

ANNUAL REPORT

Year ending

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THE GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
HORSFORTH, LEEDS
Registered Charity No. 1129305

A view over the roundabout,

(The Manse is located in a part of Horsforth that overlooks a busy roundabout at the junction of the A65 and the Leeds ring road)

What has changed in those years since *I arrived at The Grove*? Well, the roundabout certainly has physically. The loss of the police station certainly has decreased the number of sirens, but otherwise the view and sound is quite similar to that of 2010.

People are largely the same, and our activities likewise. Our traditions are still both joy and danger.

Has The Grove grown? It has not. Should we give up? No, we should not.

We are a community of people seeking to reach out to the world around us, seeking to share the Word of God, Jesus Christ himself. In a time of petty intolerances and the brutal redrawing of even more boundaries, we need to learn the language of people whom God **is** calling into the one true Kingdom.

“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.” (Hebrews 12:1f)

I couldn't have put it better.

These pages are a record of what is being done as we do our best to listen to the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, and how God's certainty can overcome our uncertainty. Here you can read of the Grove's impact on young and old within the community. Here you can learn of the breadth of worship, prayer, pastoral care and service being offered. Give thanks to God for what has been, and prepare to serve in the coming year.

With every blessing,

Rev Alistair Jones MA

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The aims of the church are set out in its **Mission Statement** as follows:

The Grove Methodist Church is called to respond to the Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship, service and mission.

In seeking to live out our mission statement we are **committed to:**

Worship - which takes into account the needs of the whole church family, preserving all that is good from the past while being open to the new.

Fellowship - which seeks to make all welcome, builds up our faith and enables us to care for one another.

Spirituality - believing that Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, Giving and Service are vital, we seek to order our lives on the pattern of Jesus.

Serving God in the World – by seeking to live out our faith where we work and live, witnessing by word and deed in the local community, fostering interest in world affairs, engaging in world-wide mission and seeking to enhance the lives of those in our neighbourhood.

Working together - committed to the whole Church of God and seeking greater awareness of, and co-operation with, other faiths and denominations within our community.

Evangelism - sharing our faith in Jesus Christ with others and bringing them into fellowship.

Secure Foundations - ensuring that we have a sound working base, since our commitment to worship, fellowship, spirituality and service requires us to provide premises that are structurally sound, well maintained and underpinned by effective finance.

The church seeks to carry out its stated aims and objectives through:

- Sunday services and other acts of worship.
- Various meetings for prayer, fellowship, Bible study and outreach.
- Membership of 'Leeds (South & West) Circuit (16/01)'
- Membership of Horsforth Churches Together and support of its activities.
- The Church Council and its appointed Committees, which act under its direction.

Review of progress and achievements

There are times in the life of all evolving organisations that can best be described as liminal; times of transition, times of movement when the institution finds itself shifting away from the certainties of the past and nudging towards an unclear future. This very much feels like a description of The Grove over much of the last year.

The first half of 2016 – 2017 was marked by a series of farewells, as our minister, the Rev. Alistair Jones, expressed his goodbyes at meeting after meeting in anticipation of his eventual move from the Circuit. The second part was characterised by his visible absence, initially on a period of sabbatical leave and then on a time of preparations for transfer. The stability that a serving presbyter can bring to a church has been missed. And all this against a broader background of change, as Circuit oversight has transferred from one Superintendent Minister to another and the Leeds District has been split and grafted on to neighbouring districts.

In his Pastoral Address to the presbyteral session of Conference in June of this year, the then President, Rev'd Dr Roger Walton spoke about the Methodist Church as “A Church in an 'in between' place,” a place that is between what it has been and what it shall be. This year, The Grove has seemed to mirror his experience of wider Methodism. Reading the summary of progress and achievements for 2016 – 2017 in this report, reveals those things that have always been important to the life, work and mission of The Grove and also a tentative reaching forward into an unknown future with new ventures and the anticipation of fresh leadership.

Despite the sense of change, our Mission Statement (p2) has remained firmly at the forefront of all that the church has sought to achieve over the year. It embodies our response to the Gospel of love of Jesus Christ that is reflected in our worship, service and mission and is highlighted in the actions and activities outlined on the pages of this report (p5 – 22). As always, our hope has been to bring that statement of words to life and so impact on the immediate and wider localities and their residents, whatever their faith.

To this end, the work and mission of The Grove can be seen as one of transformation within three complementary strands:

- The provision of a secure base from which church and other groups have been able to encourage people of all kinds to become what they were meant to be. This is as true of church sponsored organisations, such as Tots & Tykes (p11) , Women's Fellowship (p8) and our fresh venture, Messy Church (p15), as it is of associated church groups, particularly the Uniformed Organisations (p10), and also of those groups, like Baby Ballet and Art Classes, that the Trustees permit to hire and meet on the church's extensive premises (p19).
- A willingness to co-operate with organisations and individuals that are intent on transforming the local community for the better. Amongst these are Churches Together (p14), other churches in the Circuit (p14) and Horsforth Community Outreach Facilitator (p15).
- A creative search to identify all opportunities to fight disadvantage and need across national and international boundaries. No one charity can be singled out in significance. All are important and this Report is populated with the many worthy causes and demanding situations that the people of The Grove are keen to support.

All of the activities and events mentioned on these pages are the means for changing for the better those pieces of the world, near and far, that come within the scope of The Grove and witness to the impact of the church's Mission Statement as its members and adherents work out their commitment to 'the Gospel of love in Jesus Christ'.

Peter Mawson
Church Secretary

Worship

- Informed by the church's consultation on worship (2015), that most people regularly attending services were happy with what was happening, over the year the church has continued to build on its strong foundation of current practice. Consequently, the year has been marked by communion services that make balanced reference to the worship book, a broad usage of modern and traditional hymns through use of the most recent Methodist hymn book, 'Singing the Faith', access to screen facilities for enhancing worship and an evenness of approach to styles of worship.
- Sunday services at The Grove have been sustained at monthly averages of above 100 as evidenced by the October census. These services have retained quality input from a well-supported church choir and a rota of skilled organists. High spots in the year that have brought into the church well above the average number of worshippers, continue to be those services linked to the festivals of Christmas and Easter. Numbers are also considerably greater for each monthly Family Parade service.
- At several times in the year worship has been enriched through the selection of particular preachers or themes to suit the occasion. These have included Mr Alex Crosse, special speaker from the charity All We Can, on Harvest Sunday, an emphasis upon the inclusive prophetic ministry of Jesus on Bible Sunday, and the theme of Mission in Britain on the first Sunday of Advent at which a spontaneous retiring collection raised £87.25 for the charity. Throughout June, as part of Bible Month, chosen preachers provided opportunities for deeper reflection on the little known New Testament letter of James.
- Worship continued to be enhanced throughout Advent by using a litany of Lighting the Advent Candles and throughout Lent with a litany of Dressing the Lenten Cross. Other notable services have included Ash Wednesday, evening Taizé services, Taizé communions and the annual Carol Service.
- This year, The Grove has been linked to its sister Methodist churches for the provision of evening worship. Whilst continuing to provide opportunities for evening worship on a regular basis, a core of adherents has supported services on the Circuit Plan at Woodside and Central Methodist Churches.

- The music of the church continues to be capably led by the church's Acting Choirmaster and a team of organists.
- As always, services have been greatly enhanced throughout the year by the playing of the church organ. This year time has been spent on considering its maintenance and future upkeep. This has entailed contacting a number of recommended organ builders with a view to receiving their appraisal of the instrument. Amongst these, Henry Willis and Sons Ltd. summarises the quality of the instrument in their report as follows, “The organ is an unaltered Rushworth & Dreaper instrument which has benefited enormously from the tender care heaped on it the organ is a finely built and very well preserved example of the work of Rushworth & Dreaper from their prime period The current Total Loss Value .. is now £600,000 with additional funds required for carving of casework etc.. It is one of the most valuable things that the church possesses.”
- The Church Choir continues to heighten worship on a weekly basis with its contribution of introits and anthems to morning worship. At specific points in the year occasions such as Taizé and the Christmas Carol services, benefit greatly from their musical setting. This year, on Good Friday, the choir performed extracts from the musical 'From Pharaoh to Freedom', by Roger Jones and the National Christian Education Council that was much appreciated.
- On a weekly basis, each Sunday members of the Flower Guild enriched the ambiance in which worship takes place with floral displays, prior to their distribution across the neighbourhood. At Christmas the Christmas Tree decoration was much appreciated as was their arrangements for the Easter windows.
- In January, the Church Anniversary consisted of a traditional morning service in the church sanctuary and reflective worship in the Grove Centre in the evening.
- For the fifth year running, the church held a series of short evening reflections during Holy Week that led towards memorable services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- The 'Singing the Faith' hymn book continues to be increasingly used in services and so at present there is a stock of 230 word copies, 25 music copies, large print copies and a Presentation Edition. These were purchased from gifts provided for the purpose

with the intention of enriching the range of worship music available for congregational use. Mindful of the importance of wide access to projectable hymns for enhancing worship, legal access to the number of hymns made available to the church has been extended by the purchase of appropriate licenses.

- In conjunction with our sister church, Central, the Trustees have sanctioned a range of types of worship that has included traditional services, all-age worship, Taizé, Memorial / Communion, Ranters, Welsh hymns and café church services. To complement these, weekly opportunities were offered for prayer and reflection and mid-week services have been held to mark special days in the church year including the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day. Each has proved effective in attracting and meeting the needs of different congregations.
- A high degree of commitment has been shown each Sunday morning by leaders and helpers of J Team and Crèche who organise activities for the younger members of our congregation. Together they cater for a steady stream of toddlers and children who initially join adults at the start of morning services and then move into their own worship time.
- Across the year the church has enriched its worship by joining with other churches in Horsforth to mark special occasions and events. These have included the start of Advent, Christmas, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Holy Week and, in January, hosting prayers for the work and witness of the Bible in our community.
- In line with the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act, 1995, there is an improved sound system throughout the premises that is regularly overhauled and improved, as and when necessary. Feedback suggests the system continues to be greatly appreciated by premises users.

Fellowship

- Effective communication across the church has been maintained with the help of Grove Vine, the monthly church magazine, that is available for all members of groups and organisations linked to the church, including each section of Uniformed Organisations, and any visitors coming into the premises. Over 320 copies are currently distributed for each edition with positive feedback being received,

including from readers who are not necessarily directly connected to the church.

- Church signage is periodically reviewed and notice boards at the end of the church drive and fronting the main street are regularly updated for the display of information about church activities.
- Throughout the year the bond of fellowship within the church has been sustained by regular on-going activities. The strongest of these includes the Luncheon Club that has provided an average of over 40 meals each week, the Flower Guild that created over 190 flower arrangements up to 31st August for distribution to adherents and beyond, and Grove Weekday and Weekend Wanderers (who celebrated their twentieth anniversary) that have organised regular rambles throughout the year. Feedback on these and other activities has remained very positive.
- Fellowship remains strong within all church groups across a full span of ages. In addition to those already mentioned these include Network Women's Fellowship, Ladies Group, Line Dancing, Wednesday Break and Uniformed Organisations.
- The successful annual fellowship break involving 33 church and circuit members and adherents, of whom many were aged 75 or over, was held at Ravenhall between 30th April - 5th May 2017.
- The welcoming atmosphere at the weekly Tuesday Coffee Morning attracts 40-50 visitors from the locality. Modestly priced refreshments raise funds for the church and other charities, the latter being chosen by the visitors who attend each week.
- The beginning of Lent was marked by a Lenten lunch for church members and adherents, of soup, bread and water when £290.48 was raised for the charity Water Aid thereby enabling bore holes to be drilled and fresh water to be supplied to needy villages.
- In order to maintain close links to church members and adherents the Data Base Secretary maintains and updates contact details.

Spirituality

- In accordance with Council wishes all church committees and activities held throughout the year have contained elements of prayer, Bible reading or worship, as a reminder that we order our lives on the pattern of Jesus.
- The start of the new Methodist Year in September 2016 was marked by the annual Covenant Service, a memorable opportunity for

members and adherents to renew their commitment to Christian discipleship for the coming year.

- The church has continued to provide specific weekly opportunities for prayer and Bible study that are open to all interested parties and has sustained successful groups throughout the year.
- Regular praying by individual members and adherents has been encouraged by providing names, for whom permission has been given, in the weekly newsletter and monthly magazine as a focus for prayer.
- Use of the updated leaflet 'Grove Methodist Church: Praying for each other' has been available for church members and adherents requesting inclusion, with the aim of providing a daily prayer focus.
- In addition, Grove members have been encouraged to participate in the Lent meetings organised by Horsforth Churches Together on the theme of "The King's Speech", that encouraged participants to reflect upon fear within their lives.
- Recording of church services has enabled worshippers who are unable to attend services to benefit at times other than Sunday.
- Opportunities for private reflection and study are provided through encouraging individual use of prayer materials, particularly the Methodist Prayer Handbook and the Leeds Lent Prayer Diary, individual use of daily Bible notes obtained from the International Bible Reading Association or Scripture Union, and the sale of spiritual magazines such as Magnet, the Christian magazine nurturing faith in thoughtful, challenging ways.
- In October, as the venue for Forum 2000, the community group providing guest speakers on a wide range of topics from local issues to world events, the church was pleased to host a Muslim/Christian dialogue involving Community Leader, Naweed Hussein and Methodist Minister in charge of Touchstone Community in Bradford, Rev. Barbara Glasson.
- Throughout the year the church has provided a point of spiritual contact for those in the neighbourhood who have identified their own personal or family needs. In this connection there have been conducted 5 baptisms, 1 wedding and 9 funerals.
- At the end of October a well attended service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance, led by the Rev. Alistair Jones, provided an opportunity for those attending to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have died locally or elsewhere in the recent past.

Serving God in the World

- The translation and distribution of Scripture by the Bible Society has been supported by members who have joined the Bible-a-Month Club, by direct giving through Sunday collections and by organising coffee mornings and information evenings including one led by Uell Kennedy, National Bible Society Representative.
- Awareness of the work of the Bible Society has also been raised through the annual Bible Sunday service which this year took the form of a communion celebration led by our minister, the Rev. Alistair Jones. On the First Sunday of Advent the Churches Together service also focussed upon the work of the Bible Society.
- The regular August Holiday Club proved successful with around 20 children taking part in 'All aboard', exploring journeys and the way people travelled. Alongside the experiences of riding on a camel with Joseph, following Jesus on a donkey, and joining Paul on a missionary journey by boat, there were exciting games and craft activities. Our Minister visited during the week in the role of a Professor of Camels, a man with many roles!
- Uniformed Organisations have flourished throughout the year with young people enjoying Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Explorer Scouts, supported by enthusiastic and hard-working leaders. The church now hosts 12 Scout and Guide sections ranging from 5 year old Rainbow Guides to 18 year old Explorer Scouts with a combined membership of 260 and a further 50 adult leaders.
- Across the year the Scout Group has undertaken the more usual annual activities including another memorable pantomime entitled, "The Dragon's Den", weird, wacky and downright crazy! This year also saw a group of 111 young people and leaders attending the County Camp (Challenge 17) at Bramham Park.
- The Church Welcome Pack contains information about community as well as church facilities, and has been updated throughout the year. It has proved a successful means of church outreach and has been distributed to new neighbours moving into the area. Feedback continues to be very positive.
- The church's on-going 'Change-for-change' charity appeal, aimed at collecting loose change for charities across two-month periods, has been successfully maintained throughout the year. Donations were

sent to Yorkshire Air Ambulance (£72.00), Diabetes UK (£72.28), All We Can (£76.32), Wheatfields Hospice (£100.00), Pituitary Foundation (£70.00), and The Community Heart Beat Trust (£70).

- In October a letter received from the 'Bike for Mike' appeal, a charity aimed at equipping redundant phone boxes in rural areas with defibrillators, thanked everyone at The Grove for donations amounting to over £1,000.
- Having received an unexpected legacy of £1,000, the church donated the money to support the work of Shirley Crawford, a church member working in the Gulu district of Uganda for the charity Fathers' Heart Ministries.
- In February, £1,439.08 was raised for the Friends of the Leeds Centre for Leukaemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma, that supports Leeds Haematology Service, by hosting a very well-attended classical concert involving the UK and international classical guitarist, Craig Ogden.
- Tots and Tykes remains one of the church's biggest outreaches to young families in Horsforth and beyond. It draws together, on a weekly term-time basis, an average of 50 children ranging from newly born to 3 years old accompanied by their parents, grandparents or carers. Tots and Tykes has 19 helpers who commit their time to the group either weekly or on a rota basis and ensure the group runs smoothly, safely and efficiently. Tots and Tykes join with J-Team to organise activities on Mothering Sunday and also fully funds and supports the Christmas Eve Christingle Service. This Service packs the church with families who have been coming back for many years to 'start' their Christmas celebrations with The Grove. Tots and Tykes give regular donations to church and outside charities.
- Work undertaken over the Christmas period raised £595.41 for the charity Action for Children, a national organisation working to make sure every child and young person has the love, support and opportunity they need to reach their potential. This was supplemented by a further £399.25 in box collections during the year.
- Following closure of The Grove Pre-School, the church embarked upon the next stage of its outreach programme with young children. Having accepted the donation of the children's equipment, the church created a super store of resources to be used in conjunction

with the suitably designed children's activity area, by groups serving the needs of young children in seeking to provide for their education and welfare. Across the year use has been made of the facilities on a regular basis by a group of local childminders and by J-Team, Tots and Tykes, Messy Church and the Holiday Club. On winding up Pre-School finances at the start of the year, around £3,700 was donated to enhance the work being done by church.

- Having effectively maintained the Church Benevolent Fund, 50% of its reserve was allocated for use in support of relief work undertaken by All We Can, the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF).
- Other on-going service by the church as a whole in our wider community involves effective support for the Fund for World Mission, World Church Fund, Christian Aid, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Action for Children, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Cancer Research and the Horsforth Live at Home Scheme.
- Specific groups within the church (Flower Guild, Wednesday Break, Women's Fellowship, Tots & Tykes, Pre-School, Ladies Group, Line Dancing) have provided financial support to registered charities at a local, national or international level. Individual members have raised funds for Alzheimer's Society, Cancer Research UK, Heart Research UK, Martin House Children's Hospice and Muscular Dystrophy UK. At Christmas printed seasonal greetings replaced the giving of Christmas cards for those who made individual donations to 52 favourite charities in lieu of the expense of sending cards.
- The weekly Tuesday Coffee Morning continues to provide a successful outreach by providing a meeting point for the neighbourhood and beyond, a strong sense of fellowship and a means of raising funds for charitable purposes and the church. This year £1000 has been donated to the church and £100 to Yorkshire Air Ambulance.
- Tuesday Coffee has also created a link with West End, a local primary school, whose Cookery Club meets on Monday evenings and then visits Tuesday Coffee with their 'baked goodies' to spend a happy morning serving and chatting to visitors in a mix of generations.
- Links to the neighbourhood are strengthened by the Community Constable who visits Tuesday Coffee to chat to the visitors as well as giving advice and answering questions.

- Individual and community ties have also been strengthened when the church has hosted the annual Froebelian School Carol Service that is very well supported by children and their parents.
- In May, through door-to-door collections, members raised £1655.38, for Christian Aid that proved to be another sizeable amount collected by the church to date.
- In order to support members of the local community who are in real need, the church continued to offer help and guidance to those seeking assistance with food. Procedures include links to other support agencies in the area.
- Over the year the church supported the Horsforth Food Bank established through Churches Together and in consultation with the Trussell Trust, by collecting food for distribution and providing volunteers to run food bank sessions. Horsforth is the third largest of 12 distribution centres in Leeds North and West that has helped 8,121 people during the year of which 3,046 were children.
- As a Fairtrade Church The Grove reiterated its commitment to supporting needy communities throughout the world by continuing to provide Fairtrade products at church meetings, by agreeing to hold a Traidcraft stall at selected Parade Services across the year, and in September, by supporting celebrations for the launch of Horsforth as a Fairtrade Town.
- Having agreed to a request from West Yorkshire Ambulance Service, a defibrillator for neighbourhood use has been sited on the outside of the premises and awareness training provided for anyone expressing an interest.

Working Together

- In upholding the wider Methodist Connexion donations were made to the Methodist Fund for Church Property, the Fund for Support of Presbyters and Deacons, the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society and Junior Missionary Association. Awareness of the work of the President and Vice- President of the Methodist Conference was raised through use of the Connexional prayer card. Council has made available to all those attending worship the magazine, 'the connexion', aimed at improved communications and more news about what is happening in Methodism across the country.

- Supporting Leeds District, members attended the Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving on the closure of Oxford Place, the Methodist Mission Centre serving the city of Leeds, and supported services marking the closure of the Leeds District and the retirement of the current Chair of District.
- In July the church hosted the District Farewell Service for those presbyters and deacons, including our minister, leaving the District at the end of the church year.
- At Circuit level the church has shown its commitment to working together by hosting the Service of Intercession for Methodist Women in Britain in November and supporting the Women's World Day of Prayer in March, hosting the Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering Service in aid of the World Mission Fund. In September, January and April, the church held the Horsforth Methodist Churches Taizé Services, as well as backing services across the Circuit in October and August. Participation was also provided in October for the Commissioning Service of the Circuit Children and Families Worker.
- Across the year the Trustees and church adherents have given careful thought and a reasoned response to items raised by the Circuit Meeting including: a Circuit Stationing Proposal and the proposed two -year Circuit Plan on making new disciples at a Circuit and at a church level.
- In March, The Grove hosted 'Creating Safer Space', a new Methodist safeguarding module for those updating previous training, attended by church representatives across the Circuit and delivered by Rev. Alistair Jones and his wife as Circuit Safeguarding Trainers.
- As an active member of Horsforth Churches Together, The Grove is one of 10 churches and a chaplaincy that regularly meet together to pray, talk and act in unison.
- This year Grove members supported a series of Lent reflections around the book and film, 'The King's Speech' organised by Churches Together. During Holy Week The Grove collaborated effectively with other local churches to organise and participate in the Good Friday open air service and fellowship lunch. The Minister, Rev. Alistair Jones, led the Churches Together Dawn Service on Easter Sunday.

- The church continued its backing for local events linked to 'Hope in Horsforth 2016', a follow on from the Hope 2008 national, inter-church, outreach programme. Besides financial assistance, church adherents supported activities culminating at the end of the year with participation in local gala activities.
- Successful involvement with churches in the neighbourhood have included the Churches Together Advent Service, distribution of Churches Together Christmas Cards, Carols in the Park, Carols at the Farmers' Market, support for the award winning Horsforth Farmers' Market (2017 Market of the Year), prayer services during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Horsforth Litter Pick in preparation for Horsforth in Bloom, the Civic Service in June, Horsforth Food Bank, and 'Rewind', an event aimed at explaining the implications of Christian festivals to children.
- Through organising the Good Friday lunch and Easter Sunday breakfast, £319.55 was raised in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).
- The church has collaborated with other local churches by submitting information towards the Churches Together website and creating links to The Grove's own website.

Evangelism

- Successful outreach events have been mentioned above (Working Together, points 8, 9 & 10).
- A new venture held each month during term time is The Grove Messy Church. This is a time for families with primary school children to have fun with craft activities, sing lively songs and listen to Bible stories, before enjoying a meal together. It has proved successful in attracting children familiar with The Grove and also new children and their families.
- During the year the church contributed towards the financial costs of a Community Outreach Facilitator backed by Horsforth Churches Together. He has encouraged growth of the 'Church footprint' throughout the neighbourhood as more and more people have felt the impact of Churches Together.

- Having previously raised the matter of organisation with Churches Together, The Grove Trustees were delighted to continue their support for this year's Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness. The event proved to be a strong act of witness that attracted a large number of participants, evidenced a strong spirit throughout and exhibited powerful singing.
- As further support for outreach activities at the gala, a donation was made towards the cost of making a Christian presence by running a number of activities.
- Support from the church finances effective work in local high schools and private homes through Leeds Youth Cell Network.
- Through Churches Together the message of Christmas was brought to the local community through Carols in the Park and carols in local pubs.
- By working with others from Churches Together, church volunteers deliver the Bible Society's nation-wide scheme 'Open the Book' in 6 local primary schools. The programme works through taking school assemblies and bringing alive Bible stories. This was complemented by two Rewind events at Christmas and Easter that created opportunities for classes of primary aged children to learn about these key festivals of the Christian Year.
- Attendance at the monthly Family Parade services has remained high with congregations sometimes double that of other Sundays. Preachers have made use of modern audio-visual equipment, and an orchestra made up of adults and young people provides the music and is much appreciated by worshippers.
- The church has continued to maintain its web site to a high quality. Not only does the site enable wider public access to opportunities for worship but also provides information about meetings and activities that might be of more general interest. The Annual Report, Church Magazine and weekly notice bulletins are also accessible on the site. This has resulted in requests for details concerning aspects of church life. Connections are also made to the web site created by the 9th Airedale Scout Group.
- In efforts to provide information on church activities for the immediate neighbourhood a volunteer Publicity Co-ordinator ensures church events are promoted in the local press.

Secure foundations

- Careful oversight of church finances has been maintained across the year. The church has continued to sustain income levels (as outlined below) that has enabled it to undertake events and activities in line with its stated Mission Statement (above page 2).
- Once again, savings have enabled the church to produce sufficient finances to undertake necessary property improvements, and together with its organisations, to make donations to outside charitable bodies as listed below. In addition, funds have been earmarked for upkeep of the Centre roof and to make organ repairs.
- At the start of the year a new Treasurer took office with the intention of building upon the strengths of past financial management by updating systems in line with current business methods, through the introduction of efficiency and cost saving procedures. Across the year he has linked his computer to that of the Premises Manager so as to generate automatic electronic invoices. There have also been moves to online banking so as to facilitate instant viewing access to current accounts.
- Every effort is being made to reduce expenditure. This is seen in the Treasurer's renegotiation of the contracts for the church photocopier and maintenance of the Centre lift and in the repair of gas zone controllers regulating the heating of rooms.
- Besides regular income details outlined below, there have been special activities that are an extra source of funding for the church and for its promoted charities, and that have been supported by many outside of the church. These have included £150.21 from a harvest tea, a Christmas Bazaar that attracted the wider community and raised over £1,700 and £900 from the Craig Ogden concert.
- The church has benefited as a member of the Community Fundraiser through the Utility Warehouse Discount Scheme from reduced spending on heating and lighting due to lower energy costs and the receipt of donations on the basis of bills paid by other scheme members. This year the church received £611 and since its involvement the church has received well over £4,000 in cash back.
- In accordance with Charity Commission regulations, Trustees are mindful of best value when it comes to premises use and so have maintained fees in line with market expectations for cars parked on church property that belonged to private firms.

- In pursuance of the Government's pension auto-enrolment legislation, after much debate and careful negotiation throughout the first half of the year, as from 1st April 2016 the Premises Manager was transferred as an employee from The Grove Church to Leeds South and West Circuit so as to benefit from the Circuit's pension scheme arrangements. Under his agreed Statement of Terms and Conditions of Service he remains based at The Grove and with no break in his duties and commitments to the church.
- In order to comply with Methodist Insurance requirements a detailed inventory of all church equipment has been compiled.
- In ensuring that the building provides the safe and secure base that is needed for furthering the Mission Statement and working in the community, regular maintenance and improvements are made. This year this has been informed by the Quinquennial Inspection Report that was analysed by the Property Committee whose members are undertaking recommendations.
- Other improvements throughout the year include alteration of the pews to improve disabled access, replacing weatherboarding surrounding the Activity Room roof and lift maintenance. Having been valued at £600,000, following extensive exploration on the cost of repairs to the church organ, a series of improvements has begun.
- Having experienced leaks from a small expanse of flat roof ineffectively relaid at the time of the refurbishment of the Community Centre, the church has continued to spend much time and energy seeking a solution to the problems so as to ensure the premises remain sound and secure.
- Moves have continued to sustain the church's environmentally friendly approach. Measures taken during the year towards energy saving include the church's use of 'energy save' stickers, introduction of LED and low watt lighting, a change to eco-friendly cleaning solutions, and waste sorting to reduce environmental impact. Some emergency light fittings have been replaced with LED very low power consumption lights. Timers for heating zones have been trimmed to save energy. There is also careful disposal of controlled waste products such as nappies and large bulky rubbish such as cardboard boxes and cartons. Awareness continues to be raised about the health and safety risks of bringing chemical cleaning and other products onto church premises. Evening services during colder months are held in a small meeting room to reduce energy consumption.

- Perhaps in response to the church's environmental awareness, in June, a small colony of bumble bees set up in the nest box on a tree in the church grounds opposite the old manse!
- The electronic web-based booking calendar continues to provide greater administrative efficiency and enables the generation of daily agendas and room bookings.
- A mark of the quality of welcome and accommodation provided for site users has been the high use of the premises by the many church and outside organisations throughout the year.

Progress on any special projects

- **Good neighbours:** The Circuit having negotiated the sale on leasehold of Grove House, the old Grove Manse, across the year the Trustees have continued to maintain working relationships with the new owners as the church's nearest on-site neighbours. In a sense of goodwill, permission has been given to the owners on matters of parking and on the erection of a notice-board advertising the firm's business throughout the year. The Trustees also responded to a second neighbour, KPP Architects, by taking great care to cultivate and trim shrubs on church grounds alongside the borders of their property.
- **Horsforth Live at Home:** This has been a special project that has been running for several years through Methodist Homes (MHA). It is aimed at supporting the independence of elderly people in their own homes and currently supports 555 members and has 69 volunteers. This year the church has given financial and voluntary help.
- **Bible awareness:** The local Bible Society (Leeds Action Group) Secretary organised arrangements for Bible Sunday together with fund raising opportunities. This complemented other activities across 2016-2017 aimed at raising general Bible awareness including the sale of Bible reading notes and 'Open the Book' visits to primary schools. This year an important part of outreach was the distribution of Bible Society children's Christmas books to all children linked to the church and to children and young people in several other churches of the Circuit.

- Leprosy Mission: The church has continued its support for Leprosy Mission, an international Christian organisation aimed at transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy through their diagnosis, treatment, specialist care and rehabilitation.
- Harvest: During morning worship on Harvest Sunday, gifts of produce were collected for distribution to Leeds Foodbank and Caring Together, a local neighbourhood network scheme providing activities, advice and support for people over 60 years of age in the north Leeds residential area of Woodhouse. From weekend donations a gift of £150.21 was made to the Church and £224.81 to All We Can, formerly Methodist Relief and Development Fund.
- Christmas: Across the Christmas season the church has supported several special projects including:
 - The gift of toys and games collected at the annual Toy Service for distribution to needy families in Leeds by helpers from St George's Crypt and in return received a letter of “sincere thanks for the wonderful toys, games and books”.
 - Funds for Christian Aid and Tradecraft through purchases from their Christmas catalogues,
 - A donation from service collections of £595.41 for Action for Children in the UK.
- In memory of Chris Shagouri, a church member, adherents and members supported a garden party to raise funds for Target Ovarian Cancer and The Children's Heart Surgery Fund, two charities that were close to her heart, at which £3,300.00 was raised.
- As usual, Leeds Methodist District Children's Holiday, held in August, was supported with donations of clothes, toys, baking and monetary gifts.

Church's response to important events

- In September, in response to the sharp rise in the number of racially or religiously aggravated crimes recorded by police in England and Wales following the EU referendum (2016 Home Office Report), the church raised awareness of the need for respect and tolerance for neighbour by focussing upon the Resolution from the 2016 Methodist Conference concerning the need for solidarity against racism, in services and the church magazine.

- Aware of the acute needs of Syrian refugees, in September the church responded immediately to an urgent request for clothing, bedding and baby items. Donated items were collected at a local holding centre before being shipped abroad.
- On Sunday 20th November, International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, worshippers' awareness was drawn to the power of prayer and attention drawn to persecuted groups and individuals in particular parts of the world.
- In immediate response to the March appeal from the East African Drought Emergency Fund, retiring collections were held and raised £95.00.
- In preparation for the General Election on Thursday 8th June, the church supported the local Election Hustings organised by Churches Together.
- Having been awarded Fairtrade status, the church has been mindful of specific world economic situations and throughout the year has continued to emphasise its commitment to serve Fairtrade goods at all church meetings, with a choice of other products on request, and to hold periodic Fairtrade sales.
- The Grove was pleased to celebrate the achievement of Gordon Bradley, one of our members, who gained Olympic status in August, by participating in the Special Olympics GB National Games, held in Sheffield and who won ribbons for coming 4th and 8th in his BOCCIA events.
- Following the closure of Pre-School, and in the light of the appreciation expressed by users and by staff from the local Children's Centre, on the difference that the Pre-School made to children who attended and its pioneering work with two year olds, the Trustees were keen to build on this past work. This they did, as described above (above pages 11-12), by creating a bank of resources backed by finance, for the use of groups using the premises and providing for the welfare and education of young children.

Value of the church not in monetary terms

- The range of activities and services outlined above are evidence of the church's particular impact on its immediate locality and its residents, whether they are Methodist members and adherents or non-church neighbours. This outline of the scope of the church's interest and support also indicates a positive, if less direct, influence at national and international levels in a wide number of areas.
- The church continues to offer a welcome place of lively and varied worship, geographically placed at the heart of Horsforth. Our well-maintained and attractive premises are extensively used by church groups and the wider community throughout each week.
- The church community continues to provide the opportunity for spiritual growth to young and old alike, pastoral care to one another and those outside the church and continues to explore new ways to reach out in mission.
- Above all it seeks to provide a pattern for living that responds to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ by following a life of discipleship through worship, service and mission.

Financial information

In addition to the financial activities carried out by the church outlined in the financial accounts reported on pages 27 to 32, response has been made by the church and its associated groups to appeals and charities across the year, listed on page 37.

The accounts provide details of major transactions for the year 2016 – 2017. These include the Circuit Assessment for the church, which was £44,081. This is a major and ongoing expenditure for sustaining and supporting the ministry and work of the Leeds South and West Circuit of which The Grove is one of twenty-three constituent churches.

This Annual Report outlines the widespread range of events and activities that the church has provided across the year 2016 – 2017. These would not have been possible without the very many hours of dedicated service and voluntary help that have been given by members and adherents. The Trustees would like to thank all volunteers for their interest, time and energy that has enabled the church to respond in such a positive way to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ within this community.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2017

Administrative information:

The Grove Methodist Church, Horsforth, is a registered charity number 1129305. It is governed by the Methodist Church constitution set up by Act of Parliament and by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Church as amended from time to time by the Methodist Conference.

Correspondence for The Grove Methodist Church should be addressed to the Rev. Mark Godfrey, The Grove Methodist Church, 7 Fraser Avenue, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5EA.

For 2016 – 2017 the Church Presbyter was the Rev. Alistair Jones.

The Managing Trustees are the unpaid members of the Church Council and for the year ending 31st August 2017 those who have served on Church Council are as follows:

Carole Abel, Philip Abel, Kath Ashby, Kay Bassett, Anne Blackburn, Barbara Buckley, David Buckley, John Bussey (to 30.04.17), Kathryn Bussey, Kirsty Butler (Circuit Representative), Judith Chaplin, Eric Douglass (to 30.04.17), Linda Douglass, Alan Firth, Jean Fox (to 30.09.16), Cynthia Hatton, Ricky Hearn, Gill Jewell, Gill Marley, Rev. Alistair Jones (Chair), Philip Maud, Janette Mawson, Peter Mawson (Secretary), Jean Orton, Anthony Orton (to 30.04.17), Sylvia Parker, Cynthia Quayle, David Quick, Margaret Shingler, Margaret Simmons, Caroline Turner (from 1.05.17), Andy Walker, Michael Wallis, Betty West, Bryan Whitham (Treasurer), Keith Whitham, Trish Whitham (from 1.04.17), Sally Wolfe.

Independent Examiner: Mr Christopher W. Turner F.C.A (to 30.04.17)
Mr Andrew Gray F.C.C.A (from 1.09.17)

Bankers: Yorkshire Bank plc, Horsforth

As at 27th March 2017 there were 161 church members. Details of a further 120 people are placed on the church data base and altogether 526 on the community roll. Membership numbers continue to fluctuate as new members and adherents are offset by bereavements, house moves and a scrupulous scrutiny of membership names.

Objectives and Activities

These are set out in detail on pages 2 to 22.

Financial Review by the Church Treasurer

We are in a moderate financial position, but I am painfully aware of increasing demands on our reserves and the need for expenditure in many areas to ensure that we are ready for the long term, and in a stable position to continue.

Income is generated by the hire of only four rooms and collections at Church. Income is required to maintain and service the building, organ, lift, heating and plumbing, gardens, lighting, health and safety regulations, technical inspections, insurance, gas, electric, water and insurance.

We must be confident that any expenditure applied will be most beneficial and worth the investment in the immediate and long term.

All Church and Centre contracts for inspections and servicing and all supplies and services are being carefully monitored and challenged on price without compromise to quality to ensure we are receiving value for money.

Finance has a big part to play in just about everything. It is also very clear that the pace of change is becoming more rapid, and we need to be prepared to adapt to accommodate these changes.

This all probably sounds business like, but the finances of the Church and Centre need to be implemented in business terms. Simply, we need money to continue.

The full balance sheet and statement of financial activities up to 31st August 2017 can be found on the following pages.

Bryan Whitham.
Treasurer



Independent Examiner’s Report to the Members of THE GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, HORSFORTH

I report on the accounts of the Grove Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2017 which are set out on pages 27 – 36.

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 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 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 Examiner’s Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- to accounts did 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 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.

Andy Gray FCCA
Independent Examiner
44 West End Lane
Horsforth
Leeds LS18 5JP

Dated : 24 January 2018



Reserves Policy

The General Fund comprises the unrestricted reserves of the Church. It aims to accumulate the equivalent of three months potential expenditure. Currently between £26,000 to £32,000. We are confident that the General Fund can satisfy that requirement.

Approved by The Grove Church Council on 27th February 2018 and signed on its behalf by Peter Mawson, Secretary to the Church Council.



THE GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, HORSFORTH
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st AUGUST 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
At Insurance Value:			
Freehold Property: Church		4,896,310	4,772,279
Cottage		145,355	141,673
Organ		595,848	580,754
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		5,637,513	5,494,706
At Cost less Depreciation:			
Fixtures & Fittings	1	0	0
		-----	-----
		5,637,513	5,494,706
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Sundry Debtors	2	16,980	8,029
Bank Accounts	3	81,173	82,329
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		98,153	90,358
Less: Sundry Creditors	4	-823	-7,049
		-----	-----
		97,329	83,309
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TOTAL NET ASSETS		5,734,842	5,578,015
		=====	=====
FUNDED BY:			
Restricted:			
Prop Val'n Res-Church/Organ		5,492,158	5,353,033
-Cottage		145,355	141,673
		-----	-----
		5,637,513	5,494,706
Designated: Trust 18633 Manchester			
		1,943	1,935
Benevolent Fund		530	256
Organ Fund		15,761	354
Property Fund		13,746	13,746
Projects For Young People		3,797	0
Unrestricted: General Fund		61,552	67,018
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		5,734,842	5,578,015
		=====	=====

Approved by the Grove Church Council on
And signed on its behalf by:
Trustee

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 31 August 2017

Note	General Fund	Other Funds	TOTAL	LAST YEAR
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Collections & Pledged				
Giving	51,988	274	52,262	50,879
Tax Refund - Gift Aid	10,850	0	10,850	9,656
Hire of Rooms / Car Park	39,322	0	39,322	36,964
Use of Rooms by Church Organisations.	2,275	0	2,275	3,100
Donations	7,703	3,797	11,500	8,399
Bank Interest	101	13	114	157
Other Income	1,047	0	1,047	455
Weddings & Funerals	4,019	0	4,019	0
FR Events	3,762	407	4,169	3,291
	121,067	4,491	125,558	112,901
EXPENDITURE				
Circuit Assessment	46,285	0	46,285	44,081
Subscriptions / Donations	2,662	0	2,662	1,870
Organ (Maint & Music)	922	0	922	1,349
Sundry Expenditure	1,967	4	1,971	1,335
Admin, Print & Stationery	2,837	0	2,837	2,612
Planned Maintenance	927	0	927	3,624
Property Maintenance	50,818	0	50,818	46,319
Outreach	2,100	0	2,100	2,075
Costs of Weddings & Funerals	3,015	0	3,015	0
	111,533	4	111,537	103,265
Surplus / Deficit for the Year	9,534	4,487	14,021	9,636
Transfers between funds	-15,000	15,000		0
Unrealised property gains	0	142,807	142,807	1,371,076
Net movement in funds	-5,466	162,294	156,828	1,380,712
Funds Br/Fwd:	67,018	5,510,997	5,578,015	4,197,303
Reserves Carr/Fwd:	61,552	5,673,291	5,734,843	5,578,015

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – OTHER FUNDS

	TMCP	Restricted	Organ	Benevol.	Property	Projects for	Total
	Trust		Fund	Fund	Fund	Young People	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Collections & Pledged							
Giving	0	0	0	274	0	0	274
Tax Refund - Gift							0
Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	3,797	3,797
Bank Interest	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Fundraising	0	0	407	0	0	0	407
	12	0	407	274	0	3,797	4,490
EXPENDITURE							
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sundry Expenditure	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Surplus for Year	8	0	407	274	0	3,797	4,486
Transfers between funds	0	0	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
Unrealised property gains	0	142,807	0	0	0	0	142,807
Net movement in funds	8	142,807	15,407	274	0	3,797	162,293
Funds Br/Fwd:	1,935	5,494,706	354	256	13,746	0	5,510,997
Funds Carr/Fwd:	1,943	5,637,513	15,761	530	13,746	3,797	5,673,290

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
 Prior Year comparitives (Yr ended 31/08/2016)

	TMCP Trust	Restricted	Organ Fund	Benevolent Fund	Property Fund	Projects for Young Peop	General Fund
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Collections & Pledged Giving	0	0	0	396	0	0	50,483
Tax Refund - Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,656
Hire of rooms/car park	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,964
Use of rooms by Church Orgs	0	0	0	0	0	0	3100
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,399
Bank interest	16	0	0	0	0	0	141
Other income	0	0	0	0	0	0	455
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,291
	16	0	0	396	0	0	112,489
EXPENDITURE							
Circuit assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,081
Subscriptions/Donations	0	0	0	470	0	0	1,400
Organ (maint & music)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,349
Sundry expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,335
Admin, Print & Stationery	4	0	0	0	0	0	2,608
Planned maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,624
Property maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	46,319
Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,075
	4	0	0	470	0	0	102,791
Surplus for the Year:	12	0	0	-74	0	0	9,698
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unrealised property gains	0	1,371,076	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	12	1,371,076	0	-74	0	0	9,698
Funds Br/Fwd:	1,923	4,123,630	354	330	13,746	0	57,320
Funds Carr/Fwd:	1,935	5,494,706	354	256	13,746	0	67,018

ALLOCATION OF ASSETS TO THE RESTRICTED, DELEGATED AND GENERAL FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Debtors Creditors	Bank Accounts	TOTAL Fund
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund	5,637,513	0	0	5,637,513
Designated Funds:				
TMCP Manchester	0	0	1,943	1,943
Benevolent Fund	0	0	530	530
Organ Fund	0	0	15,761	15,761
Property Fund	0	0	13,746	13,746
Projects for Young	0	0	3,797	3,797
General Fund	0	16,157	45,395	61,552
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5,637,513	16,157	81,172	5,734,842

UNREALISED PROPERTY GAINS AT INSURANCE VALUE
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2017

	2017	2016	GAIN
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	£	£	£
FREEHOLD			
Church	4,896,310	4,772,279	124,031
Cottage	145,355	141,673	3,682
Organ	595,848	580,754	15,094
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	5,637,513	5,494,706	142,807
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NOTES to the ACCOUNTS
For the Year Ended 31 August 2017

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the following Policies:

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, except where assets have been stated at valuation, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice “Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS102)” and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

INCOMING RESOURCES and RESOURCES EXPENDED

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Resources expended are recognised when the liability has been incurred.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The Church premises are included in the accounts at insurance value. There is no charge for depreciation as the properties are maintained in a good state of repair. Large items of equipment are capitalised and written off over four years. Routine repairs and renewals are written off in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

FUNDS

The property valuation reserve is restricted by the Methodist Conference and can only be used for property schemes. Other funds are designated for a particular purpose, or are unrestricted and can be used for purposes approved by the Church Council.

NOTES to the ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
For the Year Ended 31 August 2017

		2017	2016
		£	£
1. FIXTURES & FITTINGS			
Cost:	B/Fwd	11,690	11,690
	Additions	0	0
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		11,690	11,690
		-----	-----
Depreciation:	B/Fwd	11,690	11,690
	Charge for Year	0	0
		-----	-----
		11,690	11,690
		-----	-----
Net Book Value:		0	0
		-----	-----
2. SUNDRY DEBTORS			
	Trade Debtors	3,154	5,961
	Pre-Payments	12,995	1,342
	Income Tax Refunds	830	726
		-----	-----
		16,979	8,029
		-----	-----
3. BANK/CASH DEPOSITS			
	Current Account	41,896	44,967
	Collections Account	6,617	4,862
		-----	-----
		48,513	49,829
	Trustees for MCP	1,943	1,935
	Deposit Account	30,667	30,565
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		81,173	82,329
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	Cash Balance	50	0
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		81,173	82,329
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NOTES to the ACCOUNTS
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
4. SUNDRY CREDITORS		
Trade Creditors	823	1846
Salary, taxation, social security & pensions	0	1,406
Pre-school donation (now transf'd to contributions)	0	3,797
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	823	7,049
	-----	-----
5. STAFF COSTS		
Salary	15,167	15,002
Social Security	971	NB: Costs were not split out last year
Pension Costs	910	
Council Tax	1,302	1,250
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	18,350	16,252
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6. TRUSTEE EXPENSES		
Stationery and stamps	39	0
Travel	0	0
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	39	0
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<p>The Church has one employee (2016: 1) who acts as Premises Manager. He is also a Trustee.</p>		
7. PLANNED MAINTENANCE		
Church: Disabled Pew	695	
Other	232	1,380
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Centre	0	2,244
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<u>Total</u>	927	3,624
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NOTES to the ACCOUNTS
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
8. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE		
Premises Manager: Salary, Social Security, Pension costs &		
Council Tax	18,350	16,252
Repairs	64	969
Telephone	513	240
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	18,927	17,461
	-----	-----
Church: Heat & Light	5,579	6,411
Repairs	3,436	2,251
Water	803	437
Insurance	7,438	6,302
	-----	-----
	17,256	15,401
	-----	-----
Centre: Heat & Light	6,784	7,239
Repairs	4,479	2,840
Water	1,437	1,177
	-----	-----
	12,700	11,256
	-----	-----
Cleaning	1,935	2,201
	-----	-----
TOTAL:	50,818	46,319
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9. INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		
Funds at 1st September	8,162	8,595
Incoming Resources	13,429	12,747
Outgoing Resources	-12,127	-13,180
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Funds at 31st August	9,464	8,162
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Donations - Yr to 31st August 2017

Recipient	Value (£)
All We Can	£538.00
Bible Society	£63.00
Mission in Britain	£87.00
Action for Children	£969.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	£312.00
MWIB	£264.00
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	£246.00
Methodist Church Fund for Property	£100.00
Methodist Ministers Housing Society	£100.00
Horsforth Churches Together	£450.00
Horsforth Live at Home Scheme	£450.00
Leeds Christian Community (D Stowe)	£1,200.00
Bike for Mike	£150.00
Children in Need	£25.00
Fundraise in Horsforth for mum with terminal cancer	£20.00
St Gemma's Hospice	£50.00
Yorkshire Cancer Centre	£15.00
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	£255.00
Shirley Crawford's Uganda Project	£50.00
Martin House	£20.00
Horsforth Museum	£20.00
Leprosy Mission	£20.00
Minibus	£50.00
Bible Translation	£10.00
Friends of Hunger Hills	£20.00
Children	£15.00
Donations	£470.00

	£5,969.00
