimed to help mature Christians to delve deeper into passages from the Bible. A bible based, twelve session course called Encounters was also held with each week focusing on a different encounter of Jesus from the Bible. This was a valuable way for people to deepen their relationship with God, get to know each other and understand King's church vision and values.

Prayer As a community of believers King's church continued to hold its weekly corporate prayer meeting to pray for current issues, the church body, the local church, the local community, the congregation, mission activities and any other relevant items that required prayer. An emailed prayer chain continued to be used for specific prayers which saw many answers to prayer. Prayer was also an important part of our Sunday morning service as we prayed corporately for relevant issues.

Work with children The popular Tiddlers playgroup continued to meet each week providing an opportunity to bring local parents/carers with young children together. This enabled the church to

support local families and was a great opportunity to present God's love and message of hope. The Sunday School met during the Sunday morning services where the children in the church had an opportunity to hear the Gospel message presented at a level that enabled them to understand it and appreciate the relevance to their lives. We also held four events open to all local families as an opportunity to build relationships and allow them to encounter Jesus: a pancake party, an Easter egg hunt, a Light Party as an alternative to Halloween, and a Nativity from Scratch service.

Online Church, Over the past year we have seen the need for our online presence, this is reaching a growing number of people who don't find it easy to come on-site or people who live great distances away or in other countries. To enable this we have set up a team to manage the online interaction to enable the viewer to be part of the fellowship rather than a passive watcher. Our online Church includes our regular services but also special teaching events. We have invested in the infrastructure to enable this and we have plans in place to grow this ministry.

Work with Seniors In Autumn, we launched a monthly Sunday afternoon service which, although open to anyone, was a great opportunity for senior members of the church and community to meet for a shorter service followed by cream tea.

Men's group At the start of the year we launched All The King's Men: a monthly group for men to meet over a cooked breakfast and listen to a guest speaker. It continued to be a regular event where non-Christians could go and explore Christianity.

Mission The Church continued to support several charities by giving financially and supporting them in prayer. Financial support was given to Medicare Charity, which is a children's medical centre in Uganda, established and led by one of our congregants to support the poor and needy in their community, as instructed by God in scripture. The church also financially supported Brad Venter's family, who serve Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea as a pilot family, serving their community by transporting supplies, medical teams and missionaries between communities that are not accessible by road. More locally the church held Easter and Christmas outreach events. The Good news of Jesus' birth and death were presented in an interactive way where the local community could take part in a nativity play at Christmas and join in an Easter egg hunt at Easter. We also took part in the local town's Christmas festivals using the opportunity to remind people of the true reason we celebrate Christmas. In November, we hosted a lecture by astronomer Professor David Block as an outreach; this was well attended both in person and online.

Properties During the year the church maintained the building and grounds in a suitable condition to maintain the safe operation of the church.

Risk management

The trustees regularly prioritise the work of property and procedure risk assessment to highlight areas that we need to improve and make sure that our property and organisation is compliant with all regulations. This is ongoing work and is part of our regular leaders' meeting.

Public benefit

The above section on achievements and performance demonstrates the strong emphasis the Frodsham Free Methodist Church places on ensuring that the activities it runs have a significant benefit to the public, all of which have been provided at no charge to the public. The trustees have ensured that the Frodsham Free Methodist Church has managed its activities and resources to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Financial review and Reserves Policy

The full financial review is presented in the attached set of approved accounts. In summary, during 2022 we operated at a £8915.96 deficit but there has been a 48% increase in giving compared to 2021. Currently there is no official reserve policy. However, there are two funds: there is an unrestricted fund of £151,944.88 that supplies the shortfall. We also have a building reserve fund of £106,105.24 which is restricted for building maintenance and development.

Future developments

During the year we developed our church vision and began a process of implementing that vision and this is ongoing.

Plans have been made to launch a second site church in Knutsford, with a view to this being an established church within 2 years.

We have experienced good growth in terms of membership and attendance and plans are in place to increase this.

Our online presence needs to be reviewed with a view of providing a better online experience of our church.

The church also plans to continue a programme of review of all policies, making sure they are up to date, and that the relevant policies have been agreed and are followed.

Trustees responsibilities

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Free Methodist Church Frodsham	No (if any) 518907
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sunday Offering	9,174	-	-	9,174	996
Bank Direct Debits	36,196	-	-	36,196	22,742
Gift Aid Claim	6,657	-	-	6,657	5,392
Income from Ministries	807	-	-	807	159
Other income including Hall Hire	6,898	-	-	6,898	2,169
Interest from Savings	1,092	-	-	1,092	920
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	60,824	-	-	60,824	32,379
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	486
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	486
Total receipts	60,824	-	-	60,824	32,865
A3 Payments					
Wages and pension	40,032	-	-	40,032	15,826
Utilities and insurance	5,080	-	-	5,080	5,362
Tithe	4,260	-	-	4,260	4,260
Building Maintenance	5,510	-	-	5,510	17,569
Hospitality	2,617	-	-	2,617	129
Governance costs	830	-	-	830	1,792
Subscriptions	595	-	-	595	464
FM Conference costs	1,056	-	-	1,056	1,308
Publicity	552	-	-	552	616
pastoral support (inreach)	679	-	-	679	860
outreach	1,459	-	-	1,459	2,344
worship resources	7,069	-	-	7,069	704
Sub total	69,740	-	-	69,740	51,234
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69,740	-	-	69,740	51,234
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,916	-	-	- 8,916	- 18,369
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	282,957	-	-	282,957	301,327
Cash funds this year end	274,041	-	-	274,041	282,957

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	16,574	-	-
	savings account	257,467	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	274,041	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

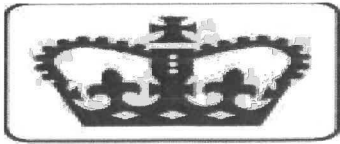
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jonathan Manning	18/09/23
	MICHELLE WHITFIELD	18-9-23



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
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On accounts for the year
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31 December 2022

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Signed:

Date:

18/9/23

Name:

G. Mattocks

Relevant professional
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Address:

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FRODSHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 518907

Accounts

Kings Church Frodsham



Charity name: Frodsham Free Methodist Church

Charity number: 518907

Charity address: Kings Church, Chester Road, Frodsham. WA6 6XR

Governing document: The Church is also part of the GB Conference of the Free Methodist Church and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the **Book of Discipline.**

Objects of the charity: The furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of the Free Methodist Church of North America (United Kingdom District)

Trustees as of 31 December 2021:

Geoff Whitfield - Chair

Michelle Whitfield

Richard Beaney

Current Trustees (appointed 19 April 2022):

Jonathan Manning - Chair

Jenny Manning - Secretary

Richard Beaney

Lorraine Harvey

Tabitha Heathcote

Rachel Robinson

Richard Robinson

Geoff Whitfield

Michelle Whitfield

Independent Examiner:

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Banker: TSB

Principle objectives and activity of the Charity:

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Structure governance and management:

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In June 2021, our senior pastor resigned, and so the Free Methodist Church in Great Britain appointed their leader John Townley to fulfil the role of senior pastor in the interim, until a new senior pastor could be appointed. A new full time senior pastor was appointed with effect 1 December 2021.

Achievement and performance:

Worship – For the first part of 2021, church services were held online due to the Covid-19 pandemic with sermons and worship being pre-recorded and then streamed over Facebook and YouTube on Sundays at 10.30am. From 23rd May 2021, Church services were held in person every Sunday morning following government guidance with regards to Covid-19 restrictions. This was a time of worship, teaching and fellowship to learn and understand the

bible messages and principles. Our services continued being streamed online as the church moves to a digital reality and this has enabled the gospel to be presented to the wider congregation and beyond. This has been a really important aspect of the church life as it enables the church community to pull together to support each other, including those who are unable to attend the service in person.

Bible teaching – Sunday morning services (both on-line and in person) were instrumental in teaching the principles and truths of the Bible. Our new Senior Pastor Scott Manning also produces and publishes an online daily short video series “Morning Brew” for anyone to tap into God’s word.

Prayer – As a community of believers King’s church continued to hold its weekly corporate prayer meeting to pray for current issues, the church body, the local church, the local community, the congregation, mission activities and any other relevant items that required prayer. This was via Zoom for the first half of the year until people were able to meet in-person. Prayer was also an important part of our Sunday morning service as we prayed corporately for relevant issues.

Work with children – The weekly Tiddlers playgroup continued to meet on Zoom and in person following all government guidance with regards to Covid. This was of great benefit to families giving an opportunity to bring local parents with young children together as lockdowns ended. This enabled the church to support local families and was a great opportunity to present God’s love and message of hope. From May 23rd when the church reopened in person, the Sunday School met during the morning service where the children in the church had an opportunity to hear the Gospel message presented at a level that enabled them to understand it and appreciate the relevance to their lives.

Work with Seniors – The church continued to host a weekly support group for the elderly members of the church and community; this was a lifeline for many who were unable to watch the church services live online on Sunday mornings. These meetings followed government Covid guidelines and provided the opportunity for the elderly to meet socially, watch the church service from the previous weekend, pray together and eat their packed lunches together.

Mission – The Church continued to support a number of charities by giving financially and supporting them in prayer. Financial support was given to Medicare Charity, which is a children’s medical centre in Uganda, established and led by one of our congregants to support the poor and needy in their community, as instructed by God in scripture. The church also financially supported Brad Venter’s family, who serve Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea as a pilot family, serving their community by transporting supplies, medical teams and missionaries between communities that are not accessible by road. More locally the church held Easter and Christmas outreach events. The Good news of Jesus’ birth and death were presented in an interactive way where the local community could walk a journey between a number of stations that presented the key elements of each story.

Properties – During the year the church maintained the building and grounds in a suitable condition to maintain the safe operation of the church.

Risk management:

Post covid, as we reopened church, the leadership instituted a full property and procedure risk assessment to highlight areas that we needed to improve and made sure that our property organisation was compliant with all regulations.

Public benefit:

The above section on achievements and performance demonstrates the strong emphasis the Frodsham Free Methodist Church places on ensuring that the activities it runs have a significant benefit to the public, all of which have been provided at no charge to the public. The trustees have ensured that the Frodsham Free Methodist Church has managed its activities and resources to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Financial review and reserves policy:

The financial review is presented in the attached set of approved accounts.

Although the church operated at a deficit of £18,369 in the current year (2020: deficit £29,240), plans were in place to increase the church giving. Unrestricted funds available at 31 December 2021 totalled £282,957 (2020: £301,327). The Church is fortunate that money from a legacy left to “further the kingdom” in 2015 and from the sale of a manse in 2013 has resulted in these reserves. No official policy was in place defining the level of reserves held but the trustees consider there are sufficient funds to support the continued operation of the Church.

Future Developments:

With the appointment of our new senior pastor, the church leadership is planning to:

- Review the church vision and management structure
- Further grow the church in terms of member (partners)
- Continue a programme of review of all policies, making sure they are up to date, and that the relevant policies have been agreed and are followed

Trustees responsibilities:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees’ annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Acceptance Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Free Methodist Church Frodeham

No (if any)
518907

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Sunday Offering	998	-	-	998	4,020
Bank Direct Debits	22,742	-	-	22,742	18,389
Gift Aid Claim	5,392	-	-	5,392	6,902
Income from Ministries	159	-	-	159	330
Other income including Hall Hire	2,169	-	-	2,169	3,440
Interest from Savings	920	-	-	920	2,299
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total (Gross Income for AR)	32,379	-	-	32,379	35,350
A2 Asset and Investment sales, (see table).					
oil tank sale	486	-	-	486	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	486	-	-	486	-
Total receipts	32,865	-	-	32,865	35,350
A3 Payments					
Wages and pension	15,826	-	-	15,826	16,119
Utilities and Insurance	5,362	-	-	5,362	6,432
Tithe	4,260	-	-	4,260	4,230
Building Maintenance	17,569	-	-	17,569	9,683
Hospitality	129	-	-	129	513
Governance costs	1,792	-	-	1,792	1,360
Subscriptions	464	-	-	464	464
FM Conference costs	1,308	-	-	1,308	1,328
Publicity	616	-	-	616	265
pastoral support (Inreach)	860	-	-	860	1,413
outreach	2,344	-	-	2,344	20,512
worship resources	704	-	-	704	2,262
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	51,234	-	-	51,234	64,590
A4 Asset and Investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,234	-	-	51,234	64,590
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 18,369	-	-	- 18,369	- 29,240
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	301,327	-	-	301,327	330,567
Cash funds this year end	282,957	-	-	282,957	301,327

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
Current account	7,485	-	-
savings account	275,473	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	282,957	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets			
Details	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
Details		-	-
		-	-
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	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Details		-	-
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	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Details		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FRODSHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 518907

Accounts

Kings Church Frodsham

Charity name: Frodsham Free Methodist Church

Charity number 518907

Charity address: Kings Church, Chester Road, Frodsham. WA6 6XR

Current trustees:

Geoff Whitfield - chair

Michelle Whitfield

Richard Beaney

Alm and Purpose

Frodsham Free Methodist Church (Also known as King's Church Frodsham) represents the Free Methodist Church UK in the Cheshire region of England.

Objectives and Activities

King's Church is a part of the Free Methodist group of churches in the UK. Our mission is to serve God in the Frodsham/Helsby and surrounding area and to spread the good news of Jesus. We aim to introduce people in the area to Jesus by giving them the opportunity to participate in relevant activities that will impact their lives and allow them to grow and develop their own relationship with God and so go out into their own circle of friends/family and pass on God's love for mankind.

Achievements and performance

Over the course of the year, numerous activities took place to allow the church to carry out its objectives. Some of these are listed below:

Sunday morning worship service - Church services were held every Sunday morning at 10:30. This is a time of worship, teaching and fellowship to learn and understand biblical messages and principles. Due to Covid, from April these services were streamed online.

Corporate Prayer - Healthy progress made by continuing our weekly prayer meetings led by folk with passion for particular areas of prayer. Good 'Prayer Chain' and Intercessors group. Due to Covid these meetings were held on zoom.

Weekly Bible Studies - The church ran a weekly Bible study. These held over the phone due to Covid.

Medcare - Support of this ministry continued, led by Pauline Hutchinson and adopted by Kings. This is a fantastic ministry bringing church and local community (people & businesses) together,

Tiddlers - Bringing in local families with young children weekly providing opportunity for parents to network, development of children and connecting them increasingly with other areas of church life. These were held on Zoom during lockdowns.

Giving to other Charities - During 2020 regular monthly donations were made to two separate charities.

Pastoral care - Visiting the sick in our local community providing comfort, support and friendship.

Lighthouse - This is our Sunday morning service for 6 - 18 year olds. The children play games, sing and learn about the bible. These were stopped during lockdowns.

Christmas service and Nativity - Due to the Covid pandemic, we produced a DVD which contained the Nativity story, carols and a message of hope for Christmas. The DVDs were distributed around care homes and other isolated people in the community.

Public Benefit

The above section on achievements and performance demonstrates the strong emphasis the Frodsham Free Methodist Church places on ensuring that the activities it runs have a significant benefit to the public, all of which have been provided at no charge to the public.

The trustees have ensured that the Frodsham Free Methodist Church has managed its activities and resources to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Structure, Governance and management

The church is governed by a leadership team and a Senior Pastor.

The senior pastor is responsible for overall spiritual direction of the church, ensuring that teaching is biblical and that God's will and direction for the church and the activities it is involved in is established.

The church trustees are appointed annually according to the trustee's appointments procedure. The trustees assist the pastor and also hold responsibility as trustees of the charity. The trustees of the church, including the pastor, meet at least once every two months to ensure that the church meets its obligations.

Ministry Leaders are appointed by the Leadership team to manage the various ministry activities in the church. They are supported by their ministry teams.

Together the pastor, trustees and ministry leaders ensure that the objects and purposes of the charity are carried out to benefit the public in the surrounding area and those beyond.

Reserves Policy

No official policy is in place defining the level of reserves held. One lump sum is ring-fenced for building work and other lump sum is ring-fenced from a Legacy for "furthering the Kingdom".

Volunteers

We would like to thank all those people who have volunteered their time and resources to help run the numerous activities during this unprecedented year. The time and effort they have put in has really blessed our community and we hope to continue to do so over the coming years.

Frodsham Free Methodist Church



Accounts summary - 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

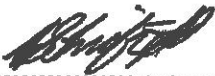
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Income from ministries	£330.00
Other Income (hall hire etc)	£3,440.00
Interest from savings	£2,299.41
EXPENDITURE	£64,589.70
Pastoral Support	£15,919.20
Pastor's Salary	£13,800.00
NI + pension contributions (est. 20%)	£1,665.00
Processing Fee Stewardship	£454.20
Other	£0.00
Outside Speakers	£200.00
Church Utilities	£6,431.94
Gas/ Electricity (British Gas)	£3,030.70
Telephone and internet (BT)	£1,627.38
Insurance (Methodist Insurance)	£1,773.86
United Utilities	£0.00
Tithe	£4,230.00
MAF Brad Ventor	£600.00
Medicare	£3,630.00
Church Maintenance	£9,682.69
cleaner	£902.50
Suez rubbish	£461.01
Gardener	£709.00
Building improvements	£400.00
Furniture	£0.00
Other	£7,210.18
Kitchen / Hospitality	£513.36
Tea / Coffee / cleaning mats / toilet paper	£513.36
Office / Admin	£469.43
Printer / paper etc	£469.43

Subscriptions	£464.00
data protection	£0.00
Churches Together	£300.00
CCPAS (churches child protection X X)	£129.00
Information commissioners office	£35.00
FM Conference Costs	£1,328.00
levy	£1,328.00
Children's ministry	£84.63
CD's and DVDs and materials	£39.90
Food	£44.73
Publicity	£265.23
Website hosting	£243.23
Other publicity	£22.00
Inreach	£1,327.90
Food (breakfasts)	£562.61
Other	£765.29
Outreach	£20,511.58
Various	£20,511.58
Worship	£2,261.74
equipment and materials	£1,764.88
CCLI licence	£376.98
Spotify	£119.88
Other Spend	£900.00

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RECONCILIATION	
All Accounts	
Balance at 1 January 2019	£329,976.73
Less: unrepresented expenditure	£46.14
Plus: uncleared income	£636.00
Net balance beginning of the year	£330,566.59
Plus: income	£35,349.93
Less: expenditure	£64,589.70
Balance as at 31 December 2020	£301,326.82
Balance end of year	£301,980.80
Less: unrepresented expenditure	£653.98
Plus: uncleared income	£0.00
As at 31 December 2020	£301,326.82

Approved by the trustees of King's Church Frodsham and signed on their behalf:



.....
 Geoff Whitfield
 Chair

Date .. *8 DECEMBER 2021*

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