

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 2023:

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, 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 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.

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 Easter, Summer 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. A professional theatre company also performed Christmas and Easter shows at the church as a way of sharing God with the community. During the summer, we held a family camp, inviting and welcoming families to a fun day at church followed by camping in the grounds. 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 June, we hosted a lecture by scientist David Drucker as an outreach; this was well attended in person by people previously unknown to King's.

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

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 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

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 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

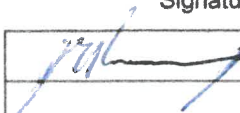
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sunday Offering	9,907	-	-	9,907	9,174
Bank Direct Debits	47,185	-	-	47,185	36,196
Gift Aid Claim	11,813	-	-	11,813	6,657
Income 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))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

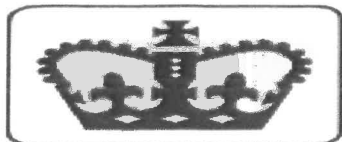


Print Name

Russ Manning

Date of approval

1/10/24



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:

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:

7/10/24

Name:

G. Mattocks

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

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