



St. Martin's Methodist Church

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St Martin's Methodist Church - Trustees Annual Report - Y/E 31 August 2014

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2014.

Administrative details:

Registered charity name	St Martin's Methodist Church
Charity registration number	Exempt from registration under Statutory Instrument 2655.
Principal office	St Martin's Methodist Church, Gig Lane Woolston Warrington WA14 EE

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the year and since the year end are follows

Circuit Ministers (Ex Officio)	Revd. Stephen Froggatt
Circuit Superintendent (Ex Officio)	Revd. Lucille Rogers
Second minister (appointed by Sankey Valley Circuit)	Revd. Jackie Bellfield
Circuit Steward (appointed by Sankey Valley Circuit)	Kenneth Sims
Church Secretary & Steward	Eric Andrews
Church Stewards	Glynis Long (Senior & Safeguarding), Sheila Bowden, Pauline Fairhurst (Churches Together) Christopher Betts, Jean Furnival (deceased 29th November 2014)
Church Treasurer	Kenneth Long
Finance & Property Secretary	Eric Andrews
Children and Young People	Allison Rimmer/ Christine Lowe
Pastoral Visitor representative	Ann Brown
Representatives of the congregation	Andrew McLoughlin, Keith Furnival & Alan Bowden

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes act as Custodian Trustees for the Charity's property.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

St Martin's Methodist Church was part of the Warrington Methodist Circuit that on the 1st September 2011 became part of the Sankey Valley Circuit. It is governed by the Deed of Union 1932 and by the Methodist Church Standing Orders.

The church is cared for by a presbyter (ordained minister) employed by Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit.

The decision making body for the Charity (who are its trustees and listed above) is the Church Council that meets 3 times per year.

The Annual General Church meeting which is open to all members of the Church raises issues for consideration by the Church Council.

OBJECTIVES & VISION

The objectives of the Methodist Church are set out in clause 4 of the Methodist Church Act 1976. It can be summarised as to the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church and any charitable purpose of the Methodist church. We confirm that we have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and specifically the guidance relating to charities for the advancement of religion.

OUR VISION is of a Church moving forward in faith. We believe in a Church where we are growing together in faith and seeking to serve our local community whilst maintaining a loving caring fellowship.

We wish to thank all those who by freely giving of their time and talents enable these objectives to be met. Our vision statement continues to be under regular view.

ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church activities during the year included:

- Weekly Sunday morning worship and preaching services commencing 10.30 am.
- On the first Saturday morning of each month at 10.00 am our Sticky Church for young children and parents, continues to flourish. This year we plan to introduce a Christmas lunch and hold a similar event for the Easter Sticky Church service.
- Twice weekly Toddler's group "Tots"; caters for preschool children and their parents, carers and grandparents every Wednesday and Thursday morning 09.00 - 12.00 pm.
- **T**ake a **L**ook and have a **C**uppa (TLC); a twice weekly community shop selling quality second time around clothes, with a specific brief to be an open door to the local community. We continue to give clothing and toys to deserving local families. Better quality clothing continues to be available as we build on the previous year's growth. TLC shop is open on Tuesday 10.00 - 12.00 pm and Thursday's 09.00 - 13.30 pm. We welcome good quality used clothing, books, toys, and small household goods but currently we are unable to accept electrical items. TLC shop is an increasingly important outreach within the local community.
- Meeting Point - second Tuesday of each month at 14.00 pm - fellowship group some 25 strong drawn from both the Church and community.
- Readers - a rota of 8 people who regularly take turns to read the Bible for each Sunday morning service.
- Music group - a small but enthusiastic singing group who meet weekly and take part in occasional morning worship as well as perform an annual concert.
- Annual Summer Holiday Club - once again held in August, involving 50 children and families from both Church and local community. This is jointly organised with members from our ex Partnership Churches, Padgate, Rixton and Lymm. A very successful venture, this year we were able to accommodate all the children who applied and we plan to repeat in 2015.
- Pastoral links with Heathercroft Nursing Home - our nearest neighbour as it is situated next door to the Church. Monthly Communion services are held there led by our minister Rev Stephen Froggatt. The annual Christmas carols are much anticipated by residents and their families.

- Ecumenical relationship – St Martin's are active members of the Churches Together in Padgate & Woolston. This group is responsible for local ecumenical matters including the annual Walking Day or procession of witness and Women's World Day of Prayer.
- A printed notice sheet is available every two weeks.
- Successful Church Open Day where both Church and Church hall users demonstrated their activities to the local community.
- Working together with Ex East Partnership Churches preparing local arrangement services three times a year.
- During the year we successfully established "our Church on the web" complete with "Revs Blog" under www.stmartinsmethodist.org.uk and encourage everyone to explore the site to discover more about our church and its involvement in the local community.
- In December 2013 we completed the installation of a new kitchen and fitted two new energy efficient central heating boilers as well as upgrading the central heating system of the Church. We gratefully acknowledge the significant financial support of FCC Environment through WREN and the Landfill Communities Fund in respect of this project.
- We successfully staged an exhibition of Church activities at The Sankey Valley Circuit Celebration held at Farnworth Methodist Church.
- Two of our members successfully completed the Methodist Church Worship Leaders Course and were formally approved at the September 2013 Church Council. St Martin's Church now has three approved Methodist Worship Leaders.
- The Church hall is used daily for community activities as well as by the local families for private children's parties. Regular users are:
 - One local dancing group offering both modern and ballet
 - Martial Arts 3 sessions weekly
 - Children's art class during school holidays
 - Local and general elections
 - Warrington Cine & Video Society

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We will continue to seek ways and means of fulfilling our existing mission statement with a specific focus on mission within the community we serve including:

- Jointly with our minister to develop a stronger personal discipleship and faith commitment. Advent and Lent weekly house fellowships groups continue to flourish. Arrangements for Lent 2015 are being finalised.
- Continued development of present mission activities with children with Tots and Sticky Church.
- Develop further the community link with TLC and its activities.
- Continued involvement with other ex-East Partnership churches to develop mission and worship activities we are unable to do ourselves.
- Strategic Planning Day for Church Stewards and Members planned for early March 2015
- Jointly with the other Circuit churches we support the Circuit mission to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ and explore the kingdom of God.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Graham Pegg has been reappointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Rev Stephen Froggatt
11th January 2015.