



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month January	Year 2019		Day 31st	Month December	Year 2019

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Risley Independent Methodist Church
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1168358
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Risley Independent Methodist Church
	Fearnhead Lane
	Fearnhead
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>WA2 0BY</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ronald Percival			Church members
2	Alison Speakman	Treasurer		Church members
3	James Tobiasen			Church members
4	Suzanne Walker			Church members
5	Kathleen Tobiasen			Church members
6	Judie Leah			Church members
7	Barbara Ellam			Church members
8	Leslie Hughes			Church members
9	Christopher Mayes	Vice President		Church members
10	David McDonald	President	10/9/19 to 31/12/19	Church members
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated July 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by the church members.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>All member Churches constitute the Connexion of Independent Methodist Churches. Groups of Churches are associated in Circuits for mutual benefit.</p> <p>The trustees are legally responsible for the management and administration of the church. Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. Trustees are also members of the church and regular attenders at services, church meetings and functions. Trustees meetings are called as necessary and chaired by the President. We do not have formal policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees.</p> <p>The day to day running of the church, including the allocation of resources, is the responsibility of the church members who will give due regard to the Statements of Faith and Practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion and our own Church rules. Our church is affiliated to the Independent Methodist Connexion, cooperating with like churches for the spread of our faith, but in points of Government, Discipline and Finances the church is independent and its decisions final. Our church pays £35 per member each year to the Connexion. The church members meetings are held once every two months, and are chaired by the President.</p> <p>The trustees are satisfied that strategies are in place to assess and manage risks: Comprehensive insurance cover is in place. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out for all those working with children in the church. We have a Child Protection policy prepared following guidelines from the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) and Warrington Social Services Department. This policy is readily available at church. The parent/guardian of all children who attend Boomerang will be asked to fill</p>
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in a registration form.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statements of Faith and Practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion. The charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Risley I.M. Church has been registered as a charity since July 2016.

In pursuit of our objectives undertaken for the public benefit the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion. Church activities are summarised below.

#### Services

Our church services are held on a Sunday at 10:45am and 6pm. The services are for the praise and worship of God, prayers, and the preaching and teaching of God's word (The Bible). A free-will offering and gift aid donations are collected during the service. Services to commemorate the Lord's Supper (Sacramental services) take place on the first Sunday in each month after the evening service and on the third Sunday in each month after the morning service. All are welcome to all of our services. Children leave the morning service part way through and take part in their own bible learning and activities in the Sunday school (called Boomerang).

#### Special Services

Throughout the year we have special services to recognise the different groups within our church; Fellowship evening when all the different groups take part in the evening service, Women's Auxiliary Sunday, Men's Fellowship Sunday. We also have services in commemoration of important dates in the Christian calendar: Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

#### Prayer meeting and Bible study

Each Wednesday evening we meet for prayer and bible study, to which

all are welcome. Prayer requests (for individuals, groups, situations) are brought by those in attendance and everyone is welcome to pray out loud or inwardly as they see fit.  
Bible study is on a specific subject, theme or book from the bible and is led by an individual or may be from a study on DVD.

#### Men's Fellowship

On the third Tuesday evening of every month there is a Men's Fellowship meeting, when the men meet together and listen to a guest speaker (this may be on any interesting topic, not necessarily on our faith). All men are welcome to these meetings.

#### Women's Auxiliary

Every other Thursday afternoon the women of our church meet together for fellowship and bible teaching.

#### Walking day

This annual event takes place on a Saturday at the end of June. Local churches (of all denominations), schools, scout and guide groups joined together in a procession through the local streets accompanied by marching bands. Hundreds of people show their support by lining the streets to watch the parade. We hire a band to accompany us on our walk and we all have tea together on our arrival back at church. After tea the children are presented with an envelope containing a small amount of money to spend as they wish (traditionally at the funfair).

#### Padgate House

We have developed close links with Padgate House, a local residential home providing short term intermediate care and nursing support to help people regain daily living skills and independence. It is the privilege of our Prayer meeting and Bible Study group to visit Padgate House at Easter and at Christmas to share in a short service of worship with the residents.

#### Overseas missions

The Overseas Missions section of the Connexion is concerned with the spreading of the gospel to people of other lands. There is no Independent Methodist missionary society, but missionaries from Independent Methodist churches work with other missionary societies and receive support from the Connexion.

#### Christenings, marriages and funerals

These ordinances shall take place by mutual agreement between those concerned and the Minister or President. Marriage is intended to be a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman; our church rules do not permit same-sex marriages or blessings.

#### Prayer support and financial contribution to other charities

Our church has links to other charities which we support in prayer, practically and financially:

Warrington Food Bank, a project run by the Trussell Trust, working to provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people in crisis who are referred by professionals such as doctors,

health visitors, social workers and police.

Barnabus, a Christian charity based in Manchester dealing with the homeless and socially deprived.

North East Helplink, which provides support, care, comfort and temporary accommodation for people in greatest need within the North East of England.

Warrington Youth for Christ, part of an international organisation which takes the Gospel to young people through schools work, youth groups, academies and mission trips.

Open Doors, which we started to support financially in May, works in over 60 countries, supplying Bibles, training church leaders, providing practical support and emergency relief, and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors works to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support and action among Christians.

We support worldwide charities and disaster funds as needs arise.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All those who are trustees and members of the church perform their duties on a voluntary basis. There are those who regularly attend church services and mid-week meetings and who perform vital jobs in our fellowship, but who do not wish to become church members. Such members of the congregation are valued by the church and welcome to attend member's meetings though they are not permitted to vote or move proposals.

Our ministers render their services without financial reward, in accordance with the apostolic practise of an unpaid ministry. We do offer expenses to ministers, as some of them travel from outside the area to preach in our church. If a minister has come as a representative of a particular organisation then a separate contribution to that organisation may be made.

The church would also like to recognise the contribution made by those who voluntarily maintain our building and grounds, put out our bins, weed the garden, prune trees and replace broken fences. We also appreciate those who spend time baking and making sandwiches etc. for the occasions when we have refreshments after the service or at social events. Once a month we serve tea, coffee and biscuits after the morning service, provided by members of the congregation on a voluntary rota. There is a coffee morning each Thursday to which everyone is welcome, again provided by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The Annual General Meeting was held at the beginning of February following independent examination of our accounts. The income of the church is beneath that which requires statutory audit but we have outside scrutiny in the form of Independent examination of our accounts. At the AGM the election of church officers took place, and the Balance Sheet was presented and accepted by the members. Our President, Mr Ron Percival, retired from office after 58 years of dedicated service. The new President is our Minister, Mr David McDonald. Our church secretary passed away after 48 years in office, one of three longstanding members of the church for whom funeral services were held in January.

The Church Family party took place in January, with the usual tea, games and quizzes. The Fellowship evening, when the different groups within the church take part in the Sunday evening service, did not take place this year.

In the week leading up to Easter the Prayer Meeting and Bible Study group visited Padgate House for an Easter service with the residents.

Our church Easter Services took place in April with a service on Good Friday, including Sacrament, to commemorate the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross. On Easter Sunday the church was decorated with flowers for our celebration of the Resurrection.

Women's Auxiliary Sunday took place in March and Men's Fellowship Sunday took place in April and the services included items by the W.A. Choir and Men's choir respectively. Refreshments were served in the Sunday School room after both of these services.

Following resignation of our Sunday School Superintendent (Boomerang Leader), interviews took place to find a replacement. All the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service checks were completed and we now have a team to share the responsibilities and run Boomerang.

The annual Walking Day took place on Saturday 22nd June. This year we were unable to find a marching band to accompany us on our procession. We all had tea together on our arrival back at church after which the children were presented with their Walking Day money.

At the end of June we were entertained by a local Ukulele Band, followed by supper and additional items performed by members of our Men's Fellowship. In lieu of payment the band asked us to donate £100 to St Rocco's Hospice, a local charity which provides care and support for those with life-limiting illness.

This year we have renewed the fencing, railings and gates which surround our church building and grounds. We have also had installed grab rails at the entrance to the kitchen, and additional hand rails by the steps to the pulpit and choir stalls. This will make our church a pleasant, safe and secure place to meet and worship.

On Friday 28th September we held a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. This included a 'Bring and Buy' stall and raised £218 for

the support of people, and their families, affected by cancer.

Our Harvest festival thanksgiving services took place on the first Sunday of October. The Sunday school room was open on Saturday morning so that people could bring gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and non-perishable food items for the Harvest display. The church windows were decorated with Harvest-themed displays and the donated goods were displayed on stands around the altar and pulpit. Following the Sunday evening service refreshments were served in the Sunday School room. The fresh food and flowers from the Harvest display were distributed to the sick and elderly. Tinned food and other non-perishables were taken to Warrington Food Bank. There was a separate offering box for monetary contributions to N. E. Helplink, which together with donations received at our monthly coffee mornings, raised £197.66 this year.

In November we held a 'Christmas Shop' in the Sunday School room, with stalls selling Christmas goods and festive refreshments. This event raised £464 for church funds.

A male voice choir concert was held in November, followed by supper.

In December the Prayer Meeting and Bible Study group visited Padgate House for a carol service with the residents.

Our church carol services were held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, with a Family Carol service in the morning and a Candle Lit Carol service in the evening followed by refreshments. A Christmas Praise service was held on Christmas Day morning.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We have no policy on reserves.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

We have no funds in deficit.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

At the majority of our services there is a collection of free will offerings, including those made by Gift Aid. These offerings constitute the principal source of the churches funds.

The Cleaning fund is donations to offset the cost of paying a cleaner.

From time to time we have fundraising events, such as the Christmas Shop, to raise funds but also to encourage social interaction with those from church and the wider community.

The church also receives funds through bequests and donations in memory of loved ones. The church has no set fee for Christenings, Marriages and Funerals, but will often receive a donation.

Bag2School collections of used clothing and textiles also raise funds for church.

This year we received a grant from the Connexion.

Our expenditure enables the maintenance of the church building for the worship of God and the advancement of the Christian faith. We are also able to support other charities, as previously described.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

C Mays

A Speakman.

Full name(s)

Christopher Duncan Mays

Alison Speakman

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Vice President and Trustee

Treasurer and Trustee

Date

28/10/2020





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Risley I.M. Church

No (if any)  
1168358

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2019

To

Period end date  
31/12/2019

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings/Donations	6,760	-	-	6,760	-
Gift Aid/Gift Aid tax return	7,073	-	-	7,073	-
Cleaning Fund	510	-	-	510	-
Bags2School	124	-	-	124	-
Christmas Shop	464	-	-	464	-
Ticket Sales for Concerts	550	-	-	550	-
Grant from I.M. Connexion	4,000	-	-	4,000	-
Interest on Deposit Account	219	-	-	219	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>19,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,700</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>19,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,700</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Utility Bills	3,864	-	-	3,864	-
Cleaner's Wages	768	-	-	768	-
Donations to other charities	1,349	-	-	1,349	-
Expenses/Gifts	200	-	-	200	-
Insurance	1,152	-	-	1,152	-
Service/Maintenance	5,290	-	-	5,290	-
Connexional Dues/Subscriptions	1,190	-	-	1,190	-
Miscellaneous	3,136	-	-	3,136	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,949</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,949</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>16,949</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,949</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,751</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,751</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>52,979</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,979</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>55,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,730</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Deposit Fund	31,567	-	-
	Bank	24,383	-	-
	Cash in hand	- 220	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>55,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church building and land		-	-
	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings		-	-
	Computer, projector and P.A. equipment		-	-
	Television and DVD player		-	-
	Telephone		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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  
  
 A Speakman

Print Name  
 DAVID McDONALD  
 ALISON SPEAKMAN

Date of approval  
 23/01/20  
 23/11/20