

Light Church

England & Wales · Charity number 519135

Details

Other names	KIRKHAM FREE METHODIST CHURCH, CORNERSTONE FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1987-08-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE FURTHERANCE IN KIRKHAM OF THE RELIGIOUS AN 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 DISCIPLINES

Activities: A local caring programme to the isolated, infirmed or single parent, Toddler groups, youth, children and vulnerable adults clubs - working alongside other agencies in the town like the police, Youth & Community partnerships as well as schools. In Tanzania, we teach English to the Masai.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** KIRKHAM
- Tanzania
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£312,761	£143,038	-	-
2023-08-31	£206,978	£145,862	-	-
2022-08-31	£209,412	£139,068	-	-
2021-08-31	£250,320	£191,022	-	-
2020-08-31	£120,077	£130,802	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Damian John Broughton MBE		2014-10-28
David John Awde		2020-11-14
Elizabeth Louise Belshaw		2020-11-16
James Parkinson		2020-11-17

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

(for period from 1st September 2023 until 31st August 2024)

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Light Church

Annual Report 2024

1. Reference and Administrative Details of the charity, its Trustees and Advisors

The Charity's name: Light Church (Formerly Kirkham Free Methodist Church)

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Names of trustees (Alphabetical order): David John Awde, Elizabeth Louise Belshaw, Damian Broughton, James Parkinson

2. Structure, Governance and Management

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3. Financial Review

Income is achieved through voluntary giving on a weekly and monthly basis by members and non-members alike. The Treasurer, support staff and the Trustees manage and oversee the administration and financial aspects of the charity on a daily basis. They are able to make

judgements, evaluations and make funds available to all departments based on the funds within the charity. The Treasurer (Wilfred Rhodes) along with the support staff keeps appropriate records of receipts and payments made to justify the legal requirements of good practice and expectations of its charitable status in accordance with the charities commission. The accounts are subject to a monthly examination by the Treasurer and the Trustees, and by an independent examiner on an annual basis.

4. Reserves Policy

The Trustees endeavour to maintain a sufficient balance on current account to cover three months normal expenditure plus a supplement to cover for any emergency expenditure that has not been anticipated with remaining funds being held on interest bearing safe deposit accounts. We hold £25,000 in reserve in the current account.

5. Objectives and Activities

The key objectives of the charity are to serve the community of the Fylde Coast and beyond through Light Church and its charitable work in the UK, Europe and Africa. This is done within the support, generosity of Light Church members and under the doctrines and disciplines of the Free Methodist Church in the UK & Europe.

Light Church's activities are:

Worship gatherings on Sundays, with kid's & youth Church (0-14yrs), age appropriate teaching for the youth and a crèche facility running parallel to the services.

Team night (all volunteer teams hosted seasonally)

Groups (small groups) meeting most nights of the week all over the Fylde Coast

Prayer small group (hosted digitally)

Elder/Board Meeting

Overseas Missions Team meetings

Pastoral Visitation by the Pastor and Pastoral Team

Community engagement & Social Action

Community Care: Loneliness & Isolation

Community events

Staff team activities & weekly meetings

6. Achievements and Desired Goals

Sunday Gatherings

With regular Sunday Gatherings, we aim to create a space for all to find home. We desire to create an environment whereby people can worship together, grow in their faith and meet other people. We have grown significantly this year and welcomed many new people into the church. This year we have seen significant growth in attendance of our Sunday gatherings, with around 40 new people joining the church and many more visitors.

Desired Goals: We aim to continue creating space for more people to attend our gatherings and join the church. We are also aiming to improve the way in which we help new people get assimilated into the church by sharpening up our welcome and joining process.

Connection

This past year we saw a healthy percentage of the church engaging in small groups (8-12ppl). These groups have run consistently and enabled people within the church to stay connected, cared for and known. The curriculum of our groups follows the content that is taught on a Sunday morning during our gatherings.

Desired Goals: We aim to launch 6-10 more groups in the coming year to facilitate those new members going the church. We aim to smarten up our pastoral care process to better equip group leaders in dealing with issues. We also aim to better care for our group leaders with added training and more regular check-ins.

Growth

We launched several new initiatives this year to better equip the church in their spiritual formation journey. The first was our 'Bible & Theology' night, where we met every other Thursday evening to teach through the core doctrines of the church and explore more of the Christian faith. This was regularly well attended. Secondly, we launched our Alpha courses that run in September, January and May. Alpha is an introductory course that helps those who are seeking more information about God, faith and provides a space to explore the big questions. These have been well attended also. We also continued on with our 'Date Night' course which is a course that helps married couples strengthen and improve their marriage.

Desired Goals: We aim to continue running these courses with improved training and planning. We also seek to add a 'Freedom in Christ' course to this also as a 'follow up' course to Alpha. We hope to provide more spaces for people to explore their faith together.

Building Project

We successfully purchased land on Mill Farm, Wesham. The process was smooth and created a significant amount of momentum within the church.

Desired Goals: We aim to complete the planning permission on the land, raise the finances and ultimately build a church building on the site.

7. Risk Assessment

The Trustees recognise that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

The Trustees recognise it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for its worship and associated activities currently being held in Mill Farm, Wesham. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 are known and complied with to the best of the Trustee's ability. The Trustees PCC are aware of their responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The Trustees have appointed Helen Broughton and Lucy Awde to be the responsible persons to put these things into operation.

There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks have been and are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly the CRB) in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The Trustee's appointed officers for this are Lucy Awde (Lead) and Kat Fawcett (Deputy). Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

8.Future Plans.

Building Project – This is a big future plan for us to develop this land and build a place of worship for the community.

Outreach – Develop our work in the community continuing to partnering with other local charities and organisations. We aim to find ways to better serve the needs of the local area by keeping our close relationships with the council and providing services to meet these.

Gatherings – We aim to facilitate the expansion of our Sunday Gatherings and provide clear ways for people to join the church. This is a large task due to the volume of visitors that we get but it is essential if we are to see growth over the coming year.

Approved by the Trustees on 14th April 2025

Signed on their behalf by THE TRUSTEES

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Mr. Damian Broughton, MBE

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Ms. Elizabeth Belshaw

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Mr. David Awde

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Mr. James Parkinson

Kirkham Free Methodist Church (Light Church).

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. August 2024.

General Fund

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Cash Giving, Covenant and Gift Aid Giving	135369		146967	
Interest received net	2388		1745	
Total Receipts		137757		148712
Payments				
Admin Exp. & Visiting Speakers	5302		11640	
Free Methodist Church Levy	6384		5432	
Gifts/Donations	4263		18686	
Ministries	6674		3708	
Premises hire	34568		35894	
Salaries and N.I.*	65264		64442	
Equip. ASSETS	0		3605	
Office General Costs	0		0	
Professional services etc.	3428		0	
Travel	3724		2226	
Youth and Kids	1041		151	
New Building Costs				
Total Payments		130648		145785
Excess of Receipts over Payments		7109		2928

Restricted Fund

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Cash Giving, Covenant and Gift Aid Giving	21400		0	
Building Fund	147375		50260	
Table Top sales	1932		6709	
Mission gifts	4297		1298	
Total Receipts		175004		58267
Payments				
Admin Exp. & Visiting Speakers				
Free Methodist Church Levy				
Gifts/Donations				
Ministries	5998			
Premises hire				
Salaries and N.I.*				
Equip. ASSETS				
Office General Costs				
Professional services etc.				
Travel				
Youth and Kids				
New Building Costs	6392		77	
Total Payments		12390		77
Excess of Receipts over Payments (RESTRICTED)		162615		58190
Excess of Receipts over Payments (General & Restricted)		169723		61118
Cash and bank balance at 1st. September 23	422325		361207	
Cash and bank balance at 31st. August 2024	592048		422325	
<i>SOAL Total</i>	592048		422325	

Kirkham Free Methodist Church (Light Church).
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. August 2024.

Monetary Assets	General	Building	Missions	YBS	YBS	Petty	Equals	2024	2023
	Unres	Fund	Des	L.R.	B.F.	Cash	Card		
	£	Des	Des	Des	Des	Des	Unres	£	£
Nat West 2538996	66056							66056	65246
NatWest 35036028		9453						9453	243792
NatWest 35050020			3086					3086	3654
Yorks B.S.				0				0	185
Yorks B.S.					0			0	109230
Equals Cards Associate Pastor							30	30	150
Equals Card Pastoral Expenses							2	2	53
Equals Card Staff Expenses							3	3	16
Equals Card Gatherings							42	42	0
Total Bank Balances								78672	422325
Petty cash						0		0	0
Total Monetary Assets	66056	9453	3086	0	0	0	77	78672	422325
Non-Monetary Assets.									
Land & Buildings								513376	0

Notes.

1. The Financial Statements of the church/charity have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. No payments have been made to the Trustees for their work as Trustees. Expenses of office have been re-imbursed as requested.

Approved by the Trustees on 14th April 25 and signed on their behalf by;



Mr. Damian Broughton, MBE

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Light Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

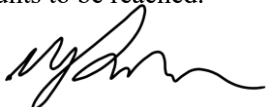
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Wilfred Rhodes:



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Creative team night (music, production & media)

Lifegroups (small groups) meeting most nights of the week all over the Fylde Coast

Prayer small group (hosted digitally)

Elder/Board Meeting

Overseas Missions Team meetings

Pastoral Visitation by the Pastor and Pastoral Team

Sunday Night Church meetings (once a quarter)

Community engagement & Social Action

CAP Money Course (with optional Life mentoring and further debt management)

Community Care: Loneliness & Isolation

Community events

6. Achievements and Desired Goals

Sunday Gatherings

With regular Sunday Gatherings, we aim to create a space for all to find home. We desire to create an environment whereby people can worship together, grow in their faith and meet other people. We have grown significantly this year and welcomed many new people into the church.

Desired Goals: We would love to see more growth in the church as people continue to grow in their faith together. We aim to keep expanding the capacity of our Sunday gatherings to facilitate this growth.

Discipleship

Encouragement, teaching and the practical out working of each member in Light Church is effectively communicated in a smaller group sessions. These take place in the form of groups during the week for both adults and young people. Here various methods are applied to meet the wide range of learning styles, through word, multimedia and the practical.

Desired Goals: We would like to see small groups in every village and town across the Fylde Coast to facilitate people's spiritual growth.

Community & Voluntary Service

Apart from working within the parameters of the church's own ministry, much time and intentional effort is put into engaging with the community locally and internationally.

Light Church's ability to be pastoral to the local community is ongoing in various outreaches.

Many people-hours are spent serving the community from engaging with other charities in the local community, visiting people, Counseling, children groups, raising funds for overseas missionary work through car boots sales and table top sales and more.

Desired Goals: We aim to continue to provide opportunities for the people of Light Church to serve their local community. We aim to continue partnering with our community partners to ensure that we are both a vibrant and a connect community.

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8.Future Plans.

Land Purchase – We have been working towards the purchase of a plot of land on Mill Farm, (Wesham) in which we are extremely close. This is a big future plan for us to develop this land and build a place of worship for the community.

Outreach – Continue to work in the community by developing our Community Care programs and community engagement, we will also continue partnering with other local charities to serve our community.

Discipleship – We have launched our discipleship ministry "SESSIONS" and hope to see this thrive and help all who call Light Church home.

Online - We aim this coming year to invest in our online presence and continue to facilitate people's spiritual growth starting from an online position. We believe this will provide really helpful resources for people in their faith journeys.

Approved by the Trustees on 13th February 2024

Signed on their behalf by THE TRUSTEES

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Mr. Damian Broughton, MBE

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Ms. Elizabeth Belshaw

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Mrs. Sophie Hulse

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Mr. David Awde

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 General Fund

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Cash Giving, Covenant and Gift Aid Giving	121026		130972	
Building Fund	50260		36061	
Table Top sales	6707		5822	
Mission gifts	1298		3480	
HMRC Tax refund	25941		32561	
Interest received net	1745		516	
Insurance Proceeds	0		0	
Total Receipts		206978		209412
Payments				
Admin Exp. & Visiting Speakers	11640		9850	
Free Methodist Church Levy	5432		5152	
Gifts/Donations	18686		23298	
Ministries	3708		7260	
Premises hire	35894		36406	
Salaries and N.I.*	64442		51058	
Equip. ASSETS	3605		4693	
Office General Costs	0		0	
Professional services etc.				
Travel	2226		1350	
Youth and Kids	151			
New Building Costs	77		0	
Total Payments		145862		139068
Excess of Receipts over Payments	61116		70344	
Cash and bank balance at 1st. September 22	361207		290863	
Cash and bank balance at 31st. August 2023	422323		361207	
SOAL Total	422325		361207	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. August 2023.

Monetary Assets	General Unres £	Building Fund Des £	Missions Des £	YBS L.R. Des £	YBS B.F. Des £	Petty Cash Des £	Equals Card Unres £	2023 £	2022 £
Nat West 2538996	65246							65246	57988
NatWest 35036028		243792						243792	191539
NatWest 35050020			3654					3654	4005
Yorks B.S.				185				185	181
Yorks B.S.					109230			109230	107488
Equals Card Associate Pastor							150	150	0
Equals Card Pastoral Expenses							53	53	0
Equals Card Staff Expenses							16	16	0
Total Bank Balances								422325	361201
Petty cash						0		0	6
Total Monetary Assets	65246	243792	3654	185	109230	0	218	422325	361207

Non-Monetary Assets.

Notes.

1. The Financial Statements of the church/charity have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. No payments have been made to the Trustees for their work as Trustees. Expenses of office have been re-imbursed as requested.

Approved by the Trustees on 28/06/2024 and signed on their behalf by



Mr. Damian Broughton, MBE

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Light Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 examiner's statement

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Light Church

Annual Report 2022

1. Reference and Administrative Details of the charity, its Trustees and Advisors

The Charity's name: Light Church (Formerly Kirkham Free Methodist Church)

Registration Number: 519135

The Address & Office: Unit 195 Progress Business Park, Orders Lane , Kirkham , PR4 2TZ

Names of trustees (Alphabetical order): David John Awde, Elizabeth Louise Belshaw, Damian Broughton, James Parkinson

2. Structure, Governance and Management

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Income is achieved through voluntary giving on a weekly and monthly basis by members and non-members alike. The Treasurer, support staff and the Trustees manage and oversee the administration and financial aspects of the charity on a daily basis. They are able to make judgements, evaluations and make funds available to all departments based on the funds within

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4. Reserves Policy

The Trustees endeavor to maintain a sufficient balance on current account to cover three months normal expenditure plus a supplement to cover for any emergency expenditure that has not been anticipated with remaining funds being held on interest bearing safe deposit accounts. We hold £25,000 in reserve in the current account.

5. Objectives and Activities

The key objectives of the charity are to serve the community of the Fylde Coast and beyond through Light Church and its charitable work in the UK, Europe and Africa. This is done within the support, generosity of Light Church members and under the doctrines and disciplines of the Free Methodist Church in the UK & Europe.

Light Church's activities are:

Worship gatherings on Sundays, with kid's & youth Church, age appropriate teaching for the youth and a crèche facility running parallel to the services.

Creative team night (music, production & media)

Lifegroups (small groups) meeting most nights of the week all over the Fylde Coast

Prayer small group (hosted digitally)

Elder/Board Meeting

Overseas Missions Team meetings

Pastoral Visitation by the Pastor and Pastoral Team Growth Track teaching Meetings

Sunday Night Church meetings (once a quarter)

Community engagement & Social Action

CAP Money Course (with optional Life mentoring and further debt management)

Community Care: Loneliness & Isolation

Community events

6. Achievements and Desired Goals

Sunday Gatherings

With regular Sunday Gatherings, we aim to help people step into their future through the life changing message of Jesus. We aim to help people discover who they are and why they are here. As people use their gifts ranging from playing instruments, stewarding, teaching young people, volunteering and speaking most of the church is engaged in some form of voluntary work.

Desired Goals: We would love to see a continuation of growth in our Sunday Gatherings across all the generations present in the church. We currently meet in AFC Fylde, Mill Farm and have plenty of room to see this growth realised.

Discipleship

Encouragement, teaching and the practical out working of each member in Light Church is effectively communicated in a smaller group sessions. These take place in the form of groups during the week for both adults and young people. Here various methods are applied to meet the wide range of learning styles, through word, multimedia and the practical.

Desired Goals: We would like to see small groups in every village and town creating the Ripple Effect of ministry from Light Church in Kirkham. Our desire is for many more of these groups attached to the main body of the church for support and empowerment and vision.

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Light Church's ability to be pastoral to the local community is ongoing in various outreaches.

Many people-hours are spent serving the community from engaging with other charities in the local community, visiting people, Counseling, children groups, raising funds for overseas missionary work through car boots sales and table top sales and more.

Desired Goals: While many man hours are given to vital community ministries and pastoral work, there will always be much more to do. The aim is to have the work shared out by all involved in Light Church and not have a few do all of the work. Presently, there is a high voluntary rate of people engaged in working in various groups. Our desire is to see all new people who attend the church be involved in serving using their gifting and time collectively.

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The Trustees recognize that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

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8. Future Plans.

Land Purchase – We are currently walking through on the purchase of a plot of land to eventually build our own facility to further the work of the church and provide the community with a purpose built space.

Outreach – Continue to work in the community by developing our Community Care programs and community engagement, we will also continue partnering with other local charities to serve our community.

Discipleship – We have launched our discipleship ministry "SESSIONS" and hope to see this thrive and help all who call Light Church home.

Approved by the Trustees on 30.06.23 and signed on their behalf by –


DAMIAN ROUGHTON PCMA

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. August 2022.				
General Fund				
	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Cash Giving, Covenant and Gift Aid Giving	130972		200579	
Building Fund	36061		0	
Table Top sales	5822		3710	
Mission gifts	3480		3340	
HMRC Tax refund	32561		32526	
Interest received net	516		148	
Insurance Proceeds	0		10018	
Total Receipts		209412		250320
Payments				
Admin Exp. & Visiting Speakers	9850		8947	
Free Methodist Church Levy	5152		5223	
Gifts/Donations	23298		15388	
Ministries	7260		4905	
Premises hire	36406		0	
Salaries and N.I.*	51058		56394	
Office Rent	0		4186	
Equip. ASSETS	4693		15141	
Office General Costs	0		7482	
Professional services etc.			2423	
Travel	1350		80	
Youth and Kids			0	
New Building Costs	0		70853	
Total Payments		139068		191022
Excess of Receipts over Payments	70344		59299	
Cash and bank balance at 1st. September 21	290863		231564	
Cash and bank balance at 31st. August 2022	361207		290863	
<i>SOAL Total</i>	361207		290863	

Kirkham Free Methodist Church (Light Church).								
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. August 2022.								
Monetary Assets	Gen	You.	Missions	YBS	YBS	Petty	2022	2021
		Min.		L.R.	B.F.	Cash		
	Unres	Des	Des	Des	Des			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Nat West	57988						57988	22063
2538996								
NatWest		191539					191539	151556
35036028								
NatWest			4005				4005	10091
35050020								
Yorks B.S.				181			181	180
Yorks B.S.					107488		107488	106972
Total Bank Balances							361201	290863
Petty cash						6	6	30
Total Monetary Assets	57988	191539	4005	181	107488	6	361207	290893
Non-Monetary Assets.								
Notes.								
1. The Financial Statements of the church/charity have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.								
2. No payments have been made to the Trustees for their work as Trustees. Expenses of office have been re-imbursed as requested.								
Approved by the Trustees on <u>30 June 2023</u> and signed on their behalf by								



DAMIAN BROUGHTON ACMA

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Light Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 30.06.23

Light Church

England & Wales - Charity number 519135

Accounts

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Registered Charity Number: **519135**

Annual Report and Financial Statements

(for period from 1st September 2020 until 31st August 2021)

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Office General Costs	7482		9070	
Professional services etc.	2423		8215	
Travel	80		0	
Youth and Kids	0		1080	
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and signed on their behalf by Wilfredo Rhon6s



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Alex A Clements .

Date 28th. June 2022

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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During the week various activities includes,

- Anthem small Group for 12yrs – 14yrs
- Creative team night (music, production & media)
- Lifegroups (small groups) meeting most nights of the week all over the Fylde Coast
- Prayer small group
- Elder/Board Meeting
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- Pastoral Visitation by the Pastor and Pastoral Team
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- Monthly whole church prayer meeting
- Community engagement
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Desired Goals: We presently want to see the congregation grow through structured and unstructured events that is by relationships via friendships and organized events. Presently we use a hired venue but the desire and goal of Light Church is to have their own building.

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Outreach – Continue to work in the community by developing our *Community Care* programs and our community engagement.

Youth – The youth team continues to meet young people in small groups and engage people online.

Discipleship – A robust and structured Lifegroup system mid-week meeting schedule has been taking place over this period.

Approved by the Trustees on
their behalf by – Wilfred Rhodes

27th June 2022

and signed on

