

NEATH PORT TALBOT METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1131776

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-09-23

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.

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Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Bridgend
- Neath Port Talbot

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£130,614	£93,887	-	-
2024-08-31	£146,266	£110,148	-	-
2023-08-31	£119,874	£89,914	-	-
2022-08-31	£98,000	£100,000	-	-
2021-08-31	£92,000	£81,000	-	-
2020-08-31	£106,000	£104,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANGELA MARGARET RAYMOND		
ANN SWINDALE		2017-09-01
BARBARA JOYCE SOUTHARD		2013-11-25
BARBARA TRAHAR		2021-09-22
BRIAN CURTIS		2012-11-30
Beverley Ruth Walters		2013-12-05
CHRISTINE MARY LEWIS		
CLAIRE ROBERTS		2013-01-27
CLEMENT BARRIE RAYMOND		
DOREEN JOHN		2012-05-18
ELSIE MARY JONES		
GRACE CHRISTINE SOLLIS		2017-09-01
GWYN JAMES AUBREY		
HILARY SUSAN SULLIVAN		2012-05-25
JANET FREEMAN		
JANICE GAYE GRIFFITHS BA, DIP ED		2012-05-20
JOANNA JONES		
JOHN WILLIAM SOUTHARD BSC		
Jan Davies		2013-12-05
KAREN CONSTANCE SHERWOOD ARAT		
KATH WILLIAMS		
KATHLEEN HARDMAN		
LAURENCE PEARCE		2018-03-14
LESLEY HARRY		
LYNNETTE PHILLIPS		2012-11-30
LYNWEN DAVIES		2012-05-25
Lynette John		2021-09-22

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHELLE ANNE AMESBURY		
Margaret Humphreys		2015-09-08
PETER DAVIES J.P.		
Peter Roger Swindale		2011-09-08
REVD GORDON WILLIAM SOLLIS		
		2016-02-27
ROBIN HENRY SHERWOOD		
		2018-03-14
Rev Alfred Hugh Williams		
		2022-09-13
Rev Rachel Wheeler		
		2021-09-16
Robert John Vincent		
		2021-09-16
SUSAN PATRICIA THOMAS		
		2011-09-16
TREVOR WILLIAM HARRY		
Wendy Frances Watts		2019-02-27

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Service of Remembering

The annual service to remember those who have died over the last year was held on 1st November 2024. The service was held at Skewen church and livestreamed. The service was well supported by friends from around the circuit, as well as by families who were particularly invited because funerals for relatives had been taken by members of the circuit staff team during the year. This has proved to be a worthwhile initiative, indicating our continuing pastoral care for those who have been bereaved.

Advent & Christmas

To provide a united focus during Advent, a liturgy was produced as in recent years for use in all the churches on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas and on Christmas Day itself. For each week there was a Bible passage, prayer and song, together with the traditional lighting of a candle on the Advent ring.

Christmas carol services were arranged in churches throughout the circuit. A late-night Circuit Christmas Eve Service was held online until after midnight.

Christmas Day services were held in a number of churches.

Covenant service

The united annual Methodist covenant service was held in Sandfields for all the churches on 7th January 2023.

Lent and Easter

A liturgy to help us focus on Christ's journey to the cross was used on every Sunday in Lent. We held a Circuit Communion service at Skewen on Maundy Thursday. Services took place in churches on Good Friday. The early morning Easter service on

Aberavon seafront was led by members of staff. There was an 8am communion service at Sandfields church followed by breakfast.

3. Mission & outreach

Churches continued to support the Foodbanks in Neath and Port Talbot by giving food and money to support hungry people in these communities.

Website / social media

The Circuit website (www.neathporttalbotmethodist.org.uk) was revamped and relaunched in September.

WhatsApp and Facebook pages are additionally used to publicise circuit events and services. Several churches operate WhatsApp groups to exchange local information and to support one another in prayer.

A weekly circuit bulletin to keep people informed and the weekly 'Vine at Home' worship resource published by 'Twelve Baskets organisation' continues to be widely emailed and has been appreciated.

Work with children, young people and families

Sadly, this aspect of our work has still not recovered after the pandemic and our congregations are mainly elderly. However, we have some children coming to our Sunday services at Skewen and when they attend Sunday school activities are provided.

4. Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

The Methodist Church requires a number of different office holders at church and circuit level to attend appropriate training. A record is also kept and updated of all those who need to have DBS disclosures.

5. Property

The Sandfields & Taibach manses have continued to be let on a short-term lease in order to provide income for the Circuit.

6. Finance

We have been fortunate in receiving regular income from the letting of two former Manses in the circuit. The Circuit Treasurer has been keeping an eye on the finances and we have been able to help individual churches by keeping the assessment at a manageable level.

7. Christian discipleship & fellowship

Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings

Weekly studies and prayer meetings have been taking place online and have provided opportunities for people to meet 'on screen' and share in discussion and prayer. This has brought the Circuit churches closer together.

Circuit Men's group

Our Circuit Men's group meets regularly throughout the year (once every month or two months).

Oasis group

This group for women on the periphery of the church has been relaunched and has an active membership, meeting regularly. Individuals also keep in touch with each other by 'phone or social media.

8. Worship

The circuit remains incredibly grateful to all our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. Worship Leaders and Local Preachers meet together on a regular basis for mutual support, fellowship and training.

The circuit held a Gymanfa Ganu service in Skewen church on 7th April 2024. Various people from the churches introduced the hymns and there was a mixture of English/Welsh singing. The service was also livestreamed.

9. Local Church news

Cymmer

The Charity Shop run by a small band of volunteers continues to provide low-cost items to the community as well as supporting several local and national charities.

Glyncorrwg

The arrangement of meeting with the Nebo congregation at the Centre on Sunday afternoons at 3pm continues. The Nebo congregation organise the last Sunday in each month when hymns are sung in Welsh. On other Sundays, it is customary to sing one Welsh hymn per week.

Glynneath

The sanctuary has been redecorated. A number of the congregation come from many miles away in order to attend Sunday services at the chapel.

Jersey Marine

The local primary school has used the church to hold carol services, Easter and Harvest services. The church has been used as a polling station for local elections. 'Friends of Jersey Marine' is a group made up of residents who use the church premises for events. The chair of the group is a committed member of Jersey Marine church and this has enabled the relationship between the church and village to be strengthened.

Neath

The church continues to host many events which are well supported, including Luncheon Clubs, Quizzes, and Concerts.

North Cornelly

The church is celebrated its Centenary this year. Several events were held, chiefly a celebration event and buffet held on 11th May 2024, attended by many dignitaries, including the President of the Methodist Conference.

Sandfields

The hall has been well-used by outside groups which is very pleasing. The Women's Fellowship re-started their programme and are doing well. The Church Craft Group have been productive and well-supported.

Skewen

The church has continued to play a key role in the livestreaming of worship in the circuit. We're grateful to the technical team at Skewen for managing this. The Women's Fellowship hold their meetings on a Thursday afternoon. A Quiz is held once a month on a Friday evening which is well supported. The Saturday coffee morning is well attended and is a good outreach into the community.

Taibach

The church continues to enjoy good ecumenical relationships and its hall continues to be used by groups such as a local choir and the neighbouring school.

Journeying Onwards

We give thanks that God has been faithful to our circuit in the past year and we trust Him to lead and guide us into the future as we journey onwards.

As the churches seek to negotiate a rapidly changing landscape, they are being challenged to reimagine what mission and outreach look like in today's world—balancing the call to serve their communities with the very real and pressing demands of building maintenance and financial sustainability. This moment calls for both faithful innovation and practical stewardship as churches navigate their future witness and presence in society.

Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit
Financial Statement 1st September 2023 - 31st August 2024

Income		Expenditure	
balance b/f	£		
CFB	142,793.85		
Lloyds	18,585.97		
Coed Darcy - Lloyds	77.20		
Lloyds Bond	25,000.00		
		Stipends	32,125.50
		Super Ann	7,677.78
Assessment		NI	3,204.82
Cymmer	2,808.10	Apprenticeship Levy	161.62
Glyncorwg	3,515.51	Computer Allowance	194.00
Glynneath	3,628.00		
Jersey Marine	2,892.24	Pastoral Work	4,692.43
Neath	16,701.96		
North Cornelly	6,103.52	Postage	8.85
Sandfields	28,584.72	Telephone/Broadband	697.15
Skewen	18,307.20	Wales Synod Cymru	1,476.00
Taibach	14,783.40	Methodist Central Fund	10,792.00
		Supernumeraries	3,963.79
Prayer Books	126.50	Local Preachers	440.55
BT Refund	2.02	Manse Expenses	7,194.60
		Manse Insurance	2,201.52
Rent (Sandfields Manse)	6,798.40	NPTCBC	2,203.40
Rent (Taibach Manse)	5,821.23	NPTCBC - Environment	94.06
		Dwr Cymru	216.00
		Circuit Assistant	774.61
		Printing	80.99
		Stationery	4.75
		Resources	82.00
		Auxillary Fund	700.00
		Property Fund	800.00
		Audit Fee	50.00
		Removal Costs	2,085.60
		Training	1,182.00
		Licensing	117.60
Retirement Gift	50.00	Retirement Gift	50.00
		Vine At Home	100.00
Route 16	1,200.00	Route 16	1,700.00
		Coed Darcy	77.20
Lloyds Bond	25,000.00	Lloyds Bond	25,000.00
MNDA	2,039.60	SUB TOTAL	110,148.82
CFB Interest	7,891.30	CFB	169,975.78
Lloyds Bond Interest	12.57	Lloyds	25,559.09
		MNDA	2,039.60
		Coed Darcy - Lloyds	0.00
		Lloyds Bond	25,000.00
TOTAL	332,723.29	TOTAL	332,723.29

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Neath Port Talbot Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Wales Synod Cymru	District	Circuit no	02/18
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1131776

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Dr Gareth Edwards
Rev Gordon Sillis - Supernumery
Rev Alf Williams - Supernumery
Rev Dilys Brace - Supernumery
Rev Rachel Wheeler - Minister Without Appointment
Clem Raymond - Support Worker
Robin Sherwood - Pastoral Worker

Circuit Stewards:

Gwyn Aubrey - Senior Steward & Property
Michelle Amesbury
Brian Curtis
Peter Davies
Lesley Harry
Robin Sherwood
Barbara Southard
Jan Griffiths - Secretary

Treasurer:

Karen Sherwood

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024

Neath Port Talbot Methodist

Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		97,325		97,325	96,309
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		7,904	1,734	9,637	5,549
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts		12,748		12,748	18,127
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		117,977	1,734	119,710 (a8)	119,985

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs				47,701	46,257
b3	Manse Costs				11,816	7,649
b4	Administration etc		915		2,563	3,768
b5	District Assessment				12,268	18,965
b6	Grants & donations					
b7						
b8	Other payments				9,789	12,535
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		915		84,136 (b9)	89,175

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)				
c1		34,755	819		35,574	30,810
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	30,696	114		30,810 (c6)	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	65,451	933	66,384	30,810
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	65,451	933	66,384 (c8)	30,810 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,290	915
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				1,927	1,650
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				1,362	(735)

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	119,710 (a8)	84,136 (b9)	35,574	(c7)	(c6)	35,574 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	119,710	84,136	35,574		(x)	35,574 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	18,586	27,599
f3 Bank Deposit Account	25,000	25,000
f4 Central Finance Board	142,794	169,976
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	32,839	33,658
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	219,219 (c6)	256,233 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	219,219 (x)	256,233 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer M.C.S.J. Date 19th September 2024

Name and address of treasurer Karen Sherwood

14 Parkfield, Tonna, Neath, Neath Port Talbot Post Code SA11 3JN

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 19th September 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Dr Gareth Edwards Date 19th September 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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
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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 ROGER BUIZAS FCCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ROGER BUIZAS & Co Ltd

Address CASTLE BUILDINGS, CHURCH PLACE

..... NEATH Post Code SA11 2LP

Date 8/2/24

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Covenant service

The annual Methodist covenant service was held in all the churches over the 2 Sundays, 8th and 15th January 2023.

Lent and Easter

A liturgy to help us focus on Christ's journey to the cross was used on every Sunday in Lent. We held a Circuit Communion service at Skewen on Maundy Thursday. Services took place in churches on Good Friday. The early morning Easter service on Aberavon seafront was led by members of staff. There was an 8am communion service at Sandfields church followed by breakfast.

3. Mission & outreach

Churches continued to support the Foodbanks in Neath and Port Talbot by giving food and money to support hungry people in these communities.

Website / social media

Our website (www.neathporttalbotmethodist.org.uk) contains basic information about the circuit but over this past year more of our focus has been on the use of WhatsApp and Facebook pages to publicise circuit events and services. Several churches operate WhatsApp groups to exchange local information and to support one another in prayer.

Work with children, young people and families

Sadly, this aspect of our work has not recovered after the pandemic and our congregations are mainly elderly. However, we have some children coming to our Sunday services at Skewen and when they attend Sunday school activities are provided.

4. Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

The Methodist Church requires a number of different office holders at church and circuit level to attend appropriate training. A record is also kept and updated of all those who need to have DBS disclosures.

5. Property

The Sandfields & Taibach manses have continued to be let on a short-term lease in order to provide income for the Circuit.

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We have been fortunate in receiving regular income from the letting of two former Manses in the circuit. The Circuit Treasurer has been keeping an eye on the finances and we have been able to help individual churches by keeping the assessment at a manageable level.

7. Christian discipleship & fellowship

Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings

Weekly studies and prayer meetings have been taking place online and have provided opportunities for people to meet 'on screen' and share in discussion and prayer. This has brought the Circuit churches closer together.

Circuit Men's group

Our Circuit Men's group meets sporadically.

Oasis group

This group for women on the periphery of the church has not really been active this year. Individuals have kept in touch with each other by 'phone or social media.

8. Worship

The circuit remains incredibly grateful to all our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.

Worship Leaders and Local Preachers meet together on a regular basis for mutual support, fellowship and training.

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9. Local Church news

Cymmer

The Charity Shop run by a small band of volunteers continues to provide low-cost items to the community as well as supporting several local and national charities.

Glyncorrwg

The arrangement of meeting with the Nebo congregation at the Centre on Sunday afternoons at 3pm continues to be successful. During the year a few of the regulars have become frail and this has had an impact. The Nebo congregation organise the last Sunday in each month when all the hymns are sung in Welsh. On other Sundays, it is customary to sing one Welsh hymn per week.

Glynneath

The celebration of the 130th anniversary of the church took place in March 2023.

Jersey Marine

'Friends of Jersey Marine' is a group made up of residents who use the church premises for events. The chair of the group is a committed member of Jersey Marine church and this has enabled the relationship between the church and village to be strengthened. The local primary school has used the church to hold carol services, Easter and Harvest services. The church has been used as a polling station for local elections.

Neath

The church continues to host many events which are well supported.

North Cornelly

The church is looking forward to celebrating its Centenary next year.

Sandfields

User groups started to make enquiries about booking the hall which was very pleasing.

The Church craft group have been busy making things. The Women's league and Bible study began to make plans to re-start their programme. The ill health and frailty of some stalwart members of Women's League has had a major impact.

Skewen

The church has played a key role in the livestreaming of worship in the circuit. We're grateful to the technical team at Skewen for managing this. The Women's Fellowship hold their meetings on a Thursday afternoon rather than on a Thursday evening. The Saturday coffee morning is well attended and is a good outreach into the community.

Taibach

The church continues to enjoy good ecumenical relationships and its hall continues to be used by groups such as a local choir and the neighbouring school.

Journeying Onwards

The churches are trying to negotiate a new landscape and to re-imagine what it means to engage in mission and outreach. In some places maintenance of the buildings and concerns about finances are more pressing. The Superintendent Minister, Revd Rosemary Davies continued to produce a weekly circuit bulletin to keep people informed and the weekly 'Vine at Home' worship resource published by 'Twelve Baskets organisation' has been appreciated.

Revd Rosemary Davies is retiring this year and a new Superintendent minister will start work in September 2023.

We give thanks that God has been faithful to our circuit in the past year and we trust Him to lead and guide us into the future as we journey onwards.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date 20.09.2023

Name and address of treasurer Karen Sherwood

14 Parkfield, Tonna, Neath, Neath Port Talbot. SA11 3JN

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 20th September 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Dr Gareth Edwards

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1131776

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

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 ROGER J E BYERS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ROGER BYERS & CO LIMITED

Address CASTLE BUILDINGS, 23 CHURCH PLACE, NEATH

..... Post Code SA11 3LP

Date 13/12/2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

NEATH PORT TALBOT METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1131776

Accounts

2022 Annual Report for the Charity Commission
Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit
Registered 23rd September 2009
Registered Number: 1131776

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- 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 being a 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 Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit acts as an umbrella body and resource provider for the nine Methodist Churches and their people of which it is comprised.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The adopted mission statement is in line with the Methodist Church's statement of 'Our Calling' and 'Priorities for the Methodist Church'.

Mission Statement

The Calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to work out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The Circuit exists, therefore, to enable the local churches to:

- Increase awareness of the presence of God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit – and to celebrate God's love.
- Help people to learn and grow as Christians, through teaching and mutual support / care.
- Become good neighbours and to challenge injustice and need.
- Make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Aims and Strategy Objectives

Aim 1) To ensure worship takes place through the communities of the Circuit.

- To ensure regular worship in the churches of the Circuit.
- To make worship effective and relevant through the best use of the resources available, adapted to the local needs and context.

Aim 2) To expand fellowship within each church, its community and the circuit.

- To pursue within the churches the means to grow as Christians.
- To take initiatives to support and care for the community.

Aim 3) To encourage and nurture caring relationships with each other within the churches and people in the local and world community.

- Develop pastoral communication links between each church and its members.
- Develop pastoral links with other care agencies in the local community.
- Widen and encourage involvement in local ecumenical activities.
- Learn, pray about and respond, in whatever way we can, to the needs of the unjust world we share.

Aim 4) To bring people to an awareness of Christ through word and example.

- To invite and encourage people to discover and relate to Christ.
- To encourage church members to share their faith with others through word and deed.
- To raise awareness of Christ outside the church.
- To encourage greater prayer ministry.
- Sharing good ideas of outreach and ministry between the churches.

Principles

In implementing the Policy we shall:

- Make effective use of resources.
- Work with other Circuits and ecumenical partners wherever possible.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charities Act 2006 in relation to public benefit guidance.

Review of activities : 1st September 2021- 31st August 2022

1) Circuit Staffing

In September 2021, Revd Rosemary Davies continued to serve as Superintendent Minister with the support from one part-time Circuit Pastoral Worker, Robin Sherwood. Robin also has lay authorisation to preside at Holy Communion in the circuit. Revd Rachel Wheeler, a minister without appointment living in Bridgend offered help with preaching appointments and other events in our circuit and this has been of great benefit. Revd Gordon Sollis, a supernumerary minister residing in the circuit continues

to have pastoral charge of North Cornelly Church and also takes services in the Circuit. All the Circuit staff work together to provide pastoral care in partnership with the pastoral visitors in individual churches.

Mr. Clem Raymond continues in a voluntary capacity as a Circuit Support Worker organising the prayer chain and helping with plan-making. Clem also has lay authorisation to preside at Holy Communion throughout the Circuit. Rachel Freeman continues in her contract of three hours per week to provide any administrative help when needed by the Circuit Superintendent. The staff team meet regularly and every two months they are joined by members of the Circuit Leadership Team which includes the Circuit Stewards, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer and Property Officer.

2) Circuit services and events

A number of Circuit Services and other events were held during the year, enhancing our sense of fellowship together. Due to the pandemic, some were held on-line via Zoom:

Service of Remembering

The annual service to remember those who have died over the last year was held on 2nd November 2021 . The service was held at Skewen church and livestreamed. The service was well supported by friends from around the circuit, as well as by families who were particularly invited because funerals for relatives had been taken by members of the circuit staff team during the year. This has proved to be a worthwhile initiative, indicating our continuing pastoral care for those who have been bereaved.

Advent & Christmas

To provide a united focus during Advent, a liturgy was produced as in recent years for use in all the churches on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas and on Christmas Day itself. For each week there was a Bible passage, prayer and song, together with the traditional lighting of a candle on the Advent ring.

Christmas carol services were arranged in churches throughout the circuit. We held an online Christmas Eve Communion service and Christmas Day services were held in a smaller number of churches. There were no services on 26th December (Boxing Day).

Covenant service

The annual Methodist covenant service was held in all the churches over the 2 Sundays, 2nd & 9th January 2022.

New Year Party and worship

A thoroughly enjoyable Circuit New Year Party was held online on 7th January 2022. It was good to see people 'on screen'. We are very grateful to Gwyn Aubrey for co-ordinating the event for us. The evening concluded with an act of worship led by Revd Rosemary Davies.

Ash Wednesday

The annual Ash Wednesday service took place online on 2nd February 2022 led by Rev Gordon Sollis with all the other staff taking part.

Lent and Easter

A liturgy to help us focus on Christ's journey to the cross was used on every Sunday in Lent. We held a Circuit Communion service at Skewen on Maundy Thursday which was livestreamed. Services took place in churches on Good Friday and there was an ecumenical service at Ty Santes Fair, Skewen. The early morning Easter service on Aberavon seafront was led by Rev Rosemary Davies and Rev Rachel Wheeler played hymns on the guitar. There was an 8 a.m communion service at Sandfields church followed by breakfast. Neath church decorated an Easter cross in the morning service and it was placed outside for all to see.

3. Mission & outreach

Churches continued to support the Foodbanks in Neath and Port Talbot by giving food and money to support hungry people in these communities. We held a Circuit 'coffee and conversation' event on 8th May 2022 in which all the congregations met to consider mission in their own context and to share in food and fellowship together. Transport was arranged so that Cymmer and Glyncoed congregations could be present. It was a very successful event.

Website / social media

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Work with children, young people and families

Sadly, this aspect of our work has been hit by the pandemic and our congregations are mainly elderly.

4. Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

The Methodist Church requires a number of different office holders at church and circuit level to attend appropriate training. A record is also kept and updated of all those who need to have DBS disclosures. Basic safeguarding training for stewards and pastoral visitors was undertaken this year and there was a good take-up.

5. Property

The Sandfields & Taibach manses have continued to be let on a short-term lease in order to provide income for the Circuit.

Quinquennials for several of the churches are now overdue due to the pandemic. With the easing of Covid restrictions, churches have begun to do maintenance work on their buildings and some usergroups have begun to use our premises again which is welcome news.

6. Finance

We have been fortunate in receiving regular income from the letting of two former Manses in the circuit. The Circuit Treasurer has been keeping an eye on the finances and we have been able to help individual churches by keeping the assessment at a

manageable level. More people have taken out standing orders to support their churches and this has helped with preparing budgets.

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8. Worship

The circuit remains incredibly grateful to all our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. Worship Leaders and Local Preachers meet together on a regular basis for mutual support, fellowship and training. In July 2022, preachers took part in a preaching series on the book of Isaiah using the Bible month material.

Sadly three preachers resigned as a result of the Methodist Conference 2021 decision to allow same-sex marriages to take place on Methodist premises. One other preacher retired. This has meant that we have had an increased number of 'Local arrangement' services in the circuit and churches have responded to the challenge. A training session on 'local arrangement' services, was organised by the District Learning Network and held at Skewen church on 11th June 2022 and those who attended found it helpful. Neath Church has held café church services every 6 months and these have provided an opportunity for people to talk with each other about their faith and explore Scripture in a relaxed atmosphere.

The circuit held a Gymanfa Ganu service in Skewen church on 3rd July 2022 which was truly inspiring. Various people from the churches introduced the hymns and there was a mixture of English/Welsh singing. It was great to see members of the Nebo congregation present. The service was also livestreamed.

On 17th October 2022, we held a service in Skewen to mark Peter Swindale's 40 years' service as a local preacher and to present Clem Raymond and Robin Sherwood with their authorisation certificates to preside at the Lord's Supper. The service also provided an opportunity for the circuit to show its appreciation for the preachers and worship leaders in our circuit.

An online monthly Sunday evening service on the last Sunday of the month began in January 2022 as an experiment to see if there was a need given the fact that since Covid -19 struck, churches have only been having morning or afternoon worship.

9. Local Church news

Cymmer

The Charity Shop run by a small band of volunteers opened again for business.

Glyncorrwg

The arrangement of meeting with the Nebo congregation at the Centre on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. continues to be successful. During the year a few of the regulars have become frail and this has had an impact. The Nebo congregation organise the last Sunday in each month when all the hymns are sung in Welsh. On other Sundays, it is customary to sing one Welsh hymn per week.

Glynneath

Numbers attending worship continue to be small. The celebration of the 130th anniversary of the church was postponed due to the illness of a key member of the congregation. It was decided to hold the celebration in March 2023.

Jersey Marine

It has been exciting to see the development of 'Friends of Jersey Marine' which is a group made up of residents who use the church premises for events. The chair of the group is a committed member of Jersey Marine church and this has enabled the relationship between the church and village to be strengthened. The outdoors Carol service was the first big event and attracted over 80 people to join in singing of carols and to hear the Christmas story. The local primary school has used the church to hold carol services, Easter and Harvest services and in June 2022. Revd Rosemary Davies led a 'mock' wedding in which the children took part with their teddies being the bride, groom and guests. The church was used as a polling station for local elections in May 2022

Neath

The Queen's Jubilee in June 2022 was marked by holding a teaparty in the Wesley room and hosting an art exhibition. Live music was provided by a band of 5 musicians who meet regularly on church premises. It was great to see so many people from the community coming to the event. In July 2022 a coffee afternoon was held in the gardens of a church member and in August 2022, the church held another teaparty which was much appreciated. Neath church is blessed with a good catering team! The display of flowers outside the entrances to the church have been much appreciated by the community. Robert Davies, Jean and Trevor Bond continue to work hard to provide these colourful displays. It was a joy to have an adult baptism and welcome 4 new members into the church, both services being led by Revd. Rosemary Davies.

North Cornelly

Groups using the premises slowly began to get going again. The Bereavement group set up by church member Mr Larry Pearce attracts small numbers but is greatly appreciated by those who attend.

Sandfields

User groups started to make enquiries about booking the hall which was very pleasing. The Church craft group started back and they have been busy making things. The Women's league and Bible study began to make plans to re-start their programme.

The ill health and frailty of some stalwart members of Women's League has had a major impact. Revd Rosemary Davies led a baptism service on 3rd July 2022.

Skewen

The church has played a key role in the livestreaming of worship in the circuit. We're grateful to the technical team at Skewen for managing this. The Women's Fellowship held a meeting in September 2021 to decide on the future pattern of their meetings. As people are now older, it was decided to hold the meetings on a Thursday afternoon rather than on a Thursday evening. There was also discussion about re-commencing the Saturday coffee morning which is a good outreach into the community.

Taibach

The midweek Friendship group began their weekly meetings again with a varied programme of in-house speakers. It was a great joy for church members to celebrate the wedding of Hilary Lawson and Lyn Sullivan in their church. The service was conducted by the minister, Revd Rosemary Davies on 1st May 2022. The church continues to enjoy good ecumenical relationships and the Methodist Church hosted a Pentecost service on 5th June 2022 which was led by Revd Rosemary Davies.

Emerging from the pandemic

As Covid-19 restrictions eased during the year, the churches began to resume some of their group activities but it is still early days. More people in the churches have become frail and there is still a nervousness on the part of some, to return to worship.

The churches are trying to negotiate a new landscape and to re-imagine what it means to engage in mission and outreach. In some places maintenance of the buildings and concerns about finances are more pressing. The Superintendent Minister, Revd Rosemary Davies continued to produce a weekly circuit bulletin to keep people informed and the weekly 'Vine at Home' worship resource published by 'Twelve Baskets organisation' has been appreciated. Revd Rosemary Davies announced in August 2022 that she will be retiring next year and so this circuit will go into stationing to find a new Superintendent minister for September 2023.

We give thanks that God has been faithful to our circuit in the past year and we trust Him to lead and guide us into the future as we journey on in a post-pandemic world.

Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit
1st September 2021 - 31st August 2022

Income		Expenditure	
balance b/f	£		£
CFB	113,745.34	Stipends	28,507.60
Lloyds	21,115.31	Super Ann	6,971.43
Coed Darcy - Lloyds	77.20	NI	2,824.51
Lloyds Bond	25,000.00	Apprenticeship Levy	143.46
		Computer Allowance	171.00
		Pastoral Work	4,450.26
Assessment		Assessment Jersey Marine	1,721.07
Cymmer	1,177.64	Assessment Neath	639.90
Glyncorwg	2,081.56	Assessment Sandfields	13,098.54
Glynneath	1,900.00	Assessment Skewen	8,388.96
Jersey Marine	3,425.04		
Neath	10,480.02	Travel	1,689.46
North Cornelly	3,595.95	Postage	501.36
Sandfields	29,939.52	Telephone/Broadband	426.65
Skewen	19,174.80	Wales Synod Fund	1,846.92
Taibach	8,709.75	Methodist Central Fund	13,477.72
		Supernumeraries	2,984.05
Prayer Books	146.50	Local Preachers	1,195.75
Circuit Services		Manse Expenses	291.12
Staff Telephone	105.50	Manse Insurance	1,765.66
		NPTCBC	2,017.91
Supernumeraries	782.10	Dwr Cymru	280.00
NPTCBC	150.00	Circuit Assistant	421.96
		Circuit Service / Expenses	40.83
Donation	50.00	Printing	571.88
Donation - Postage	40.00	M.P.H.	66.60
		Photocopier	46.26
Rent (Sandfields Manse) Peter Alan	2,931.38	Stationery	31.97
Rent (Taibach Manse) Peter Alan	2,881.55	Resources	213.11
Rent (Sandfields Manse) CLF	3,636.00	Auxillary Fund	700.00
Rent (Taibach Manse) CLF	4,098.00	Property Fund	800.00
		Audit Fee	50.00
		Prayer Handbooks	237.25
Resources	117.60	Y Cyngor - Bible Month Material (Duplicate Payment)	58.80
		CCLI (Streaming Plus Licence)	236.00
Easy FundRaising	114.41	Zoom Licence	143.88
Amazon Smile	68.01	Lloyds Bond	25,000.00
		NPT Website	68.98
Lloyds Bond	25,000.00	Vine @ Home	100.00
		Donation - The Small Things	1,255.00
Donation - The Small Things	755.00	Donation - Route 16	1,275.00
Donation - Route 16	755.00	Pension Reserve Fund - Circuit & Churches	3,670.00
Pension Reserve Fund - Churches	2,170.00	The Gambia Nursery	120.00
CFB Interest	498.46	SUB TOTAL	128,500.85
Lloyds Bond Interest	275.00		
		CFB	125,702.74
		Lloyds	5,715.85
		Coed Darcy - Lloyds	77.20
		Lloyds Bond	25,000.00
TOTAL	284,996.64	TOTAL	284,996.64

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Neath Port Talbot Methodist	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022

Wales	District	Circuit no	02/18
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1131776

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Rosemary Davies
Rev Gordon Sollis - Supernumerary
Rev Rachel Wheeler - Minister without Appointment
Clem Raymond - Support Worker
Robin Sherwood - Pastoral Worker

Circuit Stewards:

Gwyn Aubrey - Senior Steward & Property
Michelle Amesbury
Brian Curtis
Lesley Harry
Claire Roberts
Robin Sherwood
Peter Davies
Jan Griffiths - Secretary

Treasurer:

Karen Sherwood

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	80,484			80,484	78,527
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	773	153		927	541
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	17,291			17,291	13,488
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	98,549	153		98,702 (a8)	92,557

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	44,443			44,443	41,639
b3	Manse Costs	4,355			4,355	4,182
b4	Administration etc	2,000	95		2,096	3,243
b5	District Assessment	15,325	838		16,162	14,280
b6	Grants & donations					
b7						
b8	Other payments	34,728			34,728	19,008
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	100,851	933		101,784 (b9)	82,352

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(2,302)	(780)		(3,082)	10,205
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	160,618	33,505		194,123 (c6)	183,918
c3	Sub total	158,316	32,725		191,041	194,123
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	158,316	32,725		191,041 (c8)	194,123 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				1,510	2,950
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				2,650	2,950
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				(1,140)	

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	98,702 (a8)	101,784 (b9)	(3,082)	(c7)	194,123 (c6)	191,041 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	98,702	101,784	(3,082)		194,123 (x)	191,041 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	21,115	5,716
f3 Bank Deposit Account	25,000	25,000
f4 Central Finance Board	113,745	125,703
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	33,505	32,725
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	193,366 (c6)	189,144 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
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SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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Signature of treasurer KCSJ Date 24th September 2022

Name and address of treasurer Karen Sherwood.....

14 Parkfield. Tonna, Neath, Neath Port Talbot, SA11 4JN

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on ... 13th September 2022..

Signature of the Chair of the meeting R. Davies

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Rosemary Davies Date 13/9/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Neath Port Talbot Methodist..... Circuit

Charity Number ...1131776

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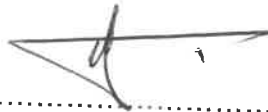
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Name of independent examiner ROGER BYERS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ROGER BYERS & CO LTD

Address CASTLE BUILDINGS, CHURCH PLACE

..... NEATH

Post Code SAU 3LP

Date 22 February 2022

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England & Wales - Charity number 1131776

Accounts

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- To invite and encourage people to discover and relate to Christ.
- To encourage church members to share their faith with others through word and deed.
- To raise awareness of Christ outside the church.
- To encourage greater prayer ministry.
- Sharing good ideas of outreach and ministry between the churches.

Principles

In implementing the Policy we shall:

- Make effective use of resources.
- Work with other Circuits and ecumenical partners wherever possible.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charities Act 2006 in relation to public benefit guidance.

Review of activities : 1st September 2020- 31st August 2021

1) Circuit Staffing

In September 2020 our staffing continued as from last year. Revd Rosemary Davies serves as Superintendent Minister and now has support from one part-time Circuit Pastoral Worker, Robin Sherwood as Emma Ryan stood down in November 2020 because of pressing family commitments. Revd Gordon Sollis, a supernumerary minister residing in the circuit has pastoral charge of North Cornelly Church and also

takes services in the Circuit. All the Circuit staff work together to provide pastoral care in partnership with the pastoral visitors in individual churches.

Mr. Clem Raymond continues in a voluntary capacity as a Circuit Support Worker organising the prayer chain and helping with plan-making. Clem also has lay authorisation to preside at Holy Communion throughout the Circuit. Rachel Freeman continues in her contract of three hours per week to provide any administrative help when needed by the Circuit Superintendent. The staff team meet regularly and every two months they are joined by members of the Circuit Leadership Team which includes the Circuit Stewards, Secretary, Treasurer and Property Officer.

2) Circuit services and events

A number of Circuit Services and other events were held during the year, enhancing our sense of fellowship together. Due to the pandemic, some were held on-line via Zoom:

Service of Remembering

The annual service to remember those who have died over the last year was held on 6th November 2020 via Zoom as we were in a 'firebreak lockdown in Wales. This service was well supported by friends from around the circuit, as well as by families who were particularly invited because funerals for relatives had been taken by members of the circuit staff team during the year. This has proved to be a worthwhile initiative, indicating our continuing pastoral care for those who have been bereaved.

Advent & Christmas

To provide a united focus during Advent, a liturgy was produced as in recent years for use in all the churches on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas and on Christmas Day itself. For each week there was a Bible passage, prayer and song, together with the traditional lighting of a candle on the Advent ring.

Christmas carol services which were arranged for churches were cancelled due to another lockdown being imposed from 19th December. However, we were able to arrange an online carol service, plus worship for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Lovefeast service

As we were still in a national lockdown, we held a Zoom Lovefeast service online on 3rd January 2021 instead of a Covenant service as Methodist Conference guidelines do not currently permit Holy Communion to be celebrated online.

New Year Party and worship

A thoroughly enjoyable Circuit New Year Party was held online on 8th January 2021. It was good to see people 'on screen'. We are very grateful to Gwyn Aubrey for co-ordinating the event for us. The evening concluded with an act of worship led by Revd Rosemary Davies.

Ash Wednesday

Due to the pandemic, the annual Ash Wednesday service took place online led by Rev Gordon Sollis.

Lent and Easter

A liturgy to help us focus on Christ's journey to the cross was used during Lent but as it turned out we had to do this online as we were still in lockdown and didn't re-open the churches until Easter Day. The early morning Easter service took place online with Revd Rosemary Davies leading it from the Manse garden.

3. Mission & outreach

Despite the pandemic we were able to support local care homes with the provision of lap blankets made by knitters from various churches in the Circuit.

Churches continued to support the Foodbanks in Neath and Port Talbot by giving food and money to support hungry people in these communities.

Because of the lockdown, the Night shelter scheme with which we were involved last year came to an end.

Website / social media

Our website (www.neathporttalbotmethodist.org.uk) contains pages about each church in the circuit and wider circuit information, including forthcoming events and contact details. We see this as an important tool for mission and we include website details on circuit publications, such as the preaching plan. We are very grateful to Gwyn Aubrey for maintaining the website for us. Some churches have started facebook pages during the year and a number of church Whatsapp groups are in operation.

Work with children, young people and families

Sadly, this aspect of our work has been hit by the pandemic and we'll need to re-think our mission.

4. Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

The Methodist Church requires a number of different office holders at church and circuit level to attend appropriate training. A record is also kept and updated of all those who need to have DBS disclosures.

5. Property

The Sandfields & Taibach manses have continued to be let on a short-term lease in order to provide income for the Circuit.

Quinquennials for several of the churches are now overdue due to the pandemic. Very little maintenance has taken place in churches during the pandemic and no community groups have been using the premises.

6. Finance

We have been fortunate in receiving regular income from the letting of two former Manses in the circuit. The Circuit Treasurer has been keeping an eye on the finances and we have been able to help individual churches by keeping the assessment at a manageable level. More people have taken out standing orders to support their churches and this has helped with preparing budgets.

7. Christian discipleship & fellowship

Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings

Weekly studies and prayer meetings have been taking place online and have provided opportunities for people to meet 'on screen' and share in discussion and prayer. This has brought the Circuit churches closer together.

Circuit Men's group

This group has not met during the pandemic and there is a question over whether it will recommence again as people have become older and more frail.

Oasis group

Face-to face meetings of women on the periphery of the church ceased during the pandemic although some contact was made via Zoom and a facebook page.

8. Worship

The circuit remains incredibly grateful to all our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. Worship Leaders and Local Preachers meet together on a regular basis for mutual support, fellowship and training. Kira Hughes and Sian Way ceased being worship leaders in training but may re-start when personal circumstances permit.

Sadly we lost one preacher as a result of the Methodist Conference 2021 decision to allow same-sex marriages to take place on Methodist premises. We expect there may be more resignations to follow. Small groups for continuing development made up of both preachers and worship leaders have continued to meet to discuss a range of topics in between formal meetings and these have been done online. We focussed on Mark's gospel for a preaching series in June 2021.

Our Local Preachers' Secretary, Mr Walter Holder sadly resigned from the Methodist Church in July 2020 and Mr Laurence Pearce took over from him.

9. Local Church news

Cymmer

During the pandemic, the Charity Shop run by a small band of volunteers did not open.

Glyncorrwg

The arrangement of meeting with the Nebo congregation at the Centre on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. continues to be successful. The attendances have not been as good as the previous year as some people are still nervous about catching Covid-19. The Nebo congregation organise the last Sunday in each month when all the hymns are sung in Welsh. On other Sundays, it is customary to sing one Welsh hymn per week.

Glynneath

The church Bible study led by Mr Clem Raymond was disbanded during the year due to the pandemic. Numbers attending worship continue to be small.

Jersey Marine

The Remembrance service in November 2020 was not held as we were still in the 'firebreak' lockdown. We were delighted to use the church for a wedding on 1st March 2021. It was a small affair due to Covid -19 regulations but it was such a lovely

occasion. The premises were used as a polling station for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2021.

Neath

All social and fund-raising events were stopped during the pandemic. Similarly, Llansawel Art Group and Alcoholics Anonymous were unable to meet on the premises. It was a joy to hold worship again on Easter Day after the national lockdown and to decorate the Easter cross as a sign of new life. The Cross was on public display outside the front of church. The display of flowers outside the entrances to the church have been much appreciated by the community. Robert Davies, Jean and Trevor Bond continue to work hard to provide these colourful displays.

North Cornelly

Community groups were unable to use the premises during the pandemic.

Sandfields

There were no community groups meeting on the premises.

Some of the members of the weekly Bible study group joined the online Circuit study group. The weekly prayer meeting at the church had to stop and some members joined the online weekly prayer group. The Craft group started to run their meetings online and this has been much appreciated.

Skewen

All the regular groups and activities came to a stop over the pandemic. One of the founding members of the Toddler Group stood down after thirty years of service. As some of the volunteer helpers are now older, there was no one to take the group on and so, the group had to close - its mission fulfilled.

Taibach

The pandemic meant that the community groups and church groups were not able to meet on the premises.

Living with the pandemic

All church activities and community group meetings have been unable to take place for most of this year and this has had a huge effect financially as well as socially. We have been able to worship in our churches for some of the year but the Covid-19 restrictions have meant we have kept worship to 40 minutes and the bread and wine of Holy Communion has been distributed to people in their seats by the presiding minister.

The Circuit churches have adapted to the changing situation of Covid-19 regulations very well but this has been a difficult time for a lot of people. The Superintendent Minister continued to produce a weekly circuit bulletin. In addition the weekly 'Vine at Home' worship resource published by 'Twelve Baskets organisation' was sent out. We have continued to run online meetings and church services where possible.

God has been faithful in the joys and struggles of the past year and we trust Him to lead and guide us as we journey on in faith.

Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit.
1st September 2020 - 31st August 2021.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
balance b/f			
CFB	111,926.56		
Lloyds	12,595.62		
Coed Darcy - Lloyds	77.20		
Lloyds Bond	25,000.00		
Assessment			
Cymmer	1,584.68	Stipends	28,103.90
Glyncorrwg	2,729.29	Super Ann	6,872.65
Glynneath	2,750.00	NI	2,685.99
Jersey Marine	3,425.04	Apprenticeship Levy	153.03
Neath	13,098.84	Computer Allowance	169.00
North Cornelly	3,744.06	Assessment - Jersey Marine	1,044.07
Sandfields	18,528.98	Assessment - Neath	2,609.54
Skewen	21,246.36	Assessment - Sandfields	4,463.98
Taibach	11,419.76	Assessment Skewen	6,174.74
Donation - Postage	10.00	Pastoral Work	3,305.89
Staff Telephone	132.00	Travel	670.49
Rent (Sandfields Manse)	5,658.83	Postage	1,499.07
Rent (Taibach Manse)	6,919.32	Telephone/Broadband	512.18
Bible Material	82.50	Synod Fund	513.39
Prayer Books	169.80	Connex Assess	12,909.12
Donation - Printing	50.00	Supernumeraries	965.50
		Local Preachers	348.40
		Manse Expenses	280.24
		Manse Insurance	1,720.49
		NPTCBC	1,979.08
		Dwr Cymru	202.00
		Circuit Assistant	359.07
		Printing	580.88
		M.P.H.	227.17
		Stationery	222.69
		Resources	545.68
		Auxillary Fund	680.00
		Property Fund	780.00
		Audit Fee	75.00
		Prayer Handbooks	295.70
		Vine at Home	100.00
		Licensing	694.44
		One License	87.50
		NPT Website	42.14
		Route 16	1,230.00
		Outreach	231.90
		Skewen Flood	1,720.00
		SUB TOTAL	85,054.92
CFB Interest	152.41	CFB	113,745.34
Lloyds Bond Interest	275.75	Lloyds	21,115.31
		Coed Darcy - Lloyds	77.20
		Lloyds Bond	25,000.00
TOTAL	244,992.77	TOTAL	244,992.77

Note to the Accounts : Route 16 - £ 1,230.00 was banked as a donation and £ 20.00 was received as a cash donation - total raised by the circuit £ 1,250.00. Christmas Alpha Churches, a charity organisation, matched the amount raised by the circuit so a total of £ 2,500.00 was recognised by Route 16 from the Circuit.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Neath Port Talbot Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021**

Wales	District	Circuit no	02/18
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1131776

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Rosemary Davies
Rev Gordon Sollis - Supernumerary
Clem Raymond - Support Worker
Emma Ryan - Pastoral Worker (September - November 2020)
Robin Sherwood - Pastoral Worker

Circuit Stewards:

Gwyn Aubrey - Senior Steward & Property
Michelle Amesbury
Brian Curtis
Lesley Harry
Claire Roberts
Robin Sherwood
Peter Davies (December 2020)
Jan Griffiths - Secretary

Treasurer:

Karen Sherwood

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		78,527		78,527	93,925
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		428	113	541	1,271
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts		13,488		13,488	11,631
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		92,443	113	92,557 (a8)	106,826

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		41,639		41,639	46,440
b3	Manse Costs		4,182		4,182	3,764
b4	Administration etc		3,174	69	3,243	3,355
b5	District Assessment		13,423	858	14,280	16,099
b6	Grants & donations					
b7						
b8	Other payments		19,008		19,008	35,506
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		81,425	927	82,352 (b9)	105,165

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	11,018	(813)	10,205	1,661
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		149,599	34,318	183,918 (c6)	182,257
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	160,618	33,505	194,123	183,918
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	160,618	33,505	194,123 (c8)	183,918 (c6)

SECTION D				
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,950	511
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,950	511
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	92,557 (a8)	82,352 (b9)	10,205	(c7)	183,918 (c6)	194,123 (c8)
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Signature of treasurer *K.C.S.* Date... *18.09.21*

Name and address of treasurer Karen Sherwood

14 Parkfield, Tonna, Neath, Neath Port Talbot, . Post Code...SA11 3JN

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting *R.H. Davies*

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCCA*

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..... *NEATH* Post Code *SA1 2ET*

Date *07/06/22*

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- Widen and encourage involvement in local ecumenical activities.
- Learn, pray about and respond, in whatever way we can, to the needs of the unjust world we share.

Aim 4) To bring people to an awareness of Christ through word and example.

- To invite and encourage people to discover and relate to Christ.
- To encourage church members to share their faith with others through word and deed.
- To raise awareness of Christ outside the church.
- To encourage greater prayer ministry.
- Sharing good ideas of outreach and ministry between the churches.

Principles

In implementing the Policy we shall:

- Make effective use of resources.
- Work with other Circuits and ecumenical partners wherever possible.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charities Act 2006 in relation to public benefit guidance.

Review of activities : 1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020

1) Circuit Staffing

In September 2019 we had discussion with the Chair of Wales Synod, Rev Dr Stephen Wigley on the possibility of appointing a probationer to the circuit for 2020. He had suggested we could apply for a grant of £16-18,000K to help with staffing costs but we would have to give up one of the Manses to accommodate the minister. The Circuit relies on rental income from 2 Manses and as there was no definite commitment for

the grant to be available, we could not accept a probationer. Consequently, the staffing continued from last year. Revd Rosemary Davies serves as Superintendent Minister and has support from two part-time Circuit Pastoral Workers, Emma Ryan and Robin Sherwood who work on a contract of 10 hours per week each. Revd Gordon Sollis, a supernumerary minister residing in the circuit has pastoral charge of North Cornelly Church and also takes services in the Circuit. All the Circuit staff work together to provide pastoral care in partnership with the pastoral visitors in individual churches. In September 2019, the staff organised a training session for pastoral visitors and several churches attended.

Mr. Clem Raymond continues in a voluntary capacity as a Circuit Support Worker organising the prayer chain and helping with plan-making. Clem also has lay authorisation to preside at Holy Communion throughout the Circuit. Rachel Freeman continues in her contract of 3 hours per week to provide any administrative help when needed by the Circuit Superintendent. The staff team meet regularly and every two months they are joined by members of the Circuit Leadership Team which includes the Circuit Stewards, Secretary, Treasurer and Property Officer. One of our Circuit stewards, Mr David Hughes stood down in July 2020. The staff and their spouses enjoyed a Christmas meal out together.

2) Circuit services and events

A number of Circuit Services and other events were held during the year, enhancing our sense of fellowship together:

Service of Remembering

The annual service to remember those who have died over the last year was held on 30th October 2019 at Taibach Church. Again, this service was well supported by friends from around the circuit, as well as by families who were particularly invited because funerals for relatives had been taken by members of the circuit staff team during the year. This has proved to be a worthwhile initiative, indicating our continuing pastoral care for those who have been bereaved.

Advent & Christmas

To provide a united focus during Advent, a liturgy was produced as in recent years for use in all the churches on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas and on Christmas Day itself. For each week there was a Bible passage, prayer and song, together with the traditional lighting of a candle on the Advent ring.

Christmas carol services and special events were held around the circuit, including an Action for Children Carol Service at Sandfields, Fairs at North Cornelly and Sandfields, a coffee morning at Neath. Carol Singing took place at Tesco Neath Abbey just before Christmas to raise money for Action for Children.

Covenant service

In January 2020, all the churches held their own Covenant services.

New Year Party and worship

A thoroughly enjoyable Circuit New Year Party was held at Skewen Church on 10th January 2020. Fun, food and fellowship was plentiful, and we are very grateful to

Gwyn Aubrey for co-ordinating the event for us. The evening concluded with an act of worship led by Revd Rosemary Davies.

Visit of the Vice-President of the Methodist Church

Professor Clive Marsh visited South Wales and spoke at a gathering of local preachers and worship leaders on the theme of 'What's the story?'. After this event hosted by Jersey Marine church, the Vice-President went on to Taibach Wesley Methodist Church to meet young people from across the Synod including some of the young people from our Circuit.

St Valentine's Meal

Catering was done by team at North Cornelly Church. A beautiful 3 course meal was enjoyed by over 30 people from across the Circuit.

Circuit consultation on Conference report: 'God in love unites us'

In January 2020 we held a series of information sessions in Cymmer, Skewen and Taibach churches to which people from across the Circuit were invited to explore the report commended by the Methodist Conference for study and prayerful reflection. On 16th February 2020, we came together to share in conversation respecting each other's views on marriage and human relationships, particularly on the subject of same-sex marriages. Following discussion we shared in a faith tea and gathered for a Communion service. Over 40 people attended.

Ash Wednesday

The annual Ash Wednesday service took place at Jersey Marine on Wednesday 26th March 2020. It took the form of a service of Holy Communion, with the traditional ceremony of "ashing" and the opportunity to receive prayer for healing. Those who attended found it to be a very appropriate and moving start to the season of Lent.

Lent and Easter

A liturgy to help us focus on Christ's journey to the cross was used during Lent but as it turned out we only used it for 3 Sundays in the churches before the whole nation went into lockdown following the arrival of the deadly coronavirus which arrived on our shores. Subsequently we held no more services in churches until August 2020 and all events planned between March and August 2020 were cancelled!

3. Mission & outreach

Foodbanks

Volunteers from some of our churches continued to be involved in the foodbanks in Neath and Port Talbot until the lockdown in March 2020 put a stop to their help. However, churches continued to give donations of food and money to support hungry people in these communities.

Night shelter scheme – Skewen and Sandfields Churches offered their premises with Mr Gwyn Aubrey and Mr Peter Davies acting as local co-ordinators. Each homeless person who attended was given a meal, a bed for the night and breakfast before being collected each morning by community transport arranged by the borough council. This has been a rewarding experience for all volunteers and continued until the lockdown in March 2020 made this form of outreach impossible. The Welsh Government arranged the homeless to be given shelter in hotel accommodation in the pandemic.

Website / social media

Our website (www.neathporttalbotmethodist.org.uk) contains pages about each church in the circuit and wider circuit information, including forthcoming events and contact details. We see this as an important tool for mission and we include website details on circuit publications, such as the preaching plan. We are very grateful to Gwyn Aubrey for maintaining the website for us. Some churches have started facebook pages during the year and since lockdown a number of church Whatsapp groups were formed as a way of keeping in touch.

Developing a mission team

In October 2019 we called a meeting of people interested in being part of a team involved in outreach with younger and older people. We discussed the possibility of setting up the 'Open Book' scheme to visit schools and to build on the relationship we already have with some care homes in the area. When lockdown came in March 2020, we couldn't get do any of these projects but in the Summer, we initiated the Back2school initiative supplying stationery and pencil cases to over 1,000 local primary school children. The cost to cover the goods came from Tata Steel in Port Talbot along and local church members.

Work with children, young people and families

The main focus of our work with children and young people is at **Sandfields Church**. Numbers attending Junior Church are extremely low but the Midweek Mayhem group is still continuing. A youth group based at Sandfields for the 11+ age group, has met for discussion and study on a Monday evening at 6 p.m at **Sandfields Church**. Some of the group members attended the District Big Day Out hosted by Taibach Wesley Methodist Church.

Messy Church - Skewen and **Sandfields Churches** continue to hold this monthly event but numbers attending vary. They do enable families and children to experience church in a way that would not otherwise be possible. Skewen held some Messy Church events via Zoom during lockdown but attendance was rather low.

4. Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

The Methodist Church requires a number of different office holders at church and circuit level to attend appropriate training. A record is also kept and updated of all those who need to have DBS disclosures.

5. Property

The **Sandfields & Taibach manses** have continued to be let on a short-term lease in order to provide income for the Circuit. Quinquennials for **Skewen** and **Taibach** churches and Taibach manse were commissioned during the year.

Due to the pandemic in March 2020, little or no maintenance occurred in the churches. Carpet was laid to stairs, landings and upper room in **Skewen**. The roof at **Sandfields Church** suffered damage due to heavy winds and repairs were paid for by Methodist insurance.

A number of outside organisations make use of our properties. We see this as an important part of our mission and service to our local communities.

6. Finance

We have been fortunate in receiving regular income from the letting of two former Manses in the circuit. Regular meetings were held with church treasurers regarding the assessment. A budget was prepared for March 2020 but then the lockdown struck and we had to be extra careful as churches were receiving no income from weekly collections or letting of rooms. It was agreed to offer churches a 5% reduction on their assessments and this lasted for the rest of the Connexional year. We encouraged more people to take out standing orders.

7. Christian discipleship & fellowship

Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings

These continue in a number of local churches, including Neath, Glynneath, Skewen, Sandfields, Taibach and North Cornelly. They are greatly valued by those who attend. During lockdown we held weekly a prayer meeting and Bible study online. All the Circuit churches took part in the Wales Synod Prayer initiative from April 2019 - April 2020 and during lockdown some District prayer services were held online.

Circuit Men's group

The group met in North Cornelly Church on 20th January 2020 for a meal, time of fellowship and listening to a speaker. No more meetings were held between March – August 2020 due to the lockdown.

Oasis group

This group encourages younger women from around the circuit to continue to meet together for fellowship and reflection on the Christian life. A Christmas meal was celebrated in a pub in December 2019 and the group has met spasmodically. After lockdown in March 2020 meetings ceased although some contact was made via Zoom.

8. Worship

The circuit remains incredibly grateful to all our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. Worship Leaders and Local Preachers meet together on a regular basis for mutual support, fellowship and training. Emma Ryan from Sandfields Church is undergoing training as a Worship leader and Keira Hughes and Sian Way made a start on their worship leaders' training studies and mentors for them will be appointed soon. Small groups for continuing development made up of both preachers and worship leaders have continued to meet to discuss a range of topics in between formal meetings.

A worship task group was set up to develop ways of online worship via social media and to offer training for people to access technology. We were due to run a preaching series on the book of Ruth in June 2020, but the churches were closed due to Covid-19 and so we postponed our preaching series until November 2020 via Zoom.

In July 2020, when we were given the go-ahead by the Welsh Government for churches to re-open, we just used our own local preachers and worship leaders. Some preachers felt uncomfortable about taking worship in a church and so the number of preachers available was reduced.

Our Local Preachers' Secretary, Mr Walter Holder sadly resigned from the Methodist Church in July 2020 and transferred to a Baptist Church near his home. We are hoping to fill the vacancy soon.

9. Local Church news

Cymmer

The Charity Shop operating weekly from the church hall continues to be an invaluable source of practical help for people from the Upper Afan Valley and wider afield. The building is of concern and we had to have a repair to the roof but we are keeping going at the moment. The shop is run by a small band of volunteers. The Cymmer Community Coffee Morning ceased meeting in the church. A monthly Bible study was set up in September 2019 to run on a Sunday evening at 5.30 p.m but stopped when lockdown came.

Glyncorrwg

The local authority has been unable to support the Noddfa Community Centre due to financial restraints and so the local community and the church have worked hard to keep the hall open. The arrangement of meeting with the Nebo congregation at the Centre on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. continues to be successful. The attendances are good (15-20 or so on average). The Nebo congregation organise the last Sunday in each month when all the hymns are sung in Welsh. On other Sundays, it is customary to sing one Welsh hymn per week. The Bible study is held once a quarter during the service as the previous arrangements were not successful.

Refreshments are served after each service and there is a real sense of fellowship together.

Glynneath

Relationships with other churches in the village remain very positive. The Church supports various ecumenical activities including the annual Carol concert in the Town Hall which is always well attended. The church Bible study led by Mr Clem Raymond is appreciated by the small number who attend. There is talk about whether we should change the time of the Sunday service to the morning but we'll discuss this at a future Church council meeting.

Jersey Marine

The Remembrance service was held in the church and didn't attract as many visitors as in past years. The local primary school used the church once again to host their Christmas concerts in December 2019. In February 2020 the church hosted the visit of the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference for a meeting of local preachers and worship leaders from various circuits. Tylerstown Brass band used the premises for their practice in the same month. The local Borough council booked the church to use as a polling station for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2020 but these elections were postponed until 2021 due to the pandemic. Similarly, a baptism booked for April 2020 had to be postponed.

Neath

The church held its usual services at Christmas time. On March 1st 2020, Revd Rosemary Davies led a Café church style of worship in the Welsey Room on the theme of Lent. This was well received and the plan was to do another one in August but of course the pandemic stopped all that! At that service, a picture of Neath church was

presented to the Minister by a member of the Llansawel Art group who meet on the premises.

A coffee morning was held in November 2019 but another event planned for March 2020 had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. The midweek lunches on a Wednesday still attract about 30 people, both Church members and other visitors. This has proved a popular time of fellowship and a time to keep the brain cells working with the quizzes devised by Mr Clem Raymond and Mr John Southard. These lunches ceased when Covid-19 struck.

The joint meetings of Prayer & Praise and the Wesley Guild on alternate Tuesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. has continued this year. The Bible study group held in the home of a church member is led by Mr Clem Raymond and is greatly appreciated.

Social and fund-raising events have provided a good source of fellowship as well as money to help Church finances. We held a Ukelele concert in February 2020 and a Welsh night in March but all the social events planned for the Spring and Summer were cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Llansawel Art Group has continued to meet on a Monday evening upstairs and hold periodic exhibitions. We are delighted that Alcoholics Anonymous also use the Wesley Room three evenings per week. It is great to serve the community in this way. Both meetings stopped in March 2020 due to the pandemic.

The displays of flowers in window boxes outside the entrances to the church have been much appreciated by the community. Robert Davies, Jean and Trevor Bond continue to work hard to provide these colourful displays.

North Cornelly

The church hall is used by a line dance group and a church-run Carer and Toddler group but both activities came to a halt due to the virus. The Bible Study has been led by Mr Trevor Harry and Rev Gordon Sollis. Occasional visitors to the church are welcomed on Sundays. Worship Leaders help with Sunday worship from time to time.

Sandfields

The Women's League, Toddler Group and Midweek Mayhem, a midweek children's group have been struggling with numbers this year. Midweek Mayhem sadly closed in January 2020. The money left in funds was presented to the church to purchase any equipment needed. A Young People's group has met every Monday evening and are keen to be involved in Church life. They planned and led a service in February 2020 which was well received.

Messy Church has been held on a Sunday afternoon once a month. Numbers have been up and down but it is appreciated by those families who come. Father Rhun from Holy Trinity Church expressed a wish to work together to host Messy Church but it did not take off as planned.

The weekly Bible Study and prayer meeting provide an important time of fellowship. Choir and Craft group continue to go well.

Social events such as the annual Quiz, Table Top Sale, RNLI concert & Christmas Bazaar went well but no more events took place after March 2020 when the pandemic took hold.

The building continues to be well used by community groups.

Skewen

The Women's Fellowship and the Toddler Group continue to thrive. The weekly Saturday Coffee Morning provides an opportunity for fellowship and outreach, with the church being open for quiet and prayer during these times. The Men's Group has enjoyed outings and meals out together. A monthly Quiz Night is going well and continues to attract non-Church goers who enjoy the fun. Of course, all social events were put on hold after March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Attendance at Messy Church has varied but it is an important way to connect with local families. A Bible study and prayer meeting remain important in the life of the church although numbers attending are rather low.

Worship Leaders play an important part in the life of the church. The church continues to think positively about mission and outreach and has made a donation to support victims affected by a local flood. The property is very well cared for with an ongoing programme of maintenance and care. The local community makes full use of the church premises with groups meeting at various times throughout the week.

Taibach

The Church hosted the Annual Service of Remembering in October 2019 and this continues to bring support and comfort to the bereaved in our church and community.

Bible study remains important and the sessions led by local preacher, Miss Christine Lewis have been appreciated.

Members from the Church visit Plas Cwm Carw Care Home for a monthly midweek service and visits to Alma Lodge Care Home re-started.

Emma Ryan, Circuit Pastoral worker has supported Taibach congregation throughout the year and set up a church facebook page.

The Port Talbot Cymric choir and a local Drama Group continue to use the hall regularly as does the Church's own Friendship Group on a Wednesday afternoon. The primary school opposite the church held its Christmas fair in the Church hall.

Life in lockdown

This has been an unprecedented year for our churches. We began doing things in the normal way at the start of the Connexional year in September 2019 and kept those patterns of circuit life going but on 23rd March 2020 when the British Prime Minister, Mr Boris Johnson announced the whole nation would go into lockdown, we entered uncharted waters. We, in Wales had to follow the guidelines set out by the Welsh government which at times, were different from those in England.

Lockdown meant all the planned events and services in churches suddenly came to a halt and we had to re-think everything. The Circuit quickly put in place a number of measures to make sure we kept in touch with people during the pandemic informing them of Circuit. The Superintendent Minister produced a weekly circuit bulletin which included a pastoral letter and news from our Circuit, Wales Synod and the Methodist Connexion. In addition the weekly 'Vine at Home' worship resource published by 'Twelve Baskets organisation' was sent out. During the lockdown many people accessed worship via television or online. In July 2020 we set up a task group to look at how we might develop online worship in our Circuit.

There have been many sadnesses and losses in our congregations. Some of our members contracted the coronavirus and a few sadly died from it. Many people have felt isolated especially if they were in the vulnerable category and had to self-isolate for long periods of time. However, there have also been positive experiences. People across the Circuit have cared for one another and the pastoral visitors have really stepped up to the mark. There are certainly many challenges ahead as we begin to emerge from lockdown and think about the future of our churches but we go on trusting God and supporting one another along the path of faith in a pandemic.

Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit
1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020

Income	Expenditure
balance b/f	£
CFB	Stipends
Lloyds	Super Ann
Coed Darcy - Lloyds	NI
Lloyds Bond	Apprenticeship Levy
	Computer Allowance
Apprenticeship Levy	Pastoral Work
Assessment	Assessment - Neath
Cymmer	Assessment - Sandfields
Glynccorwg	Assessment - Skewen
Glynneath	Assessment - Jersey Marine
Jersey Marine	Travel
Neath	Parking
North Cornelly	Postage
Sandfields	Telephone/Broadband
Skewen	Synod Fund
Taibach	Connex Assess - Methodist Church Fund
Men's Group	Supernumeraries
Prayer Books	Local Preachers
Circuit Services	Manse Expenses
Carol Service Gymmer (The Walllich Centre)	Manse Insurance
Carol Service Glynccorwg (The Walllich Centre)	NPTCBC
Wallich Centre)	Dwr Cymru
Lloyds Bond	ZOOM Subscription
CFB Interest	Circuit Assistant
Lloyds Bond Interest	Printing
	M.P.H.
	Photocopier
	Stationery
	Resources
	Auxiliary Fund
	Property Fund
	Audit Fee
	Licensing
	NPT Website - Gower Holidays
	Quinquennial
	Lloyds Bond
	Circuit Service - Sandfields & Skewen
	Circuit Service - The Walllich Centre
	The Walllich Centre
TOTAL	SUB TOTAL
279,331.17	129,731.79

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Neath Port Talbot Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2020**

Wales	District	Circuit no	02/18
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1131776

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are exempted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Rosemary Davies
Rev Gordon Sallis - Supernumerary
Clem Raymond - Support Worker
Emma Ryan - Pastoral Worker
Robin Sherwood - Pastoral Worker

Circuit Stewards:

Gwyn Aubrey - Senior Steward & Property
Michelle Amesbury
Brian Curtis
Lesley Harry
David Hughes (retired July 20)
Claire Roberts
Robin Sherwood
Jan Griffiths (Secretary)

Treasurer:

Karen Sherwood

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		93,925		93,925	114,312
a3	Capital receipts				0	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		977	294	1,271	1,040
a5	Grants		0		0	500
a6	Other receipts		11,631		11,631	13,159
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		106,532	294	106,826 (a8)	129,011

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		46,440		46,440	43,637
b3	Manse Costs		3,764		3,764	10,636
b4	Administration etc		3,285	70	3,355	3,764
b5	District Assessment		15,225	874	16,099	20,440
b6	Grants & donations				0	
b7					0	
b8	Other payments		35,506		35,506	6,217
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		104,221	944	105,165 (b9)	84,694

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	2,311	(650)	0	1,661	44,318
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		147,288	34,969		182,257 (c6)	137,939
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	149,599	34,319	0	183,918	182,257
c4	Transfers and adjustments					0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	149,599	34,319	0	183,918 (c8)	182,257 (c6)

SECTION D				
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d1	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		511	142
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		511	150
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)		0	(8)

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	106,826 (a8)	105,165 (b9)	1,661	0 (c7)	182,257 (c6)	183,918 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	106,826	105,165	1,661	0	182,257 (x)	183,918 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	29,375	12,596
f3	Bank Deposit Account	25,000	25,000
f4	Central Finance Board	92,836	111,927
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	34,969	34,318
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL	182,180 (c6)	183,841 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	182,180 (x)	183,841 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES		At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *K.C.S.* Date... *21 September 2020*

Name and address of treasurer ... Karen Sherwood

14 Parkfield, Tonna Neath, Neath Port Talbot Post Code SA11 3JN.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 21 September 2020

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *R.H. Davies*

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev Rosemary Davies ... Date *4/15/20*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Neath Port Talbot Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1131776

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 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 Neath Port Talbot No 02/18

Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

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 Roger Byers & Co Ltd

Name of independent examiner ROGER BYERS & CO LTD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ROGER BYERS & CO LTD

Address CASTLE BUILDINGS,

23 CHURCH PLACE, NEATH. Post Code SA11 3LP

Date 2/12/20

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-20