

Lay Delegate Summary Report 2023

The annual Lay Delegate report is structured around eight characteristics in the life of the Free Methodist Church which we believe make up a healthy Church. These are approved by Conference and can be found in the Free Methodist Church UK and Ireland Handbook.

- 1) A Healthy Church Worships in Spirit and Truth - Nothing can fully heal our souls, emotions and relationships more thoroughly than true worship of God.
- 2) A Healthy Church Prays Without Ceasing - Prayer takes us beyond ourselves and emphasises our dependence on God.
- 3) A Healthy Church Constantly Reaches the Lost for Christ - Statistics show that over 75% of those who become Christians do so because of the testimony, deeds and encouragement of someone they trust.
- 4) A Healthy Church is an Enfolding Community that Produces Fully Devoted Disciples - We want everyone to feel that they belong and know that they have a place. We value small groups within the church as an effective environment for the discipleship and care of all believers.
- 5) A Healthy Church Grows through Multiplication - Within the church, we should regularly see the reproduction of disciples, leaders, groups and congregations.
- 6) A Healthy Church Ministers to the Poor and Disenfranchised - People who feel disconnected with society because of their condition, ethnicity or status need to both hear and see the good news of God's grace.
- 7) A Healthy Church Engages in our World Missionary Movement - Every local church is encouraged to participate in our world missionary movement by praying, supporting or going.
- 8) A Healthy Church Organises around its Mission - We are committed to placing mission ahead of method. When a church understands its mission, making decisions about structure and function becomes clearer.

We believe God has called us at Heysham Free Methodist Church to be a passionate and compassionate family of believers, reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus. With this heart, our Church Vision Statement is:
"Helping People Find and Follow Jesus"

As we reflect on this year of ministry let's remember the Goodness of God and the many Ways He has worked through the lives of every believer here at the Church to help others on their journey toward Faith in Jesus Christ.

We continue to pray and support Heart Church. It continues to be our privilege to be in partnership with our Church Plant as it grows in the heart of Morecambe.

This year we have seen many ministries blossom and grow within church life at Heysham FM:

Alpha courses, Discipleship groups, Fellowship Lunches and Sunday at 5pm gathering for worship, teaching and sharing.

The Heysham WhatsApp group continues to help people stay connected and the daytime and evening Growth Groups bring us together mid week.

The Monday Community Coffee morning reaches out each week. We have had Sunday Lunch picnics together after the morning service and community outreaches that have taken place - Litter Picking and Barbecue on the Beach.

The Netball team meet during the season every Wednesday evening in the league and always share a Gospel message. Our Parent, Baby and Toddler Group called 'Little Fish' meet every Friday in the church. On Sunday evenings there is a growth group here at church for young people.

During the Sunday morning service Crèche and Sunday School faithfully provide ministry for our young children. The music group and worship leaders continue to lead us close to God in worship and we have journeyed together through several sermon series's. The cafe area has provided a place to fellowship and build friendships and we are thankful for all those who cater for this in the kitchen and behind the scenes with cleaning and maintaining the church building and the manse. The Leadership Team continues to meet fortnightly for prayer and to seek God's Vision for His Church.

To be a multiplying church we recognise the need to encourage one another in prayer. We have a Tuesday morning prayer meeting, a prayer chain for specific prayers, a prayer meeting before the morning service and a prayer ministry team available after the morning service. The growth groups also meet to pray in smaller groups.

The Men's Conference and the Ladies Christmas dinner were both held again this year. There was Christmas Carol singing at Heysham Christmas market and doorstep Carols with our Nativity Trailer around the Heysham community. We now have a new Church Logo, Branding and Church Suite in progress. As we move forward in our internet world we are grateful for modern technology and our younger leaders who can manage it all! As well as those who faithfully keep up with all the changes on the sound desk.

Let's not forget the wonder of our world and celebrate the wild garden we are in the process of growing on the front lawn and the cross looking so wonderful as it stands out in the long grass in the turning circle.

I am sure I have not covered all our amazing ministries that are blossoming and growing this year. But thank you to you all, God knows you by name. May I leave you with this thought. The Church that gets down in the mess of the wounded and weary and holds out their hand to lift someone up, is the Church through which Jesus is miraculously working. May we continue, with the Lord's help and presence in our lives, to be that kind of Church.

Yours In Christ

Sandra Parker
Lay Delegate HFM

**Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
INCOME		
General Offerings	46,006	39,890
Gift Aid Offerings	41,031	50,519
Gift Aid (Refund)	15,245	14,638
	102,282	105,047
Other Income		
Acts 2 Fund	516	1,666
Harvest	1,658	2,190
Church Revitalisation Trust	-	1,750
Drum Fund	-	600
Dishwasher Fund	-	2,150
Keswick Convention (Funeral)	-	380
Loop Fund	-	660
Love Christmas	-	820
New Microphones	-	65
Videoswither	-	545
Ukraine	360	-
Gift Day Fund	9,498	-
Ladies Dinner	222	-
	12,254	10,826
Funds from Heart Church for their share of expenses:		
Faithlife	101	-
CCLI	650	-
Training	388	-
Child protection	297	-
Insurance	625	-
Dan's Tax & NI	5,505	-
Dan's Pension	1,965	-
Dan's Death in service policy	757	-
	10,288	-
Heart Church share of expenses netted off expenditure	(10,288)	-
Total Operating Income	114,535	115,873

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EXPENDITURE

Church

Water	278	130
Electricity	2,122	997
Fire/Gas Safety Testing	1,101	969
Gas	4,392	1,671
Gardening	939	877

Telephone & Broadband	750	691	
Cleaning	2,786	1,980	
General Maintenance	3,489	4,611	
Window Cleaning	200	200	
		16,056	12,125
Manse			
Rates	1,833	1,764	
Telephone	701	706	
Maintenance	1,712	195	
Water	677	670	
		4,924	3,335
Pastor			
Pension	3,132	3,050	
Net Salary	22,145	21,549	
Death in service policy	1,112	-	
Assistant Pastor			
Pension	963	2,852	
Net Salary	7,544	22,481	
Death in service policy	363	-	
Total Tax and National Insurance	Note 1	10,289	11,041
		45,548	60,974
Groups			
Creche	-	170	
Little Fish	285	29	
Sunday School	649	612	
		934	811

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Expenditure (continued)

Other Expenses

Community/Fellowship Events	2,455	965	
Conference	4,716	4,632	
Printing & Stationery	272	82	
External Mission Allocation (15%)	10,695	14,645	
Assistant Pastor Travel	131	344	
Assistant Pastor Study	199	365	
Publicity	416	185	
Licences	Note 2	(231)	2,228
Child protection	406	166	
Pastoral & Contingency	460	467	
Sundry Expenses	2,108	5,498	
Insurance	2,587	2,660	
Gocardless Churchsuite	318	318	
Evangelical Alliance	126	116	
Payroll software	172	165	
Mailchimp	165	43	
Independent examination fees	570	510	
Training	1,724	-	
Discretionary funding of Heart Church	4,875	-	
		32,165	33,389

Restricted Funds

Acts 2 Fund	860	2,001
Harvest	1,660	2,190
Heart Church	3,351	1,298
Dishwasher Fund	-	2,146
Drum Fund	-	600
Keswick Convention	-	380
Loop Fund	-	660
Love Christmas	-	1,322
New Microphone	-	65
Revitalisation Trust	750	-
Ukraine	360	-
Gift Day Fund	7,731	-
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	14,712	10,661
Total operating expenditure	<hr/> 114,339 <hr/>	<hr/> 121,295 <hr/>
Operating surplus/(deficit)	<hr/> 196 <hr/>	<hr/> (5,422) <hr/>

Notes:

1. Tax & National insurance expense is £4,184.29 higher than it should be due to Employment Allowance being claimed after the year end.
2. Licences is net of £750.90 from Heart Church towards Faithlife & CCLI. CCLI covering the period ended 31 January 2023

Heart Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
INCOME		
General Offerings	29,517	3,318
Gift Aid Offerings	17,940	5,225
Gift Aid (Refund)	3,358	1,298
	50,815	9,841
Total Operating Income	50,815	9,841
EXPENDITURE		
Church		
Rent & Room hire	3,948	300
Ministry Budgets	1,772	-
	5,719	300
Pastor		
Pension	1,965	-
Net Salary	15,381	-
Death in service policy	757	-
Tax and National Insurance	5,505	-
	23,608	-
Other Expenses		
Printing & Stationery	107	-
Pastor Travel	572	-
Pastor Study	62	-
Visiting Speakers	265	-
Publicity	2,007	492
Ministry Learning	1,296	-
Copyright licences	751	-
Child protection (CCPAS)	297	-
Pastoral & Contingency	100	-
Sundry Expenses	2,545	1,317
Insurance	625	-
Gocardless Churchsuite	72	-
Evangelical Alliance	45	-
Training	388	-
New Equipment	3,476	9,372
Tithe	500	-
	13,109	11,181
Total operating expenditure	42,436	11,481
Operating surplus/(deficit)	8,380	(1,641)

Notes:

1. General offerings includes £4,875 of funding from HFMC. £6,000 per year to be received, for a period of 3 years.

**Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of
Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church**

I report on the income and expenditure account of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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17 May 2023

Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of

Heart Church

I report on the income and expenditure of the Heart Church bank account for the year ended 31st December 2022. This report is supplementary to my report on the income and expenditure account of Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church.

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