King's Church Frodsham

Charity name: Frodsham Free Methodist Church
Charity number: 518907
Charity address: King's Church, Chester Road, Frodsham. WA6 6XR
Governing document: The Church is part of the Conference of the Free Methodist Church UK, and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline.
Objects of the charity: The furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of the Free Methodist Church of North America (United Kingdom District).

Trustees as at 31 December 2025:

Jonathan Manning (Chair)
Jenny Manning (Secretary)
Richard Robinson (Lay Delegate)
Bill (William) Thomas
Stephen Sutcliffe
Michelle Whitfield

Independent Examiner: Mattocks Grindley Chartered Accountants 18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, Widnes, Cheshire. WA8 0WN

Banker: TSB

Principle objectives, and activity of the Charity

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.
The Free Methodist Church Frodsham was built on the present site in 1985. It is part of a worldwide network of Churches entitled "Free Methodist Churches Worldwide" (HQ Indianapolis, Indiana, USA). Locally it is part of the UK Conference (FMCUK, Conference Office, 47 High St, Kingswood, Bristol BF15 4AA). Each Church is an individual charity with its own Charity Document while the Spiritual Ethos is laid down in the Book of Discipline, a fact which is recognised in the FFMC Charity Document.

Our mission is to serve God in the Frodsham / Helsby area, Knutsford and surrounding area as well as online and to spread the good news of Jesus. We aim to introduce people in the area to Jesus by giving them the opportunity to participate in relevant activities that will impact their life and allow them to grow and develop their own relationship with God and so go out into their own circle of friends / family and pass on God's love for humankind.

Structure governance and management

The church is part of the Conference of the Free Methodist Church UK and is under the discipline of the Conference as described in the Book of Discipline. The church members (partners) elect the Official Church Board and they also elect the charity's trustees. Both are elected at the Annual Society (Partners) Meeting and these, together with the Church employees engaged in ministry, form the Leadership Team.
One of the elected Board of Trustees serves as the Church's Lay Delegate and as such represents the Church at the Annual Free Methodist Church UK Conference.
The church is governed by a leadership team, a Senior Pastor and the Lay Delegate. The senior pastor is responsible for the overall spiritual direction of the church, ensuring that teaching is biblical and that God's will and direction for the church and the activities it is involved in is established. The church trustees are appointed annually according to the trustees' appointments procedure. The trustees assist the pastor and also hold responsibility as trustees of the charity. Ministry leaders are appointed by the leadership team to manage the various ministry activities in the church. They are supported by their ministry teams. Together the pastor, lay delegate, trustees and ministry leaders meet regularly to ensure that the objects and purposes of the charity are carried out to benefit the public in the surrounding area and those beyond.

Achievement and performance

Worship Every Sunday at both our Frodsham and Knutsford sites, we held a time of worship, teaching and fellowship to learn and understand the bible messages and principles. Frodsham services continued to meet at 10.30am and in September, the Knutsford services moved from 5.30pm to 10.30am to encourage more attendance. Our Frodsham service continued being live-streamed online and this has enabled the gospel to be presented to the wider congregation and beyond. This has been an important aspect of church life, especially for those who are unable to attend the service in person. We have continued holding a monthly Heartbeat evening service at Frodsham which is predominantly prayer and praise.

Bible teaching Sunday morning services (both on-line and in person) were instrumental in teaching the principles and truths of the Bible. Several bible study groups were held in Frodsham, Ellesmere Port, Northwich, Liverpool, Knutsford, and online. We also continued a monthly Soulfood bible study with a meal where each month focusses on a whole book of the bible. Towards the end of the year our third Encounters Course was held which studies ten encounters with Jesus in the bible.

Prayer As a community of believers King's church continued to hold its weekly corporate prayer meeting to pray for current issues, the church body, the local church, the local community, the congregation, mission activities and any other relevant items that required prayer. An emailed prayer chain continued to be used for specific prayers which saw many answers to prayer. Prayer was also an important part of our Sunday morning service as we prayed corporately for relevant issues.

Conference This year we held our second King's Church Conference (Ignite), with core members meeting together one weekend to worship, plan and discern together where God wants to lead King's Church. This was a key way to share the vision and unite as a church family.

Work with children A part-time employed Families Worker continued to strengthen our children's ministry throughout the year. The popular Tiddlers playgroup continued to meet each week providing an opportunity to bring local parents/carers with young children together. This enabled the church to support local families and was a great opportunity to present God's love and message of hope. The Sunday School met during the Sunday morning services where the children in the church had an opportunity to hear the Gospel message presented at a level that enabled them to understand it and appreciate the relevance to their lives; primary-school age children met in the cabin and babies and toddlers met in the dedicated creche space. We also held several events open to all local families as an opportunity to build relationships and allow them to encounter Jesus including holiday clubs, an Easter egg hunt, a Light Party as an alternative to Halloween, and a Nativity service. The Families Worker also led a mid-week club for ages 4-8 and a monthly club for ages 9+ to further connect with the community. As a result we have seen significant growth in numbers of families connected to the church.

Work with Seniors We have continued to hold a monthly Sunday afternoon service (Cameo) which, although open to anyone, was a great opportunity for senior members of the church and community to meet for a shorter service followed by cream tea.

Mission The Church continued to support several charities by giving financially and supporting them in prayer. Financial support was given to Medcare Charity, which is a children's medical centre in Uganda, established and led by one of our congregants to support the poor and needy in their community, as instructed by God in scripture. The church also financially supported Brad Venter's family, who serve Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea as a pilot family, serving their community by transporting supplies, medical teams and missionaries between communities that are not accessible by road. We also began financially supporting The Josiah Venture as they spread the gospel to youth in European countries. More locally the church held various outreach events throughout the year. The Good news of Jesus' birth and death were presented in an interactive way where the local community could take part in a nativity play at Christmas and join in an Easter egg hunt at Easter. A professional theatre company also performed Christmas and Easter family shows at the church as a way of sharing God with the community. We held holiday clubs and a Light Party as an alternative celebration to Hallowe'en. We also took part in the local town's Christmas festivals using the opportunity to remind people of the true reason we celebrate Christmas.

Properties During the year the church maintained the building and grounds in a suitable condition to maintain the safe operation of the church.

Risk management

The trustees regularly prioritise the work of property and procedure risk assessment to highlight areas that we need to improve and make sure that our property and organisation is compliant with all regulations. This is ongoing work and is part of our regular leaders' meeting. They have reviewed and updated relevant policies throughout the year.

Public benefit

The above section on achievements and performance demonstrates the strong emphasis the Frodsham Free Methodist Church places on ensuring that the activities it runs have a significant

benefit to the public, all of which have been provided at no charge to the public. The trustees have ensured that the Frodsham Free Methodist Church has managed its activities and resources to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Financial review and Reserves Policy

The full financial review is presented in the attached set of approved accounts.
In summary, during 2025 our income was £87,488 and our expenditure was £106,123.
Five higher interest savings accounts were maintained totalling £256,559. These accounts are in addition to the current account and the basic savings account.

Future developments

Our Families Worker retired at the end of 2025 and a new Families Worker will begin a part-time contract at the start of 2026. They will continue to build on the children's ministry work in place enabling us as a church to connect with more families and share God's love with them.
Our online presence continues to be reviewed to provide a better online experience of our church.
As part of our Discipleship Pathway, our Encounters Courses will continue to run as and when appropriate for new attendees to integrate into the life of King's Church.

Trustees responsibilities

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees 'annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Acceptance Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Free Methodist Church Frodsham	518907

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sunday Offering	3,876	-	-	3,876	5,438
Bank Direct Debits	48,519	-	-	48,519	87,036
Gift Aid income	20,738	-	-	20,738	13,892
Income from Ministries	1,132	-	-	1,132	1,153
Other income including hall hire	2,781	-	-	2,781	5,569
Interest from savings	10,442	-	-	10,442	2,814
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	87,488	-	-	87,488	115,902
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	87,488	-	-	87,488	115,902
A3 Payments					
Wages and pension	63,690	-	-	63,690	51,531
Utilities and insurance	7,551	-	-	7,551	7,121
Tithe	7,203	-	-	7,203	4,260
Ministry Fund	6,000	-	-	6,000	10,236
Building Maintenance	7,422	-	-	7,422	17,402
Hospitality	1,503	-	-	1,503	1,660
Governance costs	1,326	-	-	1,326	1,353
Subscriptions	194	-	-	194	324
FM Conference costs	3,552	-	-	3,552	2,596
Publicity	967			967	1,595
Children and youth	1,741			1,741	1,007
outreach	3,952			3,952	1,046
worship resources	1,022	-	-	1,022	974
Sub total	106,123	-	-	106,123	101,104
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	106,123	-	-	106,123	101,104
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 18,635	-	-	- 18,635	14,798
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	297,848	-	-	297,848	283,051
Cash funds this year end	279,213	-	-	279,213	297,848

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Current account TSB	5,767	-	-
	Savings account TSB	16,887	-	-
	Savings account Kingdom Bank	37,132	-	-
	Savings account Redwood 1 year	52,280	-	-
	Savings account Redwood 95 day	20,882	-	-
	Savings account Virgin Money	73,150	-	-
	Savings account Charity Bank	73,115	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	279,213 OK	- OK	- OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RICHARD ROBINSON	25-10-26
	MICHELLE WHITFIELD	25.10.26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of: Free Methodist Church, Frodsham

On accounts for the year ended: 31 December 2025 **Charity no (if any):** 518907

Set out on pages: 1 and 2

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the financial statements 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.

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 27/10/26

Name: G. Mattocks

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).