



St. Martins Methodist Church

Woolston WA1 4EE

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St Martins Methodist Church - Trustees Annual Report -year ended 31 August 2020

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

Administrative details:

Registered charity name	St Martins Methodist Church
Charity registration number	Exempt from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242 (expiry date 31/03/2021).
Principal office	St Martins 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. Mark Coles (from 01/09/19)
Circuit Superintendent (Ex Officio)	Revd. David Easton
Second minister (appointed by Sankey Valley Circuit)	Revd. Martin Wood
Circuit Steward (appointed by Sankey Valley Circuit)	Kenneth Sims
Church Secretary & Steward	Eric Andrews
Church Stewards	Glynis Long (Senior) Sheila Bowden, Pauline Fairhurst Christopher Betts,
Church Treasurer	Kenneth Long
Finance & Property Secretary	Eric Andrews
Children and Young People	Allison Rimmer/ Christine Lowe

Pastoral Visitor representative Shelia Bowden

Representatives of the congregation Alan Bowden & Julia Edwards

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

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

St Martins Methodist Church is one of 24 churches within the Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit that was created in 2011 from Warrington, Widnes, St Helens and Makerfield Circuits. 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 Church Council is where decisions are made for the Charity (its trustees are listed above) and meets 2 times per year. In addition, there is an 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 and discipleship. 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 second Saturday morning of each month at 10.00 am our Messy Church for young children and parents, continues to flourish. Lunch is served at the end of each meeting.
- Once weekly Toddler's group "Tots"; caters for preschool children and their parents, carers and grandparents every Wednesday morning 10.00 - 12.00 pm.
- 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. Community shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday's 09.00 - 13.00 pm. We welcome good quality used clothing, books, toys, and small household goods but currently we are unable to accept electrical items. The Community shop is an increasingly important outreach within the local community and is a collection point for Warrington Credit Union.
- Meeting Point - second Tuesday of each month at 14.00 pm - fellowship group some 25-strong drawn from both the Church and the 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, take part in occasional morning worship, and perform an annual concert.
- Annual Summer Holiday Club - Due to the Corvid 19 pandemic the 2020 the holiday club was postponed for this year. This decision was agreed with members from Padgate, Rixton and Lymm Methodist Churches. Next year we will base the week on the story from a Scripture Union theme called Wonder Zone Holiday Club, (www.scriptureunion.org.uk), another very successful venture.

- Pastoral links with Heathercroft Nursing Home has been suspended due to ministerial changes.
- Ecumenical relationship - St Martins continue to be 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.
- We continued our monthly meeting to look at the book of Acts. Only held two meetings until the church was closed due to Corvid 19 pandemic
- During the year the Church raised funds for various charitable causes totalling £808.
- Our website www.stmartinsmethodist.org.uk continues to receive very positive comments from across a wide geographic area. We encourage everyone to explore the site to discover more about our church and its involvement in the local community.
- St Martin's Church regularly uses the talents of its three approved Methodist Worship Leaders and the talents of other stewards / Church members for regular local church arrangements.
- 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 2 sessions weekly
 - 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:

- From 01.09.2019 Rev'd Mark Coles will assume pastoral responsibilities for St Martin's, along with Lymm and Padgate Churches.
- We will continue to develop a stronger personal discipleship and faith commitment with our Sunday worship aided by both Advent and Lent weekly house fellowships groups.
- To develop and expand the role of the community shop and extend the communication within the community.
- Expand the shop into areas of the community with social need.
- Nooma course has ended - to continue to investigate and explore another avenue for prayer and spiritual development.
- Continue the development of our present mission activities with children at Tots, Messy Church and Holiday Club.
- Develop a family friendly alternative worship,
- 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.
- Continue in charitable giving for agreed charitable organisations.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Rev.d... M. Coles.....
21st January 2021.