

2020 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 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.neathportalbotmethodist.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	92,835.97	Stipends	27,398.80
Lloyds	29,374.78	Super Ann	6,700.26
Coed Darcy - Lloyds	77.20	NI	2,604.12
Lloyds Bond	25,000.00	Apprenticeship Levy	147.18
Apprenticeship Levy	84.19	Computer Allowance	165.00
		Pastoral Work	7,423.63
Assessment - Neath		Assessment - Sandfields	4,878.81
Assessment - Skewen		Assessment - Jersey Marine	13,822.45
Assessment - Jersey Marine		Assessment - Skewen	8,852.65
Cymmer	1,304.86		1,467.14
Glynccorrwg	2,500.00		
Glynneath	3,968.61	Travel	2,313.57
Jersey Marine	3,425.04	Parking	3.00
Neath	16,185.77	Postage	614.37
North Cornelly	3,541.72	Telephone/Broadband	673.32
Sandfields	33,173.88	Synod Fund	1,563.96
Skewen	21,246.36	Connex Assess - Methodist Church Fund	13,661.08
Talbach	8,578.42	Supernumeraries	2,396.15
		Local Preachers	523.40
		Manse Expenses	115.50
Staff Telephone	183.50	Manse Insurance	1,581.10
Donation	30.00	NPTCBC	1,909.71
Rent (Sandfields Manse)	4,429.55	Dwr Cymru	158.00
Rent (Talbach Manse)	6,730.21	ZOOM Subscription	143.88
Men's Group	5.00	Circuit Assistant	655.01
Prayer Books	79.20	Printing	771.87
Circuit Services	139.30	M.P.H.	385.68
Carol Service Cymmer (The Wallich Centre)	79.20	Photocopier	82.92
Carol Service Glynccorrwg (The Wallich Centre)	115.00	Stationery	25.66
Carol Service Glynccorrwg (The Wallich Centre)	346.00	Resources	76.45
Lloyds Bond	25,000.00	Auxiliary Fund	680.00
CFB Interest	737.81	Property Fund	780.00
Lloyds Bond Interest	238.80	Audit Fee	75.00
		Licensing	105.00
		NPT Website - Gower Holidays	66.12
		Quinquennial	1,300.00
		Lloyds Bond	25,000.00
		Circuit Service - Sandfields & Skewen	100.00
		Circuit Service - The Wallich Centre	50.00
		The Wallich Centre	461.00
TOTAL	279,331.17	SUB TOTAL	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 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
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	0	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	0	105,165 (b9)	84,694

SECTION C							
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 (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)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward						
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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.

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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

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

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