

Norton Trinity Methodist Church

Plum Street, Norton, YO17 9JA

Norton Town Council
Council chamber and office
The Old Courthouse
84b Commercial Street
Norton
YO17 9ES

To the Town Council

I am writing on behalf of Trinity Methodist Church, Commercial Street, Norton. Trinity Church is part of Eco Church, an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. (<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>) We are very proud to have achieved the bronze award within 12 months of launching this project. Trinity Church provides essential and well-used facilities for a variety of community groups within Norton and Malton. They range from uniformed organisations, camera club, Sight Support, gardeners, keep fit, music for mums and babies, local elections, bowling for the sight impaired, Parkinsons Support and parties, making up a total of approximately 150 people per week.

By supporting these groups, the church recognises that a number of the UN Sustainable Development Goals are implicit in their activities:

Goal 3 Good Health and Well Being - Keep Fit,

Goal 10 Reduce Inequalities – Parkinsons Support, Sight Support, Scarboccia.

Goal 13 Climate Action – Derwent Diggers and the church's involvement along with groups of Eco Church and reducing our carbon footprint.

Goals 13-15 Climate Action, Life below Water, Life on Land – badge work with Rainbows and Brownies

Goal 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions - Norton Trinity is a Fairtrade Church and has twinned all its toilets. (see Toilet Twinning - flushing poverty down the loo – We Are Tearfund)

Part of the church buildings is that of the Milner Rooms which are to the rear of the worship area, which are mainly used for non-religious purposes. These are made up a large meeting room area, a well- equipped kitchen, storage space and toilet facilities. The Milner rooms were erected 45 years ago. This is the space that is used by the above groups. It is a prefabricated building, and beginning to show its age. Consequently, the church council is committed to improving the building. The congregation works hard to maintain the building in good order. However, with the effects of climate crisis and the encouragement to make our building carbon neutral, the members are currently focused on improving the Milner rooms with double-glazing. This would greatly enhance the facilities we are able to offer by being warmer thus making our contribution to alleviating global climate change. There is also a small amount of rendering to be done, which ensures that the building is watertight.

At present, we have received the appropriate quotations and we need to raise £20,000 of which we already have a promise of £5000 from the Ryedale Methodist Circuit and £2000 from a local trust, and £1000.00 from a local company. The estimate for the double-glazing given five months ago is £12,500, which we know will now have increased. The estimated cost of the rendering is £4,500.00. We need to factor in some

contingency money. The church has limited funds, but is able to contribute towards the total cost. There is ongoing fundraising, in various forms.

As the Norton Town Council, you will appreciate that Trinity Methodist Church offers vital facilities to the community, and has hiring fees that are attractive to the groups who regularly use the buildings. Improvement to the facilities would ensure that the groups have warm, safe and welcoming spaces to meet. Consequently, we request that the Town Council consider contributing £3000 to what is an essential aspect of the town's life.

I am including with this letter a copy of our audited accounts.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Janice M. Clark.

Janice M Clark Eco Church Lead, Church Council Secretary.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

NORTON TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2022

RYEDALE

Circuit

Circuit no

29/34

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

31451

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV. PETER SHEASBY

Church Stewards:

MRS S. HOLMES

MR. J. HARRISON .MRS P. BILES.

MRS. S. HARRISON MRS. S. WEST

MR. J. HUBERY MRS. H. ATKINSON

MRS. J. CLARK (Secretary)

Treasurer:

MRS. S. WEST

NORTON TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Church

Church - Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
	Note	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS		
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	20,478	22,010
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	22	7
a4	Lettings	3,010	150
a5	Other receipts	13,743	387
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	37,253	22,564
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	20,395	13,700
b3	Donations	2,027	350
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,944	1,220
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	2,429	1,325
b6	Other payments	4,006	2,812
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	31,801	19,407
SECTION C			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	5,452	3,157
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	14,238 (c7)	11,092
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	19,691	14,238 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church	860	860
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents	1,618,745	1,618,745
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August		
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	12,230	4,996
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	7,461	9,241
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	19,691	14,237
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year		
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)		

Name of Church Norton Trinity Methodist Church

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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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.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *Helen SoH*

Name of independent examiner Helen SoH

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 26 EAST ROAD NORTON

..... MALTON Post Code Y017 9JF

Date 20.2.2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

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Name of Church Norton Trinity Methodist Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer *S. H. West* Date... *21/02/23*

Name and address of treasurer Suzanne West

6 Reeton Terrace, Norton, Malton YO17 8AF

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Peter Sheasby

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the NORTON TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number .. 31451

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

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