

LEICESTER TRINITY METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1129943

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-06-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: THE CIRCUIT SUPERINTENDS THE WORK OF 17 METHODIST CHURCHES , TWO ARE LEPs: ONE IS SHARED WITH ANGLICANS, THE OTHER WITH BAPTISTS. ANOTHER OF OUR CHURCHES IS SIGNED UP TO AN AREA LEP WITH BOTH ANGLICAN AND URC CHURCHES. A FURTHER CHURCH HOSTS A MORAVIAN CONGREGATION. THE CIRCUIT COMPRISES CITY CENTRE, INNER CITY AREAS , OUTER SUBURBS, OUTLYING TOWNS, AND VILLAGES TO THE NORTH, SOUTH AND EAST.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Leicester City
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£477,733	£528,608	-	-
2024-08-31	£496,958	£532,326	-	-
2023-08-31	£455,865	£485,875	-	-
2022-08-31	£452,982	£450,267	-	-
2021-08-31	£433,030	£396,602	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Malcolm John Oliver	Chair	2025-07-01
Alan Talbot		2020-08-27
Andrew James Curry		2022-03-10
Ann Lowther BSc PGCE		2020-06-11
BARBARA CHRISTINE BELL		2019-09-17
BARBARA MARY GILL BA		2012-12-21
Barry David Victor Hillyard		2020-06-11
CASHITA CHARLES		2012-12-21
CHARLES PETER HOLDRIDGE		2012-12-21
CHRISTINE HALL		2017-09-01
Carole Jordan		2017-09-01
Cecily Dorothy Ruth Findley		2020-06-11
Christopher Garner		2023-01-22
Christopher Henry Whitford		2012-12-21
Christopher Nyarko Andam		2024-08-28
Claire Orton		2020-06-11
Deacon Sharon Dille		2021-09-01
Diane Joan Price		2019-09-17
Elizabeth Jane Dunn		2023-03-13
Eunice Koroma		2023-06-15
Graham Tomkinson Msc		2020-06-11
Howard Ernest Smith		2018-09-01
Ian Paul Chapman		2024-01-01
Ivan Norman Bennett		2024-09-01
JEAN MARY THORNTON SRN SCM		2012-12-21
JENNIFER ANNE WESTON		2012-12-21
Jennifer Ruth Gilbert		2020-06-11

Name	Role	Appointed
Jennifer Whillis		2024-01-01
Jo May Kay		2020-06-11
Joan Pearson		2017-09-01
Julie Manning		2017-09-01
June Rosemarie Murray		2019-09-18
MARTIN GORDON BRIERS		
MARY LYNN MOORE		2024-01-01
Margaret Ada Edwards		2024-03-12
Mary Downs		2023-09-15
Maxilyn Dawn Geary		2025-03-24
Michael Edward Holt		2019-05-20
Michael Elliott		2020-06-11
Mr Tony Moore		2014-09-01
NEIL ANTHONY CRUTCHLEY		2021-09-15
PETER JAMES HENRY SERCOMBE		2012-12-21
Patricia Myfanwy Mary Bryceland		2017-09-01
Pauline Bott		2020-06-11
Pedzisai Grace Katsande		2019-09-01
Peter Kevin Weston		2020-06-11
Peter Wilson		2014-09-01
Rev Andrew Stuart Farrington		2024-08-20
Rev Anthony Pick		2017-09-01
Rev Derek McLean		2018-09-01
Rev Gordon Webb		2014-01-30
Rev Ian Joseph Kaili Hu		2025-09-01
Rev Kathryn Anne Cook		2020-09-01
Rev Kim Leslie Alexander Dip Theol		2024-08-19
Rev Liam Dacre-Davis		2021-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
Rosalind Vernon		2014-09-01
Sandra Amey		2020-06-11
Sheila Ann McGowan		2017-09-01
Susan Wainwright		2017-09-01
Susan Wheeler		2017-09-01
Teresa Janet Evelyn Hayman		2025-07-01
Trevor John Solway		2022-03-10
Trevor Robert Mildred		2014-09-01
VALERIE KENNING		2012-12-21

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Leicester Trinity Circuit

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Year ended 31 August 2025

Registered Charity No. 1129943

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Introduction

This is the sixteenth annual report produced by the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit since its registration as a separate charity and aims to fully share a review of the activities of the Circuit during 2024/5 while also meeting all the legal requirements for formal reporting.

Mission Statement

The Leicester Trinity Circuit aims to inspire and enable its people to love and serve God, made known to us in Christ, throughout churches and communities.

Circuit Steward's Letter of Greeting

The connexional year began on 1st September 2024, having said farewell to Superintendent Minister Rev Paula Hunt, Rev Israel Selvanayagam (who retired), Rev Helen White (who had been in the Circuit for one year, covering for a vacancy) and Rev Kate Cook (who returned to retirement). We welcomed Rev Andrew Farrington as the new Superintendent Minister and Rev Kim Alexander and Rev Christopher Andam, both ministers from overseas fellowships (South Africa and Ghana, respectively). Rev Christopher's appointment was shared between the Circuit and the Ghanaian Fellowship in the UK.

The staff team at the start of the year was therefore comprised of four full-time presbyters (Andrew, Ivan, Liam, Kim), one Deacon (Sharon) and two part-time presbyters (Derek and Christopher). This staff team was one less than had been budgeted as Rev Frances Ballantyne died in June 2024. Frances's passing had a considerable impact on the Circuit and our thoughts remain with her widower, David, who continued to live in the Manse until the summer of 2025. The Circuit is very grateful for a donation of £5,000 plus gift aid, received in the year.

The Circuit entered Stationing for 2025/6 and was pleased to be able to appoint Rev Ian Hu to join the Circuit from September 2025.

Regular staff meetings provide the ministerial team with a time of fellowship and bonding as a team. It is in these meetings that they share stories of what is happening in their respective churches, encouraging each other through prayer and studying the scriptures. The circuit stewards, together with the presbyters, meet quarterly as the Circuit Leadership Team, continuing to explore our circuit mission.

Leicester Trinity Circuit is one of the largest circuits in the Northampton district. In the year beginning September 2024, there were 18 churches spanning a large area of Leicester and its neighbouring villages in the county. During the year there were conversations to consider the organisation of the churches in the Circuit. This resulted in the decision to close Edgehill Road for worship and to merge the churches of Syston and Rothley and the churches of Great Glen and Houghton, for administrative purposes.

Rev Andrew Farrington stood down from the Superintendency on May 23rd. The Chair of District, Rev Sonia Hicks, became Superintendent by default, with Rev Malcolm Oliver acting on behalf of the Superintendent.

The manse at Clumber Road was put up for sale after Rev Israel Selvanayagam retired. The manse was sold shortly after the year-end.

We invite you to pray for our circuit and those who have been elected to take leadership roles in different areas of our circuit, as we continue to support our churches and congregations.

Yours sincerely

Peter Holdridge

Circuit Steward Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Activities

The Circuit is the primary unit in Methodism, and the Leicester Trinity Circuit is now comprised of 17 churches. Co-ordinating resources and acting as a forum, the circuit creatively explores Methodism's 'Our Calling' through:

- worship:
- learning and caring
- service
- evangelism

in order to enable effective sharing in God's mission.

- The Leicester Trinity Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at each of its churches (two of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships) and at Aigburth Methodist Home. We bring together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship at least once in each quarter
- Church Safeguarding Officers attend a Circuit Safeguarding Forum twice a year and Safeguarding Training courses are arranged as required for new appointees and when updated sessions are made available.
- The circuit is directly involved in chaplaincy work at the University of Leicester.

Summary of Activities

a) Bringing together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship.

b) Safeguarding Training courses have taken place.

c) The Circuit continues to maintain Ecumenical links encouraging opportunities for joint worship, study, mission and social action.

d) The use of the spare Manse set up as a Student House continues to be a success.

e) The Circuit maintains efficient use of human and financial resources to maximise mission in the local areas and maintain a healthy Circuit.

f) Training for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The increase in total assessment was 2% compared to the previous year and was allocated between churches in accordance with the established formula. However, as money had been received from the closed Harrison Road church in 2023/4, the actual assessment received in 2024/5 was lower than in the previous year.

The rental income relates to the former manse on Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is currently let to students and two other manses, where a retiring minister and the widower of a minister were permitted to stay for a time with payment of rent at a commercial level. Two manses had been rented out in 2023/4 prior to the arrival of new ministers, so this area of income was also lower than in the prior year.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with Conference approved increases. We had one fewer minister than budgeted in the year. The Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, amounts to 17.2% of unrestricted expenditure. The other expenditure includes regular maintenance work on the various manses. Substantial work was carried out at the Laverstock Road and Crossways manses, where long-standing problems needed to be resolved. Expenditure at the Victoria Park Road rental property was also larger than normal with numerous maintenance issues during the year. The Circuit suffers from a shortage of Manse Stewards, meaning that day to day issues at those properties without Manse Stewards, can be neglected.

Loans and Grants to Churches in the Circuit

Details of loans and grants to churches are shown in notes 12 and 16. A new loan was made to Birstall to pay for repairs needed following a break in as insurers delayed settlement of this claim until all work had been completed, so the church needed assistance with cash flow. The Circuit supported those churches that had major repair items at their buildings by contributing a percentage of the cost. The Circuit agreed to write off the outstanding loan at Rothley on the merger of this church with Syston.

Requests for grants and loans are considered by the Circuit Finance & Property Committee who make recommendations to Circuit Meeting.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2025 the net current assets on the Unrestricted Fund (excluding the Circuit Model Trust Fund) of the Circuit were £195,379, giving 4.8 months cover for expenditure. This is in line with the Reserves Policy of 4 months.

Plans for 2025/26

Circuit financial plans for the coming year were prepared on the basis of the actual level of ordained and lay staff that are in place, with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. The level of reserves that the Circuit has following the sale of Harrison Road church in September 2023 and the expected sale of Clumber Road manse (completed in September 2025) means that the Circuit felt confident in budgeting a deficit of £124,819 for 2025/6 and similar deficits in following years, with these to be funded from reserves. This enabled the total assessment increase to be set at 3% subject to a cap for those churches for whom this would have meant an increase in their payment of more than 10%.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity: Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1129943

Date of registration: 2nd June 2009

Main communication address: Circuit Office, Birstall Methodist Church, Wanlip Lane, Birstall LE4 4JS.

The members of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers during the year 2024/25 were as follows:

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev. Kim Alexander (from 1 September 2024)

Rev, Christopher Andam (from 1 September 2024)

Rev. Ivan Bennett

Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis

Deacon Sharon Dille

Rev. Andrew Farrington (from 1 September 2024. Superintendent Minister from then until 23 May 2025)

Rev Derek McLean

Acting on behalf of the Superintendent

Rev. Malcolm Oliver (from 23 May 2025)

Circuit Stewards

Peter Holdridge
Pedzisai Katsande
Julie Manning
Howard Smith

Circuit Administrator, Laurie Rowell

Peter Holdridge was the Circuit Steward overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit.

Independent Examiner: David Briscoe, 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, LE10 1LQ.

Bankers: The Co-Operative Bank plc.

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and organisation

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Methodist Church is open to all.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers and Worship leaders Meeting and the Circuit Stewards Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Birstall, Bishop Street, Blaby, Christchurch LEP, Cosby, Countesthorpe, Great Glen, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Mayflower, Nativity LEP, Oadby, Rothley, South Wigston, Syston, Uppingham Road, Wesley Hall and Wigston Magna.

Risk Management

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces, and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to monitor these risks.

Income and Expenditure is regularly monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold in the cash balances of the Unrestricted Fund a minimum sum equivalent to four months' average unrestricted expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Leicester Trinity Circuit

Registered Charity No. 1129943

Trustees during the year ended 31 August 2025 (it will be noted that some people qualify as trustees under both a Church and Circuit role).

MINISTERS

Rev. Kim Alexander

Rev. Christopher Andam

Rev. Ivan Bennett

Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis

Deacon Sharon Dilley

Rev. Andrew Farrington

Rev. Derek McLean

Rev. Malcolm Oliver **

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev. Kate Cook

Rev. Tony Pick

Rev. Gordon Webb

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Peter Holdridge

Pedzisai Katsande

Julie Manning

Howard Smith

OTHER OFFICERS

Richard Cawthorn (Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Secretary)

Michael Elliott (Safeguarding Officer)

Mary Gill (Methodist Women in Britain representative)

Jo Kay (Local Preachers representative)

Howard Smith (Action for Children)

Jennifer Weston (Secretary of Circuit Meeting)

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

BIRSTALL

Mary Downs

Maxilyn Geary **

Joan Pearson

Andrew Webster *

Sue Wheeler

BISHOP STREET

Martin Briers

Mary Gill

Tony Moore

BLABY

Sandra Amey
Ann Lowther
Jean Thornton

CHRISTCHURCH LEP

Andrew Curry
Jennifer Whillis
Chris Whitford
Lawrence Whittaker

COSBY

Pauline Bott
Val Kenning
Claire Orton

COUNTESTHORPE

Ruth Findley
Barry Hillyard
Peter Holdridge

EDGEHILL ROAD

Brian Pearson *
Stephen Thompson *
Laurane Webbe *

GREAT GLEN

June Murray
Rev. Gordon Webb

HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL

Neil Crutchley
Sheila Hearn *
Mary Moore

MAYFLOWER

Elizabeth Dunn
Graham Tomkinson
Ros Vernon

NATIVITY LEP

Patricia Ewen *
Chris Garner
Teresa Hayman **
Peter Sercombe

OADBY

Barbara Bell
David Frost
Diane Price
Howard Smith

ROTHLEY

Christine Hall
Carole Jordan
Sue Wainwright

SOUTH WIGSTON

Mary Bryceland
Margaret Edwards
Trevor Mildred

SYSTON

Sheila McGowan
Trevor Solway
Alan Talbot

UPPINGHAM ROAD

Michael Holt
Eunice Koroma
Julie Manning

WESLEY HALL

Cashita Charles
Peter Weston

WIGSTON MAGNA

Ian Chapman
Jenny Gilbert
Peter Wilson

* Resigned during the year

** Started part way through the year

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	CMTF (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024 - 2025	Total 2023 - 24
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations plus gift aid and legacies						-	-
Charitable activities						-	-
Assessments to churches	4	413,420				413,420	419,418
Other		6,250		-		6,250	785
Other trading activities						-	-
- Lettings						-	-
Investments	5	36,300	21,715	48		58,063	76,755
Other - CPF levy refund		-	-			-	-
Total		455,970	21,715	48	-	477,733	496,958
Expenditure on:							
Stipends, NIC & Pension costs	11	253,434				253,434	271,566
Lay salaries, NIC & Pension costs	11	29,496				29,496	15,317
District Assessment		15,596	-			15,596	16,724
Methodist Church Fund	10	68,578	-			68,578	62,648
Telephone & travel		12,560				12,560	18,436
Insurance, utilities, etc		35,362				35,362	25,369
Maintenance on manses		34,690	-			34,690	86,620
Expenditure on other Circuit property		20,783				20,783	12,376
Depreciation						-	-
Other Expenditure		16,092	-	-		16,092	10,502
Grants and Donations	12	1,500	10,402	-		11,902	12,637
Hub Café		197				197	131
Contributions to District Advance Fund			29,918			29,918	-
		488,288	40,320	-	-	528,608	532,326
Net income/(expenditure)		(32,318)	(18,605)	48	-	(50,875)	(35,368)
Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed			-			-	-
Other - Profit on sale of property	7	-	-			-	405,416
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets		-	44			44	1,219
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(32,318)	(18,561)	48	0	(50,831)	371,267
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		2,850,333	478,853	2,560	-	3,331,746	2,960,479
Total funds carried forward		2,818,015	460,292	2,608	-	3,280,915	3,331,746

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-2025	Total 2023-2024
£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets

Notes

Land & Buildings	13	2,272,446				2,272,446	2,272,446
Equipment						0	-
Investment properties	13	350,190				350,190	350,190
Investments	14	-	23,960			23,960	23,916
Total fixed assets		2,622,636	23,960	-	-	2,646,596	2,646,552
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	15	44,285	0			44,285	20,939
Loans by the Circuit	16		44,982			44,982	51,758
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits		70,757	391,350			462,107	470,239
Central Finance Board Deposits		134,781		2,608		137,389	190,229
Cash at Bank and in hand		16,678		0		16,678	13,508
Total current assets		266,501	436,332	2,608	0	705,441	746,673
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	17	71,122				71,122	61,479
Net current assets (liabilities)		195,379	436,332	2,608	-	634,319	685,194
Total assets less current liabilities		2,818,015	460,292	2,608	-	3,280,915	3,331,746
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		2,818,015	460,292	2,608	-	3,280,915	3,331,746
Funds of the Circuit							
Unrestricted funds	18	2,818,015				2,818,015	2,850,333
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	18		460,292			460,292	478,853
Restricted funds	18			2,608		2,608	2,560
Endowment funds					-		-
Total Funds		2,818,015	460,292	2,608	0	3,280,915	3,331,746
		2,818,015	460,292	2,608	-	3,280,915	3,331,746

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 2 issued in 2018.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the note 18 to these accounts. Any fund may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year and manse and investment properties are held at their value at 31 August 2018. The accruals basis has been used to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £500.

The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at the 31 August 2018 market value, of which the land component is deemed to be £224,085. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had not reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Investment property is valued on the same basis as non investment properties.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Connexional Property Fund levies

The levy taken by the Methodist Connection on the sale of property is accounted for as an expense on the basis that the return of this levy to the Circuit is conditional on making an eligible purchase of property within the required time period and this can not be judged as significantly likely if not made in the same financial year.

4 Assessments paid by Churches		
	2025	2024
	£	£
Birstall	39,524	37,154
Bishop Street	24,150	30,048
Blaby	15,621	16,425
Christchurch	34,822	35,621
Cosby	14,714	13,473
Countesthorpe	15,044	13,447
Edgehill Road	5,876	5,183
Great Glen	15,313	16,027
Harrison Road	29	9,250
Houghton	6,023	5,237
Mayflower	19,626	17,066
Nativity	10,018	8,711
Oadby	53,117	55,106
Rothley	5,619	5,494
South Wigston	23,759	23,855
Syston	35,404	36,580
Uppingham Road	23,561	20,488
Wesley Hall	25,648	23,575
Wigston Magna	45,552	46,678
Total	413,420	419,418

The assessment is allocated between churches according to a formula based on the income and reserves of each church and the membership and Sunday attendance at each church.

Harrison Road church closed for worship in 2019 and the building was sold in 2023. There were funds remaining in the church bank account at that time, which were used to pay part of the assessment that had been due in 2019.

5 Investment Income					
	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board Interest	6,904	0	48	6,952	11,910
Rental income	29,396	-	-	29,396	42,164
TMCP Dividend and Interest	-	21,715	0	21,715	22,681
Total	36,300	21,715	48	58,063	76,755

The former manse at Victoria Park Road is being let on commercial terms to students to provide rental income to support the charitable work of the Circuit. Two other manses in the Circuit were empty in the year pending the arrival of new ministers and these properties were also let.

6 CPF Levy Refund

2025 Total	2024 Total
£	£
-	-

Connexional Property Fund - refund

When the Circuit sells property a proportion of the sales value is taken by the Methodist Connexional Property Fund as a levy. If the Circuit makes an equivalent purchase of property within the required time period then this levy is refunded. No such transactions have occurred in the last two years.

7 Profit on Sale of Property

	2024 25	2023 24
£	£	£
Sale price of the property	-	640,000
Cost of sale	-	-
Other expenses of sale	-	600
Legal fees	-	3,306
Net proceeds of sale	-	636,094
Book value of property	-	-
Net profit on sale	-	636,094
CPF (Connexional Priority Fund) Levy	-	230,678
Profit on sale net of CPF levy	-	405,416

Harrison Road church was sold on 5th September 2023, the church having closed for worship in 2020. The CPF levy was taken from the sale proceeds by TMCP in accordance with Methodist practice. This sum would theoretically be repayable to the Circuit should a qualifying project be accepted by TMCP within the timescale required. This is not considered likely.

8 Payment to Trustees

The Trustees who are also Presbyterian or Diaconal Ministers of the Circuit were paid stipends in line with the Methodist Church scale (as shown in note 11) and were also reimbursed their expenses incurred in connection with their work. There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit.

2025	2024
Total	Total
£	£
10,073	10,537

The amount of expenses reimbursed to Ministers during the year were

9 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Fees paid in respect of the Independent Examination amounted to £288 (2024: £288).

10 Methodist Church Fund

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
£	£	£
Unrestricted	68,578	62,648
Total	68,578	62,648

The unrestricted amount is the annual contribution to Methodist Church Funds.

11 Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
£	£	£
Ministerial Stipends	188,869	200,667
Stipends	22,385	16,973
Employer's National Insurance	1,086	999
Apprenticeship levy	40,614	52,447
Pension costs	480	480
Payroll admin charge	253,434	271,566
Total staff costs		

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
£	£	£
Lay employees	26,781	14,457
Gross wages	1,381	169
Employer's National Insurance costs	134	72
Apprenticeship levy	1,200	619
Pension costs	29,496	15,317
Total staff costs		

The Salaries, Stipends, NIC and Pension Costs item relates to three full time presbyters, two part time presbyters, one full time deacon and one Anglican priest employed full-time. The lay employee amounts relate to, one part time administration worker and two part time pastoral workers.

Average number of ministerial and lay staff employed during the year were:	10	11
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12 Grants and Donations

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Unrestricted		
University of Leicester Chaplaincy	1,500	1,500
Circuit Model Trust Fund		
Birstall Methodist Church	430	664
Bishop Street Methodist Church	-	930
Christchurch Clarendon Park	-	826
Countesthorpe Methodist Church	1,558	-
Cosby Methodist Church	-	570
Great Glen Methodist Church	-	402
Mawflowe Methodist Church	-	850
Oadby Trinity Methodist Church	-	1,367
Rothley Methodist Church	4,194	-
South Wigston Methodist Church	-	685
Syston Methodist Church	250	500
Uppingham Road Methodist Church	-	3,658
Wesley Hall Methodist Church	-	685
Wigston Magna	2,500	-
3Generate - support of Circuit Youth Work	1,470	-
	11,902	12,637

13 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Manse £	Investment Properties £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636
Accumulated depreciation								
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value								
Brought forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636
Carried forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636

The investment property is in Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is a former manse that is rented out to University students. The other manse are in Brooksby Close, Oadby, Clumber Road, Leicester, Gartree Road, Leicester, Laverstock Road, Wigston, Saville Road, Blaby, Exeter Close, Syston and The Crossways, Birstall.

The manse at Windlass Drive was let in September 2024 to the widower of the Minister who had lived in this manse, pending the arrival of a new minister in August 2025 and the manse at Clumber Road was let for one month to the minister who had lived there until his retirement property became available. This manse was then put up for sale. This manse was sold on 5 September 2025 (after the financial year-end).

By accounting convention, Churches are not included in Circuit accounts, albeit that the Circuit does receive the proceeds of sale, subject to the levy taken by Connexion.

14 Investments

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
TMCP Managed Mixed Fund	23,960	23,916
Total	23,960	23,916

This is a Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) investment fund valued at market value at the year end.

15 Debtors and Prepayments

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Stipends paid monthly in advance	27,074	19,037
Other debtors	15,000	0
Prepayments	2,211	1,902
Total	44,285	20,939

Stipends are paid monthly in advance and so there is a prepayment of September's stipend, which was paid in August. Prepayments relate to maintenance contracts paid in advance.

16 Loans

Details of the outstanding interest free loans made to Circuit Churches are:-

Loans Outstanding Last Year	New Loans This Year	Written off on merger of churches	Repayments This Year	Balance Carried Forward
£51,758	15,000	4,194	£17,582	£44,982

Detailed analysis for 2024-2025:

	Loan Outstanding Last Year £	New Loans This Year £	Written off on merger of churches	Repayments This Year £	Balance Carried Forward £
Birstall	16,400	15,000		9,200	22,200
Bishop Street	13,000	-		-	13,000
Mayflower	1,650	-		1,650	-
Rothley	4,544	-	4,194	350	-
Syston	382	-		382	-
Uppingham Road	15,782	-		6,000	9,782
Total	51,758	15,000	4,194	17,582	44,982

17 Creditors due in less than one year

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Church Assessments received in advance	34,499	34,449
Other creditors	13,696	5,383
Connexional Funds	22,927	21,647
Total	71,122	61,479

Church assessments are collected monthly in advance and so there is deferred income of September's assessments received in August.

Other creditors comprise the reimbursement of expenses due to Ministers for the final quarter of the year and other invoices due for the year but not paid until after the year end.

18 Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

2024 - 2025

Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) £	Closing Balance £
General	2,850,333	455,970	488,288	-	-	2,818,015
Circuit Model Trust	478,853	21,715	40,320	-	44	460,292
Totals	3,329,186	477,685	528,608	-	44	3,278,307

Grants to churches and for Circuit mission work are paid out of the Circuit Model Trust fund.

Restricted Funds						
Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Circuit Youth Fund	2,560	48	-	-	2,608	Circuit Youth Work
Circuit Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	-	Circuit Mission Work
Circuit Training Fund	-	-	-	-	-	Circuit Training
Totals	2,560	48	-	-	2,608	

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Leicester Trinity Circuit
Registered Charity Number 1129943**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicester Trinity Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 11 to 17. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

Name of Circuit: Leicester Trinity Circuit..... No: 23/7

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 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 

Name of independent examiner: D. J. BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate): AIMS ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUSINESS

Address: 11 DE MONTFORT ROAD, HINCKLEY

..... Post Code: LE10 1LQ

Date: 30.01.2026

Accounts

Leicester Trinity Circuit

ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 August 2024

Registered Charity No. 1129943

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Introduction

This is the fifteenth annual report produced by the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit since its registration as a separate charity and aims to fully share a review of the activities of the circuit during 2023/4 while also meeting all the legal requirements for formal reporting.

Mission Statement

The Leicester Trinity Circuit aims to inspire and enable its people to love and serve God, made known to us in Christ, throughout churches and communities.

Circuit Steward's Letter of Greeting

The connexional year began on 1st September 2023, with. The staff team of four full-time presbyters (Paula, Liam, Israel, and Frances), one Deacon (Sharon) and four part-time presbyters (Derek, Helen, Kate, and Ivan) had a wealth of experience and complementary talents, providing strength to the leadership of the life of the circuit.

Rev Frances Ballantyne was welcomed to the Circuit at the start of the year, as minister of 5 churches in the south of the Circuit. Rev Frances was diagnosed with a serious illness at the very beginning of her ministry with us. Her health deteriorated through the year and she died in June 2024. It is with great sadness that we reflect that Frances was not able to develop her ministry in our Circuit and that her time with us was so short. Our thoughts are with her husband, David.

Rev Helen White was appointed on a one year part-time post and provided invaluable service as the Circuit moved into Stationing for new ministers to start in September 2024 to replace the Superintendent, Rev Paula Hunt at the end of her term of office and Rev Israel Selvanayagam who was retiring. The Stationing process proved successful, with three new ministers appointed to start in September 2024: Rev Andrew Farrington, as the new Superintendent, Rev Kim Alexander, who moved to the Circuit from South Africa and Rev Christopher Andam, who moved to the Circuit from Ghana. The Circuit was also able to appoint Rev Ivan Bennett to a full time appointment, having

previously worked part time for the Circuit. Ministerial resources were therefore short in 2023/4, with sabbaticals further stretching resource.

Regular staff meetings provide the ministerial team with a time of fellowship and bonding as a team. It is in these meetings that they share stories of what is happening in their respective churches, encouraging each other through prayer and studying the scriptures. The circuit stewards, together with the presbyters, meet quarterly as the Circuit Leadership Team, continuing to explore our circuit mission.

Leicester Trinity Circuit is the largest circuit in the Northampton district. In the year beginning September 2023, there were 18 churches spanning a large area of Leicester and its neighbouring villages in the county.

The Circuit completed the sale of Harrison Road church in September 2023, this church having closed for worship in 2019. The proceeds of sale and levy paid are shown in these accounts. The decision was made to purchase a new manse for the incoming minister as a reallocation of churches between ministers meant there was a need for a manse in the south of the Circuit. The Circuit rented out two manses for much of 2023/4, these manses being empty awaiting new ministers. The Circuit continues to rent out the former manse on Victoria Park Road to students. Renting unused properties continues to provide a valuable support to the income of the Circuit. The decision was taken to put the Clumber Road manse up for sale once the retiring minister moved out in September 2024.

We invite you to pray for our circuit and those who have been elected to take leadership roles in different areas of our circuit, as we continue to support our churches and congregations.

Yours sincerely

Peter Holdridge

Circuit Steward Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Activities

The Circuit is the primary unit in Methodism, and the Leicester Trinity Circuit is comprised of 18 churches. Co-ordinating resources and acting as a forum, the circuit creatively explores Methodism's 'Our Calling' through:

- worship:
- learning and caring
- service
- evangelism

in order to enable effective sharing in God's mission.

- o The Leicester Trinity Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at each of its churches (two of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships) and at Aigburth Methodist Home. We bring together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship at least once in each quarter
- o Church Safeguarding Officers attend a Circuit Safeguarding Forum twice a year and Safeguarding Training courses are arranged as required for new appointees and when updated sessions are made available.
- o The circuit is directly involved in chaplaincy work at the University of Leicester.

Summary of Activities

- a) Bringing together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship.
- b) Safeguarding Training courses have taken place.
- c) The Circuit continues to maintain Ecumenical links encouraging opportunities for joint worship, study, mission and social action.
- d) The use of the spare Manse set up as a Student House continues to be a success.
- e) The Circuit maintains efficient use of human and financial resources to maximise mission in the local areas and maintain a healthy Circuit.

f) Training for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The increase in total assessment was 2% compared to the previous year and was allocated between churches in accordance with the established formula. The rental income relates to the former manse on Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is currently let to students and two other manses which were empty awaiting new ministers who moved in in August 2024. The increase in interest rates led to an increase in income from this source.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. The Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, amounts to 16.2% of unrestricted expenditure. The other expenditure includes regular maintenance work on the various manses. Substantial work was carried out at the Brooksby Close manse, where long-standing problems needed to be resolved and above normal expenditure was incurred at other manses. It was agreed by Circuit to take the manse costs in excess of budget from the CMTF.

Loans and Grants to Churches in the Circuit

Details of loans and grants to churches are shown in notes 13 and 17. New loans were made to Uppingham Road to assist with cash flow for major work relating to the heating system and to Mayflower for various maintenance items. The Circuit supported those churches that had major repair items at their buildings by contributing a percentage of the cost. The Circuit also agreed to pay for the cost of RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) surveys for those churches that identified that they were at risk of having RAAC in their buildings. It was to the relief of all that no church found RAAC in their premises. Requests for grants and loans are considered by the Circuit Finance & Property Committee who make recommendations to Circuit Meeting.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2024 the net current assets on the Unrestricted Fund (excluding the Circuit Model Trust Fund) of the Circuit were £227,697, giving 5.7 months cover for expenditure. This is in line with the Reserves Policy of 4 months.

Plans for 2024/25

Circuit financial plans for the coming year were prepared on the basis that there would be six full time and two half time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. The Circuit agreed that half the costs of the Deacon would be taken from reserves in 2024/5 and one third of the costs of Rev Ivan Bennett be taken from reserves. The remaining total expenditure meant that the total assessment would increase by 2% subject to a cap for those churches for whom this would have meant an increase in their payment of more than 10%.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity: Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1129943

Date of registration: 2nd June 2009

Main communication address: Circuit Office, Birstall Methodist Church, Wanlip Lane, Birstall LE4 4JS.

The members of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers during the year 2023/24 were as follows:

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev. Frances Ballantyne (died 5 June 2024)
Rev. Ivan Bennett
Rev Kate Cook (retired 31 August 2024)
Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis
Deacon Sharon Dilley
Rev. Paula Hunt (Superintendent Minister, moved Circuit 31 August 2024)
Rev Derek McLean
Rev. Israel Selvanayagam (retired 31 August 2024)
Rev. Helen White (moved Circuit 31 August 2024)

Circuit Stewards

Charles Hilton (until 12 June 2024)
Peter Holdridge
Pedzisai Katsande
Julie Manning
Joy Pick (until 12 June 2024)
Howard Smith (from 12 June 2024)

Circuit Administrator, Laurie Rowell

Peter Holdridge was the Circuit Steward overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit.

Independent Examiner: David Briscoe, 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, LE10 1LQ.

Bankers: The Co-Operative Bank plc.

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and organisation

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Methodist Church is open to all.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by

order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers and Worship leaders Meeting and the Circuit Stewards Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Birstall, Bishop Street, Blaby, Christchurch LEP, Cosby, Countesthorpe, Edgehill Road, Great Glen, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Mayflower, Nativity LEP, Oadby, Rothley, South Wigston, Syston, Uppingham Road, Wesley Hall and Wigston Magna.

Risk Management

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces, and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to monitor these risks.

Income and Expenditure is regularly monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold in the cash balances of the Unrestricted Fund a minimum sum equivalent to four months' average unrestricted expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Leicester Trinity Circuit

Registered Charity No. 1129943

Trustees during the year ended 31 August 2024 (it will be noted that some people qualify as trustees under both a Church and Circuit role).

MINISTERS

Rev. Frances Ballantyne (died 5 June 2024)

Rev. Ivan Bennett

Rev. Kate Cook

Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis

Deacon Sharon Dilley

Rev. Paula Hunt *

Rev. Derek McLean

Rev. Israel Selvanayagam *

Rev. Helen White *

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev. Tony Pick

Rev. Gordon Webb

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Charles Hilton *

Peter Holdridge

Pedzisai Katsande

Julie Manning

Joy Pick *

Howard Smith **

OTHER OFFICERS

Richard Cawthorn (Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Secretary)

Michael Elliott (Safeguarding Officer)

Mary Gill (Methodist Women in Britain representative)

Jo Kay (Local Preachers representative)

Howard Smith (Action for Children)

Jennifer Weston (Secretary of Circuit Meeting)

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

BIRSTALL

Mary Downs

Joan Pearson

Andrew Webster

Sue Wheeler

BISHOP STREET

Martin Briers

Margaret Byron *

Mary Gill

Tony Moore

BLABY

Sandra Amey

Ann Lowther

Jean Thornton

CHRISTCHURCH LEP

Andrew Curry

Jennifer Whillis **

Chris Whitford

Lawrence Whittaker

COSBY

Pauline Bott

Val Kenning

Claire Orton

COUNTETHORPE

Ruth Findley

Barry Hillyard

Peter Holdridge

EDGEHILL ROAD

Brian Pearson

Stephen Thompson

Laurane Webbe

GREAT GLEN

June Murray
Rev. Gordon Webb

HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL

Neil Crutchley
Sheila Hearn **
Mary Moore **
Jackie Ward *
Terry Ward *

MAYFLOWER

Elizabeth Dunn
Graham Tomkinson
Ros Vernon

NATIVITY LEP

Patricia Ewen
Chris Garner
Peter Sercombe

OADBY

Barbara Bell
David Frost
Suzanne Kelly *
Diane Price
Howard Smith
Barry Wilford *

ROTHLEY

Christine Hall
Carole Jordan
Sue Wainwright

SOUTH WIGSTON

Mary Bryceland
Margaret Edwards **
Trevor Mildred

SYSTON

Sheila McGowan
Trevor Solway
Alan Talbot
Ray Young *

UPPINGHAM ROAD

Michael Holt
Eunice Koroma
Julie Manning

WESLEY HALL

Cashita Charles
Ornette Maynard *
Peter Weston
Jenny de Young *

WIGSTON MAGNA

Ian Chapman
Jenny Gilbert
Peter Wilson

* Resigned/Deceased during the year

** From part way through the year

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	CMTF (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023 - 2024	Total 2022 - 23
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations plus gift aid and legacies						-	-
Charitable activities						-	-
Assessments to churches	4	419,418				419,418	418,805
Other		550		235		785	-
Other trading activities						-	-
- Lettings						-	-
- Hub Café		-				-	-
Investments	6	53,950	22,681	124		76,755	37,060
Other - CPF levy refund		-	-			-	-

Total		473,918	22,681	359	-	496,958	455,865
Expenditure on:							
Stipends, NIC & Pension costs	12	271,566				271,566	251,261
Lay salaries, NIC & Pension costs	12	15,317				15,317	24,733
District Assessment		15,078	1,646			16,724	11,763
Methodist Church Fund	11	62,648	-			62,648	63,263
Telephone & travel		18,436				18,436	15,846
Insurance, utilities, etc		25,369				25,369	27,875
Maintenance on manses		35,000	51,620			86,620	64,839
Expenditure on other Circuit property		12,376				12,376	5,113
Depreciation						-	-
Other Expenditure		10,510	-	(8)		10,502	12,660
Grants and Donations	13	12,637	-	-		12,637	8,329
Hub Café		131				131	193
Contributions to District Advance Fund			-			-	-
		479,068	53,266	(8)	-	532,326	485,875
Net income/(expenditure)		(5,150)	(30,585)	367	-	(35,368)	(30,010)

Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed			-			-	-
Other - Profit on sale of property	8	-	405,416			405,416	415,786
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets		-	1,219			1,219	(486)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,150)	376,050	367	0	371,267	385,290
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		2,855,483	102,803	2,193	-	2,960,479	2,575,189
Total funds carried forward		2,850,333	478,853	2,560	-	3,331,746	2,960,479

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-2024	Total 2022-2023
£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Notes						
Land & Buildings	14	2,272,446				2,272,446	2,272,446
Equipment						0	-
Investment properties	14	350,190				350,190	350,190
Investments	15	-	23,916			23,916	22,698
Total fixed assets		2,622,636	23,916	-	-	2,646,552	2,645,334
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	16	20,939	0			20,939	30,649
Loans by the Circuit	17		51,758			51,758	45,108
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits		67,060	403,179			470,239	43,188
Central Finance Board Deposits		187,669		2,560		190,229	245,871
Cash at Bank and in hand		13,508		0		13,508	16,147
Total current assets		289,176	454,937	2,560	0	746,673	380,963
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	18	61,479				61,479	65,818
Net current assets (liabilities)		227,697	454,937	2,560	-	685,194	315,145
Total assets less current liabilities		2,850,333	478,853	2,560	-	3,331,746	2,960,479
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		2,850,333	478,853	2,560	-	3,331,746	2,960,479
Funds of the Circuit							
Unrestricted funds	19	2,850,333				2,850,333	2,855,483
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	19		478,853			478,853	102,803
Restricted funds	19			2,560		2,560	2,193
Endowment funds					-		-
Total Funds		2,850,333	478,853	2,560	0	3,331,746	2,960,479
		2855483	102803	2193		2,960,479	371,267
		2413316	115294	6886			2428252

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 2 issued in 2018.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the note 19 to these accounts. Any fund may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year and manse and investment properties are held at their value at 31 August 2018. The accruals basis has been used to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £500.

The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at the 31 August 2018 market value, of which the land component is deemed to be £224,085. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had not reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Investment property is valued on the same basis as non investment properties.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Connexional Property Fund levies

The levy taken by the Methodist Connection on the sale of property is accounted for as an expense on the basis that the return of this levy to the Circuit is conditional on making an eligible purchase of property within the required time period and this can not be judged as significantly likely if not made in the same financial year.

4 Assessments paid by Churches

	2024	2023
	£	£
Birstall	37,154	38,916
Bishop Street	30,048	29,305
Blaby	16,425	15,026
Christchurch	35,621	41,722
Cosby	13,473	12,248
Countesthorpe	13,447	14,107
Edgehill Road	5,183	4,712
Great Glen	16,027	15,201
Harrison Road	9,250	0
Houghton	5,237	4,761
Mayflower	17,066	20,430
Nativity	8,711	7,919
Oadby	55,106	53,786
Rothley	5,494	5,359
South Wigston	23,855	24,229
Syston	36,580	38,835
Uppingham Road	20,488	18,625
Wesley Hall	23,575	26,017
Wigston Magna	46,678	47,607
Total	419,418	418,805

The assessment is allocated between churches according to a formula based on the income and reserves of each church and the membership and Sunday attendance at each church.

Harrison Road church closed for worship in 2019 and the building was sold in 2023. There were funds remaining in the church bank account at that time, which were used to pay part of the assessment that had been due in 2019.

5 Hub Café

The Hub Café is a Circuit project providing a Café on the premises of Syston Methodist Church. The Circuit provided initial funding of £50,000 for this project in 2016. The Café closed at the start of the pandemic and has not yet reopened, so it did not trade in 2023/24.

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board Interest	11,786		124	11,910	7,717
Rental income	42,164	-	-	42,164	27,273
TMCP Dividend and Interest	-	22,681	0	22,681	2,070
Total	53,950	22,681	124	76,755	37,060

The former manse at Victoria Park Road is being let on commercial terms to students to provide rental income to support the charitable work of the Circuit. Two other manses in the Circuit were empty in the year pending the arrival of new ministers and these properties were also let.

7 CPF Levy Refund

2024 Total	2023 Total
£	£
-	-

Connexional Property Fund - refund

When the Circuit sells property a proportion of the sales value is taken by the Methodist Connexional Property Fund as a levy. If the Circuit makes an equivalent purchase of property within the required time period then this levy is refunded. No such transactions have occurred in the last two years.

8 Profit on Sale of Property

		2023 24	2022 23
	£	£	£
Sale price of the property	640,000	640,000	662,200
Cost of sale			
Other expenses of sale	600	600	1,160
Legal fees	3,306	3,306	6,797
Net proceeds of sale		636,094	654,243
Book value of property		-	-
Net profit on sale		636,094	654,243
CPF (Connexional Priority Fund) Levy		230,678	238,457
Profit on sale net of CPF levy		405,416	415,786

Harrison Road church was sold on 5th September 2023, the church having closed for worship in 2020.
 Claremont Street church was sold on 10th March 2023, the church having also closed for worship in 2020.
 The CPF levy was taken from the sale proceeds by TMCP in accordance with Methodist practice. This sum would theoretically be repayable to the Circuit should a qualifying project be accepted by TMCP within the timescale required. This is not considered likely.

9 Payment to Trustees

The Trustees who are also Presbyteral or Diaconal Ministers of the Circuit were paid stipends in line with the Methodist Church scale (as shown in note 12) and were also reimbursed their expenses incurred in connection with their work. There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit.

2024 Total	2023 Total
£	£
10,537	12,518

The amount of expenses reimbursed to Ministers during the year were

10 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Fees paid in respect of the Independent Examination amounted to £288 (2023: £288).

11 Methodist Church Fund

	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Unrestricted	62,648	63,263
Total	62,648	63,263

The unrestricted amount is the annual contribution to Methodist Church Funds.

12 Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Ministerial Stipends		
Stipends	200,667	187,033
Employer's National Insurance	16,973	16,171
Apprenticeship levy	1,479	933
Pension costs	52,447	47,124
Total staff costs	271,566	251,261

	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Lay employees		
Gross wages	14,457	22,568
Employer's National Insurance costs	169	609
Apprenticeship levy	72	202
Pension costs	619	1,354
Total staff costs	15,317	24,733

The Salaries, Stipends, NIC and Pension Costs item relates to four full time presbyters (one of whom passed away in June 2024), two part time presbyters, one full time deacon, one supernumerary minister employed part-time and one Anglican priest employed part-time until June when they were employed full time. The lay employee amounts relate to, one part time lay worker and one part time pastoral worker.

Average number of ministerial and lay staff employed during the year were:	11	11
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13 Grants and Donations

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Unrestricted		
University of Leicester Chaplaincy	1,500	1,250
Circuit Model Trust Fund		
Birstall Methodist Church	664	-
Bishop Street Methodist Church	930	-
Blaby Methodist Church	-	275
Christchurch Methodist Church	826	-
Cosby Methodist Church	570	-
Great Glen Methodist Church	402	-
Mayflower Methodist Church	850	-
Oadby Methodist Church	1,367	300
South Wigston Methodist Church	685	-
Syston Methodist Church	500	-
Uppingham Road Methodist Church	3,658	-
Wesley Hall Methodist Church	685	6,504
	12,637	8,329

14 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Manses £	Investment Properties £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers* (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value								
Brought forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636
Carried forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636

The investment property is in Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is a former manse that is rented out to University students. The other manses are in Brooksby Close, Oadby, Clumber Road, Leicester, Gartree Road, Leicester, Laverstock Road, Wigston, Saville Road, Blaby, Exeter Close, Syston and The Crossways, Birstall.

The manse at Gartree Road was let in April 2023 on a 12 month lease, pending the arrival of a new minister in 2024 and the manse at Exeter Close was let in September 2024 on a 6 month lease, also pending its use on the arrival of a new minister in September 2024. Ministers moved into both properties in August 2024, so both continue to be classed as manses rather than investment properties.

By accounting convention, Churches are not included in Circuit accounts, albeit that the Circuit does receive the proceeds of sale, subject to the levy taken by Connexion.

15 Investments

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
TMCP Managed Mixed Fund	23,916	22,698
Total	23,916	22,698

This is a Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) investment fund valued at market value at the year end.

16 Debtors and Prepayments

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Stipends paid monthly in advance	19,037	20,983
Prepayments	1,902	9,666
Total	20,939	30,649

Stipends are paid monthly in advance and so there is a prepayment of September's stipend, which was paid in August. Prepayments relate to maintenance contracts paid in advance.

17 Loans

Details of the outstanding interest free loans made to Circuit Churches are:-

Loans Outstanding Last Year	New Loans This Year	Repayments This Year	Balance Carried Forward
£45,108	13,800	£7,150	£51,758

Detailed analysis for 2022-2023:

	Loan Outstanding Last Year £	New Loans This Year £	Repayments This Year £	Balance Carried Forward £
Birstall	21,800	-	5,400	16,400
Bishop Street	13,000	-	-	13,000
Mayflower	-	1,800	150	1,650
Rothley	5,144	-	600	4,544
Syston	382	-	-	382
Uppingham Road	4,782	12,000	1,000	15,782
Total	45,108	13,800	7,150	51,758

18 Creditors due in less than one year

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Church Assessments received in advance	34,449	34,181
Other creditors	5,383	14,712
Connexional Funds	21,647	16,925
Total	61,479	65,818

Church assessments are collected monthly in advance and so there is deferred income of September's assessments received in August.

Other creditors comprise the reimbursement of expenses due to Ministers for the final quarter of the year and other invoices due for the year but not paid until after the year end.

19 Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

2023 - 2024

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
General	2,855,483	473,918	479,068	-	-	2,850,333	General purposes
Circuit Model Trust	102,803	22,681	53,266	-	406,635	478,853	General purposes
Totals	2,958,286	496,599	532,334	-	406,635	3,329,186	

Money was designated for manse repairs in previous years and transferred to a TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) bank account for this purpose. A significant amount of work was carried out in the year at two of the manses to bring them back to a good state of repair. It was agreed by Circuit Meeting that the excess total cost over over budget for the year would be taken from this fund and £51,620 was so charged.

The net proceeds of sale on Harrison Road church was added to the TMCP account in the year.

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Circuit Youth Fund	2,436	124	-	-	2,560	Circuit Youth Work
Circuit Mission Fund	208	-	208	-	-	Circuit Mission Work
Circuit Training Fund	(533)	-	(533)	-	-	Circuit Training
Manse Removal Fund	-	235	235	-	-	Manse Removal Fund
Charging points	82	-	82	-	-	
Circuit Support Fund	-	-	-	-	-	Financial support for Circuit
Totals	2,193	359	(8)	-	2,560	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Leicester Trinity Circuit

Charity Number 1129943

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicester Trinity Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 11 to 18. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

Name of Circuit Leicester Trinity Circuit No 23/7

Independent Examiner's Statement

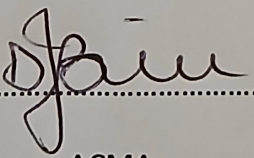
The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institutes of Management Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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 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.....

Name of independent examiner: D J Briscoe ACMA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CIMA

Name of firm: AIMS Accountants For Business

Address 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, LE10 1LQ.
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Leicester Trinity Circuit

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Year ended 31 August 2023

Registered Charity No. 1129943

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Introduction

This is the fourteenth annual report produced by the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit since its registration as a separate charity and aims to fully share a review of the activities of the circuit during 2022/3 while also meeting all the legal requirements for formal reporting.

Mission Statement

The Leicester Trinity Circuit aims to inspire and enable its people to love and serve God, made known to us in Christ, throughout churches and communities.

Circuit Steward's Letter of Greeting

The connexional year began on 1st September 2022, with. The staff team of five full-time presbyters, one Deacon and three part-time presbyters had a wealth of experience and complementary talents, providing strength to the leadership of the life of the circuit.

The year saw a return to some form of normality following the impact if the covid pandemic on previous years. Attendance at worship did not fully recover due to the sad death of members across the Circuit and a reluctance from some to return to old ways of fellowship. Use of technology, such as Zoom, which had proved vital during the pandemic provided some ongoing advantages.

Regular staff meetings provide the ministerial team with a time of fellowship and bonding as a team. It is in these meetings that they share stories of what is happening in their respective churches, encouraging each other through prayer and studying the scriptures. The circuit stewards, together with the presbyters, meet quarterly as the Circuit Leadership Team, continuing to explore our circuit mission.

The Circuit continued to utilise two retired ministers, Rev Kate Cook and Rev Tony Pick, and the Rev Ivan Bennett, an authorised Anglican minister, all on a part-time basis. The Circuit went into Stationing, looking for two new ministers for September 2023, one to replace Rev Daniel Yovan who was coming to the end of his probationary term and one to replace the part-time retired ministers. In the event, only the former post was filled, with Rev Frances Ballantyne joining the Circuit in September 2023. Rev Kate Cook and Rev Ivan Bennett were to continue in their posts, with Rev Tony Pick resuming his retirement. Rev Helen White joined the Circuit in September 2023 on a part-time basis to cover the shortfall in staffing.

Leicester Trinity Circuit is the largest circuit in the Northampton district. In the year beginning September 2022, there were 18 churches spanning a large area of Leicester and its neighbouring villages in the county.

The Circuit completed the sale of Claremont Street church in March 2023, this church having closed for worship in 2020. The proceeds of sale and levy paid are shown in these accounts. The sale of Harrison Road church was completed in September 2023, a few days after the end of the financial year. Details of this are referred to in note 20. The decision was made to purchase a new manse for the incoming minister as a reallocation of churches between ministers meant there was a need for a manse in the south of the Circuit. The purchase of 10 Windlass Drive, Wigston was completed in March 2023, with details shown in note 14. At the end of the financial year the Circuit was renting out two manses and will reappraise what manses are required when the Stationing process for 2024/5 has been completed.

We invite you to pray for our circuit and those who have been elected to take leadership roles in different areas of our circuit, as we continue to support our churches and congregations.

Yours sincerely

Peter Holdridge

Circuit Steward Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Activities

The Circuit is the primary unit in Methodism, and the Leicester Trinity Circuit is comprised of 18 churches. Co-ordinating resources and acting as a forum, the circuit creatively explores Methodism's 'Our Calling' through:

- worship:
- learning and caring
- service
- evangelism

in order to enable effective sharing in God's mission.

- The Leicester Trinity Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at each of its churches (two of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships) and at Aigburth Methodist Home. We bring together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship at least once in each quarter
- Church Safeguarding Officers attend a Circuit Safeguarding Forum twice a year and Safeguarding Training courses are arranged as required for new appointees and when updated sessions are made available.
- The circuit is directly involved in chaplaincy work at the University of Leicester.

Summary of Activities

- a) Bringing together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship.
- b) Safeguarding Training courses have taken place.
- c) The Circuit continues to maintain Ecumenical links encouraging opportunities for joint worship, study, mission and social action.
- d) The use of the spare Manse set up as a Student House continues to be a success.
- e) The Circuit maintains efficient use of human and financial resources to maximise mission in the local areas and maintain a healthy Circuit.
- f) Training for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The increase in total assessment was 2% compared to the previous year and was allocated between churches in accordance with the established formula. The rental income relates to the former manse on Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is currently let to students.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. The Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, amounts to 16.5% of unrestricted expenditure. The other expenditure includes regular maintenance work on the various manses.

Loans and Grants to Churches in the Circuit

Details of loans and grants to churches are shown in notes 13 and 17. No new loans were made in the loan and repayments of prior loans by churches reduced the total of loans by just over one third. The Circuit supported those churches that had major repair items at their buildings by contributing a percentage of the cost. Requests for grants and loans are considered by the Circuit Finance & Property Committee who make recommendations to Circuit Meeting.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets on the Unrestricted Fund (excluding the Circuit Model Trust Fund) of the Circuit were £232,847, giving just over 6 months cover for expenditure. This is in line with the Reserves Policy.

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year were prepared on the basis that there would be six and a half full time equivalent ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. The Circuit agreed that half the costs of the Deacon would be taken from reserves in 2023/4. The remaining total expenditure meant that the total assessment could remain unchanged. However, Circuit Meeting agrees that the allocation between churches should be made on the basis of a formula similar to that used before the covid pandemic. For those churches for whom this would have meant an increase in their payment of more than 10%, the increase was capped at 10%.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity: Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1129943

Date of registration: 2nd June 2009

Main communication address: Circuit Office, Birstall Methodist Church, Wanlip Lane, Birstall LE4 4JS.

The members of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers during the year 2022/23 were as follows:

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev. Ivan Bennett
Rev Kate Cook
Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis
Deacon Sharon Dilley
Rev. Paula Hunt (Superintendent Minister)
Rev Derek McLean
Rev. Tony Pick (until 31 August 2023)
Rev. Israel Selvanayagam
Rev. Daniel Yovan (until 31 August 2023)

Circuit Stewards

Andy Benbow (until 31 December 2022)
Charles Hilton
Peter Holdridge
Pedzisai Katsande
Julie Manning (from 1 December 2022)
Joy Pick

Circuit Administrator, Laurie Rowell

Peter Holdridge was the Circuit Steward overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit.

Independent Examiner: David Briscoe, 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, LE10 1LQ.

Bankers: The Co-Operative Bank plc.

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and organisation

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Methodist Church is open to all.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers and Worship leaders Meeting and the Circuit Stewards Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Birstall, Bishop Street, Blaby, Christchurch LEP, Cosby, Countesthorpe, Edgehill Road, Great Glen, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Mayflower, Nativity LEP, Oadby, Rothley, South Wigston, Syston, Uppingham Road, Wesley Hall and Wigston Magna.

Risk Management

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces, and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to monitor these risks.

Income and Expenditure is regularly monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold in the cash balances of the Unrestricted Fund a minimum sum equivalent to four months' average unrestricted expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Leicester Trinity Circuit

Charity Number 1129943

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicester Trinity Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 10 to 18. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

Name of Circuit Leicester Trinity Circuit No 23/7

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institutes of Management Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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 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.....

Name of independent examiner: D J Briscoe ACMA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CIMA

Name of firm: AIMS Accountants For Business

Address 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, LE10 ILQ.
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Leicester Trinity Circuit

Registered Charity No. 1129943

Trustees during the year ended 31 August 2023 (it will be noted that some people qualify as trustees under both a Church and Circuit role).

MINISTERS

Rev. Ivan Bennett

Rev. Kate Cook

Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis

Deacon Sharon Dilley

Rev. Paula Hunt

Rev. Derek McLean

Rev. Tony Pick

Rev. Israel Selvanayagam

Rev. Daniel Yovan *

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev. Peter Brooks *

Rev. John Clarke *

Rev. Gordon Webb

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Andy Benbow *

Charles Hilton

Peter Holdridge

Pedzisai Katsande

Julie Manning **

Joy Pick

OTHER OFFICERS

Richard Cawthorn (Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Secretary)

Michael Elliott (Safeguarding Officer)

Mary Gill (Methodist Women in Britain representative)

Jo Kay (Local Preachers representative)

Howard Smith (Action for Children)

Jennifer Weston (Secretary of Circuit Meeting)

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

BIRSTALL

Mary Downs

Joan Pearson

Andrew Webster

Sue Wheeler

BISHOP STREET

Martin Briers

Margaret Byron

Mary Gill

Tony Moore

BLABY

Sandra Amey
Ann Lowther
Jean Thornton

CHRISTCHURCH LEP

Andrew Curry
Chris Whitford
Lawrence Whittaker

COSBY

Pauline Bott
Val Kenning
Claire Orton

COUNTESTHORPE

Ruth Findley
Barry Hillyard
Peter Holdridge

EDGEHILL ROAD

Brian Pearson
Stephen Thompson
Laurane Webbe

GREAT GLEN

June Murray
Rev. Gordon Webb

HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL

Neil Crutchley
Jackie Ward
Terry Ward

MAYFLOWER

Elizabeth Dunn **
Graham Tomkinson
Ros Vernon

NATIVITY LEP

Patricia Ewen
Chris Garner
Peter Sercombe

OADBY

Barbara Bell
David Frost

Suzanne Kelly
Diane Price
Howard Smith
Barry Wilford

ROTHLEY

Christine Hall
Carole Jordan
Sue Wainwright

SOUTH WIGSTON

Mary Bryceland
Trevor Mildred

SYSTON

Sheila McGowan
Trevor Solway
Alan Talbot
Ray Young

UPPINGHAM ROAD

Michael Holt
Eunice Koroma **
Julie Manning
Alan Pykett *
Margaret Vernon *

WESLEY HALL

Cashita Charles
Ornette Maynard
Peter Weston
Jenny de Young

WIGSTON MAGNA

Ian Chapman **
Madge Drage *
Jenny Gilbert
Peter Wilson

* Resigned/Deceased during the year

** From part way through the year

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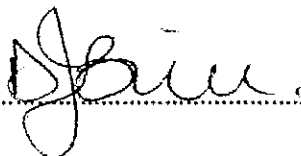
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25/02/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	CMTF (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022 - 2023	Total 2021 - 22
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations plus gift aid and legacies						-	10,000
Charitable activities						-	-
Assessments to churches	4	418,805				418,805	420,820
Other		-		-		-	300
Other trading activities						-	-
- Lettings						-	-
- Hub Café		-				-	-
Investments	6	36,980	-	80		37,060	21,862
Other - CPF levy refund		-	-			-	-

Total		455,785	-	80	-	455,865	452,982
Expenditure on:							
Stipends, NIC & Pension costs	12	251,463				251,463	246,867
Lay salaries, NIC & Pension costs	12	24,531				24,531	21,598
District Assessment		11,763	-			11,763	12,820
Methodist Church Fund	11	63,263	-			63,263	64,942
Telephone & travel		15,846				15,846	13,404
Insurance, utilities, etc		27,875				27,875	24,744
Maintenance on manses		35,000	29,839			64,839	34,815
Expenditure on other Circuit property		5,113				5,113	6,291
Depreciation						-	-
Other Expenditure		12,660	-	-		12,660	9,853
Grants and Donations	13	8,329	-	-		8,329	14,739
Hub Café		193				193	194
Contributions to District Advance Fund			-			-	-
Total		456,036	29,839	-	-	485,875	450,267
Net income/(expenditure)		(251)	(29,839)	80	-	(30,010)	2,715

Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed			-			-	-
Other - Profit on sale of property	8	415,786				415,786	-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets		-	(486)			(486)	(1,554)
Transfers between funds		(33,997)	33,997	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		381,538	3,672	80	0	385,290	1,161
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		2,473,945	99,131	2,113	-	2,575,189	2,574,028
Total funds carried forward		2,855,483	102,803	2,193	-	2,960,479	2,575,189

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-2023	Total 2021-2022
£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Notes						
Land & Buildings	14	2,272,446				2,272,446	1,890,657
Equipment						0	-
Investment properties	14	350,190				350,190	350,190
Investments	15	-	22,698			22,698	23,183
Total fixed assets		2,622,636	22,698	-	-	2,645,334	2,264,030
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	16	30,649	0			30,649	23,476
Loans by the Circuit	17		45,108			45,108	68,740
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits		8,191	34,997			43,188	7,208
Central Finance Board Deposits		243,678		2,193		245,871	257,777
Cash at Bank and in hand		16,147		0		16,147	24,904
Total current assets		298,665	80,105	2,193	0	380,963	382,105
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	18	65,818				65,818	70,946
Net current assets (liabilities)		232,847	80,105	2,193	-	315,145	311,159
Total assets less current liabilities		2,855,483	102,803	2,193	-	2,960,479	2,575,189
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		2,855,483	102,803	2,193	-	2,960,479	2,575,189
Funds of the Circuit							
Unrestricted funds	19	2,855,483				2,855,483	2,473,954
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	19		102,803			102,803	99,131
Restricted funds	19			2,193		2,193	2,104
Endowment funds					-		-
Total Funds		2,855,483	102,803	2,193	0	2,960,479	2,575,189
		2855483	102803	2193		2,960,479	
		2413316	115294	6886			2428252

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 2 issued in 2018.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the note 19 to these accounts. Any fund may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year and manse and investment properties are held at their value at 31 August 2018. The accruals basis has been used to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £500.

The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at the 31 August 2018 market value, of which the land component is deemed to be £224,085. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had not reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Investment property is valued on the same basis as non investment properties.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Connexional Property Fund levies

The levy taken by the Methodist Connection on the sale of property is accounted for as an expense on the basis that the return of this levy to the Circuit is conditional on making an eligible purchase of property within the required time period and this can not be judged as significantly likely if not made in the same financial year.

4 Assessments paid by Churches		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Birstall	38,916	38,153
Bishop Street	29,305	28,730
Blaby	15,026	14,731
Christchurch	41,722	51,130
Cosby	12,248	12,008
Countesthorpe	14,107	13,830
Edgehill Road	4,712	4,620
Great Glen	15,201	14,903
Houghton	4,761	4,668
Mayflower	20,430	20,029
Nativity	7,919	7,764
Oadby	53,786	52,731
Rothley	5,359	5,254
South Wigston	24,229	23,754
Syston	38,835	38,074
Uppingham Road	18,625	18,260
Wesley Hall	26,017	25,507
Wigston Magna	47,607	46,674
Total	418,805	420,820

The assessment for 2022/23 was charged at a 2% increase for each church on the previous year. Covid rendered the data used for the formula based allocation inappropriate for this year.

5 Hub Café

The Hub Café is a Circuit project providing a Café on the premises of Syston Methodist Church. The Circuit provided initial funding of £50,000 for this project in 2016. The Café closed at the start of the pandemic and has not yet reopened, so it did not trade in 2022/23.

6 Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board Interest	7,637		80	7,717	1,045
Rental income	27,273	-	-	27,273	20,184
TMCP Dividend and Interest	2,070	-		2,070	633
Total	36,980	-	80	37,060	21,862

The former manse at Victoria Park Road is being let on commercial terms to students to provide rental income to support the charitable work of the Circuit.

7 CPF Levy Refund

2022 Total	2021 Total
£	£
-	-

Connexional Property Fund - refund

When the Circuit sells property a proportion of the sales value is taken by the Methodist Connexional Property Fund as a levy. If the Circuit makes an equivalent purchase of property within the required time period then this levy is refunded. No such transactions have occurred in the last two years.

8 Profit on Sale of Property

		2021 22	2020 21
	£	£	£
Sale price of the property	662,200	662,200	-
Cost of sale			
Other expenses of sale	1,160	1,160	-
Legal fees	6,797	6,797	-
Net proceeds of sale		654,243	-
Book value of property		-	-
Net profit on sale		654,243	-
CPF (Connexional Priority Fund) Levy		238,457	-
Profit on sale net of CPF levy		415,786	-

Claremont Street church was sold on 10th March 2023, the church having closed for worship in 2020. The CPF levy was taken from the sale proceeds by TMCP in accordance with Methodist practice. This sum would theoretically be repayable to the Circuit should a qualifying project be accepted by TMCP within the timescale required. This is not considered likely.

9 Payment to Trustees

The Trustees who are also Presbyteral Ministers of the Circuit were paid stipends in line with the Methodist Church scale (as shown in note 12) and were also reimbursed their expenses incurred in connection with their work. There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit.

2023 Total	2022 Total
£	£
12,518	8,786

The amount of expenses reimbursed to Ministers during the year were

10 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Fees paid in respect of the Independent Examination amounted to £288 (2022: £240).

11 Methodist Church Fund

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Unrestricted	63,263	64,942
Total	63,263	64,942

The unrestricted amount is the annual contribution to Methodist Church Funds.

12 Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Ministerial Stipends		
Stipends	187,033	181,823
Employer's National Insurance and Apprenticeship levy	17,306	18,285
Pension costs	47,124	46,759
Total staff costs	251,463	246,867

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Lay employees		
Gross wages	22,568	20,754
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme receipts	0	(809)
Employer's National Insurance costs and Apprenticeship levy	609	432
Pension costs	1,354	1,221
Total staff costs	24,531	21,598

The Salaries, Stipends, NIC and Pension Costs item relates to five full time presbyters, one full time deacon, two supernumerary ministers employed part-time and one Anglican priest employed part-time. The lay employee amounts relate to, one part time lay worker and one part time administrative employee.

Average number of ministerial and lay staff employed during the year were:	11	10
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13 Grants and Donations

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Unrestricted		
University of Leicester Chaplaincy	1,250	1,250
Circuit Model Trust Fund		
Bishop Street Methodist Church	-	6,212
Blaby Methodist	275	-
Cosby Methodist Church	-	1,834
Oadby Methodist Church	300	5,443
Wesley Hall Methodist Church	6,504	-
	8,329	14,739

14 **Tangible Fixed Assets**
Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Manse £	Investment Properties £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847
Additions	-	-	381,789	-	-	-	-	381,789
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers* (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers* (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value								
Brought forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847
Carried forward	224,085	-	2,048,361	350,190	-	-	-	2,622,636

The property purchased in the year was a manse at Windlass Drive, Wigston, bought for a new minister to the Circuit.

The investment property is in Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is a former manse that is rented out to University students. The other manses are in Brooksby Close, Oadby, Clumber Road, Leicester, Gartree Road, Leicester, Laverstock Road, Wigston, Saville Road, Blaby, Exeter Close, Syston and The Crossways, Birstall.

The manse at Gartree Road was let in April 2023 on a 12 month lease, pending the arrival of a new minister in 2024 and the manse at Exeter Close was let in September 2024 on a 6 month lease, also pending its potential use on the arrival of a new minister in September 2024. Both these properties continue to be classed as manses rather than investment properties, as it is expected that they will return to use as manses.

15 **Investments**

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
TMCP Managed Mixed Fund	22,698	23,183
Total	22,698	23,183

This is a Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) investment fund valued at market value at the year end.

16 **Debtors and Prepayments**

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Stipends paid monthly in advance	20,983	20,894
Prepayments	9,666	2,582
Total	30,649	23,476

Stipends are paid monthly in advance and so there is a prepayment of September's stipend, which was paid in August. Prepayments relate to payment of the annual insurance premium on the manses paid in advance and maintenance contracts paid in advance.

17 Loans

Details of the outstanding interest free loans made to Circuit Churches are:-

Loans Outstanding Last Year	New Loans This Year	Repayments This Year	Balance Carried Forward
£68,740	-	£23,632	£45,108

Detailed analysis for 2022-2023:

	Loan Outstanding Last Year	New Loans This Year	Repayments This Year	Balance Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Birstall	43,000	-	21,200	21,800
Bishop Street	12,564	-	(436)	13,000
Harrison Road	1,268	-	1,268	-
Rothley	5,744	-	600	5,144
Syston	382	-	-	382
Uppingham Road	5,782	-	1,000	4,782
Total	68,740	-	23,632	45,108

18 Creditors due in less than one year

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Church Assessments received in advance	34,181	34,901
Other creditors	14,712	22,344
Connexional Funds	16,925	13,701
Total	65,818	70,946

Church assessments are collected monthly in advance and so there is deferred income of September's assessments received in August.

Other creditors comprise the reimbursement of expenses due to Ministers for the final quarter of the year and other invoices due for the year but not paid until after the year end.

19 Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

2022 - 2023

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
General	2,473,945	455,785	456,036	(33,997)	415,786	2,855,483	General purposes
Circuit Model Trust	99,131	-	29,839	33,997	(486)	102,803	General purposes
Totals	2,573,076	455,785	485,875	-	415,300	2,958,286	

Money was designated for manse repairs in previous years and transferred to a TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) bank account for this purpose. A significant amount of work was carried out in the year at two of the manses to bring them back to a good state of repair. It was agreed by Circuit Meeting that the excess total cost over over budget for the year would be taken from this fund and £29,839 was so charged.

The net proceeds of sale on Claremont Street church, less the cost of purchasing the manse at Windlass Drive, were added to the TMCP account in the year.

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Circuit Youth Fund	2,356	80	-	-	2,436	Circuit Youth Work
Circuit Mission Fund	208	-	-	-	208	Circuit Mission Work
Circuit Training Fund	(533)	-	-	-	(533)	Circuit Training
District Grant for work in City Centre	-	-	-	-	-	City Centre Mission
Charging points	82	-	-	-	82	
Circuit Support Fund	-	-	-	-	-	Financial support for Circuit Churches
Totals	2,113	80	-	-	2,193	

20 Post Balance Sheet Events

The sale of Harrison Road Church was completed on 5 September 2023. The sale price was £640,000. Fees of £3,306 arose on the sale and TMCP took a levy of £230,678, leaving net proceeds to the Circuit of £406,016.

The cost of churches is not included in Circuit accounts and so the net proceeds on sale is shown as income in the year of disposal. As this sale was after the year end it will be shown in the accounts for 2023/4.

Accounts

The **Methodist** Church



Leicester Trinity Circuit

ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 August 2022

Registered Charity No. 1129943

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Introduction

This is the thirteenth annual report produced by the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit since its registration as a separate charity and aims to fully share a review of the activities of the circuit during 2021 – 22 while also meeting all the legal requirements for formal reporting. It is the fourth annual report since the amalgamation of Leicester North Circuit and Leicester Trinity Circuit.

Mission Statement

The Leicester Trinity Circuit aims to inspire and enable its people to love and serve God, made known to us in Christ, throughout churches and communities.

Circuit Steward's Letter of Greeting

Dear friends

The connexional year began on 1st September 2021, with the addition of Rev Liam Dacre-Davis, Rev Israel Selvanayagam and Deacon Sharon Dilley to the ministerial team, having said farewell to Rev Fran Rhys, Rev Saidu Kanu and Rev Jenny Impey. The staff team of seven presbyters had a wealth of experience from previous appointments, providing strength to the leadership of the life of the circuit.

The covid pandemic continued to affect lives through the Connexional year. Churches re-opened for worship but there continued to be restrictions on fellowship and it took time for people to return to the "old ways". Attendance at worship declined and those churches reliant on income from room hire struggled. Online technology continued to be used to ensure that contact could be maintained and creative ways found to sustain finances.

Regular staff meetings provide the ministerial team with a time of fellowship and bonding as a team. It is in these meetings that they share stories of what is happening in their respective churches, encouraging each other through prayer and studying the scriptures. The circuit stewards, together with the presbyters, meet quarterly as the Circuit Leadership Team, continuing to explore our circuit mission.

Rev Debra Chidakwa-Akue curtailed her appointment at the end of March 2022. The Circuit covered this by appointing two retired ministers, Rev Kate Cook and Rev Tony Pick, and the Rev Ivan Bennett, an authorised Anglican minister, all on a part-time basis. These appointments are all to the end of the 2022/23 Connexional Year, when the Circuit will again go into the Stationing Process.

Leicester Trinity Circuit is the largest circuit in the Northampton district. At the start of the year, September 2021, there were 18 churches spanning a large area of Leicester and its neighbouring villages in the county.

The Circuit is in the process of selling the Claremont Street and Harrison Road churches with these transactions expected to complete in 2023.

We invite you to pray for our circuit and those who have been elected to take leadership roles in different areas of our circuit, as we continue to support our churches and congregations.

Yours sincerely

Peter Holdridge

Circuit Steward Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Activities

The Circuit is the primary unit in Methodism, and the Leicester Trinity Circuit is comprised of 18 churches (since the closure of Harrison Road for worship). Co-ordinating resources and acting as a forum, the circuit creatively explores Methodism's 'Our Calling' through:

- worship:
- learning and caring
- service
- evangelism

in order to enable effective sharing in God's mission.

- The Leicester Trinity Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at each of its churches (two of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships) and at Aigburth Methodist Home. We bring together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship at least once in each quarter. Leicester remained under significant restrictions on movement and social activity due to covid until early 2022. Churches across the circuit had to close their buildings for a much of this time and fundraising and fellowship activities were severely limited. Worship for all churches was offered online via Zoom and worship resources were produced for those without technology.
- Church Safeguarding Officers attend a Circuit Safeguarding Forum twice a year and Safeguarding Training courses are arranged as required for new appointees and when updated sessions are made available.
- The circuit is directly involved in chaplaincy work at Leicester University.

Summary of Activities

a) Bringing together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship.

b) Safeguarding Training courses have taken place.

c) The Circuit continues to maintain Ecumenical links encouraging opportunities for joint worship, study, mission and social action.

d) The use of the spare Manse set up as a Student House continues to be a success.

e) The Circuit maintains efficient use of human and financial resources to maximise mission in the local areas and maintain a healthy Circuit.

f) Training for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.

g) Support for churches during the Covid pandemic.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The increase in total assessment was 2% compared to the previous year and was allocated between churches in accordance with the established formula. The rental income relates to the former manse on Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is currently let to students.

Appreciation is given to TMCP for a grant of £10,000 towards city centre mission work during the covid pandemic.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. The Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, amounts to 18% of unrestricted expenditure. The other expenditure includes regular maintenance work on the various manses.

Loans and Grants to Churches in the Circuit

The Covid lockdown in March 2020 had an immediate impact on some of our churches. Churches that depend heavily on rental income were immediately affected. To support these struggling churches, a sub-group of the Circuit Leadership Team was set up and churches were asked to complete an audit covering all aspects of their church life. The sub-group used these audits to decide whether or not the circuit should offer a grant or a loan to individual churches. Decisions made by the group were then taken to the Circuit Meeting for approval. Details of loans and grants to churches are shown in notes 13 and 17.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets on the Unrestricted Fund (excluding the Circuit Model Trust Fund) of the Circuit were £233,098, giving just over 6 months cover for expenditure. This is in line with the Reserves Policy.

Plans for 2022/23

Circuit financial plans for the coming year were prepared on the basis that there would be seven full time equivalent ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. The combined total expenditure together with other amendments to the budget meant that an increase of 2% in assessments paid by individual circuit churches was agreed. This 2% increase was applied to all churches' assessment, without the use of a formula to re-allocate as the pandemic made the data for the formula inappropriate this year. This produced a deficit budget, justified for this year by the surplus reported in 2020/21.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity: Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1129943

Date of registration: 2nd June 2009

Main communication address: Circuit Office, Birstall Methodist Church, Wanlip Lane, Birstall LE4 4JS.

The members of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers during the year 2021/22 were as follows:

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev. Ivan Bennett (from 1 April 2022)
Rev Debra Chidakwa-Akue (until 31 March 2022)
Rev Kate Cook (from 1 April 2022)
Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis
Deacon Sharon Dilley
Rev. Paula Hunt (Superintendent Minister)
Rev Derek McLean
Rev. Tony Pick (from 1 April 2022)
Rev. Israel Selvanayagam
Rev. Daniel Yovan

Circuit Stewards

Andy Benbow
Charles Hilton
Peter Holdridge
Pedzisai Kadsande
Joy Pick

Circuit Administrator, Laurie Rowell

Peter Holdridge was the Circuit Steward overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit.

Independent Examiner: David Briscoe, 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, LE10 1LQ.

Bankers: The Co-Operative Bank plc.

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and organisation

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Methodist Church is open to all.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers and Worship leaders Meeting and the Circuit Stewards Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Birstall, Bishop Street, Blaby, Christchurch LEP, Cosby, Countesthorpe, Edgehill Road, Great Glen, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Mayflower, Nativity LEP, Oadby, Rothley, South Wigston, Syston, Uppingham Road, Wesley Hall and Wigston Magna.

Risk Management

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces, and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to monitor these risks.

Income and Expenditure is regularly monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold in the cash balances of the Unrestricted Fund a minimum sum equivalent to four months' average unrestricted expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**Leicester Trinity Circuit****Charity Number 1129943****Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicester Trinity Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit **Leicester Trinity Circuit** **No** **23/7**

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA.

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts.*



Accountants for Business

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

Name of independent examiner : D J Briscoe ACMA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) AIMS Accountants For Business

Address 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley.

Post Code LE10 1LQ

Date 25th November 2022.....

* delete or circle as appropriate

November 2022

Leicester Trinity Circuit
Registered Charity No. 1129943
Trustees during the year ended 31 August 2022

MINISTERS

Rev. Ivan Bennett **
Rev. Debra Chidakwa-Akue *
Rev. Kate Cook
Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis
Deacon Sharon Dilley
Rev. Paula Hunt
Rev. Derek McLean
Rev. Tony Pick
Rev. Israel Selvanayagam
Rev. Daniel Yovan

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev. Peter Brooks
Rev. John Clarke
Rev. Gordon Webb

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Andy Benbow
Charles Hilton
Peter Holdridge
Pedzisai Katsande
Joy Pick

OTHER OFFICERS

Audrey Baker (Safe Space Counselling) *
Richard Cawthorn (Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Secretary)
Michael Elliott (Safeguarding Officer)
Mary Gill (Methodist Women in Britain representative)
Jo Kay (Local Preachers representative)
Peter Sercombe (Property Secretary)
Howard Smith (Action for Children)
Jennifer Weston (Secretary of Circuit Meeting)

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

BIRSTALL

Mary Downs
Joan Pearson
Andrew Webster
Sue Wheeler

BISHOP STREET

Martin Briers
Margaret Byron **
Mary Gill

Tony Moore

BLABY

Sandra Amey
Ann Lowther
Jean Thornton

CHRISTCHURCH LEP

Janet Asher *
Andrew Curry **
John Fowler *
Chris Whitford
Lawrence Whittaker

COSBY

Pauline Bott
Val Kenning
Claire Orton

COUNTESTHORPE

Ruth Findley
Barry Hillyard
Peter Holdridge

EDGEHILL ROAD

Brian Pearson
Stephen Thompson
Laurane Webbe

GREAT GLEN

Joan Gambold *
June Murray
Rev. Gordon Webb

HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL

Neil Crutchley **
Jackie Ward
Terry Ward

MAYFLOWER

Rosalind Thompson *
Graham Tomkinson
Ros Vernon

NATIVITY LEP

Muriel Asher *
Patricia Ewen

Chris Garner **
Peter Sercombe

OADBY

Barbara Bell
David Frost
Suzanne Kelly
Diane Price
Howard Smith
Barry Wilford

ROTHLEY

Christine Hall
Carole Jordan
Sue Wainwright

SOUTH WIGSTON

Mary Bryceland
Janet Harrison *
Trevor Mildred

SYSTON

Audrey Baker *
Ann Cairns *
Sheila McGowan
Trevor Solway **
Alan Talbot
Ray Young

UPPINGHAM ROAD

Michael Holt
Julie Manning **
Alan Pykett
Margaret Vernon

WESLEY HALL

Cashita Charles
Ornette Maynard
Peter Weston
Jenny de Young

WIGSTON MAGNA

Barbara Dearing *
Madge Drage
Jenny Gilbert
Peter Wilson

* Resigned/Deceased during the year

** From part way through the year

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	CMTF (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021 - 2022	Total 2020 - 21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies				10,000		10,000	1,651
Charitable activities						-	-
Assessments to churches	4	420,820				420,820	414,632
Other		300		-		300	-
Other trading activities						-	-
- Lettings						-	-
- Hub Café	5	-				-	-
Investments	6	21,853	-	9		21,862	16,747
Other - CPF levy refund	7		-			-	-
Other - Profit on sale of property	8	-				-	-
Total		442,973	-	10,009	-	452,982	433,030
Expenditure on:							
Stipends, NIC & Pension costs	12	236,867		10,000		246,867	209,711
Lay salaries, NIC & Pension costs	12	21,598				21,598	16,843
District Assessment		12,820				12,820	14,872
Methodist Church Fund	11	64,942				64,942	64,078
Telephone & travel		13,404				13,404	13,287
Insurance, utilities, etc		24,744				24,744	26,284
Maintenance on manses		34,815				34,815	24,605
Expenditure on other Circuit property		6,291				6,291	5,466
Depreciation						-	-
Provisions			-			-	-
Other Expenditure		9,853	-	-		9,853	13,551
Grants and Donations	13	14,739	-	-		14,739	7,686
Hub Café	5	194				194	219
Contributions to District Advance Fund			-			-	-
Total		440,267	-	10,000	-	450,267	396,602
Net income/(expenditure)		2,706	-	9	-	2,715	36,428
Transfers between funds		3,399	(3,399)	-	-	-	-
		6,105	(3,399)	9	-	2,715	36,428
Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed						-	-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets			(1,554)			(1,554)	3,836
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						-	-
Net movement in funds		6,105	(4,953)	9	-	1,161	40,264
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		2,467,840	104,084	2,104	-	2,574,028	2,533,764
Total funds carried forward		2,473,945	99,131	2,113	-	2,575,189	2,574,028

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-2022	Total 2020-2021
£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Notes						
Land & Buildings	14	1,890,657				1,890,657	1,890,657
Equipment						0	-
Investment properties	14	350,190				350,190	350,190
Investments	15	-	23,183			23,183	24,737
Total fixed assets		2,240,847	23,183	-	-	2,264,030	2,265,584
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	16	23,476	0			23,476	21,985
Loans by the Circuit	17		68,740			68,740	71,876
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits		-	7,208			7,208	7,471
Central Finance Board Deposits		255,664		2,113		257,777	252,004
Cash at Bank and in hand		24,904				24,904	14,070
Total current assets		304,044	75,948	2,113	0	382,105	367,406
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	18	70,946				70,946	58,962
Net current assets (liabilities)		233,098	75,948	2,113	-	311,159	308,444
Total assets less current liabilities		2,473,945	99,131	2,113	-	2,575,189	2,574,028
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							-
Provisions for liabilities and charges							-
Net assets		2,473,945	99,131	2,113	-	2,575,189	2,574,028
Funds of the Circuit							
Unrestricted funds	19	2,473,945				2,473,945	2,467,840
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	19		99,131			99,131	104,084
Restricted funds	19			2,113		2,113	2,104
Endowment funds					-		-
Total Funds		2,473,945	99,131	2,113	0	2,575,189	2,574,028

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 2 issued in 2018.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the note 19 to these accounts. Any fund may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that Investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year and manse and investment properties are held at their value at 31 August 2018. The accruals basis has been used to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £500.

The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at the 31 August 2018 market value, of which the land component is deemed to be £224,085. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had not reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Investment property is valued on the same basis as non investment properties.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Connexional Property Fund levies

The levy taken by the Methodist Connection on the sale of property is accounted for as an expense on the basis that the return of this levy to the Circuit is conditional on making an eligible purchase of property within the required time period and this can not be judged as significantly likely if not made in the same financial year.

4 Assessments paid by Churches	2022	2021
	£	£
Birstall	38,153	37,405
Bishop Street	28,730	28,167
Blaby	14,731	14,443
Christchurch	51,130	50,127
Cosby	12,008	11,773
Countesthorpe	13,830	13,559
Edgehill Road	4,620	4,529
Great Glen	14,903	14,611
Harrison Road	-	2,063
Houghton	4,668	4,576
Mayflower	20,029	19,636
Nativity	7,764	7,612
Oadby	52,731	51,697
Rothley	5,254	5,151
South Wigston	23,754	23,288
Syston	38,074	37,327
Uppingham Road	18,260	17,902
Wesley Hall	25,507	25,007
Wigston Magna	46,674	45,759
Total	420,820	414,632

Harrison Road church closed in 2020/21. The assessment for 2021/22 was charged at a 2% increase for each church on the previous year. Covid rendered the data used for the formula based allocation inappropriate for this year.

5 Hub Café

The Hub Café is a Circuit project providing a Café on the premises of Syston Methodist Church. The Circuit provided initial funding of £50,000 for this project in 2016. The Café closed at the start of the pandemic and has not yet reopened, so it did not trade in 2021/22.

6 Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board Interest	1,036		9	1,045	270
Rental income	20,184	-	-	20,184	16,067
TMCP Dividend and Interest	-	633		633	410
Total	21,220	633	9	21,862	16,747

The former manse at Victoria Park Road is being let on commercial terms to students to provide rental income to support the charitable work of the Circuit.

7 CPF Levy Refund

2022 Total	2021 Total
£	£
-	-

Connexional Property Fund - refund

When the Circuit sells property a proportion of the sales value is taken by the Methodist Connexional Property Fund as a levy. If the Circuit makes an equivalent purchase of property within the required time period then this levy is refunded. No such transactions have occurred in the last two years.

8 Profit on Sale of Property

			2021/22	2020/21
	£	£	£	£
Sale price of the property		-	-	-
<u>Cost of sale</u>				
Estate Agents Fees	-	-	-	-
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
Net proceeds of sale		-	-	-
Book value of property		-	-	-
Net profit on sale		-	-	-
CPF (Connexional Priority Fund) Levy		-	-	-

No property was sold in 2020/21 or 2021/22.

9 Payment to Trustees

The Trustees who are also Presbyteral Ministers of the Circuit were paid stipends in line with the Methodist Church scale (as shown in note 12) and were also reimbursed their expenses incurred in connection with their work. There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit.

2022 Total	2021 Total
£	£
8,786	7,990

The amount of expenses reimbursed to Ministers during the year were

10 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Fees paid in respect of the Independent Examination amounted to £240 (2021: £240).

11 Methodist Church Fund

	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£
Unrestricted	64,942	63,360
Total	64,942	63,360

The unrestricted amount is the annual contribution to Methodist Church Funds.

12 Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2022 Total	2021 Total
Ministerial Stipends	£	£
Stipends	181,823	153,647
Employer's National Insurance and Apprenticeship levy	18,285	15,657
Pension costs	46,759	40,407
Total staff costs	246,867	209,711

	2022 Total	2021 Total
Lay employees	£	£
Gross wages	20,754	19,908
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme receipts	(809)	(4,563)
Employer's National Insurance costs and Apprenticeship levy	432	377
Pension costs	1,221	1,221
Total staff costs	21,598	16,943

The Salaries, Stipends, NIC and Pension Costs item relates to six full time presbyters and one part time presbyter for the period to the end of March 2022. At this point one of the full time presbyters left the Circuit and was replaced by two part time supernumeraries and one part time authorised minister. The lay employee amounts relate to, one part time lay worker and one part time administrative employee.

Average number of ministerial and lay staff employed during the year were:	10	9
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13 Grants and Donations

	2022 Total	2021 Total
Unrestricted	£	£
University of Leicester Chaplaincy	1,250	1,250
Circuit Model Trust Fund		
Bishop Street Methodist Church	6,212	-
Cosby Methodist Church	1,834	-
Oadby Methodist Church	5,443	-
Uppingham Road Methodist Church	-	1,000
Restricted		
Uppingham Road Methodist Church	-	5,436
	14,739	7,686

14 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Mansees £	Investment Properties £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers* (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value								
Brought forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847
Carried forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847

The Investment property is in Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is a former manse that is rented out to University students. The other mansees are in Brooksby Close, Oadby, Clumber Road, Leicester, Gartree Road, Leicester, Laverstock Road, Wigston, Saville Road, Blaby, Exeter Close, Syston and The Crossways, Birstall.

15 Investments

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
TMCP Managed Mixed Fund	23,183	24,737
Total	23,183	24,737

This is a Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) investment fund valued at market value at the year end.

16 Debtors and Prepayments

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Stipends paid monthly in advance	20,894	20,728
Prepayments	2,582	1,257
Total	23,476	21,985

Stipends are paid monthly in advance and so there is a prepayment of September's stipend, which was paid in August. Prepayments relate to legal fees paid in relation to the proposed sale of a closed church, which will be recovered on completion of the sale.

17 Loans

Details of the outstanding interest free loans made to Circuit Churches are:-

Loans Outstanding Last Year	New Loans This Year	Repayments This Year	Balance Carried Forward
£71,876	-	£3,136	£68,740

Detailed analysis for 2021-2022:

	Loan Outstanding Last Year	New Loans This Year	Repayments This Year	Balance Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Birstall	44,200	-	1,200	43,000
Bishop Street	13,000	-	436	12,564
Harrison Road	1,268	-	-	1,268
Rothley	6,244	-	500	5,744
Syston	382	-	-	382
Uppingham Road	6,782	-	1,000	5,782
Total	71,876	-	3,136	68,740

18 Creditors due in less than one year

	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£
Church Assessments received in advance	34,901	35,068
Other creditors	22,344	13,493
Connexional Funds	13,701	10,401
Total	70,946	58,962

Church assessments are collected monthly in advance and so there is deferred income of September's assessments received in August.

Other creditors comprise the reimbursement of expenses due to Ministers for the final quarter of the year and other invoices due for the year but not paid until after the year end.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
General	2,467,840	442,973	440,267	3,399	-	2,473,945	General purposes
Circuit Model Trust	104,084	-	-	(3,399)	(1,554)	99,131	General purposes
Totals	2,571,924	442,973	440,267	-	(1,554)	2,573,076	

Money was designated for manse repairs in a previous year and transferred to a TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) bank account for this purpose. The account earns interest each year. Money spent on manse repairs in the year was charged to the General Fund as shown in the SOFA and not to this designated fund.

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Circuit Youth Fund	2,347	9	-	-	2,356	Circuit Youth Work
Circuit Mission Fund	208	-	-	-	208	Circuit Mission Work
Circuit Training Fund	(533)	-	-	-	(533)	Circuit Training
District Grant for work in City Centre	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	City Centre Mission
Charging points	82	-	-	-	82	
Circuit Support Fund	-	-	-	-	-	Financial support for Circuit Churches
Totals	2,104	10,009	10,000	-	2,113	

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Leicester Trinity Circuit

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Year ended 31 August 2021

Registered Charity No. 1129943

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Introduction

This is the twelfth annual report produced by the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit since its registration as a separate charity and aims to fully share a review of the activities of the circuit during 2020 – 21 while also meeting all the legal requirements for formal reporting. It is the third annual report since the amalgamation of Leicester North Circuit and Leicester Trinity Circuit.

Mission Statement

The Leicester Trinity Circuit aims to inspire and enable its people to love and serve God, made known to us in Christ, throughout churches and communities.

Circuit Steward's Letter of Greeting

Dear friends

The connexional year began on 1st September 2020, with the addition of Rev. Debra Chidakwa-Akue to the ministerial team, on her return to this country from the USA. The staff team of seven presbyters had a wealth of experience from previous appointments, providing strength to the leadership of the life of the circuit.

The covid pandemic dominated lives through the Connexional year, with churches closed for worship for much of the time and fellowship severely restricted. Online technology was used to ensure that worship could continue and churches found creative ways to maintain contact with members and sustain their finances.

Regular staff meetings provide the ministerial team with a time of fellowship and bonding as a team. It is in these meetings that they share stories of what is happening in their respective churches, encouraging each other through prayer and studying the scriptures. The circuit stewards, together with the presbyters, meet quarterly as the Circuit Leadership Team, continuing to explore our circuit mission.

Two of our ministers, Rev Saidu Kanu and Rev Fran Rhys, came to the end of their appointments in August 2021, and we are grateful that the stationing process provided us with able replacements in Rev Liam Dacre-Davis and Rev Israel Selvanayagam. In January 2021 Rev Jenny Impey was called to be Superintendent of Tower Hamlets Circuit from September. The Circuit used this as an opportunity to re-shape for Mission and to target resources to work in the Belgrave area of Leicester. We were fortunate to be able to appoint Deacon Sharon Dilley to this post.

We offer our thanks to all our departing ministers for their ministry in our Circuit and give them our best wishes for their work in their new Circuits.

Leicester Trinity Circuit is the largest circuit in the Northampton district. At the start of the year, September 2020, there were 19 churches spanning a large area of Leicester and its neighbouring villages in the county. In February 2021 Harrison Road's Church Council voted to request ceasing worship. This request has been granted by the Northampton District Synod.

We invite you to pray for our circuit and those who have been elected to take leadership roles in different areas of our circuit, as we continue to support our churches and congregations.

Yours sincerely

Peter Holdridge

Circuit Steward Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Activities

The Circuit is the primary unit in Methodism, and the Leicester Trinity Circuit is comprised of 18 churches (since the closure of Harrison Road for worship). Co-ordinating resources and acting as a forum, the circuit creatively explores Methodism's 'Our Calling' through:

- worship:
- learning and caring
- service
- evangelism

in order to enable effective sharing in God's mission.

- The Leicester Trinity Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at each of its churches (two of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships) and at Aigburth Methodist Home. We bring together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship at least once in each quarter. From March 2020 until early 2022, Leicester was either in lockdown or under restrictions on movement and social activity. Churches across the circuit had to close their buildings for a much of this time and fundraising and fellowship activities were severely limited. Worship for all churches was offered online via Zoom and worship resources were produced for those without technology.
- Church Safeguarding Officers attend a Circuit Safeguarding Forum twice a year and Safeguarding Training courses are arranged as required for new appointees and when updated sessions are made available (there was online training after March 2020).
- The circuit is directly involved in chaplaincy work at Leicester University.

Summary of Activities

a) Bringing together all the Churches within the Circuit for worship and fellowship.

b) Safeguarding Training courses have taken place.

c) The Circuit continues to maintain Ecumenical links encouraging opportunities for joint worship, study, mission and social action.

d) The use of the spare Manse set up as a Student House continues to be a success.

e) The Circuit maintains efficient use of human and financial resources to maximise mission in the local areas and maintain a healthy Circuit.

f) Training for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.

g) Support for churches during the Covid pandemic.

h) Successful stationing for the replacement of the three ministers who left the Circuit at the end of the Connexional year.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The increase in total assessment was 1.5% compared to the previous year (after adjustment for the closure of Claremont Street in 2019/20) and was allocated between churches in accordance with the established formula. The rental income relates to the former manse on Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is currently let to students.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. The Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, amounts to 20% of unrestricted expenditure. The other expenditure includes regular maintenance work on the various manses.

Loans and Grants to Churches in the Circuit

The Covid lockdown in March 2020 had an immediate impact on some of our churches. Churches that depend heavily on rental income were immediately affected. To support these struggling churches, a sub-group of the Circuit Leadership Team was set up and churches were asked to complete an audit covering all aspects of their church life. The sub-group used these audits to decide whether or not the circuit should offer a grant or a loan to individual churches. Decisions made by the group were then taken to the Circuit Meeting for approval. Details of loans and grants to churches are shown in notes 13 and 17.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets on the Unrestricted Fund (excluding the Circuit Model Trust Fund) of the Circuit were £226,993, giving just over 6 months cover for expenditure. This is in line with the Reserves Policy.

Plans for 2021/22

Circuit financial plans for the coming year were prepared on the basis that there would be seven full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. The combined total expenditure together with other amendments to the budget meant that an increase of 2% in assessments paid by individual circuit churches was agreed. This 2% increase was applied to all churches' assessment, without the use of a formula to re-allocate as the pandemic made the data for the formula inappropriate this year. This produced a deficit budget, justified for this year by the surplus reported in 2020/21.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity: Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1129943

Date of registration: 2nd June 2009

Main communication address: Circuit Office, Birstall Methodist Church, Wanlip Lane, Birstall LE4 4JS.

The members of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers during the year 2020/21 were as follows:

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev. Debra Chidakwa-Akue
Rev. Paula Hunt (Superintendent Minister)
Rev. Jenny Impey
Rev. Saidu Kanu
Rev Derek McLean
Rev. Francesca Rhys
Rev. Daniel Yovan

Circuit Stewards

Diane Allen
Charles Hilton
Peter Holdridge
Pedzisai Kadsande
Julie Manning
Joy Pick

Circuit Administrator, Laurie Rowell

Peter Holdridge was the Circuit Steward overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit.

Independent Examiner: David Briscoe, 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, LE10 1LQ.

Bankers: The Co-Operative Bank plc.

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and organisation

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Methodist Church is open to all.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers and Worship leaders Meeting and the Circuit Stewards Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Birstall, Bishop Street, Blaby, Christchurch LEP, Cosby, Countesthorpe, Edgehill Road, Great Glen, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Mayflower, Nativity LEP, Oadby, Rothley, South Wigston, Syston, Uppingham Road, Wesley Hall and Wigston Magna.

Risk Management

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces, and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to monitor these risks.

Income and Expenditure is regularly monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Leicester Trinity Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold in the cash balances of the Unrestricted Fund a minimum sum equivalent to four months' average unrestricted expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Leicester Trinity Circuit

Charity Number 1129943

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicester Trinity Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 10 to 18. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

Name of Circuit Leicester Trinity Circuit No 23/7

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institutes of Management Accountants.

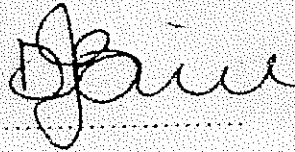
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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



Name of independent examiner : D J Briscoe ACMA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) AIMS Accountants For Business

Address 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley.

Post Code LE10 1LQ

Date 07th February 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

February 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	CMTF (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020 - 2021	Total 2019 - 20
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies				1,651		1,651	9,682
Charitable activities						-	-
Assessments to churches	4	414,632				414,632	434,558
Other		-		-		-	256
Other trading activities						-	-
- Lettings						-	-
- Hub Café	5	-				-	12,216
Investments	6	16,334	410	3		16,747	24,431
Other - CPF levy refund	7		-			-	93,685
Other - Profit on sale of property	8	-				-	-
Total		430,966	410	1,654	-	433,030	574,828
Expenditure on:							
Stipends, NIC & Pension costs	12	209,711				209,711	240,194
Lay salaries, NIC & Pension costs	12	16,843				16,843	23,908
District Assessment		14,872				14,872	14,328
Methodist Church Fund	11	63,360	718			64,078	62,742
Telephone & travel		13,287				13,287	16,976
Insurance, utilities, etc		26,284				26,284	21,866
Maintenance on manses		24,605				24,605	12,705
Expenditure on other Circuit property		5,466				5,466	7,570
Depreciation						-	-
Provisions			-			-	15,000
Other Expenditure		12,551	-	1,000		13,551	19,346
Grants and Donations	13	1,250	1,000	5,436		7,686	9,752
Hub Café	5	219				219	12,227
Contributions to District Advance Fund			-			-	12,327
Total		388,448	1,718	6,436	-	396,602	468,941
Net income/(expenditure)		42,518	(1,308)	(4,782)	-	36,428	105,887
Transfers between funds		13,738	(13,738)	-	-	-	-
		56,256	(15,046)	(4,782)	-	36,428	105,887
Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed						-	-
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets			3,836			3,836	(375)
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						-	-
Net movement in funds		56,256	(11,210)	(4,782)	-	40,264	105,512
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		2,411,584	115,294	6,886	-	2,533,764	2,428,252
Total funds carried forward		2,467,840	104,084	2,104	-	2,574,028	2,533,764

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-2021	Total 2019-2020
£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Notes						
Land & Buildings	14	1,890,657				1,890,657	1,890,657
Equipment						0	-
Investment properties	14	350,190				350,190	350,190
Investments	15	-	24,737			24,737	20,901
Total fixed assets		2,240,847	24,737	-	-	2,265,584	2,261,748
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	16	21,985	0			21,985	18,532
Loans by the Circuit	17		71,876			71,876	86,555
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits		-	7,471			7,471	7,838
Central Finance Board Deposits		249,900		2,104		252,004	196,069
Cash at Bank and in hand		14,070				14,070	17,161
Total current assets		285,955	79,347	2,104	0	367,406	326,155
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	18	58,962				58,962	54,139
Net current assets (liabilities)		226,993	79,347	2,104	-	308,444	272,016
Total assets less current liabilities		2,467,840	104,084	2,104	-	2,574,028	2,533,764
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							-
Provisions for liabilities and charges							-
Net assets		2,467,840	104,084	2,104	-	2,574,028	2,533,764
Funds of the Circuit							
Unrestricted funds	19	2,467,840				2,467,840	2,411,584
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	19		104,084			104,084	115,294
Restricted funds	19			2,104		2,104	6,886
Endowment funds					-		-
Total Funds		2,467,840	104,084	2,104	0	2,574,028	2,533,764

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 2 issued in 2018.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the note 19 to these accounts. Any fund may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year and manse and investment properties are held at their value at 31 August 2018. The accruals basis has been used to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £500.

The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at the 31 August 2018 market value, of which the land component is deemed to be £224,085. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had not reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Investment property is valued on the same basis as non investment properties.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Connexional Property Fund levies

The levy taken by the Methodist Connection on the sale of property is accounted for as an expense on the basis that the return of this levy to the Circuit is conditional on making an eligible purchase of property within the required time period and this can not be judged as significantly likely if not made in the same financial year.

4 Assessments paid by Churches

	2021	2020
	£	£
Birstall	37,405	37,712
Bishop Street	28,167	24,217
Blaby	14,443	15,244
Christchurch	50,127	53,911
Claremont Street	-	10,774
Cosby	11,773	11,615
Countesthorpe	13,559	11,867
Edgehill Road	4,529	3,573
Great Glen	14,611	15,519
Harrison Road	2,063	13,794
Houghton	4,576	3,768
Mayflower	19,636	20,210
Nativity	7,612	8,466
Oadby	51,697	54,663
Rothley	5,151	4,679
South Wlgston	23,288	24,974
Syston	37,327	32,795
Uppingham Road	17,902	18,905
Wesley Hall	25,007	26,441
Wlgston Magna	45,759	41,431
Total	414,632	434,558

The figures for Bishop Street and Syston above include additional amounts paid in 2019/20 in respect of the prior year (£1,538 and £4,587 respectively). Claremont Street closed in 2019/20 and Harrison Road church closed in 2020/21.

5 Hub Café

The Hub Café is a Circuit project providing a Café on the premises of Syston Methodist Church. The Circuit provided initial funding of £50,000 for this project in 2016. The Café closed at the start of the pandemic and has not yet reopened, so it did not trade in 2020/21.

6 Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board Interest	267	-	3	270	1,372
Rental income	16,067	-	-	16,067	20,788
TMCP Dividend and Interest	-	410	-	410	2,271
Total	16,334	410	3	16,747	24,431

The former manse at Victoria Park Road is being let on commercial terms to students to provide rental income to support the charitable work of the Circuit.

7 CPF Levy Refund

	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Connexional Property Fund - refund	-	93,685

When the Circuit sells property a proportion of the sales value is taken by the Methodist Connexional Property Fund as a levy. If the Circuit makes an equivalent purchase of property within the required time period then this levy is refunded. A manse in Broad Street, Syston was sold in 2018/19 (see note 8) and the levy taken at this time (£92,950) was refunded on the purchase of a manse at The Crossways, Birstall (see note 14) together with interest of £735.

8 Profit on Sale of Property

			2020/21	2019/20
	£	£	£	£
Sale price of the property		-	-	-
Cost of sale				
Estate Agents Fees	-	-	-	-
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
Net proceeds of sale		-	-	0
Book value of property		-	-	0
Net profit on sale		-	-	0
CPF (Connexional Priority Fund) Levy		-	-	0

No property was sold in 2019/20 or 2020/21.

The circuit purchased a replacement manse at The Crossways, Birstall in 2019/20, details of which are shown in note 14. This was a Replacement Project and so the levy paid in 2018/19 on the sale of the Broad Street, Syston Manse was reimbursed (see note 7).

It is considered unlikely that the CPF levy in respect of Halstead Chapel (which was sold in 2018/19) will be reclaimed as no replacement project is anticipated.

9 Payment to Trustees

The Trustees who are also Presbyterian Ministers of the Circuit were paid stipends in line with the Methodist Church scale (as shown in note 12) and were also reimbursed their expenses incurred in connection with their work. There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit.

2021 Total	2020 Total
£	£
7,990	13,868

The amount of expenses reimbursed to Ministers during the year were

10 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Fees paid in respect of the Independent Examination amounted to £240 (2020: £240).

11 Methodist Church Fund

	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Unrestricted	63,360	62,742
Total	63,360	62,742

The unrestricted amount is the annual contribution to Methodist Church Funds.

12 Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Ministerial Stipends	153,647	176,704
Employer's National Insurance and Apprenticeship levy	15,657	17,496
Pension costs	40,407	45,994
Total staff costs	209,711	240,194

	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Lay employees	19,808	25,981
Gross wages	(4,563)	(3,596)
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme receipts	377	366
Employer's National Insurance costs and Apprenticeship levy	1,223	1,157
Pension costs	16,843	23,908
Total staff costs		

The Salaries, Stipends, NIC and Pension Costs item relates to six full time presbyters and one part time presbyter. The lay employee amounts relate to, one part time lay worker and one part time administrative employee.

Average number of ministerial and lay staff employed during the year were:	9	10
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13 Grants and Donations

	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Unrestricted		
University of Leicester Chaplaincy	1,250	1,250
Circuit Model Trust Fund		
Rothley Methodist Church	-	2,687
Uppingham Road Methodist Church	1,000	-
Restricted		
Rothley Methodist Church	-	359
Uppingham Road Methodist Church	5,436	2,060
Mayflower Methodist Church	-	3,396
	7,686	9,752

14 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Manse £	Investment Properties £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers* (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers* (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Net book value

Brought forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847
Carried forward	224,085	-	1,666,572	350,190	-	-	-	2,240,847

The investment property is in Victoria Park Road, Leicester, which is a former manse that is rented out to University students. The other manse are in Brooksby Close, Oadby, Clumber Road, Leicester, Gartree Road, Leicester, Laverstock Road, Wigston, Saville Road, Blaby, Exeter Close, Syston and The Crossways, Birstall.

40 The Crossways, Birstall was purchased on 28 May 2020 at a price of £350,000 plus fees of £1,135. A further £15,254 has been spent on bringing the property up to a reasonable state of repair and this cost has also been capitalised in the accounts.

15 Investments

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
TMCP Managed Mixed Fund	24,737	20,901
Total	24,737	20,901

This is a Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) investment fund valued at market value at the year end.

16 Debtors and Prepayments

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Stipends paid monthly in advance	20,728	17,244
Prepayments	1,257	1,288
Total	21,985	18,532

Stipends are paid monthly in advance and so there is a prepayment of September's stipend, which was paid in August. Prepayments relate to maintenance agreements and subscriptions paid annually in advance.

17 Loans

Details of the outstanding interest free loans made to Circuit Churches are:-

Loans Outstanding Last Year	New Loans This Year	Repayments This Year	Balance Carried Forward
£86,555	1,492	£16,171	£71,876

Detailed analysis for 2020-2021:

	Loan Outstanding Last Year	New Loans This Year	Repayments This Year	Balance Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Birstall	45,400	-	1,200	44,200
Bishop Street	14,000	-	1,000	13,000
Harrison Road	4,598	-	3,330	1,268
Rothley	6,244	-	-	6,244
Syston	4,587	-	4,205	382
Uppingham Road	11,726	1,492	6,436	6,782
Total	86,555	1,492	16,171	71,876

The part of the loan to Uppingham Road relating to the Church Support Fund was converted in the year to a grant (see note 13).

18 Creditors due in less than one year

	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Church Assessments received in advance	35,068	34,381
Other creditors	13,493	14,087
Connexional Funds	10,401	5,671
Total	58,962	54,139

Church assessments are collected monthly in advance and so there is deferred income of September's assessments received in August.

Other creditors comprise the reimbursement of expenses due to Ministers for the final quarter of the year and other invoices due for the year but not paid until after the year end.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
General	2,411,584	430,966	388,448	13,738	-	2,467,840	General purposes
Circuit Model Trust	115,294	410	1,718	(13,738)	3,836	104,084	General purposes
Totals	2,526,878	431,376	390,166	-	3,836	2,571,924	

Money was designated for manse repairs in a previous year and transferred to a TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) bank account for this purpose. The account earns interest each year. Money spent on manse repairs in the year was charged to the General Fund as shown in the SOFA and not to this designated fund.

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Circuit Youth Fund	2,344	3	-	-	2,347	Circuit Youth Work
Circuit Mission Fund	208	-	-	-	208	Circuit Mission Work
Circuit Training Fund	(533)	-	-	-	(533)	Circuit Training
New Preachers in Leicester	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	Local Preacher Training
Charging points	82	-	-	-	82	
Circuit Support Fund	3,785	1,651	5,436	-	-	Financial support for Circuit Churches
Totals	6,886	1,654	6,436	-	2,104	

Leicester Trinity Circuit
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Trustees during the year ended 31 August 2021

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Rev. Debra Chidakwa-Akue
Rev. Paula Hunt
Rev. Jenny Impey
Rev. Saidu Kanu
Rev. Derek McLean
Rev. Fran Rhys
Rev. Daniel Yovan

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev. Peter Brooks
Rev. John Clarke
Rev. Jack Hanson *
Rev. Tony Pick
Rev. Gordon Webb

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Diane Allen
Charles Hilton
Peter Holdridge
Pedzisai Katsande
Julie Manning
Joy Pick

OTHER OFFICERS

Audrey Baker (Safe Space Counselling)
Andy Biggins (Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Secretary) *
Michael Elliott (Safeguarding Officer)
Jo Kay (Local Preachers representative)
Peter Sercombe (Property Secretary)
Howard Smith (Action for Children)
Jennifer Weston (Secretary of Circuit Meeting)

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

BIRSTALL

Mary Downs
Joan Pearson
Andrew Webster
Sue Wheeler

BISHOP STREET

Martin Briers
Mary Gill
Margaret Mackley *
Tony Moore

BLABY

Sandra Amey
Ann Lowther
Jean Thornton

CHRISTCHURCH LEP

Janet Asher
John Fowler
Chris Whitford
Lawrence Whittaker

CLAREMONT STREET

Martyn Archer *
Marlene Cant *
Mary Cort *

COSBY

Pauline Bott
Val Kenning
Claire Orton

COUNTESTHORPE

Ruth Findley **
Barry Hillyard **
Peter Holdridge
John Howell *
Sheila Howell *

EDGEHILL ROAD

Dot Harrison *
Brian Pearson
Stephen Thompson
Laurane Webbe **

GREAT GLEN

Mike Davey *
Joan Gambold
Roger Hutchins *
June Murray

HARRISON ROAD

Brian Cottam *
Dunsten Herose *
Ken Naylor *

HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL

Sheila Hearn *
Jackie Ward
Terry Ward

MAYFLOWER

Graham Tomkinson
Rosalind Thompson
Ros Vernon

NATIVITY LEP

Muriel Asher
Patricia Ewen
Peter Sercombe

OADBY

Barbara Bell
Andy Benbow *
David Frost
Suzanne Kelly
Diane Price
Barry Wilford

ROTHLEY

Christine Hall
Carole Jordan
Sue Wainwright

SOUTH WIGSTON

Mary Bryceland
Janet Harrison
Trevor Mildred

SYSTON

Audrey Baker
Ann Cairns
Graham Dexter *
Sheila McGowan
Alan Talbot **
Ray Young

UPPINGHAM ROAD

Michael Holt
Alan Pykett
Margaret Vernon

WESLEY HALL

Cashita Charles
Ornette Maynard
Peter Weston
Jenny de Young

WIGSTON MAGNA

Barbara Dearing
Madge Drage
Jenny Gilbert
Peter Wilson

* Resigned/Deceased during the year

** From part way through the year