

Accounts Summary

Summarised Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025

INCOME LEVEL

Partnership income has dropped again in 2025, for reasons including members passing away and moving away from the Methodist Church. General donation income increased from 2024 to 2025, predominantly, but not only due to a large one-off gift. The Donald English Young Scholars fund also received a large one-off gift. Taking both of these gifts into account, overall income has slightly increased.

CHANGES IN EXPENSES

Costs overall were higher than the previous year, with a major contributing factor being the Ambassador role which began in early 2025. Otherwise, costs have generally increased in most areas. There was a decrease in spending on advertising and publicity, after the higher year of 2024 due to the rebranding. MET:Revive events, including the REVIVE:Gathering weekend and the MET South West Conference, were successful and we are most grateful for the generosity of those who support such events. MET:Revive continues to tithe donation and annual subscription income, and for the financial year 2024-25 was able to support Christian work in the UK (CreationFest and The Message Trust) and abroad (Embrace the Middle East and SAT-7).

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Year ended 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
Annual Subscriptions	21,226		21,226	23,436
Donations	28,131	15,000	43,131	17,697
Ambassador appeal		2,160	2,160	150
Director of Ministry appeal		0	0	1,660
Rising Generation appeal		600	600	750
Conferences	14,220		14,220	9,947
Other including Gift Aid	13,361	702	14,063	13,195
Sub total	76,938	18,462	95,400	66,835
Asset & Investment sales			0	
Total receipts	76,938	18,462	95,400	66,835

PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Year ended 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
Administrative Expenses	17,736		17,736	15,460
Executive Expenses	3,041		3,041	3,665
Ambassador Expenses		8,017	8,017	0
Advertising and Publicity	3,309		3,309	5,154
Computer Expenses	2,308		2,308	2,380
MET Connexion	13,098		13,098	12,613
Expenditure on MET conferences	13,764		13,764	12,058
AWE expenses	319		319	1,349
Tithe	8,400		8,400	7,300
Other	1,167		1,167	1,088
Sub total	63,142	8,017	71,159	61,067
Asset & Investment purchases			0	
Total payments	63,142	8,017	71,159	61,067

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
Net receipts/(payments)	13,796	10,445	24,241	5,768
Transfers between funds	2,004	-2,004	0	0
Cash funds last year end	71,874	28,267	100,141	94,373
Cash funds this year end	87,674	36,708	124,382	100,141

DONALD ENGLISH YOUNG SCHOLARS FUND

This fund is available to assist people under 40 in their theological studies. Please do encourage anyone who might qualify to apply. Contact Gareth Higgs for more information via admin@metrevive.uk

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT MET:REVIVE

We are dependent upon the generous financial giving of our members. Your ongoing support is invaluable. Please consider

whether you can make an extra donation to MET:Revive, either as a lump sum or regular giving. This can be done via our website: metrevive.uk/donate. Please also consider giving a legacy in your will. This can be a tax efficient way of disposing of assets. If you require further information, please contact our Administrator.

For those paying by standing order, please check your bank has the correct account details and is making payments at least at the level of our latest rates. Account name: MET:Revive, Clydesdale Bank (Virgin Money), Sort code: 82-11-07 Account number: 00224700.

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AGM Agenda

2026 agenda

- Devotions led by the Chair
- Acceptance of the 2025 AGM Minutes
- Approval of the Accounts
- Reports
- Nominations
- Ambassador Update
- Chair Update and Vision for the future
- AOB
- AOB items to be submitted in advance to the Administrator (admin@metrevive.uk) by 18 May
- Conversation and prayer
- Closing prayer

The 2025 minutes and a digital version of these reports can be downloaded from metrevive.uk/AGM. On the same page, you can also register for attendance by Zoom.

MET:Revive

Seek First His Kingdom and His Righteousness

REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2026
3.30 – 5.00pm at Cliff Festival

SAMUEL CHADWICK LECTURE ROOM, CLIFF COLLEGE S32 3XG

To register for Zoom attendance, please visit metrevive.uk/AGM.
These reports and the 2025 AGM minutes can also be downloaded from this link.

First Things First: Getting our Priorities right

FROM THE CHAIR

What are our priorities as disciples of Jesus?

What do we focus on? Where do we invest our energy? How do we devote our time? What do we put first? The Bible tells us in Matthew 6:33 to 'seek first his kingdom and his righteousness'. That is surely something to aim at!

We would think it very odd if an archer took his arrow and shot it, then seeing where it had landed, went and drew a target round it! It would be a sure way of being on target every time, but it would make little sense. It seems to me that we must have an idea of what the priorities are as disciples of Jesus.

It is perfectly possible to get caught up with what enthuses or motivates us in life and to draw a target round that, because it warms our hearts or satisfies our priorities. That is not really what it is about. There are many priorities that God might give us in life and these may change over a period of time. Perhaps he calls us to a particular work for a season, (Ecclesiastes 3 has much to say about that), or perhaps there is a specific task he calls us to in a crisis. Overarching these particular works for particular times are some constant priorities and I suggest we need to hold these before us at all times.

Putting first things first and getting our priorities right is about the primacy of Worship, Witness and the Word.

With 'Worship', The Westminster Catechism summarises our chief end as 'to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever', using scripture from 1 Corinthians 10:31, Romans 11:36, and Psalm 73:25-28 to support this. I would add Romans 12:1 to this: 'offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship'.

How can we fail to prioritise Witness, when we have the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, which is re-emphasised in Acts 1:8, '...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth'? The joy of introducing others to the Saviour Jesus is of the utmost importance.

The 'Word' takes us into the God-breathed, divinely inspired scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16) which the Methodist Deed of Union reminds us is 'the supreme rule of faith and practice' (MDoU Part 1.4). Ultimately those scriptures point to God's Salvation plan and introduce us to the 'Word made flesh', Jesus himself.

There is much competing for attention and advocacy, some of it is political, some of it ethical, some moral and some ideological. Fads and fancies surround us. It is easy to take our eyes off the priorities of faith and to think our main purpose is to advocate on these other matters. I suggest our touchstone, our priorities, the way we put first things first is with the centrality of Worship, Witness and the Word in our lives.


Chris Briggs, Chair



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Reports

MET:Revive Ambassador

David Hull

It is a great privilege to serve as MET:Revive's Ambassador, travelling across the Connexion in an itinerant ministry of Word and Spirit, seeking to bring encouragement through teaching, preaching and praying, playing a small part in the Lord's work among Methodists on the ground. A particular highlight has been the 'Remember to Forget' tour in Autumn 2025, which went from Wigan to Hampshire with the great promise of Isaiah 43: 'Forget the former things ... See, I am doing a new thing!' Afternoon seminars on mission and evangelism combined with evening celebrations focused on revival and prayer ministry, and it was heartening to witness the warmth of response.

The role has also been one of quiet pastoral ministry, encouraging and supporting isolated evangelicals, those in ministry and

leadership, those seeking ordination, and church leaders from beyond these shores. It has been a continuing privilege, too, to represent evangelical Methodists within the Church of England's Charismatic History Project, contributing to ongoing research into the continuing impact of the Holy Spirit's work through the years of charismatic renewal.

Looking ahead, the goal remains the same: to bring the ministry of MET:Revive to localities across the Connexion – inspiring, encouraging, and playing a part in fanning the flames of our revival heritage. Visits to Devon and Cornwall are in the pipeline, with further plans taking shape for later in the year.

No gathering is too large or too small. Do look out for forthcoming dates and come along to say hello if you are in the area. Thank you for all your support. As always, I would be very grateful if you would continue to hold me in your prayers, and if there could be an opportunity to bring MET:Revive to where you are, please be in touch with Janet Walker, who can help us explore possibilities:

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Vice-Chair's Report

Gareth Higgs

We continue to rejoice in all that the Lord is doing and seek his strength for the challenges that remain and lie ahead for many. We are grateful for a smooth transition with our new Chair, Chris Briggs, and are encouraged by the networks he is forming and partnerships which are being renewed. At the same time, the hunger and longing for spiritual renewal that David Hull, our MET Ambassador is experiencing at events 'on the road', shows us that there is a continued need for our work and to encourage those who wish to see 'Scriptural Holiness' spread abroad the land.

We rejoice in our ongoing partnership with other Wesleyan Evangelical organisations in the AWE (Association of Wesleyan Evangelicals) network, and look forward to what the Lord has in store there.

It has been good for us to refresh our criteria for grants to the Donald English Young Scholars Fund, and due to a generous donation from a member, this fund now has a wonderful surplus. If you know anyone who would benefit from support from the fund (criteria can be found on the website), please do send them in our direction.

It remains for us to pay tribute to you, the members and friends of MET:Revive for your ongoing prayers, labours and financial support. Alongside this, Marian Izzard enjoyed a well-deserved sabbatical last summer, and on her return, she is as diligent as ever in supporting our work. We express our thanks to her once more for her continued service.

Christianity Month

Chris Briggs

May is Christianity Month! For those who have not seen previous articles or who are new to the vision, Christianity Month is an

opportunity to celebrate the way in which Christians have already changed the world in so many ways, and for intentional Christian witness.

Setting a month aside to be intentional in celebration and witness does not mean we neglect either throughout the rest of the year. However, there are times when it is useful to have a united effort to raise awareness. Hobbyists, enthusiasts, charities, businesses, and organisations all realise it is a good thing to raise awareness by setting apart a day, a week, or a month to celebrate. That is why we have interesting things such as World Lazy Day in August, and National Bed Month in March.

Christianity Month is an opportunity, in smaller or larger ways, to share with others the impact the Christian faith has had on the world. Some of these things might take time to plan, others might just be our normal events, but in May we link them with Christianity Month and perhaps give some literature out.

Here are some simple things you could do, even this May:

- Tell a few friends it is Christianity Month
- Email me and request a digital copy of the logo which you could put on the bottom of your emails during May, or print onto an A4 poster to put in your window or around your church
- Contact a local newspaper, radio station or television company and ask what they are doing for Christianity Month
- If you use social media platforms post the logo and #ChristianityMonth just to raise awareness
- Take a copy of this magazine to a coffee morning and ask who knew it was Christianity Month
- Make a note to plan early for May 2027, talking to others in your local church

For more information and for a copy of the logo email me at: chair@metrevive.uk

AWE: The Association of Wesleyan Evangelicals

David Hull

AWE is a fellowship of leaders of evangelical Wesleyan denominations and organisations, united by a shared appreciation of our heritage and a common longing to see the flame of revival rekindled in the motherland of Methodism. One of its great strengths is the warmth and fellowship that has grown amongst our national leaders: sharing our strengths with one another, bearing one another's burdens, and praying together with a common zeal. We have grown to become a company of friends and partners in the gospel.

For me, a key highlight of the year was the 'Rediscovering Revival' weekend with the Independent Methodist Connexion's North East Circuit (November 2025), where we gathered around the gospel's great hope and promise. It was an encouraging and



Spirit-filled time, a reminder of who we are and the work to which we are called.

On the governance front, this has been a year of significant and encouraging development. We are delighted to welcome formally the VMA Trust into the Association, and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by all partner organisations – MET:Revive, the Wesley Reform Union, the Independent Methodist Connexion, and the Free Methodist Church – marks a historic milestone.

The AWE Academy under the leadership of Director, Dr Richard Saunders-Hindley, continues as a flagship project to develop as a resource for the whole network and beyond. Strategic partnerships exist with member denominations and, with a new Governing Body, the Academy has developed an ambitious programme for 2026, from discipleship culture to evangelism and mission.

At the time of writing, we look forward with great anticipation to our first AWE Evening Celebration, to be held at Garstang FMC in April, bringing our diverse network together for worship, teaching, and spiritual renewal. It is a small but significant step in nurturing the fellowship that lies at AWE's heart.

Please continue to join us in praise and prayer for AWE!

Equipping for Ministry

Nicola Briggs

It was a joy to host our Equipping for Ministry session on Zoom in March.

We have widened the scope of Equipping for Ministry to any MET:Revive members who feel they need equipping. Therefore, we were joined by a host of people fulfilling different roles in the life of the church today. Our speaker was Rachael Heffer, Head of Mission at the Evangelical Alliance. We focused on the theme of 'Avoiding Mission Drift'.

Our mission was given by Jesus to the disciples: 'Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (Matthew 28:19-20).

Sadly, many churches and circuits have drifted from this mission, and some have not even realised this has happened. You may be wondering what Mission Drift is. The answer: 'Mission Drift is the subtle, often unintentional shift away from an organisation's original mission and values'. Rachael encouraged us by saying that all organisations drift, and that drift is not irredeemable, but that it does require effort to get back on track. Meeting online meant we had over 30 people joining us from Northumberland to the Isle of Wight and Wales. Shortly after the session had finished, we received a hymn written by one of our participants in response to the topic. We are looking forward to planning future Equipping for Ministry sessions and are always open to suggestions for topics or speakers, please do get in contact with our administrator, Marian Izzard (admin@metrevive.uk) if you have any thoughts on how we can support in this way.

Rachael Heffer, Head of Mission, Evangelical Alliance



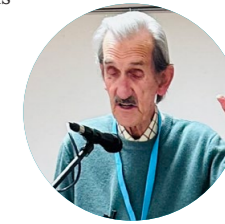
Prayer

Roz Addington

REVIVE GATHERING

This took place from Friday 14th – Sunday 16th November 2025 at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. Many thanks to John Hogarth & Marian Izzard for organising this event.

The theme of the weekend was 'All 4 Jesus' with the focus on the 4 Alls of Methodism. The Rev Paul Smith led us through the 4 Alls in four sessions; the first three on the Saturday with the fourth on the Sunday morning. His teaching was inspiring, stimulating and encouraging and was much appreciated by all who attended. Thanks go to Paul for all that he shared with us.



In addition, the Saturday evening celebration was led by Chris Briggs with Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman preaching on 'All for Jesus'. Grace gave us much to think about, with the challenge of whether we are all for Jesus, or are we not, and the need to keep the fire of the Spirit burning. The weekend finished with worship and Holy Communion, presided by Nicola Briggs, with Chris Briggs as the preacher and included the opportunity to be anointed with oil.

Early morning prayers were led by Roz Addington. In addition, there were two adjoining rooms to the main meeting room which featured six different prayer stations, offering the opportunity to pray in a more creative way. These were greatly appreciated, with some enthusiastic feedback.



PRAYER FOCUS

This remains an important and integral part of the RE:VIVE magazine, with much appreciation from readers. It is becoming increasingly challenging in a fast-moving world, with national events that seem to change almost weekly in some instances. I frequently wonder whether the prayer points will be relevant with the time lapse between writing them and the magazine being sent out. However, in these days of turmoil, it is essential we keep praying and seeking God. He is our hope and our strength whatever happens.

PRAYER MEETING

The Sunday evening prayer meeting on Zoom meets from 7.00pm to 8.00pm each week and remains strong, with an enthusiastic and dedicated group of people who show appreciation of the meeting. There are generally around 20-30 participants most weeks. The meeting begins with devotions which are led by different people every week and my heartfelt thanks go out to all those who willingly lead these. The topics depend a lot on what is happening in the church, the country and the world, to which we try to respond accordingly. We continue to be open to the Holy Spirit and relevant Bible passages, words of a song and sometimes prayer pictures are shared. Listening to what God is saying is a large part of prayer. Often the time simply flies away, and an hour seems barely long enough.