

# The **Methodist** Church

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Leicester Trinity Circuit

## **ACCOUNTS**

**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.

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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 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:

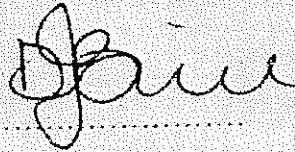
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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 07<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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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  |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
|  |                       | £                  | £                   | £                | £               | £                 | £                |
| <b>Income and Endowments from:</b>                           |                       |                    |                     |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| 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                     | -                  |                     |                  |                 | -                 | -                |
| <b>Total</b>   |                       | <b>430,966</b>     | <b>410</b>          | <b>1,654</b>     | <b>-</b>        | <b>433,030</b>    | <b>574,828</b>   |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                                       |                       |                    |                     |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| 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           |
| <b>Total</b>   |                       | <b>388,448</b>     | <b>1,718</b>        | <b>6,436</b>     | <b>-</b>        | <b>396,602</b>    | <b>468,941</b>   |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>                              |                       | <b>42,518</b>      | <b>(1,308)</b>      | <b>(4,782)</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>36,428</b>     | <b>105,887</b>   |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>                               |                       | <b>13,738</b>      | <b>(13,738)</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>         |
|  |                       | <b>56,256</b>      | <b>(15,046)</b>     | <b>(4,782)</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>36,428</b>     | <b>105,887</b>   |
| <b>Other recognised gains / (losses):</b>                    |                       |                    |                     |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed                       |                       |                    |                     |                  |                 | -                 | -                |
| Gains/(Losses) on investment assets                          |                       |                    | 3,836               |                  |                 | 3,836             | (375)            |
| Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes |                       |                    |                     |                  |                 | -                 | -                |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                                 |                       | <b>56,256</b>      | <b>(11,210)</b>     | <b>(4,782)</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>40,264</b>     | <b>105,512</b>   |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>                              |                       |                    |                     |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| Total funds brought forward                                  |                       | 2,411,584          | 115,294             | 6,886            | -               | 2,533,764         | 2,428,252        |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                           |                       | <b>2,467,840</b>   | <b>104,084</b>      | <b>2,104</b>     | <b>-</b>        | <b>2,574,028</b>  | <b>2,533,764</b> |

**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           |
| <b>Total fixed assets</b>                         |       | <b>2,240,847</b> | <b>24,737</b>  | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b> | <b>2,265,584</b> | <b>2,261,748</b> |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                             |       |                  |                |              |          |                  |                  |
| 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           |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                       |       | <b>285,955</b>   | <b>79,347</b>  | <b>2,104</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>367,406</b>   | <b>326,155</b>   |
| <b>Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)</b> | 18    | <b>58,962</b>    |                |              |          | <b>58,962</b>    | <b>54,139</b>    |
| <b>Net current assets (liabilities)</b>           |       | <b>226,993</b>   | <b>79,347</b>  | <b>2,104</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>308,444</b>   | <b>272,016</b>   |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>      |       | <b>2,467,840</b> | <b>104,084</b> | <b>2,104</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>2,574,028</b> | <b>2,533,764</b> |
| <b>Loans and creditors due after 1 year</b>       |       |                  |                |              |          |                  | -                |
| <b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>     |       |                  |                |              |          |                  | -                |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                 |       | <b>2,467,840</b> | <b>104,084</b> | <b>2,104</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>2,574,028</b> | <b>2,533,764</b> |
| <b>Funds of the Circuit</b>                       |       |                  |                |              |          |                  |                  |
| 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                                   |       |                  |                |              | -        |                  | -                |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                                |       | <b>2,467,840</b> | <b>104,084</b> | <b>2,104</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2,574,028</b> | <b>2,533,764</b> |

## 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 Wigston    | 23,288  | 24,974  |
| Syston           | 37,327  | 32,795  |
| Uppingham Road   | 17,902  | 18,905  |
| Wesley Hall      | 25,007  | 26,441  |
| Wigston 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.

The amount of expenses reimbursed to Ministers during the year were

| 2021<br>Total | 2020<br>Total |
|---------------|---------------|
| £             | £             |
| 7,990         | 13,868        |

#### 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<br>Total | 2020<br>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<br>Total | 2020<br>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<br>Total | 2020<br>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 |
|--|---|----|

## 13 Grants and Donations

|                                    | 2021<br>Total | 2020<br>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<br>£ | Other Land<br>£ | Manse<br>£ | Investment<br>Properties<br>£ | Other fixed<br>assets<br>including<br>motor<br>vehicles<br>£ | Fixtures,<br>fittings and<br>equipment<br>£ | Payments on<br>account and<br>assets under<br>construction<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------|--|---|---|------------|
| 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<br>Total<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>£ |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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<br>Total<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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  
Registered Charity No. 1129943  
Trustees during the year ended 31 August 2021

#### MINISTERS

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