CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

BEDALE & DISTRICT METHODIST	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2026

THE BRIDGE	Circuit	Circuit no.	29/02

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1168843
If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Claire Cawthan

Church Stewards:

Mrs Clare Dalton	Mrs Alyson Whitehouse
Mr Lister Baynes	Mrs Jean Coates
Mrs Kathleen Edmondson	

Treasurer:

Mrs Kathleen Lowrie

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

BEDALE & DISTRICT METHODIST — **Church**

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year	
			£	£	£		£	
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		34,109		**34,109**		31,531	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		199		**199**		145	
a4	Lettings		5,447		**5,447**		3,849	
a5	Other receipts		9,049	6,881	**15,930**		18,551	
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**48,804**	**6,881**	**55,685**	**(a7)**	**54,076**	
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		32,344		**32,344**		32,344	
b3	Donations		250		**250**		650	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		5,136		**5,136**		3,337	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		9,923		**9,923**		7,059	
b6							602	
b7	Other payments		6,441	8,000	**14,441**		3,886	
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**54,094**	**8,000**	**62,094**	**(b9)**	**47,878**	
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	(5,290)	(1,119)	**(6,409)**		6,198	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		15,354	3,092	**18,446**	**(c6)**	12,248	
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	10,064	1,973	**12,037**		**18,446**	
c4	Transfers and adjustments		92	(92)		**(c7)**		
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**10,156**	**1,881**	**12,037**	**(c8)**	**18,446**	**(c6)**

	SECTION D				
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)**	£		£	
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,552		4,636	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	3,315		4,636	
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**237**			

BEDALE & DISTRICT METHODIST Church

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2026 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Church and connected Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	Wycar Arts & Crafts	208		462		(254)			366		112	
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	208		462		(254)			366	(e11)	112	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**55,685**	(a7)	**62,094**	(b9)	**(6,409)**		(c7)	**18,446**	(c6)	**12,037**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**55,893**		**62,556**		**(6,663)**			**18,812**	(x)	**12,149**	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2026	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	614		463	
f2	Bank Current Account	8,175		8,463	
f3	Bank Deposit Account	770		58	
f4	Central Finance Board				
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes			512	
f6	Other funds	8,887		2,541	
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**18,446**	(c6)	**12,037**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**366**	(e11)	**112**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**18,812**	(x)	**12,149**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2025	At 31 August 2026
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,561,098	3,682,154
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church Bedale & District Methodist No 20/02/46

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2026 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 15/08/26

Name of treasurer Mrs Kathleen Lowrie

Ashlea, Londonderry, Northallerton DL7 9ND

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2026 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 7th October 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Claire Cawthan Date 7/10/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bedale & District Methodist Church

Charity Number 1168843

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bedale & District Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2026 set out on pages 2 to 3. As the Church's trustees, 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 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.

Name of Church Bedale & District Methodist No 20/02/42

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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner Mr Alan Shinkfield

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 8 Oak Tree Drive, Bedale, N.Yorkshire Post Code DL8 1UL

Date 28/9/26

Bedale & District Methodist Church

Trustees Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2026

Introduction

Bedale & District Methodist Church serves the communities of Bedale and neighbouring villages and farms by offering God's love and pastoral care through a variety of services and outreach to bring the love of Christ to all who seek his presence.
The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2026 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2014.

Structure, governance and management

Bedale & District Methodist Church is a registered Charity – Number 1168843. It is governed by the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the Annual Conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Council who are the Trustees of the charity. They are elected annually at the General Church Meeting, held in July, with pastoral oversight from the Minister, Rev Claire Cawthan and supported by Lay Pastor, Mrs Catherine Clowes and Circuit Steward, Ms Amanda Milner.
A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Church to support effective running of the church, e.g. the leaflet "The role of a trustee in the Methodist Church".

The church is part of the Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Mission Area, who are part of The Bridge Circuit within the Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church in England and N Ireland.

The Treasurer is	Mrs Kathleen Lowrie. Ashlea, Londonderry, Northallerton DL7 9ND
Independent Examiner	Mr Alan Shinkfield. 8 Oak Tree Drive, Bedale DL8 1UL
Bank Accounts	Barclays Bank and Skipton Building Society TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Purposes)

Aims and organisation

Bedale & District Methodist Church aims to become a source of hope and encouragement to all those living in Bedale and surrounding villages by offering opportunities to know the love of God through varied worship, relevant teaching and learning and to committed service in the community and in the world.
The Church Council act as the Managing Trustees and meet at least 3 times a year to oversee the work and mission of the church. There are sub-groups that concentrate on particular areas: these are Stewards, Finance, Property, Worship & Prayer, Pastoral and Display. We have representatives for Safe-guarding and General Data Protection who supported by the Circuit.

Review of the Year

The church continues to meet its aims of providing a space for worship, in a variety of styles; quiet times of prayer and reflection, Bible study and written services for those unable to attend in person.
On Mondays an Art & Crafts group meet to provide opportunities for socialising and an active Bible Study group meet on the evening to explore scripture together.
Tuesday Open Doors is a popular weekly warm space for meeting up for friendship and care in a less busy environment.
On Wednesday's there was another chance to meet up and "Talk Life" in the nearby Courtyard Café, Bedale. In the summer months the venue was changed to Costa Coffee, and the group renamed "Word and Wonder" as the people attending listened to a verse of scripture and wondered on its meaning in our lives today. On the evening there is Individual Prayer Time with a short act of Worship in the church.
On Thursdays Bible Journaling has proved popular for an opportunity to study scripture in a creative way.
There are also regular activities of Coffee Mornings, Lunches, and Men's Breakfast to allow people to meet up over a meal for friendship and care, all proving popular with the local community.
Messy Vintage sessions are held in local Care Homes, where our volunteers have been welcomed and activities of craft, prayers and hymn singing have proved popular with the residents
Rev Gareth Baron has visited the local primary schools to lead Collective Worship with the children, which is also well received by the youngsters and their teachers. On occasions the children visit the church for worship and learning, especially at Christmas and Easter.

The building is also used by the wider community. This year has seen sessions of Yoga, Pilates, Keep Fit, Ukulele, Friendship Choir, Craft group. We also provide a safe place for Alcoholics Anonymous and the Youth Justice Team to meet.

The church members continue to be generous in their support of charities. The Samaritans was the chosen Charity of the Year and received £1,422. Other charities to benefit were Hambleton Foodshare (£244), Farming Community Network (£126), Action for Children (£330) and Great North Air Ambulance (£169).

Financial Review

Financially, the church has been able to meet its commitments, mainly the Assessment and Utility costs, and continues to maintain the building to a good standard. There has been a few maintenance issues that were resolved this year; concertina doors installed during the redevelopment of the building in 2018/2019 were replaced with solid ones; the main entrance door has required repairs to ensure it remains fully operational for disability access; Hive Heating thermostats installed so there is now Zonal heating to allow only areas occupied to be heated and some damp issues investigated and repairs carried out, all costing £5136 in total.

Moving Forward

There will not be an increase in the Assessment (our contribution to the Circuit expenditure) in 2026/27 although utility bills are expected to increase. The reserves held by the church have reduced this year, but the Church Council will seek to increase this and ensure financial obligations are met through a Gift Day and arrange other fund-raising events to ensure we meet our commitments.

Sight and Sound Project

This project was begun in the previous year to install AV equipment in the hall and seek funding for the restoration of the church organ.
The Kirkby Foundation gave a grant of £5000, which was added to the £3000 received last year and with the church's own fund-raising the AV installation part of the project was completed in December 2025, total cost £12,885. This now allows the church to enable a safer environment when large funerals take place, as both church and hall can be used, but also enables the hall to be used for meetings and events where screens and PowerPoints are projected.
The Church Council will continue to consider restoration of the organ in their future plans.

The Church Council, who are the Trustees of Bedale & District Methodist Church comprise the following personnel:

Minister with Pastoral oversight	Rev Claire Cawthan
Senior Steward	Mrs Clare Dalton
Steward and Safeguarding	Mr Lister Baynes
Steward	Mrs Alyson Whitehouse
Steward	Mrs Jean Coates
Steward	Mrs Kathleen Edmondson
Property Steward	Mr Howard Whitehouse
Treasurer and GDPR	Mrs Kathleen Lowrie
Assistant Treasurer	Mr Vic Kipling
Secretary	Mrs Sue Nicholson
Worship & Prayer	Mr John Bailey
Trustee	Mrs Joan Bailey
Trustee	Mr Alan Davies
Trustee	Rev David Emison
Trustee	Mrs Elizabeth Greensit
Trustee	Mrs Sharon Holmes
Trustee	Mrs Angela Maw
Trustee	Mrs Maureen Scollay
Trustee	Mrs Pip Smith
Trustee	Mrs Gill Thornton