

Leicester Trinity Circuit

ACCOUNTS

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 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 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
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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

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Date: 30.01.2026