



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	Day 01	Month January	Yea 2018	To
	Day 31	Month December	Year 2018	

Section A Reference and administration details

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

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	President		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	Margaret Allen		1/1/2018 to 31/8/2018	Church members
8	Barbara Ellam			Church members
9	Leslie Hughes			Church members
10	Alan Rudge		1/1/2018 to 31/8/2018	Church members
11	Christopher Mayes		10/4/2018 to 31/12/2018	Church members

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)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All member Churches constitute the Connexion of Independent Methodist Churches. Groups of Churches are associated in Circuits for mutual benefit.

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.

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.

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 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 is

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 again provided by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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.

February also saw our regular Fellowship evening, when the different groups within the church, apart from Boomerang (our Sunday School), took part in the Sunday evening service.

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.

The Family Party, to which all members of the congregation and their families are invited, was held in May this year.

The annual Walking Day took place on Saturday 23rd June. This year we were unable, due to Warrington Borough Council's refusal to close Fearnhead Lane and a lack of policing, to commence our walk at Church as we have always done. Instead we were required to walk in procession

Section D

Achievements and performance

from and to the northern end of Station Road. This year we hired the Chorley Croft and Culcheth Pipe Band to accompany us. We all had tea together on our arrival back at church after which the children were presented with their Walking Day money.

On Friday 29th September we held a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. This included a 'Bring and Buy' stall and raised £145.30 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 £172.45 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 £350.96 for church funds.

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 23rdth December, with a Family Carol service in the morning, in which the children and leaders of Boomerang took part, and a Candle Lit Carol service in the evening followed by refreshments. A Christmas Praise service was held on Christmas Day morning.

There was one christening and one funeral at our church this year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We do not have a 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

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.

of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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.

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

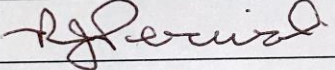
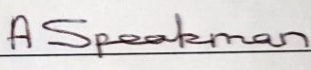
--

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RONALD JAMES PERCIVAL	ALISON SPEAKMAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PRESIDENT	TREASURER
Date	25.9.2019	



**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

Charity name

RISLEY I.M. CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2018

Charity no
(if any)

1168358

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**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:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

G. Branker

Date:

5.2.19

Name:

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

Address:

3 HILLSIDE AVE NEWTON LE WILLOWS WA12 9PD