



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2014		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2015
From				To			

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Fulwood Methodist Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1133929

Charity's principal address Watling Street Road

Fulwood

Preston

Postcode

PR2 8EA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Slaney	Minister		Ex-officio
2	Malcolm Hickox	Minister		Ex-officio
3	Yasha Mashoko	Minister		Ex-officio
4	Linda Butterworth	Secretary to Council		Ex-officio
5	Edward Lowes	Treasurer		Ex-officio
6	Sue Penrith	Pastoral Secretary		Ex-officio
7	Margaret Squire	Church Steward		General Church Meeting
8	Stephen Grice	Church Steward		General Church Meeting
9	Amanda Latham	Church Steward		General Church Meeting
10	Libby Stone	Church Steward		General Church Meeting
11	Anne Garsed	Church Steward		General Church Meeting
12	Doreen Britton	Church Steward	From 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
13	Elizabeth Ellison	Church Steward	From 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
14	Ray Armstrong		To 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
15	Jan Astley		To 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
16	Hilary Banks			General Church Meeting
17	Andrew Bennett		To 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
18	Ali Birkett		To 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
19	Allan Clarke		From 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
20	Ann Done			General Church Meeting
21	John Ferris			General Church Meeting
22	Veronica Frost			General Church Meeting
23	Beryl Hoyle			General Church Meeting
24	Pam Johnson			Church Council
25	Colin Maudsley			General Church Meeting

26	Gillian McGill		From 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
27	Geoff Oldham			General Church Meeting
28	Charlotte Penrith			General Church Meeting
29	Julia Scott		From 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
30	Ken Wales			General Church Meeting
31	Lindsay Walton		From 14 th June 2015	General Church Meeting
32	Delma Whitman			General Church Meeting
33	Wendy Bennett	Church Life Coordinator		Church Council
34	Janet Wales	Junior Church Coordinator		Church Council
35	Mike Ellis	Property Secretary		Church Council
36	Lesley Birkett	Safeguarding Coordinator		Church Council
37	John Spencer	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Act of Parliament The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Council, General Church Meeting or ex-officio

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/Training

Range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion

Structure

Part of the Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit
Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

Discussed by Church Council
Take professional advice as required
Regular review process
Safeguarding policy and procedures in place

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) – synopsis – Advancement of religion and any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or church organisation. (See Methodist Church Act 1976)

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- The provision of public acts of worship open to members of the church and local community.
- The provision of a sacred place (a building) for prayer, contemplation and spiritual exploration.
- The teaching of Christianity, exploration of faith and the nurture of individuals through sermons, courses and groups activities.
- Pastoral work including visiting & supporting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through staging events and services.
- The provision of youth activities open to the local community.
- Promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups.
- The provision of hospitality and support for vulnerable people.
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially, with prayer and in some cases with volunteers.
- Letting the premises to a variety of church, charitable, community groups and individuals for events, concerts, celebrations etc.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

During 2013/2014 the loans for a building development scheme had been repaid in full and the Building Development Fund had been closed, with the surplus transferred to a new Building Improvement Fund. During 2014/2015 the additional income from fundraising and Church Outreach activities was used to rebuild the reserves which had been allocated to the building development scheme. A policy decision was also taken to donate 10% of the profit on all Church Outreach activities to nominated annual local, national or international charities.

Whilst the church has the services of two Ministers, the vast majority of the extensive programme of activities and administration is carried out by a team of 100 plus unpaid volunteers (members and adherents).

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- The Church's diverse pattern of worship was maintained, meeting the need for more variety and offering different types of spiritual experiences within the context of our Methodist tradition. The church's fellowship groups all saw an increase in attendance with people continuing to join from outside the church community and a new Book Club was established. The extensive youth and children's work programme continued to flourish with a number of the unformed organisations reaching their full capacity. The partnership with Preston Youth for Christ continued with one of their workers providing additional support for the open youth clubs. The Toddler Club continued to attract families from the local community and the strong networks of friendships established supported some through particularly difficult periods.
- The 'open hospitality' of the church continued to grow with the church's own extensive outreach programme attracting members of the local community, especially on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, when individuals and carers from Age Concern, the Alzheimer's Society and two special needs groups took advantage of our activities. The Welcome Wednesday programme with coffee, lunches and 'new to you' stalls almost reached capacity on many occasions. Other activities were offered which attracted those from the community seeking support and company. The premises continued to be maintained to a high standard by an active Property Group, which managed the work and co-ordinated the use of the building. A wide range of community and charitable groups, as well as individuals from the neighbourhood, regularly rented rooms in order to hold their activities in the church.
- The church continued to contribute to the activities of Preston as a Fairtrade City by its use and sale of fair-trade goods and the organisation of regular Farmers Markets. Members of the church continued to provide support and services for homeless and vulnerable people through their involvement in a local Methodist charity and church groups raised significant funds for 'Toilet Twinning' a project to enable toilets and latrines to be built in developing countries with limited sanitation. The Church hosted an exchange group from a church in Preston's twinned town of Recklinghausen and it continued with its activities to become an

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'Eco Congregation'.

- The new Finance Group introduced a range of financial systems and controls in order to manage the Church's finances more effectively. Having paid off the debt on its redevelopment scheme the Church agreed to donate a larger percentage of its income to nominated charities each year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim is to maintain reserves equal to six months expenditure on the General Fund.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

All funds were in credit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sources of Funds

Weekly and monthly offerings from members and adherents, tax recovery from gifts, lettings and donations.

Fund raising events.

Expenditure

The main items of expenditure during the year have been payments to the Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit to cover staffing cost (for the ministers) and other contributions towards the work of the wider Methodist Church, general running costs for the activities of Fulwood Methodist Church and the maintenance of its premises.

Funds have been set aside for future expenditure on building improvements and general maintenance.

There are no long term investments.

Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Malcolm David Hickox	Linda Butterworth
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	Presented at the meeting on 23 rd February 2016	