

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **Year ending**

## **31 August 2018**



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



It is remarkable that it is now a year since I arrived in Horsforth and took over as minister at The Grove. I have always felt that it takes a year to get even a basic understanding of the life of a church. I certainly wouldn't claim to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of The Grove and all that happens here or of all who are part of the church family. However it has been really good to familiarise myself with the life of the church and all that goes on here.

This report is a detailed and accurate account of our church life over the past year. The activities that are recorded are many and various. It is clear that The Grove is a very busy and active church and The Grove Centre is well used by the church and the community.

During this year we have seen the start of our special anniversary year. It has been a great delight to welcome back former ministers to our pulpit and other special guests. We have also enjoyed a wide variety of concerts and musical performances and we are very grateful to all who have entertained us so well.

As a church we are constantly looking at how we are being called by God to move forward in faith and fellowship. The Leeds South and West circuit are currently involved in a process entitled "Together Travel On" which is working at creating a new structure for the circuit. We are aware that we are probably facing a future where fewer ministers will be available for stationing. We expect as a circuit to be operating with lower staffing levels in future years and we need to plan for that carefully. The "Together Travel On" process is fully consultative and all the churches in the circuit are part of the ongoing discussions.

At The Grove we are also looking to the future and developing our plans for the coming years. We are making an effort to improve our communications both updating our website and our information and welcome leaflets. As a church we believe in new life and I hope that we aren't too tired to enable those signs of new life to grow and develop. This is a report that tells us what we are doing now and have done in the past year. As we look back so we also look forward at all that we shall do in God's name in the coming year.

With best wishes,  
Mark

## **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**

"I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old." (Ps77:11) Trust the Psalmist to get to the heart of the matter! Here is a poet who knows how crucial it is to remember God's blessings, all the mighty things that have happened over the years, and he urges us to do the same. And that's where anniversaries come in. Whether it's the 1<sup>st</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, anniversaries are important occasions. The best of them has a resonance and meaning that helps us to recall, reflect and renew. They are milestones in the cycle of life that are as vital for congregations as they are for individuals.

For the church this year has been all about anniversaries. 2018 has marked the 222<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Methodist witness by the people called The Grove and the 150<sup>th</sup> from its home site in the present building. So a significant year that called for celebration. Celebration and planning that has dominated the year whilst, as always, seeking to embrace our response to the Gospel of love of Jesus Christ as embodied in our statement of aims (page 2).

This report from the Trustees (pages 5 – 23) summarises the church's efforts to realise the ideals encapsulated in that mission statement. Worship (p5), fellowship (p7), spirituality (p9), working with others (p14) and making a difference in the world (p10 & p16) have all remained as hallmarks of the church's service. And being able to do this from sound premises and a secure financial base has been important (p17).

And yet, this year there has been more, much more! The Church Council's Anniversary Organising Group has worked to the motto, "Dreams should always be two sizes too big so that you can grow into them." In other words, think big and see the larger picture. That is why

much of the year has been dominated by a worship programme that began with a communion service for times of renewal (page 5), has encapsulated two anniversary occasions led by past Presidents of Conference (page 6), and involved an uplifting series of worship occasions enriched by past and present ministers of the church (page 20).

It has been right that such a noteworthy year should be underpinned by a theme of renewed service and mission. Such a time of celebration has called for reflection, service and outreach into our local community and to our neighbours further afield. This report mentions the opportunities that have been used to open church doors to the local community, to bring in people who might never have been inside a church (pages 20-21) and to make a difference to those most in need of a little support (pages 11 & 20).

Whilst continuing with the usual fund raising and gift giving to numerous charities (pages 10-13), at the start of the year the Trustees took the challenging decision to set up the 2018 Grove Methodist Mission Project. This was in direct response to the many blessings that the church has cause to be thankful for over its long history. This year the project has involved supporting one of our church members to provide a Christian voice in a small part of northern Uganda, the epicentre of the Kony civil war that decimated the area for over 20 years. Life in Pece, 20 mins walk from Gulu, the nearest town, is far from easy. By supporting a number of projects the church has focussed its resources on a specific community in need and aimed to make a real difference to the lives of our wider neighbours (page 11).

In reading this report, 2017-2018 will be seen to have been another busy year in which The Grove has sought to live out its commitment to 'the Gospel of love in Jesus Christ'.

Peter Mawson  
Church Secretary

## **Worship**

- 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 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 Bible Society Representative, the Rev'd Uell Kennedy, on Bible Sunday, and the Rev'd Keith Hunt for Mission in Britain on the first Sunday of Advent. Throughout June, as part of Bible Month, chosen preachers provided opportunities for deeper reflection on the well known Old Testament book of Jonah and supported a Circuit 'Come and Sing' production of Jonah Man Jazz.
- At the opening of the year 2018, a special service to mark the church's 150<sup>th</sup> / 222<sup>nd</sup> anniversary consisted of a traditional morning communion service in the church sanctuary led by our new minister, the Rev'd Mark Godfrey.
- 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, an Advent morning Nativity service 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 that accompanies almost all services; Sunday worship, weddings, funerals and other special occasions.
- The Church Choir continues to heighten worship on a weekly basis with its contribution of introits and anthems to morning services. 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 a service of Music and Meditation that was much appreciated.
- 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 to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> year of our current building in our 222<sup>nd</sup> year of Methodist witness in the community. It was led by the Rev'd Dr Roger Walton, President of Conference 2016 – 2017. In May, the 222<sup>nd</sup> anniversary was led by the Rev'd Dr Neil Richardson, President of Conference 2003 – 2004
- During Holy Week memorable services were held on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
- During the year discussion on communion services resulted in the use of gluten free bread for all who participate in the service as a mark of unity and inclusion, and steps towards the provision of opportunities for children to participate with parental agreement.
- 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 churches , Woodside and Central, the Trustees have sanctioned a range of types of worship that has included traditional services, all-age worship, Taizé, Thanksgiving / Memorial, Remembrance, Communion and Ranters. 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 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**

- The bond of fellowship is encouraged by organising members into pastoral groups, each led by a Church Visitor. At a service in July all Pastoral Visitors were rededicated. Their watchful oversight of individual welfare is also extended to regular adherents.
- 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 have been 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 celebrated its eighteenth year of service, the Flower Guild that created 187 flower arrangements up to 31<sup>st</sup> August for distribution to adherents and beyond, and Grove Weekday and Weekend Wanderers (who celebrated their twenty-first 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 church and circuit members and adherents, of whom many were aged 75 or over, was held at Ravenhall between 29<sup>th</sup> April - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
- Also in May a four days-three nights tour was organised with a local coach company for those interested in a 'Sir Winston Churchill Experience' that toured Blenheim Palace and Chartwell, amongst other sites.
- 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.
- Provision of transport to church for those finding difficulty with travel, has always been an important part of the church's fellowship to those seeking to attend and has been efficiently organised by loyal managers for over 30 years. In the autumn, with the managers' retirement, current provision was overhauled through the appointment of a new Co-ordinator of the Sunday Morning Transport Group and that has enabled this vital part of our fellowship to continue.
- 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 2017 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 July Circuit Prayer Walk throughout Horsforth.
- 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.
- 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 6 baptisms, 2 dedications, 1 wedding and 6 funerals.
- At the end of October a well attended service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance, led by the Rev. Albert Jewell, 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 Rev'd Uell Kennedy, Official Bible Society Speaker.
- 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 celebration led by the Rev. Uell Kennedy. 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 children taking part as pirates looking for hidden treasure, exploring stories about Paul and his faith.
- 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 Scout and Guide sections ranging from 5 years to 18 year old. Of these the 9<sup>th</sup> Airedale Scout Group has 6 sections with The Tenzing Explorer Unit (which is a district based section) making a seventh scouting section meeting at the church. Combined scouting membership is approximately 140 with a further 35 adult leaders.
- 2018 was the Scout Group's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and so an anniversary camp was held at Aldwark Water Centre that was attended by over 100 members across all sections. Much fun was had on the water from the youngest to the oldest! The Scout Group also held a winter sleepover in the Church Centre in aid of Water Aid.
- In October the Rainbow Groups received their new colours, kindly provided by Horsforth North Friends of Guiding and presented them for dedication at the Harvest Festival service.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Airedale Scout Group and Girl Guiding Horsforth North held a memorable Gang Show in March that raised over £2,000 for all the scout and guide sections.
- 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 during the year. Donations were

sent to Community Heart Beat Trust (£70), Yorkshire Air Ambulance (£101.00), The Royal British Legion (£96.48 ), Mercy Ships (£79.32).

- In the first half of 2018, from fund raising, the following amounts were donated to The Grove Methodist Mission Project 2018 as an anniversary focus, that runs across the year in support of life changing projects in the village of Pece, Northern Uganda: Village Children Fun and Education Club (£300); Gulu Juvenile Remand Home (£117.26); Keep A Girl At School (£270.99); Christine's house (£139.25).
- In addition to supporting The Grove Methodist Mission Project 2018 the following amounts have been raised for other charity work: Wheatfields Hospice (£730.31), Keep a Girl at School (£400.00), Bible Society (£300).
- In October the church hosted a Marie Curie Birthday Autumn Fair with money raised donated to Marie Curie Cancer Fund. In appreciation “for all the wonderful helpers who made our recent event so successful”, Marie Curie North Leeds Fundraising Group thanked the church for helping to raise £1,000.
- Tots and Tykes remains one of the church’s biggest outreaches to young families in Horsforth and beyond. Each week it draws together during term-time, an average of 50 children ranging from newly born to 3 years old accompanied by their parents, grand-parents 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 £797.69 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 £369.16 in box collections during the year.
- A new venture has been the successful organisation of children's Activity Mornings in December and April, where primary school aged children could enjoy crafts, games, videos and lots of fun.

- Having effectively maintained the Church Benevolent Fund, payments have been made to support individuals and families in financial hardship. The church continues to receive money in collections that is designated to this fund for this use.
- 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, Bible 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, Diabetes 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 £100 has been donated to Leprosy Mission and £150 to Christine's House, the Ugandan charity supporting severely abused, pregnant, teenage girls.
- 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 of mixed 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.
- An inter-faith Horsforth Live at Home Memorial Service was held at The Grove in January to reflect on those who have in the past been involved in the charity that is aimed at supporting elderly members of

the community to remain in their own homes.

- In May, through door-to-door collections, members raised £1077 for Christian Aid that proved to be another valuable contribution 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 contributed to 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 distributed 9,544 emergency food parcels, a 16% rise on last year with 3,468 being given to children.
- With 'Helping The Homeless' in mind, support was provided for a coffee morning, that raised £750 shared between St George's Crypt, Simon on the Streets and Caring for Life, collecting clothing and food, and donating toiletries and towels. The latter collection was received with thanks by St George's Crypt who wrote "Thank you for your bountiful supply of towels and toiletries. Your donation is very generous and truly appreciated by everyone at St George's Crypt especially our service users who will benefit most from your kindness."
- On 7th July, as part of Horsforth Walk of Art, the church was made available for the display of art work and the viewing of the stained glass windows.
- 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, in September, by supporting celebrations for the designation of Horsforth as a Fairtrade Town, and in March by recognising Fairtrade Fortnight.
- 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 the District, members attended the service to launch the new Yorkshire West District in early September. Church representatives were also invited to an October service of celebration prior to the closure of the District project, Oxford Place, the Methodist Mission Centre serving the city of Leeds, and the church held an open meeting in November led by the Rev'd Peter Whitaker, on future plans for Oxford Place.
- In September the church hosted the District Welcome Service for the Rev'd Mark Godfrey and Deacon Merry Evans who joined the Circuit at the start of this church year. And in May members supported the District 'Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event', a Pentecost Party at John Charles Centre for Sport.
- At Circuit level the church has shown its commitment to working together by hosting and supporting a series of monthly circuit services based around the book 'Holy Habits' by the Rev'd Andrew Roberts. It has also hosted the Service of Intercession for Methodist Women in Britain in November, the Women's World Day of Prayer in March and promoted the Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering Service in aid of the World Mission Fund. In October, January and April, the church held the Horsforth Methodist Churches Taizé Services, as well as backing services across the Circuit in September, January and May and hosting the Circuit service in July.
- Also at Circuit level, in response to the 2017 Conference request, the church participated in '18 minutes past', a January Circuit prayer challenge to mark the beginning of the Connexional year.
- Across the year the Trustees and church adherents have given careful thought and a reasoned response to items raised by the

Circuit Meeting including: 'Together Travel On: Conversations on the Way', circuit discussions with churches on how resources are being effectively used.

- Having hosted last year the introduction of 'Creating Safer Space', a new Methodist safeguarding module for those updating previous training, Grove members attended sessions held in the Circuit during this year. In the light of this the church reviewed its safeguarding policy and appointed a church safeguarding co-ordinator.
- 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 the September Refugee Clothing Collection and the workshops and exhibition entitled 'The World on our Doorstep; Horsforth Refugee Camp'. Members participated in the Churches Together service to commemorate 'Luther500: From Reformation to Reconciliation' and the Kirkstall Abbey Museum Nativity hosted by local Anglican churches. 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 and the Churches Together Dawn Service on Easter Sunday.
- The church continued its backing for local events linked to 'Café of Hope 2018', 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, involvement in Dementia Action Week and hosting a follow up meeting on dementia awareness, 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, £316.50 was raised in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

- £303.71 was raised towards a group of young people from Horsforth participating in a South African Mission Trip aimed at supporting Sethani Centre for Vulnerable Children.
- 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, page 15, points 8 - 12).
- 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 events.
- 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 work, at the gala a donation and volunteer help was given towards the running of a number of activities aimed at creating a Christian presence.
- 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 at the Market.
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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, page 28f) that has enabled it to undertake events and activities in line with its stated Mission Statement (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 used to make organ repairs and earmarked for upkeep of the Centre roof.
- The Treasurer continues to explore new ways of updating systems in line with current business methods, through the introduction of efficiency and cost saving procedures. The computer linkage between the Treasurer and Premises Manager remains effective in generating 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 negotiation of a contract for a new church photocopier, agreement on a new maintenance contract for the Centre lift and smarter energy rates for gas and electricity.
- During the year note was made that funding from commercial lettings had risen but the church had almost reached maximum hiring capacity. 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 £843.49 from several anniversary concerts and a further £199 from the sale of the anniversary booklet.
- 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 £726 and since its involvement the church has received well over £5,000 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, as from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 maintained.
- 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 has seen the completion of matters raised on the Quinquennial Inspection Report.
- Other improvements throughout the year include completion of environmental and access audits, a Legionella Risk Assessment that

confirmed no impending issues with the water system, improved entry to the new disabled-access pew, repair of damaged flashings and pointing, gutter clearing, car park repairs, stained glass window repairs, replacement of stolen lead from Centre roof with non-lead material, drainage of leaking pipe and re-pointing the cottage ridge and chimney.

- 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.
- With safety in mind group users of the premises are reminded of the need for Portable Appliance Testing and this year it took place in October.
- The church organ is 83 years old and, apart from seasonal tuning through the years and a certain amount of re-leathering of some pneumatic actions in 1984, it has given very reliable service. Organ builders, Henry Willis and Sons Ltd., having viewed the organ, concluded, “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.” Since, in the past couple of years, there has been a number of organ failures, the church recognised the need for more thorough work to be undertaken to maintain the instrument in good working order and has completed a restoration package. However, it is recognised that full restoration to incorporate modern day standards will be needed at some point in the future
- 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, use of LED and low watt lighting, utilising 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.

- 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**

- In January 2018 the church embarked on a year-long celebration for its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in its 222<sup>nd</sup> year of Methodist witness in the community. Activities and events included:
  - A specially commissioned booklet, 'Moving Forward 1868 – 2018: The Building of Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church' by our resident historian, Christine Mathers.
  - Outdoor and indoor banners to mark the year.
  - The creation of a church charity for our anniversary year, The Grove Methodist Mission Project 2018, that runs across the year in support of a church member, Shirley Crawford, who works as a Christian voice in the village of Pece, Northern Uganda, the epicentre of the Kony civil war that decimated the area for over 20 years, and where life is far from easy.
  - Following a service of celebration led by the Rev'd Dr Roger Walton, President of Conference 2016 – 2017 and Chair of our Yorkshire West District, an opening church luncheon to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary date.
  - A series of monthly special services led by current and past church ministers and a 222<sup>nd</sup> anniversary service in May.
  - A special exhibition 'Creation: A Celebration', an awe-inspiring exhibition of 22 frames containing embroidery, paintings and multi-media pictures on special loan from the Bible Society. This was complemented by a display of arts, crafts, Flower Guild exhibits and historical memorabilia from church friends.

- a series of eight anniversary concerts involving The Grove Choir, Sheffield Citadel Salvation Army Band, Knaresborough Choral Society & Orchestra, Celebrity Artistes and an indoor picnic concert. Festivities continue throughout 2018.
- 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 Scheme: This has been a special project that has been running for over twenty-one years. It is aimed at decreasing social isolation and loneliness by supporting the independence of elderly people in their own homes. Currently it supports 630 members and has 75 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 2017-2018 aimed at raising general Bible awareness including the sale of Bible reading notes, 'Open the Book' visits to primary schools and the 'Creation: A Celebration' exhibition (above page 20).
- 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. In September £107.83 was donated to Leprosy Mission funds.
- Harvest: During morning worship on Harvest Sunday, gifts of produce were collected for distribution to Leeds Foodbank and Woodhouse Moor Family Centre, 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. Weekend activities raised £246.26 and a Sunday appeal £86 for 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”.
  - Shoebox gifts were collected as part of Operation Christmas Child in order to change young people's lives across the world.
  - Funds for Christian Aid and Tradedcraft through purchases from their Christmas catalogues,
  - A donation from service collections of £797.69 for Action for Children in the UK (above page 11).
- 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**

- 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.
- To mark the 500<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Protestantism, The Grove, along with other churches in the community, held an anniversary service at the local Roman Catholic church on the theme 'From Reformation to Reconciliation'. Also in celebration, The Grove Choir led a workshop at the 'My Heart Strangely Warmed' event at Fulneck Church (established in 1744 by Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, a Moravian Bishop and Lutheran priest) and School. The aim was to bring together in song Lutherans, Moravians and Methodists.
- 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.
- In September, The Grove was pleased to celebrate the achievement of Gordon Bradley, one of our members, who gained Olympic status last summer, by participating in the Special Olympics GB National Games, held in Sheffield and who won ribbons for coming 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in his BOCCIA events.

## **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 traditional 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, response has been made by the church and its associated groups to appeals and charities across the year, listed on pages 27 to 33.

The accounts provide details of major transactions for the year 2017 – 2018. These include the Circuit Assessment for the church, which was £48,252.00. 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 2017 – 2018. 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 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018**

### **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.

The Managing Trustees are the unpaid members of the Church Council and for the year ending 31st August 2018 those who have served on Church Council are as follows:

Carole Abel, Philip Abel, Kath Ashby, Ann Bailey, Kay Bassett, Anne Blackburn, Barbara Buckley, David Buckley, Kathryn Bussey, Kirsty Butler (Circuit Representative), Judith Chaplin Linda Douglass, Alan Firth, Cynthia Hatton, Carol Hoyle (from 27.02.18), Graham Hoyle, Gill Jewell, Gill Marley, Rev. Mark Godfrey (Chair), Philip Maud, Janette Mawson, Peter Mawson (Secretary), Jean Orton, Anthony Orton, Cynthia Quayle (to 11.10.17), David Quick, Margaret Shingler (to 30.04.18), Margaret Simmons, Caroline Turner, Andy Walker, Michael Wallis, Bryan Whitham (Treasurer), Keith Whitham, Trish Whitham, Sally Wolfe.

Independent Examiner: Mr Andrew Gray F.C.C.A

Bankers: Yorkshire Bank plc, Horsforth

As at 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 there were 162 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**

Although this year we are showing an operating deficit of just over £8,000 our financial position generally remains solid. This has been possible by adopting strict controls on expenditure and maximising income from room hire and the accounts are a positive indication that this is working. Our operating deficit is mainly due to expenditure required on the Church organ, a vital and integral part of the Church community.

We must always be aware that financial situations can change with alacrity and necessary expenditure can often not be planned. We must never forget that we are constantly maintaining the Church and Centre; one building is old and the other in use 7 days a week. These require large amounts of expenditure, but in return the Centre generates over 30% of our annual income and collections and donations make up 50% of the annual income.

We have expenditure planned for the future and continued help and support from the congregation, Church members and Church groups will always be precious and irreplaceable in order to enable the Church to continue.

The full balance sheet and statement of financial activities up to 31st August 2018 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 to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Grove Methodist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2018.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Church, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Dated: 31 December 2018

## **Reserves Policy**

The General Fund comprises the unrestricted reserves of the Church. It aims to accumulate the equivalent of six months potential expenditure. Currently between £60,000 to £65,000. We are confident that the General Fund can satisfy that requirement.

Approved by The Grove Church Council on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and signed on its behalf by Peter Mawson, Secretary to the Church Council.

THE GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, HORSFORTH  
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st AUGUST 2018

|   | Note | 2018<br>£ | 2017<br>£ |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>  |      |           |           |
| <b>At Insurance Value:</b>  |      |           |           |
| Freehold Property: Church   |      | 5,092,181 | 4,896,310 |
| Cottage   |      | 151,170   | 145,355   |
| Organ   |      | 619,684   | 595,848   |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
|   |      | 5,863,035 | 5,637,513 |
| <b>At Cost less Depreciation:</b>   |      |           |           |
| Fixtures & Fittings   | 1    | 0         | 0         |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
|   |      | 5,863,035 | 5,637,513 |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>   |      |           |           |
| Sundry Debtors  | 2    | 16,539    | 16,980    |
| Bank Accounts   | 3    | 74,428    | 81,173    |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
|   |      | 90,967    | 98,153    |
| Less: Sundry Creditors  | 4    | -2,239    | -824      |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
|   |      | 88,728    | 97,329    |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>   |      | 5,951,763 | 5,734,842 |
|   |      | =====     | =====     |
| <b>FUNDED BY:</b>   |      |           |           |
| Restricted:   |      |           |           |
| Prop Valuat'n Reserve -Church/Organ   |      | 5,711,865 | 5,492,158 |
| Cottage   |      | 151,170   | 145,355   |
|   |      | 571       | 530       |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
|   |      | 5,863,606 | 5,638,043 |
| Designated: Trust 18633 Manchester  |      | 1,951     | 1,943     |
| Organ Fund  |      | 1,000     | 15,761    |
| Property Fund   |      | 13,746    | 13,746    |
| Projects For Young People   |      | 3,716     | 3,797     |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
| Unrestricted: General Fund  |      | 67,744    | 61,552    |
|   |      | -----     | -----     |
|   |      | 5,951,763 | 5,734,842 |
|   |      | =====     | =====     |
| The allocation of assets to the various funds is shown on page 32 of the accounts |      |           |           |
| The notes on pages 34 to 37 form part of these accounts                           |      |           |           |

Approved by the Grove Church Council on

And signed on its behalf by:

Trustee:

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 31 August 2018

| Note                           | General Fund | Other Funds | TOTAL     | LAST YEAR |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | £            | £           | £         | £         |
| <b>INCOME</b>                  |              |             |           |           |
| Collections & Pledged Giving   | 55,093       | 186         | 55,279    | 52,262    |
| Tax Refund - Gift Aid          | 11,302       | 0           | 11,302    | 10,850    |
| Hire of Rooms / Car Park       | 41,861       | 0           | 41,861    | 39,322    |
| Use of Rooms by Church Orgs.   | 2,300        | 0           | 2,300     | 2,275     |
| Donations                      | 8,754        | 1,200       | 9,954     | 11,500    |
| Bank Interest                  | 87           | 12          | 99        | 114       |
| Other Income                   | 4,701        | 0           | 4,701     | 1,047     |
| Weddings & Funerals            | 1,840        | 0           | 1,840     | 4,019     |
| FR Events                      | 2,998        | 0           | 2,998     | 4,169     |
|                                | 128,936      | 1,398       | 130,334   | 125,558   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>             |              |             |           |           |
| Circuit Assessment             | 48,252       | 0           | 48,252    | 46,285    |
| Subscriptions / Donations      | 4,813        | 0           | 4,813     | 2,662     |
| Organ (Maint & Music)          | 2,044        | 15,761      | 17,805    | 922       |
| Sundry Expenditure             | 6            | 430         | 3,111     | 1,971     |
| Admin, Print & Stationery      | 2,889        | 0           | 2,889     | 2,837     |
| Planned Maintenance            | 7            | 0           | 1,095     | 927       |
| Property Maintenance           | 5 & 8        | 0           | 57,055    | 50,818    |
| Outreach                       | 2,375        | 0           | 2,375     | 2,100     |
| Costs of Weddings & Funerals   | 1,540        | 0           | 1,540     | 3,016     |
|                                | 122,744      | 16,191      | 138,935   | 111,538   |
| Surplus / Deficit for the Year | 6,192        | -14,793     | -8,601    | 14,020    |
| Transfers between funds        | 0            | 0           | 0         | 0         |
| Unrealised property gains      | 0            | 225,522     | 225,522   | 142,807   |
| Net movement in funds          | 6,192        | 210,729     | 216,921   | 156,827   |
| Funds Br/Fwd:                  | 61,552       | 5,673,290   | 5,734,842 | 5,578,015 |
| Reserves Carr/Fwd:             | 67,744       | 5,884,019   | 5,951,763 | 5,734,842 |

Prior year comparitives for each fund are shown on page 31

The notes on pages 34 to 37 form part of these accounts

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – OTHER FUNDS  
for the YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018

|                           | TMCP<br>Trust | Restricted<br>Prop Val<br>Reserve | Organ<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Benevolent<br>Fund | Property<br>Fund | Projects for<br>Young People | Total     |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                           | £             | £                                 | £             | £                                | £                | £                            | £         |
| <b>INCOME</b>             |               |                                   |               |                                  |                  |                              |           |
| Collectns & Pledged       |               |                                   |               |                                  |                  |                              |           |
| Giving                    | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 186                              | 0                | 0                            | 186       |
| Tax Refund - Gift Aid     | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0                                | 0                | 0                            | 0         |
| Donations                 | 0             | 0                                 | 1,000         | 200                              | 0                | 0                            | 1,200     |
| Bank Interest             | 12            | 0                                 | 0             | 0                                | 0                | 0                            | 12        |
| Fundraising               | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0                                | 0                | 0                            | 0         |
|                           | 12            | 0                                 | 1,000         | 386                              | 0                | 0                            | 1,398     |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>        |               |                                   |               |                                  |                  |                              |           |
| Donations                 | 0             | 0                                 | 15,761        | 0                                | 0                | 0                            | 15,761    |
| Admin, Print & Stationery | 4             | 0                                 | 0             | 345                              | 0                | 81                           | 430       |
|                           | 4             | 0                                 | 15,761        | 345                              | 0                | 81                           | 16,191    |
| Surplus/Def. for Year     | 8             | 0                                 | -14,761       | 41                               | 0                | -81                          | -14,793   |
| Transfers between funds   | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0                                | 0                | 0                            | 0         |
| Unrealised property gains | 0             | 225,522                           | 0             | 0                                | 0                | 0                            | 225,522   |
| Net movement in funds     | 8             | 225,522                           | -14,761       | 41                               | 0                | -81                          | 210,729   |
| Funds Br/Fwd:             | 1,943         | 5,637,513                         | 15,761        | 530                              | 13,746           | 3,797                        | 5,673,290 |
| Funds Carr/Fwd:           | 1,951         | 5,963,035                         | 1,000         | 571                              | 13,746           | 3,716                        | 5,884,019 |

THE GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, HORSFORTH  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
Prior Year comparitives (Yr ended 31/08/2018)

|                              | TMCP<br>Trust | Restricted | Organ<br>Fund | Benevolent<br>Fund | Property<br>Fund | Projects for<br>Young People | General<br>Fund |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|                              | £             | £          | £             | £                  | £                | £                            | £               |
| <b>INCOME</b>                |               |            |               |                    |                  |                              |                 |
| Collections & Pledged        |               |            |               |                    |                  |                              |                 |
| Giving                       | 0             | 0          | 0             | 274                | 0                | 0                            | 51,988          |
| Tax Refund - Gift Aid        | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 10,850          |
| Hire of rooms/car park       | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 39,322          |
| Use of rooms by Church       |               |            |               |                    |                  |                              |                 |
| Orgs                         | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 2,275           |
| Donations                    | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 3,797                        | 7,703           |
| Bank interest                | 12            | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 101             |
| Other income                 | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 1,047           |
| Weddings & Funerals          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 4,019           |
| Fundraising events           | 0             | 0          | 407           | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 3,762           |
|                              | 12            | 0          | 407           | 274                | 0                | 3,797                        | 121,067         |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>           |               |            |               |                    |                  |                              |                 |
| Circuit assessment           | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 46,285          |
| Subscriptions/Donations      | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 2,662           |
| Organ (maint & music)        | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 922             |
| Sundry expenditure           | 4             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 1,967           |
| Admin, Print & Stationery    | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 2,837           |
| Planned maintenance          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 927             |
| Property maintenance         | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 50,818          |
| Outreach                     | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 2,100           |
| Costs of Weddings & Funerals | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 3,015           |
|                              | 4             | 0          | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 111,533         |
| Surplus for the Year:        | 8             | 0          | 407           | 274                | 0                | 3,797                        | 9,534           |
| Transfers between funds      | 0             | 0          | 15,000        | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | -15,000         |
| Unrealised property gains    | 0             | 142,807    | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0                            | 0               |
| Net movement in funds        | 8             | 142,807    | 15,407        | 274                | 0                | 3,797                        | -5,466          |
| Funds                        |               |            |               |                    |                  |                              |                 |
| Br/Fwd:                      | 1,935         | 5,494,706  | 354           | 256                | 13,746           | 0                            | 67,018          |
| Funds Carr/Fwd:              | 1,943         | 5,637,513  | 15,761        | 530                | 13,746           | 3,797                        | 61,552          |

The notes on pages 34 to 37 form part of these accounts

## ALLOCATION OF ASSETS TO THE RESTRICTED, DELEGATED AND GENERAL FUNDS

|                            | Tangible<br>Fixed Assets | Debtors<br>Creditors | Bank<br>Accounts | TOTAL<br>Fund |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                            | £                        | £                    | £                | £             |
| Restricted Fund            |                          |                      |                  |               |
| Property Valuation Reserve | 5,863,035                | 0                    | 0                | 5,863,035     |
| Benevolent Fund            | 0                        | 0                    | 571              | 571           |
| Designated Funds:          |                          |                      |                  |               |
| TMCP Manchester            | 0                        | 0                    | 1,951            | 1,951         |
| Organ Fund                 | 0                        | 0                    | 1,000            | 1,000         |
| Property Fund              | 0                        | 0                    | 13,746           | 13,746        |
| Projects for Young People  | 0                        | 0                    | 3,716            | 3,716         |
| General Fund               | 0                        | 14,300               | 53,444           | 67,744        |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS           | 5,863,035                | 14,300               | 74,428           | 5,951,763     |

The notes on pages 34 to 37 form part of these accounts

UNREALISED PROPERTY GAINS AT INSURANCE VALUE  
for the YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018

|          |         | 2018      | 2017      | GAIN    |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|          |         | £         | £         | £       |
| FREEHOLD | Church  | 5,092,181 | 4,896,310 | 195,871 |
|          | Cottage | 151,170   | 145,355   | 5,815   |
|          | Organ   | 619,684   | 595,848   | 23,836  |
|          |         | 5,863,035 | 5,637,513 | 225,522 |

The notes on pages 34 to 37 form part of these accounts

NOTES to the ACCOUNTS  
For the Year Ended 31 August 2018  
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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 2018

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|                        |                 | 2018<br>£       | 2017<br>£       |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. FIXTURES & FITTINGS |                 |                 |                 |
| Cost:                  | B/Fwd           | 11,690          | 11,690          |
|                        | Additions       | 0               | 0               |
|                        |                 | -----<br>11,690 | -----<br>11,690 |
|                        |                 | -----           | -----           |
| Depreciation:          | B/Fwd           | 11,690          | 11,690          |
|                        | Charge for Year | 0               | 0               |
|                        |                 | -----<br>11,690 | -----<br>11,690 |
|                        |                 | -----           | -----           |
| Net Book Value:        |                 | 0               | 0               |
|                        |                 | -----           | -----           |
| 2. SUNDRY DEBTORS      |                 |                 |                 |
| Trade Debtors          |                 | 1,705           | 3154            |
| Pre-Payments           |                 | 14,050          | 12,995          |
| Income Tax Refunds     |                 | 784             | 830             |
|                        |                 | -----<br>16,539 | -----<br>16,979 |
|                        |                 | -----           | -----           |
| 3. BANK/CASH DEPOSITS  |                 |                 |                 |
| Current Account        |                 | 31,677          | 41,896          |
| Collections Account    |                 | 9,997           | 6,617           |
|                        |                 | -----<br>41,674 | -----<br>48,513 |
|                        |                 | -----           | -----           |
| Trustees for MCP       |                 | 1,951           | 1,943           |
| Deposit Account        |                 | 30,753          | 30,667          |
|                        |                 | -----           | -----           |
| Cash Balance           |                 | 50              | 50              |
|                        |                 | -----<br>74,428 | -----<br>81,173 |
|                        |                 | -----           | -----           |

NOTES to the ACCOUNTS  
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2018

|  | 2018<br>£ | 2017<br>£ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| <b>4. SUNDRY CREDITORS</b>   |           |           |
| Trade Creditors  | 2,113     | 824       |
| Salary, taxation, social security & pension contributions  | 0         | 0         |
| Room Hire in Advance   | 126       | 0         |
|  | -----     | -----     |
|  | 2,239     | 824       |
|  | -----     | -----     |
| <b>5. STAFF COSTS</b>  |           |           |
| Salary   | 15,607    | 15,167    |
| Social Security  | 1,012     | 971       |
| Pension Costs  | 385       | 910       |
| Council Tax  | 1,365     | 1,302     |
|  | -----     | -----     |
|  | 18,369    | 18,350    |
|  | -----     | -----     |
| <b>6. TRUSTEE EXPENSES</b>   |           |           |
| Stationery and stamps  | 74        | 39        |
| Training   | 45        | 0         |
|  | -----     | -----     |
|  | 119       | 39        |
|  | -----     | -----     |
| <p>The Church has one employee (2017: 1) who acts as Premises Manager.<br/>He is also a Trustee.</p> |           |           |
| <b>7. PLANNED MAINTENANCE</b>  |           |           |
| Church: Ramp Disable Pew   | 475       | 695       |
| Other  | 250       | 232       |
|  | -----     | -----     |
| Centre   | 370       | 0         |
|  | -----     | -----     |
|  | 1,095     | 927       |
|  | -----     | -----     |

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|                         |  | 2018<br>£ | 2017<br>£ |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| 8. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE |  |           |           |
| Premises Manager        | Salary, Social Security, Pension costs & Council Tax | 18,369    | 18,350    |
|                         | Repairs  | 404       | 64        |
|                         | Telephone  | 373       | 513       |
|                         |  | -----     | -----     |
|                         |  | 19,146    | 18,927    |
|                         |  | -----     | -----     |
| Church:                 | Heat & Light   | 6,598     | 5,579     |
|                         | Repairs  | 4,741     | 3,436     |
|                         | Water  | 1,109     | 803       |
|                         | Insurance  | 6,801     | 7,438     |
|                         |  | -----     | -----     |
|                         |  | 19,249    | 17,256    |
|                         |  | -----     | -----     |
| Centre:                 | Heat & Light   | 7,776     | 6,784     |
|                         | Repairs  | 7,546     | 4,479     |
|                         | Water  | 1,312     | 1,437     |
|                         |  | -----     | -----     |
|                         |  | 16,634    | 12,700    |
|                         |  | -----     | -----     |
| Cleaning                |  | 2,026     | 1,935     |
|                         |  | -----     | -----     |
| TOTAL:                  |  | 57,055    | 50,818    |
|                         |  | =====     | =====     |

9. INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

|                        |         |         |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Funds at 1st September | 9,464   | 8,162   |
| Incoming Resources     | 12,657  | 13,429  |
| Outgoing Resources     | -12,971 | -12,127 |
|                        | -----   | -----   |
| Fuds at 31st August    | 9,150   | 9,464   |
|                        | -----   | -----   |

