

# 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:**

Mattocks Grindley Chartered Accountants

18 Mulberry Avenue,

Turnstone Business Park,

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**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 GB (UK) Conference (FMCUK, Conference Office, 47 High St, Kingswood, Bristol BF15 4AA). Each Church is an individual charity with its own charity document while the spiritual ethos is laid down in the Book of Discipline, a fact which is recognised in the FFMC Charity Document.

Our mission is to serve God in the Frodsham / Helsby 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 and family and pass on God's love for Humankind

### **Structure governance and management:**

The church is 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. The church members (partners) elect the Official Church Board who are also the charity's trustees and as such 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 UK Conference.

The church is governed by a leadership team, a senior pastor and a lay delegate. 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 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.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 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

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 Frodeham

No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2021

To

Period end date  
31/12/2021

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Sunday Offering	996	-	-	996	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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross Income for AR)</b>	<b>32,379</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,379</b>	<b>35,350</b>
<b>A2 Asset and Investment sales, (see table).</b>					
oil tank sale	486	-	-	486	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>32,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,865</b>	<b>35,350</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	1,369
Subscriptions	464	-	-	464	464
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outreach	2,344	-	-	2,344	20,512
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<b>Sub total</b>	<b>51,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,234</b>	<b>64,590</b>
<b>A4 Asset and Investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>301,327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>301,327</b>	<b>330,567</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>282,957</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>282,957</b>	<b>301,327</b>

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

### B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Current account	7,485	-	-
savings account	275,473	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>282,957</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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### B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

### 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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-

### B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Geoff Whitfield	28/9/2022



# 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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Free Methodist Church, Frodsham

On accounts for the year  
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31 December 2021

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent  
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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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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