

ANNUAL REPORT

Year ending

31 August 2019



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

Welcome to our annual report for the church year 2018 to 2019. This report gives an overview of the life of the church and the many groups and activities that constitute our life together. It is encouraging to see that so many different people contribute in so many different ways to enable our church to function as it does.

In the early part of our church year we completed the celebration of the 150th anniversary of our church building. The organising committee are to be congratulated on doing an excellent job in organising the celebratory year. There were many highlights that will live on in the memory, both in terms of special services and musical and other events. We have been able to celebrate the past and look to how we should build on all that work in the future.

I mentioned in the last annual report the involvement of the church in the “Together Travel On” process of the Leeds South and West circuit. That process has now produced significant changes to the staffing arrangements of the circuit. Two of our ministers will devote half their time to developing special projects within the circuit. Rev Tim Boocock will look to develop community houses as part of the new monastic network and Rev Rach Ward, our new colleague, will have a discipleship development brief. This has produced some consequent changes of ministerial pastoral oversight as a result of which I shall in future be the minister of five churches rather than three. The circuit have recognised the size of this workload and we have welcomed Chris Coleman to serve as a lay pastor in this section of the circuit. He has already made himself known to many of you at The Grove and will be seeking to ensure that pastoral matters are not neglected in the new setup.

Our new church website is now running well and is a big improvement on the previous one which had become very outdated. Our thanks to Andy Walker, Jenny Godfrey and Keith Whitham for all their work on this. It is now much easier to keep the new website up to date which we shall endeavour to do.

Another recent development has been the Grove Film Club which meets weekly on a Friday evening. This has drawn significant numbers of people together both from within and outside our church family. The warm and welcoming atmosphere has been commented on by many.

With best wishes, Mark (Rev. Mark Godfrey)

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

'So what's the story?', Clive Marsh, Methodist Connexional Vice-President, reflecting on the overarching theme of this year's presidency, provides a reminder that stories operate at a number of levels. They can be about describing events that have been witnessed. These then become historical accounts of happenings and record what has gone before. Stories can also be about making sense of things, not only to put things in order but also to give shape to what life is about and where it is heading. And then, story, woven into God's story, becomes 'testimony', an opportunity to see why faith is so important to life.

The Grove Annual Report ending 31st August 2019 is the next chapter in the church's story and as such, draws upon each of these three aspects of story telling. At the most basic level, this report outlines, on pages 5 to 25, the events and happenings that have occurred across 2018-2019. Each of these has established and sustained the church community across another year. Each is part of the foundation that will inform the present year so that some events such as the Change-for-Change charity collections (page 12, point 4) will continue, others, like the special anniversary celebrations, will have left their impact (page 22, point 2) as the church moves on, and still others, perhaps like Dementia Friendly Church (page 23 point 1), may lead to even greater and bigger opportunities. A myriad picture of activities to chart the church's busy year.

It can prove problematic organising so many happenings into illustrations of each of the church's statement of aims and mission (page 2) as any one event will more than likely exemplify any number of aims. However, accounting for each one importantly helps make sense of what church life

has been about over the last twelve months and how The Grove is continually striving to make a difference to the world in which it is placed. This difference can be in the local community as with Light Parties (page 11), August Fun Clubs (page 12) and Uniformed Activities (page 12), just beyond the neighbourhood as is a cause like the Leeds Centre for Leukaemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma (page 13) or much further afield as happened with support for the victims of the Sulawesi tsunami, Indonesia, and Cyclone Idai, South-east Africa (page 24).

In any year the Trustees are motivated by the desire to give voice to the faith that provides significance to the church's life. That faith is nurtured in its core worship (page 5f) and the encouragement to grow spiritually (page 10-11). But faith without works can prove dead and so each of the activities listed in the report has a significance beyond their simple happening. Significantly, the start of this year saw the completion of the church's special anniversary year when 2018 marked the 222nd anniversary of Methodist faith and witness by the people called The Grove and the 150th from its home site in the present building. A special part of celebrations has been reflected in The Grove Methodist Mission Project 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 (page 22). Faith and works in action!

Reading the report will show how The Grove story is unique to The Grove but also how it is a part of the Methodist story and, as the Rev'd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference for 2019/2020 testifies, that is about caring for people, whether they're next door or in a refugee camp thousands of miles away. In reading this report, 2018-2019 is shown to have been another busy year of dedication and hard work in which The Grove has sought to live out its commitment to 'the Gospel of love in Jesus Christ'.

Peter Mawson
Church Council 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 around 100 as evidenced by an October count. 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 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 Deacon Merry Evans of Leeds City Centre Methodist Mission, on Mission in Britain Sunday and the Rev'd Dr Albert Jewell leading an Aldersgate Sunday Holy Communion service in May and, as Secretary of Christians on Ageing Dementia Network, the Methodist Homes Sunday in June. Throughout July, as part of Bible Month, chosen preachers provided opportunities for deeper reflection on the Epistle to the Colossians with it's big view of Christ.
- At the opening of the new 2018-2019 Connexional year, a special service to mark the church's 150th / 222nd anniversary consisted of a Covenant Service in the church sanctuary, led by our minister, the Rev'd Mark Godfrey on the theme of looking forward with assurance knowing that God has been with us in the past.
- 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 and the distribution of Palm Crosses. Other notable services have included Ash Wednesday lunch time, evening Taizé services, the October service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance 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 nearby Woodside and Central Methodist Churches.
- The music of the church continues to be capably led by the church's Acting Choirmaster, Acting Organist, and a team of organists on a rota basis.
- 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. This is an instrument of worth! Having viewed the organ recently, organ builders Henry Willis and Sons reported, "The organ is an unaltered instrument which has benefited enormously from the tender care heaped on it it is a finely built and very well preserved example of the work of Rushworth and 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 the church possesses."
- The church gratefully accepted the gift of a Baby Grand Piano that, after tuning and purchase of a special frame for moving, has enhanced worship by complementing the use of the organ.
- 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, the September local arrangement service and the Christmas Carol service, worship benefits greatly from the musical setting. This year, on Good Friday, the choir performed a much appreciated service based on the Holy Week Cantata, 'The Perfect Sacrifice', with readings from the book, 'Impossible God', by the Rev'd Frank Topping.
- 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.
- For the first part of the connexional year, monthly Sunday services continued to feature preachers who have been linked to the life and mission of the church in celebration of our special 150 / 222

Anniversary Year. The Rev'ds Greg Haynes (2005-10), Mark Godfrey (2017f), Alistair Jones (2010-17), and current Local Preachers completed the twelve special services marking celebrations across 2018.

- The November Remembrance Sunday weekend saw the church exterior adorned by a wave of 1,200 knitted poppies in the style of the Tower of London display. Across the weekend the church hosted a Churches Together exhibition entitled 'Remembrance 100 years 1918-2018', sponsored by Horsforth Museum, Help the Heroes and Royal British Legion at which £186 was collected for the British Legion.
- In January, the Church Anniversary consisted of a traditional morning service in the church sanctuary led by the Rev'd Peter Whittaker, Emeritus Chair of West Yorkshire District and included an update of the work in Pece, Northern Uganda, that has been supported by the church as a special anniversary project.
- During Holy Week memorable services were held on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
- During the year the use of gluten free bread in communion services for all who participate has provided a mark of unity and inclusion, as has 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 and careful note is taken of copyright matters.
- 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, Ranters and Sankey & Moody worship.
- 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.
- After years of effective service, in the autumn The Grove website was redesigned so as to make it easier to use and more accessible for enquirers.

- 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 nineteenth year of service, the Flower Guild that created 185 flower arrangements up to 31st August for distribution to adherents and beyond, and Grove Weekday Wanderers and Saturday Weekend Wanderers that have organised regular rambles throughout the year. A host of volunteers help organise a Sunday Morning Coffee Break. Held after regular morning worship, it is appreciated and enjoyed for the opportunity provided to meet together for friendly chatter and fellowship. 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 Women's Fellowship, Ladies Group, Line Dancing, Wednesday Break and Uniformed Organisations.
- Over the year 5 new members joined The Grove through transfer from other churches.
- 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 5th - 10th May 2019 and much appreciated by participants.
- 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 for those wanting to attend. The Sunday Morning Transport Group maintains this vital part of our friendship.
- General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) having come into operation, the church appointed a Data Protection Officer and

agreed the GDPR Statement, Policy and Privacy Notice that are displayed on noticeboards throughout the premises.

- In order to foster close links to church members and adherents the Data Base Secretary maintains and updates contact details regularly.
- Towards the end of the year the Circuit appointed a Lay Worker with an interest in pastoral work amongst older members. Recognising the anticipated heavy workload on the church minister, as a result of Circuit reorganisation, the church accepted the Circuit's offer that the Lay Worker would initially help at The Grove.

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 2018 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.
- So as to encourage participation in the global initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come', the booklet 'Nine Days of Prayer: I hear you differently' was distributed as a reflective prayer focus for use by individuals and groups between Ascension and Pentecost.
- In addition, Grove members were 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.
- In a desire to improve public access to the church sanctuary as a trial, each Tuesday morning across Advent, the church was opened with some success to visitors for quiet reflection on the Advent season and for anyone wishing to see the church decorations and stained glass windows.
- 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 blessing, 1 wedding, 6 funerals and 2 memorial services.
- At the end of October a well attended service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance provided an opportunity for those attending to call to mind 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 joining the Bible-a-Month Club, by direct giving through Sunday collections and by organising coffee mornings and information evenings.
- 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 awareness raising about the Bible Society initiative, 'Open the Book', bringing the Bible to life for primary aged children.
- Each month throughout the year Messy Church has successfully attracted primary aged children to take part in a range of enjoyable craft and games activities.
- New outreach ventures have included the successful organisation of an October 31st Light Party for primary aged children, an Epiphany / New Year Activity Morning in January and a children's Easter Activity Day where primary school aged children could enjoy

crafts, games, drama and lots of fun.

- The regular August Holiday Club / Fun Activity Week proved successful with 25-35 primary aged children taking part each morning (70 in total) enjoying craft, games and activities, related to the life and parables of Jesus. For the first time activities were planned for pre-school children who were welcomed with their parents / carers.
- 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 9th 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.
- As 2018 was the 9th Airedale Scout Group's 90th Anniversary, in September the final celebration of 90 years Scouting at The Grove, on their 91st birthday, consisted of a reunion get together and cream tea with exhibition of photographic memories that was much enjoyed by the 64 people attending. The Scout Group also held a Bonfire at Hunters Greave Scout Activity Centre and Campsite in November.
- 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 in 2019. Donations were sent to Leprosy Mission (£53.540), Leeds Children's Heart Surgery Fund (£94.78), Aquabox Rotary Charity (£59.62) and St George's Crypt (£60.00).
- In the second half of 2018, from fund raising, the following amounts were donated to the church's anniversary focus, The Grove Methodist Mission Project 2018, that has run across the year in support of life changing projects in the village of Pece, Northern Uganda: Christine's House (£139.25); Watoto Baby Home (£111.97); Mama Kits [maternity resources] (£226.69).
- 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 November the church hosted a Marie Curie Fair with money

raised being donated to Marie Curie Cancer Fund. Marie Curie North Leeds Fundraising Group expressed their appreciation for the help and support given to their event.

- In February The Grove was the venue for the Craig Ogden Guitar Concert raising £1,609.37 for the Friends of the Leeds Centre for Leukaemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma.
- 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 40 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 £825.49 for the Methodist 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 £341.52 in box collections during the year.
- 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, Christian Aid, Methodist Homes, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Leprosy Mission, All We Can, and Horsforth Live at Home Scheme.
- Specific groups within the church (Flower Guild, Wednesday Break, Women's Fellowship, Bible Fellowship, Tots & Tykes, 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, in March, the church was invited to the neighbouring Froebelian School Week of Well-Being and Mindfulness.
 - An inter-faith Horsforth Live at Home Memorial Service was held at The Grove in January to remember those who have in the past been involved in the charity that is aimed at supporting elderly members of the community to remain independent in their own homes.
 - In May, through door-to-door collections, members raised £1149.72 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. Support systems include links to other helpful 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 3-day emergency food supplies to 11,710 people, a 22.5% rise on last year.

- 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. The Christmas catalogue provided a wide selection of cards and gifts and raised funds.
- On 6th July, as part of Horsforth Walk of Art, the church was made available for displays, the viewing of the stained glass windows, musical entertainment and refreshments.
- Having agreed to a request from West Yorkshire Ambulance Service, a defibrillator for neighbourhood use is now sited on the outside of the premises and awareness training was provided by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service 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. Council has made available to all those attending worship, the magazine, 'the connexion', aimed at improved communications and news about what is happening in Methodism throughout the country.
- Supporting the District, members attended the July farewell service at Brighouse for the Yorkshire West Chair, Rev'd Roger Walton. Also in July members attended the Circuit farewell service for Rev'd Dan Woodhouse and Deacon Pam Luxton and in August the welcome service for Rev'd Rach Ward.
- At Circuit level the church has shown its commitment to working together by hosting and supporting a series of monthly circuit services 'Holy Habits 2: The Big Picture', based around the book 'Essential 100: Your journey through the Bible in 100 readings,' by Whitney T Kuniholm.
- It has also hosted the Circuit Service of Intercession for Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) in November, the Women's World Day of Prayer in March, the MWiB Easter Offering Service when £2,500 was dedicated for the World Mission Fund and the Circuit MWiB Summer Afternoon Tea that raised an additional £248.00. In October, January and April, the church held the Horsforth Methodist Churches

Taizé worship, as well as backing services across the Circuit in September, March, April and July.

- Also at Circuit level, the church supported the September City Centre Prayer walk and hosted the Circuit Supernumeraries Lunch.
- Across the year the Trustees and church adherents have given careful thought and a reasoned response to items raised by the Circuit Meeting including: the follow up to 'Together Travel On: Conversations on the Way', circuit discussions with churches on how resources are being effectively used. In connection with this, and the need for greater flexibility in service timings, the church held an opinion finding questionnaire on suitable times for morning worship that showed the willingness of most of those attending to move to an alternative timetable should the Circuit so decide. Consideration was also given to the Circuit plan to establish two New Monastic Networks in the east and south of the Circuit.
- In response to the Circuit's planned reorganisation of presbyters and the increased pastoral responsibility of our minister to include 5 chapels, Church Council are in the process of scrutinising the church committee structures with a view to ensuring increased efficiency and effectiveness and easing the workload on the minister.
- Having been a host for 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. Also in terms of safeguarding, the Trustees accepted the Annual Safeguarding Checklist, Safeguarding Support Leaflet and Safeguarding Risk Assessment as well as policies on Social Media, Photography and Recording (P&R) and the P&R consent form.
- 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 Horsforth Refugee Collection with contributions of men's clothing, toiletries and tinned fruit. Awareness of refugee difficulties was raised through the promotion of a session on the work of Mrs Barbara Pounder, worker with Leeds refugees.
- During Lent the church participated in a series of inter-church meetings on the theme, 'the difference my faith makes to me'. In Holy Week The Grove collaborated effectively with other local

churches to organise and participate in the Good Friday open air service and host the 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 through the showing of the film 'Still Alice', the Civic Service in June, Horsforth Food Bank, and 'Rewind', an event aimed at explaining the implications of Christian festivals to children. 343 knitted angels, contributed by Grove members, were donated to Churches Together in December for hiding across the community in preparation for the Carols in the Park event that raised £167 for the Stroke Association.
- Through organising the Good Friday lunch £257.40 was collected in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).
- Having raised £303.71 towards a group of young people from Horsforth participating in a South African Mission Trip, the church was pleased to provide prayer support for the successful summer visit to the 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 elsewhere (Working Together, pts 9 - 13, pages 16-17; Special Projects pt1, page 22)
- 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 (many outlined above).
- Since improvements to organisation through church discussions 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. The year has seen the successful appointment of a part-time worker based at the local high school and participating in a range of activities for students.
- Through Churches Together the message of Christmas was brought to the local community through 'angel bombing', 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 Family Parade services has remained good with congregations often larger than 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 reorganised 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, page 30) 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 improvements, and together with its organisations, to make donations to outside charitable bodies as noted above. In addition, funds have been used to maintain the organ and for planned expenditure to maintain parts of the Centre roof. Expenditure has also been made for 2 water heaters for the Centre toilets. Money generated from movie nights has helped to fund a ceiling mounted large screen, providing benefit to hirers and to movie night attendees.
- During the year, commercial lettings of the Centre were kept to a maximum to ensure full earnings from the Centre. Also this year, lighting has been improved switching from halogen to LED and thus reducing power costs and benefiting the environment. 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 the Craig Ogden concert raising £950 for church funds, the remaining anniversary concerts (total: £1004.87) and a further £12,758.75 from the closing Anniversary Gift Day.
- 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. Including this year's donations of almost £750, since its involvement the church has received well over £5,700 in cash back.

- This year has seen the start of 'Easy Fundraising', a new cash back scheme for on line purchasing that has raised nearly £30.
- 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 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.
- To take account of the church's changing financial needs and ensure that there is sufficient financial resources for future major maintenance projects the Reserve Fund was increased to the equivalent of six months expenditure.
- In order to comply with Methodist Insurance requirements a detailed inventory of all church equipment has been maintained.
- Trustees are kept informed about the state of the premises through submission of the Annual Return formerly known as Schedule A with accompanying notes and the Health and Safety Return as well as through regular reports from the Property Committee to Church Council.
- 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. Alongside those mentioned above (points 2 and 3), this includes the annual cleaning, washing down and restoration of the whole premises at the end of the year and the monthly cleaning sessions undertaken by volunteers to support the on-going work of the Premises Manager.
- Other improvements throughout the year include completion of environmental and access audits, the major excavation and repair of

a drain situated in the main entrance to The Centre that could have become a severe problem if left untouched, the five yearly fixed electrical inspection that identified several faults needing action, repair of leaky drains near the Minister's Vestry, repairs to stained glass windows and construction of a manhole near the Premises Manager's House to improve access to drains.

- 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 premises users 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, recognising that in recent years, there has been a number of organ failures, the church undertook restoration work at a cost of £15,000 but is aware that at some point in the future full restoration incorporating modern day standards might be needed. The expense is estimated at between £60,000 and £100,000.
- Purchase of a new Church projector for use in services is part of moves to keep up with the equipment needs of premises users.
- Steps continue to be taken 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 low wattage lighting, utilising eco-friendly cleaning solutions, and waste sorting to reduce environmental impact. As stated above, some emergency light fittings have been replaced with 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 are now held in a small meeting room to aid reduction in 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 150th anniversary in its 222nd year of Methodist witness in the community that culminated in December. Activities and events complementing those held last Connexional year included:
 - The completion of the church charity for our anniversary year, The Grove Methodist Mission Project 2018, that ran across the year in support of a church member, Shirley Crawford, who works as a Christian voice in the village of Pece, Northern Uganda, an area decimated by the Kony civil war for over 20 years, and where life is far from easy. In total the church raised £3,716.16 from appeals and donations for six life transforming projects.
 - The series of monthly special services led by current and past church ministers and a culminating celebratory service for Advent Sunday.
 - Three anniversary concerts to complete the series, involving The the musical group, Aires and Gracenotes, Emeritus Organist of Leeds Parish church and Leeds Town Hall, Simon Lindley, and the Wesley Singers.
 - A final celebratory buffet luncheon that incorporated a Gift Day opportunity for anyone wishing to celebrate the church's anniversary achievements by making a financial donation towards the work and mission of the church.
- 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 are also keen to bear in mind the needs of neighbours by taking great care to cultivate and trim shrubs on church grounds alongside the borders of their property.

- Dementia Friendly Church: Trustees having agreed that The Grove ought to take steps towards being a dementia friendly church, actions this year include:
 - A Church Council training session in February,
 - Regular articles in the church magazine to raise general awareness of dementia diagnosis and its implications,
 - Dementia Friendly Awareness Sessions for groups linked to church starting with Thursday Ladies Group and the Brownies,
 - Creation of a quiet space for reflection and prayer in the Vestry transept of the Church Sanctuary,
 - In May support for Churches Together Dementia Week activities including the showing of the film 'Still Alice' in The Grove Centre.
- Horsforth Live at Home Scheme: This has been a special project that has been running for over twenty-two 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 where awareness was raised of spreading the Scriptures in Horsforth, together with fund raising opportunities. This complemented other activities across 2018-2019 aimed at raising general Bible awareness including the sale of Bible reading notes and 'Open the Book' visits to primary schools.
- 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 and a Sunday appeal raised funds for the All We Can (formerly Methodist Relief and Development Fund) Indonesian Appeal. A new information leaflet had been distributed to recently constructed homes in Horsforth Vale, a new, sizeable housing estate, inviting residents to the service.
- 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, accepted with much appreciation.

- Thanks were received from the organisers for shoebox gifts collected as part of the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal aimed at changing the lives of young people across the world.
- Funds for Christian Aid and Traidcraft through purchases from their Christmas catalogues,
- A donation from service collections of £825.49 for Action for Children in the UK (above page 13).
- 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.
- Following the destruction caused by the earthquake and tsunami on Sulawesi, Indonesia, on 28th September, the church collected £160.00 as an immediate response that was donated through the All We Can Disaster Appeal.
- In March church members responded through donations of £204 to All We Can in aid of the Appeal for victims of Cyclone Idai, one of the worst cyclones on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere.
- 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, to hold periodic Fairtrade sales and to raise general awareness through the pages of the church magazine.

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 throughout the report

The accounts provide details of major transactions for the year 2018 – 2019. These include the Circuit Assessment for the church, which was £64,701.00. 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 2018 – 2019. 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 2019

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 2019 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, Kirsty Butler (Circuit Representative), Judith Chaplin, Linda Douglass, Alan Firth, Rev. Mark Godfrey (Chair), Cynthia Hatton, Carol Hoyle, Graham Hoyle, Gill Jewell, Gill Marley, Christine Mathers, Philip Maud, Peter Mawson (Secretary), Anthony Orton, Jean Orton, Sylvia Parker, Margaret Shingler, Margaret Simmons, Paul Thompson, Caroline Turner, Andy Walker, Michael Wallis, Helena Watkins, 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 7th April 2019 there were 166 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 25.

Financial Review by The Church Treasurer

We have much to be proud of as we continue to be able to make regular donations to many charities and organisations, and also continue our support to the uniformed organisations and many church groups operating in the centre.

Improving and updating equipment in order to maintain high standards in health and safety all require constant monitoring and upkeep as we strive to maintain the high standard of presentation we are known for. We continue to be mindful of environmental impacts and have changed lighting to LED in order to reduce power costs and improve efficiency. These improvements and updates all require large sums of money, generated by the hire of the rooms within the centre, and the very generous donations and collections we receive. These include donations from the church groups who use the centre, service collections and individual donations to support projects that improve the church and centre.

The finances of the church will continue to be monitored, scrutinised and constantly checked to ensure the best can be implemented in the most efficient and effective way possible.

In an ever changing world, we have to continue to be in a position to comfortably financially accommodate any situation.

The full balance sheet and statement of financial activities up to 31st August 2019 can be found on the following pages.

Bryan Whitham
Treasurer

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Whitham', is written over a light blue grid background.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees 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 2019.

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: 10 January 2020



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 27th February 2019 and signed on its behalf by Peter Mawson, Secretary to the Church Council.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Peter Mawson" followed by a period. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical line extending from the end of the name.

THE GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, HORSFORTH
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st AUGUST 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
At Insurance Value:			
Freehold Property: Church		5,280,530	5,092,181
Cottage		156,761	151,170
Organ		642,605	619,684
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		6,079,986	5,863,035
At Cost less Depreciation:			
Fixtures & Fittings	1	0	0
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		6,079,896	5,863,035
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Sundry Debtors	2	17,421	16,539
Bank Accounts	3	78,336	74,428
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		95,757	90,967
Less: Sundry Creditors	4	-1,844	-2,239
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		93,913	88,728
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TOTAL NET ASSETS		6,173,809	5,951,763
		=====	=====
FUNDED BY:			
Restricted:			
Prop Valuation Reserve -Church/Organ		5,923,135	5,711,865
Cottage		156,761	151,170
Benevolent Fund		796	571
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		6,080,692	5,863,606
Designated: Trust 18633 Manchester		1,964	1,951
Organ Fund		1,267	1,000
Property Fund		13,746	13,746
Projects For Young People		3,700	3,716
Unrestricted: General Fund		72,440	67,744
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		6,173,809	5,951,763
		=====	=====
The allocation of assets to the various funds is shown on page 34 of the accounts			
The notes on pages 36 to 39 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 2019

Note	General Fund	Other Funds	TOTAL	LAST YEAR
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Collections & Pledged Giving	53,951	235	54,186	55,279
Tax Refund - Gift Aid	13,524	0	13,524	11,302
Hire of Rooms / Car Park	41,592	0	41,592	41,861
Use of Rooms by Church Orgs.	2,600	0	2,600	2,300
Donations	19,083	0	19,083	9,954
Bank Interest	199	17	216	99
Other Income	3,958	0	3,958	4,701
Weddings & Funerals	1,346	0	1,346	1,840
FR Events	2,883	267	3,150	2,998
	139,136	519	139,655	130,334
EXPENDITURE				
Circuit Assessment	51,147	0	51,147	48,252
Subscriptions / Donations	2,928	0	2,928	4,813
Organ (Maint & Music)	1,659	0	1,659	17,805
Sundry Expenditure	6 1,612	30	1,642	3,111
Admin, Print & Stationery	2,574	0	2,574	2,889
Planned Maintenance	7 120	0	120	1,095
Property Maintenance	5 & 8 68,999	0	68,999	57,055
Outreach	2,450	0	2,450	2,375
Costs of Weddings & Funerals	973	0	973	1,540
FR Events	1,978	0	1,978	0
	134,440	30	134,470	138,935
Surplus / Deficit for the Year	4,696	489	5,185	-8,601
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Unrealised property gains	0	216,861	216,861	225,522
Net movement in funds	4,696	217,350	222,046	216,921
Funds Br/Fwd:	67,744	5,884,019	5,951,763	5,734,842
Reserves Carr/Fwd:	72,440	6,101,369	6,173,809	5,951,763

Prior year comparatives for each fund are shown on page 31

The notes on pages 36 to 39 form part of these accounts

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – OTHER FUNDS
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

	TMCP Trust	Restricted Prop Val Reserve	Organ Fund	Restricted Benevolent Fund	Property Fund	Projects for Young People	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Collectns & Pledged							
Giving	0	0	0	235	0	0	235
Tax Refund - Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Fundraising	0	0	267	0	0	0	267
	17	0	267	235	0	0	519
EXPENDITURE							
Organ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sundry Expenditure	4	0	0	10	0	16	30
	4	0	0	10	0	16	30
Surplus/Def. for Year	13	0	267	225	0	-16	489
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unrealised property gains	0	216,861	0	0	0	0	216,861
Net movement in funds	13	216,861	267	225	0	-16	217,350
Funds Br/Fwd:	1,951	5,863,035	1,000	571	13,746	3,716	5,884,019
Funds Carr/Fwd:	1,964	6,079,896	1,267	796	13,746	3,700	6,101,369

The notes on pages 36 to 39 form part of these accounts

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

	TMCP	Restricted	Organ	Benevolent	Property	Projects for Young People	General
	Trust		Fund	Fund	Fund		Fund
INCOME	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Collections & Pledged Giving	0	0	0	186	0	0	55,093
Tax Refund - Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,302
Hire of rooms/car park	0	0	0	0	0		41,861
Use of rooms by Church Orgs	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,300
Donations	0	0	1,000	200	0	0	8,754
Bank interest	12	0	0	0	0	0	87
Other income	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,701
Weddings & Funerals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,840
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,998
	12	0	1,000	386	0	0	128,936
EXPENDITURE							
Circuit assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	48,252
Subscriptions/Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,813
Organ (maint & music)	0	0	15,761	0	0	0	2,044
Sundry expenditure	4	0	0	345	0	81	2,681
Admin, Print & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,889
Planned maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,095
Property maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	57,055
Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,375
Costs of Weddings & Funerals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,540
	4	0	15,761	345	0	81	122,744
Surplus for the Year:	8	0	-14,761	41	0	-81	6,192
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unrealised property gains	0	225,522	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	8	225,522	-14,761	41	0	-81	6,192
Funds Br/Fwd:	1,943	5,637,513	15,761	530	13,746	3,797	61,552
Funds Carr/Fwd:	1,951	5,863,035	1,000	571	13,746	3,716	67,744

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ALLOCATION OF ASSETS TO THE RESTRICTED, DELEGATED AND GENERAL FUNDS
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Debtors Creditors	Bank Accounts	TOTAL Fund
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund				
Property Valuation Reserve	6,079,896	0	0	6,079,896
Benevolent Fund	0	0	796	796
Designated Funds:				
TMCP Manchester	0	0	1,964	1,964
Organ Fund	0	0	1,267	1,267
Property Fund	0	0	13,746	13,746
Projects for Young People	0	0	3,700	3,700
General Fund	0	15,577	56,863	72,440
TOTAL NET ASSETS	6,079,896	15,577	78,336	6,173,809

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UNREALISED PROPERTY GAINS AT INSURANCE VALUE
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

		2019	2018	GAIN
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		£	£	£
FREEHOLD	Church	5,280,530	5,092,181	188,349
	Cottage	156,761	151,170	5,591
	Organ	642,605	619,684	22,921
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		6,079,896	5,863,035	216,861
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NOTES to the ACCOUNTS
For the Year Ended 31 August 2019

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 2019

		2019 £	2018 £
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		1,787	1,705
Pre-Payments		14,866	14,050
Income Tax Refunds		768	784
		-----	-----
		17,421	16,539
		-----	-----
3. BANK/CASH DEPOSITS			
Current Account		41,040	31,677
Collections Account		4,330	9,997
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		45,370	41,674
		-----	-----
Trustees for MCP		1,964	1,951
Deposit Account		30,952	30,753
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Cash Balance		50	50
		-----	-----
		78,336	74,428
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NOTES to the ACCOUNTS
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
4. SUNDRY CREDITORS		
Trade Creditors	1,596	2,113
Salary, taxation, social security & pension contributions	0	0
Room Hire in Advance	248	126
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	1,844	2,239
	-----	-----
5. STAFF COSTS		
Salary	16,115	15,607
Social Security	1,050	1,012
Pension Costs	0	385
Council Tax	1,435	1,365
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	18,600	18,369
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6. TRUSTEE EXPENSES		
Stationery and stamps	24	74
Training	0	45
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	24	119
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<p>The Church has one employee (2018: 1) who acts as Premises Manager. He is also a Trustee.</p>		
7. PLANNED MAINTENANCE		
Church: Ramp Disable Pew	0	475
Other	0	250
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Centre	120	370
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	120	1,095
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NOTES to the ACCOUNTS
for the YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

		2019 £	2018 £
8. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE			
Premises Manager	Salary, Social Security, Pension costs & Council Tax	18,600	18,369
	Repairs	611	404
	Telephone	486	373
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		19,697	19,146
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Church:	Heat & Light	6,955	6,598
	Repairs	4,586	4,741
	Water	1,042	1,109
	Insurance	7,398	6,801
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		19,981	19,249
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Centre:	Heat & Light	8,135	7,776
	Repairs	16,823	7,546
	Water	1,792	1,312
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		26,750	16,634
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Cleaning		2,571	2,026
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TOTAL:		68,999	57,055
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9. INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
Funds at 1st September		9,149.00	9,463.90
Incoming Resources		11,042.00	12,656.53
Outgoing Resources		-12,411.00	-12,971.25
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Funds at 31st August		7,780.00	9,149.18
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