Lay Delegate Summary Report 2026

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.

A healthy church consists of:

1) A church that worships in Spirit and Truth

2) A church that prays without ceasing

3) A church that constantly reaches the lost for Christ

4) A church that produces fully devoted disciples

5) A church that grows through multiplication

6) A church that ministers to the poor and disenfranchised

7) A church that engages in our World Missionary Movement

8) A church that is committed to placing mission ahead of method

Our church mission statement here at HFM is “Helping people find and follow Jesus”

Our aim is to be a passionate and compassionate family of believers who reach out into our community with the love of Jesus.

It has been a year to be thankful for the new things God is doing among us as a family. We have enjoyed our times together when the children stay in the service and join in. We had the Christmas service ‘Hope for all’ where the children played a part in the nativity. We have enjoyed ‘Lent: Mission Impossible’ and ‘Serving’ as two other themes in our all-age family services.

In our morning services we have been blessed by several sermon series, some of which are:

1) ‘Rooted and Fruitful in Christ’ from Colossians.

2) ‘The Gods who wants to be known’ in this series we explored the wonderful privilege of knowing God. We searched the scriptures to discover who God is, the Character and Nature of God, knowing that He dwells in our hearts.

3)‘Help’ a series where we explored the unique challenges that we face as Christians.

4) ‘Acts: The Unstoppable Gospel’ in this series we see that what Jesus began to do and to teach He wants to continue to do and to teach through us.

In our evening services we have looked at several series, some of which are:

1)’What it means to be human in Gods eyes’

2) ‘Sent’ a series focussing on the mission of the church and individual believers as followers of Jesus.

3) ‘Resurrection’ a series focussing on helping us to live in the light of the resurrection of Jesus.

4) ‘Transformed’ a series looking at the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We have enjoyed having visiting preachers and relevant messages for special occasions e.g. Christmas & Easter. We heard from Christian Organisations that we partner with in prayer and missions giving. We continue to give 15% of our church income to our Mission Partners - Christian Concern, Christians Against Poverty (CAP),

Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union (NISCU), Stand by Me, Helen Jensen, Heart Church, West End Impact, Open Doors (The persecuted church) and Sports Reach.

We are Blessed that the Word of God is central in our Worship at Heysham FM, and we are thankful to those who faithfully pray for our Sunday services as well as our mid-week activities. We are always seeking to live out the truth of His Word.

Our weekly church groups continue to be a blessing to people from all walks of life. We are seeing God at work in so many ways within the life of the church. It is good to reflect on some of the ministries this year:

Monday Community Coffee morning, the Alpha course, Tuesday morning Prayer Meetings. Visits in the prayer meeting from our mission partners and joint prayer meetings on some Tuesday mornings for the work of Open Doors (The persecuted church worldwide). Our daytime and evening Growth groups, the Sunday School, Sunday Crèche, the Friday morning Baby & Toddler group (Little Fish) and the Sunday evening Youth Group, all continue to thrive.

The Leadership Team continues to meet on a regular basis for prayer and to seek Gods Vision for His Church as we Serve Him. And as we serve together in all areas, we are constantly reminded that we are part of One Body. The Sunday School, Crèche Team, Prayer groups, the Stewards, the Worship group and Tech team. The preaching team, Admin and Finance, the Maintenance workers and Caterers. The Listeners and Visitors and those who work quietly behind the scenes. We realise that we serve our Lord and Saviour Jesus, together. It is always good to be reminded at the end of our working church year just how much we need each other.

This year Heart Church in Morecambe officially became an independent charity. As the mother church we have been privileged to be part of their journey, and we continue to stand with them in prayer.

This year five students joined us, from Capernwray Bible College for a week's outreach into our community. We had prayer meetings and devotionals, testimonies and community prayer walking and lots of practical outreach. Coffee morning, litter picking, youth meetings, children's pancake party, ladies evening, men's curry night, free community car wash as well as a family treasure hunt.

We held an Open air 5-day children's summer holiday club last summer and are planning to do the same this year. We hope to start another growing Leaders course this year for developing leaders and existing leaders. We have been blessed to see people commit their lives to Christ and Witness to that by going through the waters of Baptism.

We continued this year with some of the men attending the XCEL Men's Conference in November and the Ladies sharing fellowship together with an after-dinner speaker at the annual Christmas dinner. We held a Light Party, sharing Jesus the Light of the World, for the children at church and in our community as a fruitful alternative to Halloween. And so, we continue to be Salt and Light to our community as we share the Love of Jesus with the people in our lives.

We are delighted that Pastor Ian Ellershaw is joining our church family at HFM on the 1st of July, as our Associate Pastor. We praise God for this wonderful answer to prayer. We are looking forward to Ian, Heather and their four children coming to join us and work alongside Pastor Mark.

We thank God, with all our heart, for Pastor Mark and Jacqui. For their faithful ministry and pastoral love and care for everyone this year and over many years.

We look forward to all that God has in store for His church together.

Yours In Christ

Sandra Parker (Lay Delegate)

Heysham FM Treasurer's Report to 2026 annual meeting
based on 2025 accounts

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Ian Parker
HFM Treasurer

Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2025

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INCOME				
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Gift Aid (Refund)	26,282		19,970	
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Harvest	1,599		1,289	
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Teen Challenge	-		423	
Associate Pastor	5,730		11,777	
Open Doors	-		327	
Saltmine	-		61	
Sunday School	-		151	
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Funds from Heart Church for their share of expenses:				
ThirtyOne Eight	53		26	
Dan's Tax & NI	7,569		5,870	
Dan's Pension	3,743		3,343	
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Heart Church share of expenses netted off expenditure		(11,365)		(9,239)
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Gas	2,706		4,482	
Gardening	1,916		1,491	
Telephone & Broadband	970		935	
Cleaning	3,196		3,395	
General Maintainance	1,287		5,058	
Window Cleaning	212		212	
		14,785		**19,487**
Manse				
Rates	1,885		1,998	
Telephone	561		689	
Maintenance	941		981	
Re-roofing costs	13,465		-	
Water	1,065		282	
		17,918		**3,950**
Pastor				
Pension	3,722		3,453	
Net Salary	26,379		24,190	
Death in service policy	713		681	
Assistant Pastor				
Pension	-		- 22	
Net Salary	-		-	
Death in service policy	-		-	
Total Tax and National Insurance	**7,910**		**5,740**	
		38,725		**34,043**
Groups				
Creche	221		250	
Little Fish	300		-	
Sunday School	685		777	
HFM Youth/ Teens	991		312	
		2,197		**1,339**

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Expenditure (continued)

Other Expenses				
Child Protection (CCPAS)	225		229	
Community/Fellowship Events	6,174		3,275	
Conference	4,848		4,618	
Licenses	1,547		1,418	
External Mission Allocation (15%)	15,840		16,372	
Insurance	3,221		3,485	
Pastoral & Contingency	662		1,782	
Printing & Stationery	761		719	
Publicity	331		299	
Sundry Expenses	3,933		2,449	
Pastor Travel	158		-	
Gocardless Churchsuite	318		318	
Evangelical Alliance	126		126	
Discretionary funding of Heart Church	1,500		6,000	
Payroll software	246		209	
Mailchimp	210		200	
Independent examination fees	780		840	
New equipment	12,295		-	
		53,175		**42,338**
Restricted Funds				
Gift Day Fund	-		2,174	
Harvest	1,653		1,289	
Heart Church	6,289		5,408	
Teen Challenge	-		423	
		7,942		**9,294**
		134,742		**110,452**
Total operating expenditure				
		30,466		**26,935**
Operating surplus				

Notes:

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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 2025.

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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30 June 2026

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c/f from 2024	£1390.08
Allocation for 2025	£15083.94
Total available in 2025	**£16482.02**

Donation:		Total
Niscu	12%	£1980.00
Stand By Me	12%	£1980.00
West End Impact	12%	£1980.00
Lancaster & Morecambe District Churches Debt Centre	12%	£1980.00
Helen Jensen	12%	£1980.00
Christian Concern	8%	£1980.00
Freedom Church (3 months)	8%	£330.00
Heart Church (9 months)	8%	£990.00
Open Doors	8%	£1320.00
Sports Reach	8%	£1320.00
Total:		£15840.00
Surplus	£642.02	

Heart Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2025

			2,025		2024
INCOME					
General Offerings	Note 1	18,407		25,633	
Gift Aid Offerings		22,473		21,213	
Gift Aid (Refund)		6,289		5,408	
			47,169		52,254
Restricted Funds					
Other income					
Orchard conference		1,697		1,180	
Love Christmas		2,940		4,040	
Xcel conference		-		562	
			4,637		5,782
Total Operating Income			**51,806**		**58,036**
EXPENDITURE					
Church					
Rent & Room hire		5,829		4,988	
Ministry Budgets		580		842	
			6,409		**5,829**
Pastor					
Net Salary		28,162		26,315	
Pension		3,743		3,343	
Death in service		745		702	
Tax and National Insurance		7,569		5,867	
			40,220		**36,227**
Other Expenses:					
Publicity		689		1,671	
New Equipment		292		1,614	
Sundry expenses		890		971	
Pastor Travel		620		368	
Pastor Study		448		1,731	
Ministry Learning		-		230	
ThirtyOne Eight		53		26	
Visiting Preachers		450		800	
Stationery		14		63	
Pastoral		1,164		183	
Gocardless Churchsuite		190		225	
Evangelical Alliance		90		108	
Tithe		-		3,600	
Transfers to Heart Church Lancashire	Note 2	17,000		-	
Independent examination fees		480		552	
Orchard conference		1,654		1,226	
Community & fellowship events		1,509		941	
Xcel conference		-		1,325	
Be Still Course		-		112	
Website & emails		245		458	
Love Christmas		-		7,075	
			25,790		**23,277**
Total operating expenditure			**72,418**		**65,333**
Operating (deficit)/surplus			**(20,612)**		**(7,297)**

Notes:

1. General offerings includes £1,500 of funding from HFMC, being the remainder of the £6000/year for the first 3 years.
2. Transfers to the new Heart Church Lancashire charity.

Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of

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Independent examination fees	780		840	
New equipment	12,295		-	
		53,175		**42,338**
Restricted Funds				
Gift Day Fund	-		2,174	
Harvest	1,653		1,289	
Heart Church	6,289		5,408	
Teen Challenge	-		423	
		7,942		**9,294**
		134,742		**110,452**
Total operating expenditure				
		30,466		**26,935**
Operating surplus				

Notes:

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2.

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 2025.

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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30 June 2026

TITHE ALLOCATION 2025

c/f from 2024	£1390.08
Allocation for 2025	£15083.94
Total available in 2025	**£16482.02**

Donation:		Total
Niscu	12%	£1980.00
Stand By Me	12%	£1980.00
West End Impact	12%	£1980.00
Lancaster & Morecambe District Churches Debt Centre	12%	£1980.00
Helen Jensen	12%	£1980.00
Christian Concern	8%	£1980.00
Freedom Church (3 months)	8%	£330.00
Heart Church (9 months)	8%	£990.00
Open Doors	8%	£1320.00
Sports Reach	8%	£1320.00
Total:		£15840.00
Surplus	£642.02	

Heart Church
Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2025

			2,025		2024
INCOME					
General Offerings	Note 1	18,407		25,633	
Gift Aid Offerings		22,473		21,213	
Gift Aid (Refund)		6,289		5,408	
			47,169		52,254
Restricted Funds					
Other income					
Orchard conference		1,697		1,180	
Love Christmas		2,940		4,040	
Xcel conference		-		562	
			4,637		5,782
Total Operating Income			**51,806**		**58,036**
EXPENDITURE					
Church					
Rent & Room hire		5,829		4,988	
Ministry Budgets		580		842	
			6,409		**5,829**
Pastor					
Net Salary		28,162		26,315	
Pension		3,743		3,343	
Death in service		745		702	
Tax and National Insurance		7,569		5,867	
			40,220		**36,227**
Other Expenses:					
Publicity		689		1,671	
New Equipment		292		1,614	
Sundry expenses		890		971	
Pastor Travel		620		368	
Pastor Study		448		1,731	
Ministry Learning		-		230	
ThirtyOne Eight		53		26	
Visiting Preachers		450		800	
Stationery		14		63	
Pastoral		1,164		183	
Gocardless Churchsuite		190		225	
Evangelical Alliance		90		108	
Tithe		-		3,600	
Transfers to Heart Church Lancashire	Note 2	17,000		-	
Independent examination fees		480		552	
Orchard conference		1,654		1,226	
Community & fellowship events		1,509		941	
Xcel conference		-		1,325	
Be Still Course		-		112	
Website & emails		245		458	
Love Christmas		-		7,075	
			25,790		**23,277**
Total operating expenditure			**72,418**		**65,333**
Operating (deficit)/surplus			**(20,612)**		**(7,297)**

Notes:

1. General offerings includes £1,500 of funding from HFMC, being the remainder of the £6000/year for the first 3 years.
2. Transfers to the new Heart Church Lancashire charity.

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 2025. This report is supplementary to my report on the income and expenditure account of Morecambe & Heysham Free Methodist Church.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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