

Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit

England & Wales · Charity number 1132257

Details

Other names	BARTON & BRIGG METHODIST CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-10-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious Activities

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Lincolnshire
- North East Lincolnshire
- North Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£274,315	£259,599	-	-
2024-08-31	£274,315	£259,599	-	-
2023-08-31	£205,432	£177,749	-	-
2022-08-31	£126,425	£176,325	-	-
2021-08-31	£155,941	£134,813	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Christina Morgan		2017-09-18
BILL SMITH		
BRIAN WILLIAM COOK		2023-09-14
Barbara Woodward		2022-05-23
Beryl Frances Woolf		2023-09-14
Brian James Field		2023-09-14
Brian Kenneth Brooks CiLCA MIET		2022-04-03
Bridget Mary Andrew		2023-09-01
CAROL ANN DICKINSON		
CHRISTINE MARGARET RANYELL		
Colin Tym		2026-02-19
DOREEN COULSON		
Geoffrey William Taylor		2025-03-27
George William Turner		2019-05-01
Glenda Taylor		2025-03-27
Gloria Elwick		2019-09-01
HEATHER BUNKER BA		
Hazel Jeanette Altoft		2025-03-27
Ian Dennis Short		2024-09-01
JEAN NORWOOD		
JOHN ROBERT MCCARTNEY BSC		2013-09-02
JOYCE PHILLIPS		
Jacqueline Knapton		2016-09-01
Jane Lloyd		2023-09-01
Jane Sheard BAHonsPGCE		2021-09-01
Janet Faulkner		2023-09-01
Janice Mary Cook		2023-09-14

Name	Role	Appointed
Jean Bates		2023-09-14
Jennifer Margaret Rudd		2025-06-19
John William Pullen		2022-05-23
Joyce Ann Harris		2016-09-01
Judith Lawtey		2020-12-01
KATE MARR		
Kenneth George Knapton		2023-09-14
Lisa Marie Brooks-Sleight		2021-05-17
MARIE ROBERTS		
MARJORY TAYLOR		
Malcolm Ronald Woolf		2023-09-01
Margaret Dawson		2023-09-14
Margaret Joan Rands		2023-09-01
Mary Joan Knaggs		
PAM MCCARTNEY		
PAT FRANKISH		2013-09-02
REV DAVID JOHN EDWARD WOODWARD BSC		
ROSALIND ANN JOHNSON		
RUTH ANNIE BLYTHE		
RUTH TURNER		2013-04-14
Rev ENID MARGARET KNOWLES BED,		
Rev John Charles Schofield		2025-09-01
Rev Michael Rowland Sheard		2022-05-22
Rev Nigel Joshua Clements		2019-09-01
Rev Ruth Simpson		2025-09-01
Rev Tony Simpson		2025-09-01
SUE BELL		

Name	Role	Appointed
SUE BRUMPTON		2022-12-31
Sandra Jane Burniston		2024-06-20
Sheila Busby		2025-03-27
Stephen Nightingale		2020-09-01
Trevor Faulkner		2023-09-01
VALERIE ANN DIBDIN		

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ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2024 TO AUGUST 2025

BARTON, BRIGG and WOLDS CIRCUIT

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2025

Objectives and Activities

The Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit exists to advance the mission of the Methodist Church throughout the Circuit by providing support for the sixteen churches in line with the Connexional priorities. The Circuit comprises of 16 local Methodist churches served by a ministerial team of an ordained Superintendent Minister plus a few part time active retired ministers, administrator and volunteers.

The Circuit is led by a Superintendent Minister assisted by Supernumerary Ministers and a part time administrator.

The Circuit Meeting, which met 5 times during the year, sets the policy for the Circuit, serving as a link between the Lincolnshire Methodist District, the Methodist Conference and the Connexional team on the one hand and the local churches on the other. It has oversight of all Circuit affairs, formulating and promoting policies, through its various officers and committees to assist the mission of the Church, to give inspiration to the leaders in the churches and to ensure the interrelation of all aspects of the Church's life throughout the Circuit. The members of the Circuit meeting are the trustees of the charity registered with the Charity Commission. As a registered charity, the Circuit takes seriously its responsibilities to the Charity Commissioners and adheres to their guidance concerning public benefit in relation to charitable objectives.

The day-to-day work of the Circuit is carried out by the Circuit Leadership Team, which consists of the Superintendent Minister, seven volunteer Circuit Stewards and the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, with the additional assistance of a Circuit Bookkeeper, a Circuit Administrator and Circuit Minute Secretary.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Circuit kindly allowed Rev. K Deacons to work for one day a week in the BB&W Circuit, focusing on Caistor, Market Rasen and Middle Rasen.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit Mission Statement September 2024

With Jesus at the centre of our lives our mission is to live by faith, be known by love, give voice to hope and be a growing, evangelistic, justice seeking Circuit.

We do this by supporting our congregations to express the joy of being followers of Jesus and to rediscover our Methodist roots through embedding *a Methodist Way of Life* throughout the circuit.

We support each church to:

- Develop a life of prayer both individually and corporately
- Study the Bible together
- Gain confidence in talking to one another about their Christian experience

We believe that worship is the powerhouse of the church and encourage each congregation to:

- Be adventurous in their worship
- Develop imaginative ways to participate in prayer
- Encourage members to share what God is doing in their lives

Energised and empowered by Sunday worship we seek to make Jesus known in our local communities by:

- Encouraging our members to be a Christian presence in existing community groups
- Making our buildings available for community use
- Working with other denominations to share resources for mission
- Leading collective worship in local schools
- Enabling members to speak about their Christian faith beyond the walls of the church

We work together for a more just world:

- Looking to see where God is already at work and joining in
- Considering world issues from a Christian perspective and applying biblical principles to understand them and take action
- Taking care of God's creation by stewardship of resources in an eco-friendly way and committing to prayer and action
- By providing practical help, for example through participating in food bank provision, running projects to tackle loneliness and isolation amongst older people and to improve the mental health and educational outcomes of young people in our schools.
- Joining with others, Christian and non-Christian, to tackle issues of common concern

We do none of this in our own strength; we rely upon the grace of God, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the example of Christ who is with each one of us in this pilgrimage of faith.

Achievements and Performance

As the Circuit staffing had been reduced to one full time Minister from September 2024, Dr. Richard Atkinson the Circuit Lay Pastoral worker was asked to increase his hours from 25 to 35 hours per week for the year September 2024 to August 2025. His focus to continue to be on pastoral visiting and officiating at funerals, as this has been of considerable help to the Ministerial team since his appointment and would be of value to the Superintendent enabling him to focus on all other aspects that his role entails. To further assist with pastoral care in the Circuit, two lay Funeral Ministers would officiate at funerals in the north of the Circuit.

The Youth worker with volunteers has been running the following groups of:

Drop in after school on a Monday night Youth Alpha group which has now grown to a question and chat group

Kids Activity Club- Group for those in primary school

TBD group- a group to grow skills and running of a social enterprise

3 o'clock club- formally known as adult youth club, this is a group for adults to use and do what happens at the youth club

Youth club- traditional youth club

All groups have grown and are well attended.

Along with these groups, we have been looking at developing the garden at the back of Brigg Methodist church. We have had paths put in, along with two raised beds, some trees and a bench.

We also run a Community Meal Night every month, which we run jointly with Oikos. The children and young people cook with the youth workers, and the adults cook with Hannah Dobson. We then come together and eat the meal and clean up together.

In the summer holidays, we enjoyed going to Broughton, Caistor and Market Rasen to support the groups there. We also ran groups in Brigg. We ran 4 children's activities, 4 young people activities, 1 day trip for children and 1 for young people and a family trip. We went to Wild Pines Park with the children for the day and Welton Waters Activity Centre with the young people. On the family trip we went to The Forbidden Corner. Every month we have a family service, joint with St. John's Church.

We usually have a good turnout. The service includes songs, dancing, activities relating to the service and afterwards, food. We continue to help with Broughton Prayer Spaces in Schools too. This happens twice a month and they are activities that happen at lunchtime that children can join in with, if they wish.

Lay Pastoral Worker Report - During the past year, whilst I have been working full-time I have engaged in more of the activities I had done in the previous year. In addition to this, for the last year I represented the circuit on the governing body of the West Wold Federation of Grasby and Caistor Schools. I have conducted funerals in 9 of the churches in the circuit and performed services at 3 of the local crematoria. I have attended activities and events associated with every church in the circuit. I have visited members and associates of the church community in 7 of the hospitals in and around the region. I have visited at least 26 care homes in and around our circuit. I have made innumerable visits, both requested and suggested, to members and adherents across the whole circuit. I continue to find my work inspiring and enjoyable. I am pleased that as people get to know me they are able to have more spiritual conversations.

We now have a role outline for all roles in the churches and circuit with safer recruitment a priority. Safeguarding oversight for the Circuit safeguarding officers is now in place

Staffing from September 2025

Following stationing in November 2024 we were delighted to be matched with Rev. John Schofield, who will be the second Minister in the Circuit from September 1st 2025

Plans for the Future

To develop team Ministry. The two ordained Presbyters to work across the Circuit:

Rev. Roberts to focus on; Superintendency, Discipleship, Bible Study and Spiritual Formation (Inward looking)

Rev. Schofield to focus on; Outreach, Mission and Evangelism (Outward looking).

The Lay Pastoral Workers hours to be 25 hours per week as per original contract.

We are also continuing to review the following:

- Property - overseeing schemes
- Property - helping churches review their buildings
- Finance - a team to help chapels do their accounts
- Finance - a team who can look over cash-flow/trends/budgets etc
- What other admin areas could we streamline?
- Is there newsletter/website we could streamline? Co-ordinating Connexional or local news?
- GDPR
- Digital church
- Work with young people
- Work with Third Age groups
- Eco-church matters – particularly installing solar panels on manses

All of the above, we will continue to discuss and develop through 2025-26.

Financial review

The Circuit is in a good financial position. The accounts show a total income of £274,315, with the following principal sources:-

- Assessment on Churches in Circuit £173,842
- Grants (youth work) £ 20,450
- Other income was derived from the letting of the manses not occupied by presbyters together with bank and Central Finance Board interest payments

The Circuit had a corresponding expenditure of £259,599 with the following principal sources:-

- Stipends, salaries, NIC, pension and travel £56,436
- Manse costs £77,954
- Administrative costs £89,490
- District Assessment £3200

The Circuit had nett deficit of £15,744 for the 2024/25 financial year.

The total cash funds held as at 31st August 2025 was £67,767 and the total investments was £304,337

The Circuit has a Reserves Policy which prioritises mission for the use of these financial reserves. It also has also set up a loan scheme which, though repayable, is available for any church experiencing unforeseen expenditure that cannot be covered by its own reserves.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Barton, Brigg & Wolds

Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

District

Circuit no

17/11

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1132257

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

(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 Robert L Roberts

Circuit Stewards:

Ms Sandra Burniston (Treasurer)

Janet Faulkner

Mrs Kate Marr

Mrs Anne Morgan

Mrs Joyce Harris

Mr Brian Cook

Mr Ian Short

Book Keeper

Mr John McCartney

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		173,842			173,842	174,953
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4,036			4,036	5,967
a5	Grants				20,450	20,450	64,056
a6	Other receipts		54,405			54,405	29,339
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		232,283		20,450	252,733 (a8)	274,315

SECTION B							
	PAYMENTS						
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		56,436			56,436	115,474
b3	Manse Costs		77,954			77,954	40,620
b4	Administration etc		89,490			89,490	52,417
b5	District Assessment		43,200			43,200	44,724
b6	Grants & donations		691			691	1,000
b7							
b8	Other payments		706			706	5,364
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		268,477			268,477 (b9)	259,599

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(36,194)		20,450	(15,744)	14,716
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		19,455		64,056	83,511 (c6)	68,795
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(16,739)		84,506	67,767	83,511
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	(16,739)		84,506	67,767 (c8)	83,511 (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					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
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 2025 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)	252,733	(a8)	268,477	(b9)	(15,744)		(c7)	83,511	(c6)		67,767	(c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	252,733		268,477		(15,744)			83,511	(x)		67,767	(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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	75,371	57,751
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	8,140	10,016
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	83,511 (c6)	67,767 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	83,511 (x)	67,767 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	A1 1 September 2024	A1 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	303738	304337
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,902,098	1,908,320
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

14 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

15 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 2025 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 19/2/2026
Name and address of treasurer HILLCREST, NORMANBY ROAD, NETTLETON
MARKET RASEN, LINCOLNSHIRE Post Code LN7 6TA

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be*
presented to the Circuit meeting held on 19 FEB 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Robert Roberts

Date 19 FEB 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Barton, Brigg & Wolds Circuit

Charity Number: 1132257

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barton, Brigg & Wolds Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 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 CSEN

Name of independent examiner CARRIE JENSEN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACA

Name of firm (where appropriate) FORRESTER BOYD

Address 26 SOUTH ST. MARY'S GATE, GRIMSBY

Post Code DN31 1LW

Date 18/12/25

* delete or circle as appropriate

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ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2023 TO AUGUST 2024

BARTON, BRIGG and WOLDS CIRCUIT

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2024

Objectives and Activities

Barton and Brigg Methodist Circuit (Circuit) merged with a portion of the Wolds and Trent Methodist Circuit on 1st September 2023 to become the Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit. It exists to advance the mission of the Methodist Church throughout the Circuit by providing support for the sixteen churches in line with the Connexional priorities. The Circuit comprises of 16 local Methodist churches served by a ministerial team of 2 ordained ministers plus a number of part time active retired ministers, administrator and volunteers.

The Circuit is led by a Superintendent Minister assisted by a Second Minister, Supernumerary Ministers and a part time administrator.

The Circuit Meeting, which met 4 times during the year, sets the policy for the Circuit, serving as a link between the Lincolnshire Methodist District, the Methodist Conference and the Connexional team on the one hand and the local churches on the other. It has oversight of all Circuit affairs, formulating and promoting policies, through its various officers and committees to assist the mission of the Church, to give inspiration to the leaders in the churches and to ensure the interrelation of all aspects of the Church's life throughout the Circuit. The members of the Circuit meeting are the trustees of the charity registered with the Charity Commission. As a registered charity, the Circuit takes seriously its responsibilities to the Charity Commissioners and adheres to their guidance concerning public benefit in relation to charitable objectives.

The day to day work of the Circuit is carried out by the Circuit Leadership Team, which consists of the Superintendent Minister, the second Minister and three Supernumerary Presbyters, seven volunteer Circuit Stewards and the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, with the additional assistance of a Circuit Bookkeeper, a Circuit Administrator and Circuit Minute Secretary.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Barton, Brigg and Wolds Methodist Circuit follows 'Our Calling' priorities for mission. The Circuit and Circuit Leadership Team aimed to support each church in their community and encourage them to be a vibrant place of worship, service, learning and fellowship, and take risks for the gospel outreach. With the encouragement of two God For All Enablers, Rachel and Jonathan Oatridge, whom are contracted by the circuit for two years from September 2022 to August 2024, we have encouraged churches to discover the needs of their communities and prayerfully consider how God calls them to respond, both inside and outside the church building, working ecumenically wherever possible.

We encouraged churches to

- explore new forms of worship
- work with children and young people in schools, messy church, school assemblies, creative crafts
- to be a 'presence' at community events and mark major events in the nation and locally with invitational acts of worship
- support and raise awareness of the world church through justice and peace – support for mission e.g. All We Can, Christian Aid, Action for Children, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Methodist Ministers' Housing Society, Food Banks, and the Homelessness Project.

We did this by

- Jonathan and Rachel meeting regularly with each church group to encourage and challenge thinking outside the box
- strengthening and supporting our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
- finding resources that are accessible and interesting for congregations
- encouraging Mission Audits, and Healthy Church Audits
- enabling congregations to have a rich prayer life and spirituality, with 'Space to Be' - Be Still, Be Silent, Be Creative; Bible Study; Local Preacher groups and monthly Circuit Prayer groups
- providing opportunities for discipleship including abundant hospitality and generous giving; costly service and radical grace: e.g. OIKOS-BRIGG: a Charitable Incorporated Organisation; through Foodbanks in Brigg, Barton and Caistor; and a Homelessness Project in Barton.

We do none of this in our own strength; we rely upon the grace of God, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the example of Christ who is with each one of us in this pilgrimage of faith.

Achievements and Performance

We advertised and safer recruited a Lay Pastoral worker for 25 hours per week to focus on pastoral visiting and officiating at funerals. Dr. Richard Atkinson took up the role in October 2023 and has been of considerable help to the Ministerial team since his appointment. Allowing them to concentrate on their ministries within the circuit.

Grants were obtained to employ a Youth Worker to work with: Young People, Schools and Families. Following her Safer recruitment Miss Grace Smith began this role in March 2024. Her report to the June Circuit meeting was very encouraging as she highlighted some of the work that has already been achieved, and plans for future work: Report on Young People, Schools and Family Work, Grace Smith's first report to the meeting. So far, she has worked with Barton's Messy Church, something she hopes to do again in the future, held some outdoor activities at Oikos-Brigg over the Easter holidays, held a Cheeky Panda Club during Thy Kingdom Come fortnight, a May half-term Holiday Club and has just started a Brigg Youth Club for 11 to 15 year olds and another club for 16 to 18 year olds, all in Brigg. She has distributed leaflets at the Vale Academy in Brigg and goes into Sir John Nelthorpe School in Brigg twice a week to work with a young enterprise group. She will be helping Broughton school with their Prayer Spaces and hopes to help at Kirton Lindsey with their Holiday Club and also at Market Rasen's. She will also be working with Year 6 pupils at New Holland School.

We now have a role outline for all roles in the churches and circuit with safer recruitment a priority. Safeguarding oversight for the Circuit safeguarding officers is now in place

Staffing from September 2024

Following stationing we were in the position of not having a Superintendent Minister although a second Minister was stationed for September 2024. The Chair of District agreed to cover the Superintendency, however, after prayerful consideration, Rev Robert Roberts, the appointed second Minister, took on the role of Superintendent Minister from September 2024.

Plans for the Future

To put together a stationing profile for a second Minister for September 2025.

To assist the Superintendent Minister, the Lay Pastoral Workers hours to be increased to 35 hours per week for one year.

We are also continuing to review the following:

- Property - overseeing schemes
- Property - helping churches review their buildings
- Finance - a team to help chapels do their accounts
- Finance - a team who can look over cash-flow/trends/budgets etc
- What other admin areas could we streamline?
- Is there newsletter/website we could streamline? Co-ordinating Connexional or local news?
- GDPR
- Digital church
- Work with young people
- Work with Third Age groups
- Eco-church matters

All of the above, we will continue to discuss and develop through 2024-25.

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The Circuit is in a good financial position. The accounts show a total income of £274,315, with the following principal sources:-

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| • Other income was derived from the letting of the manses not occupied by presbyters together with bank and Central Finance Board interest payments | |

The Circuit had a corresponding expenditure of £259,599 with the following principal sources:-

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| • Stipends, salaries, NIC, pension and travel | £115,474 |
| • Manse costs | £40,620 |
| • Administrative costs | £52,417 |
| • District Assessment | £44,724 |

The Circuit had nett receipts of £14,716 for the 2023/24 financial year.

The total cash funds held as at 31st August 2024 was £83,511 and the total investments was £303,738.

The Circuit has a Reserves Policy which prioritises mission for the use of these financial reserves. It also has also set up a loan scheme which, though repayable, is available for any church experiencing unforeseen expenditure that cannot be covered by its own reserves.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Barton, Brigg & Wolds	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

	Circuit no	17/11
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1132257

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

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Ministers:

Rev Sally Long

Circuit Stewards:

Mr Malcolm Bailey (Treasurer)	Mr Brian Cook
Mrs Kate Marr	Glenda Taylor
Mrs Anne Morgan	Mr Ian Short
Mrs Joyce Harris	

Book Keeper

Mr John McCartney

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		174,953		174,953	132,825
a3	Capital receipts					50,000
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		5,967		5,967	3,967
a5	Grants			64,056	64,056	9,500
a6	Other receipts		29,339		29,339	9,140
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		210,259		274,315 (a8)	205,432

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		115,474		115,474	92,420
b3	Manse Costs		40,620		40,620	28,564
b4	Administration etc		52,417		52,417	12,143
b5	District Assessment		44,724		44,724	39,507
b6	Grants & donations		1,000		1,000	4,528
b7						
b8	Other payments		5,364		5,364	587
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		259,599		259,599 (b9)	177,749

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(49,340)		64,056	14,716
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		68,795			68,795 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	19,455		64,056	83,511
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	19,455		64,056	83,511 (c8)
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SECTION D					
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e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	274,315		259,599		14,716				68,795	(x)	83,511	(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 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	40,312	75,371
f3		
f4	28,483	8,140
f5		
f6		
f7	68,795 (c6)	83,511 (c8)
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	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
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Barton, Brigg & Wolds	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

	Circuit no	17/11
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Book Keeper

Mr John McCartney

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
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ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022 TO AUGUST 2023

BARTON AND BRIGG CIRCUIT

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2023

Objectives and Activities

Barton and Brigg Methodist Circuit (Circuit) exists to advance the mission of the Methodist Church throughout the Circuit by providing support for the ten churches in line with the Connexional priorities. The Circuit comprises of 10 local Methodist churches served by a ministerial team of 1 ordained ministers plus a number of part time active retired ministers, administrator and volunteers.

The Circuit is led by a Superintendent Minister assisted by Supernumerary Ministers and a part time administrator.

The Circuit Meeting, which met 4 times during the year, sets the policy for the Circuit, serving as a link between the Lincolnshire Methodist District, the Methodist Conference and the Connexional team on the one hand and the local churches on the other. It has oversight of all Circuit affairs, formulating and promoting policies, through its various officers and committees to assist the mission of the Church, to give inspiration to the leaders in the churches and to ensure the interrelation of all aspects of the Church's life throughout the Circuit. The members of the Circuit meeting are the trustees of the charity registered with the Charity Commission. As a registered charity, the Circuit takes seriously its responsibilities to the Charity Commissioners and adheres to their guidance concerning public benefit in relation to charitable objectives.

The day to day work of the Circuit is carried out by the Circuit Leadership Team, which consists of the Superintendent Minister, three Supernumerary Presbyters, four volunteer Circuit Stewards and the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, with the additional assistance of a Circuit Administrator and Circuit Minute Secretary.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Barton & Brigg Methodist Circuit follows 'Our Calling' priorities for mission. The Circuit and Circuit Leadership Team aimed to support each church in their community and encourage them to be a vibrant place of worship, service, learning and fellowship, and take risks for the gospel outreach. With the encouragement of two God For All Enablers, Rachel and Jonathan Oatridge, whom are contracted by the circuit for two years from September 2022 to August 2024, we have encouraged churches to discover the needs of their communities and prayerfully consider how God calls them to respond, both inside and outside the church building, working ecumenically wherever possible.

We encouraged churches to

- explore new forms of worship
- work with children and young people in schools, messy church, school assemblies, creative crafts
- to be a 'presence' at community events and mark major events in the nation and locally with invitational acts of worship
- support and raise awareness of the world church through justice and peace – support for mission eg All We Can, Christian Aid, Action for Children, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Methodist Ministers' Housing Society, Food Banks, Homelessness Project.

We did this by

- Jonathan and Rachel meeting regularly with each church group to encourage and challenge thinking outside the box
- strengthening and supporting our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
- finding resources that are accessible and interesting for congregations
- encouraging Mission Audits, and Healthy Church Audits
- enabling congregations to have a rich prayer life and spirituality, with 'Space to Be' - Be Still, Be Silent, Be Creative; Bible Study; Local Preacher groups and monthly Circuit Prayer groups
- providing opportunities for discipleship including abundant hospitality and generous giving; costly service and radical grace eg OIKOS-BRIGG which became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation during the year, through Foodbanks in both Brigg and Barton and a Homelessness Project in Barton.

We do none of this in our own strength; we rely upon the grace of God, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the example of Christ who is with each one of us in this pilgrimage of faith.

Achievements and Performance

The conversations across the 3 Circuits of Barton & Brigg, Epworth & Scunthorpe, and Wolds & Trent continued.

After consulting with members of all the circuits involved, it was decided that the Wolds and Trent Circuit would be divided, the Wolds section to join with Barton and Brigg, creating the Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit, and the Trent section would join with Epworth and Scunthorpe Circuit to become the Epworth, Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Circuit from September 2023. This decision was formally agreed at the March Circuit meetings in all Circuits.

For the Barton Brigg and Wolds Circuit this would mean that from September 2023 staffing would consist of a Superintendent Minister and a second Minister.

Our work with young people grew during 2022 with the further developments of 'Messy Church' and delivering 'Open the Book' stories to an increasing number of schools, we now cover 11 primary schools across the Circuit.

Anna George an intern from Cliff College came into the Circuit for a year to develop the mission into Secondary schools with a great deal of success and we hope to develop this further.

Plans for the future

As from September 2023 the Circuit will be considerably larger – 16 churches as opposed to the current 10 churches, we must free up time from the Superintendent Minister. We aim to do this by employing a Lay Pastoral Worker to cover visiting and funerals.

As both the current Superintendent Minister and the Second Minister will be leaving the Circuit in September 2024, we need to develop profiles for these stations ready for Stationing early in September 2023.

We will be seeking grants from the District and other sources to fund an appointment of a Young People, Schools and Family Worker to be based in Brigg to continue the work begun by Anna George.

We are also reviewing the following;

- Safer recruitment - for Circuit posts and also acting for chapels
- Safeguarding oversight for the Circuit safeguarding officers
- Property - overseeing schemes
- Property - helping churches review their buildings
- Finance - a team to help chapels do their accounts
- Finance - a team who can look over cash-flow/trends/budgets etc
- What other admin areas could we streamline?
- Is there newsletter/website we could streamline? Co-ordinating Connexional or local news?
- GDPR
- Digital church
- Work with young people
- Work with Third Age groups
- Eco-church matters

All of the above we will continue to discuss and develop through 2023-24

Financial review

The Circuit is in a good financial position. The accounts show a total income of £205,432, with the following principal sources:-

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| • Assessment on Churches in Circuit | £132,825 |
| • Transfer from Reserves | £50,000 |
| • Other income was derived from the letting of the Hibaldstow manse together with bank and Central Finance Board interest payments | |

The Circuit had a corresponding expenditure of £177,749 with the following principal sources:-

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|---|---------|
| • Stipends, salaries, NIC, pension and travel | £92,420 |
| • Manse costs | £28,564 |
| • Administrative costs | £12,143 |
| • District Assessment | £39,507 |

This left the Circuit with nett receipts of £27,683. These added to previous reserves to provide a new total of £358,577

The Circuit has a Reserves Policy which prioritises mission for the use of these financial reserves. It also has also set up a loan scheme which, though repayable, is available for any church experiencing unforeseen expenditure that cannot be covered by its own reserves.

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Barton & Brigg Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		132,825			132,825	109,350
a3	Capital receipts		50,000			50,000	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,967			3,967	3,221
a5	Grants		9,500			9,500	
a6	Other receipts		9,140			9,140	13,854
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		205,432			205,432 (a8)	126,425

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		92,420			92,420	90,952
b3	Manse Costs		28,564			28,564	23,730
b4	Administration etc		12,143			12,143	12,080
b5	District Assessment		39,507			39,507	25,996
b6	Grants & donations		4,528			4,528	22,529
b7							
b8	Other payments		587			587	1,038
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		177,749			177,749 (b9)	176,325

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	27,683			27,683	(49,900)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		41,112			41,112 (c6)	91,012
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	68,795			68,795	41,112
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	68,795			68,795 (c8)	41,112 (c6)

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CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand			
f2	Bank Current Account	19,379	40,312	
f3	Bank Deposit Account			
f4	Central Finance Board	21,733	28,483	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes			
f6	Other funds			
f7	SUB TOTAL	41,112 (c6)	68,795 (c8)	
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)	
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	41,112 (x)	68,795 (y)	

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

g1	Investments (include Endowments)	317,465	258,887
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	920,407	1,098,971
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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Barton & Brigg Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023**

Lincolnshire	District	Circuit no	17-Nov
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1132257

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Ministers:

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Mrs Anne Morgan
Mrs Joyce Harris

Treasurer:

Mr John McCartney

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		132,825			132,825	109,350
a3	Capital receipts		50,000			50,000	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,967			3,967	3,221
a5	Grants		9,500			9,500	
a6	Other receipts		9,140			9,140	13,854
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		205,432			205,432 (a8)	126,425

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		92,420			92,420	90,952
b3	Manse Costs		28,564			28,564	23,730
b4	Administration etc		12,143			12,143	12,080
b5	District Assessment		39,507			39,507	25,996
b6	Grants & donations		4,528			4,528	22,529
b7							
b8	Other payments		587			587	1,038
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		177,749			177,749 (b9)	176,325

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	27,683			27,683	(49,900)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		41,112			41,112 (c6)	91,012
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	68,795			68,795	41,112
c4	Transfers and adjustments						(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	68,795			68,795 (c8)	41,112 (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						
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Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 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											
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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)	205,432	(a8)	177,749	(b9)		(c7)	41,112	(c6)	68,795	(c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	205,432		177,749				41,112	(x)	68,795	(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 2023

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	19,379		40,312	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	21,733		28,483	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				
f6	Other funds				
f7	SUB TOTAL	41,112	(c6)	68,795	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	41,112	(x)	68,795	(y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	317,465	258,887
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	920,407	1,098,971
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 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.....

Name and address of treasurer: Mr John McCartney, 4 Greenway, Barton upon Humber

North Lincolnshire

Post Code: DN18 5HY

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Barton & Brigg Methodist Circuit

Charity Number: 1132257

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barton & Brigg Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1.1 to 1.3

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
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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 CJew

Name of independent examiner CARRIE JENSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACA

Name of firm (where appropriate) FORRESTER BOYD

Address 26 SOUTH ST. MARY'S GATE, GRIMSBY

Post Code DN3 1LW

Date 25/10/23

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Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2021 TO AUGUST 2022

BARTON AND BRIGG CIRCUIT

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2022

Objectives and Activities

Barton and Brigg Methodist Circuit (Circuit) exists to advance the mission of the Methodist Church throughout the Circuit by providing support for the ten churches in line with the Connexional priorities. The Circuit comprises of 10 local Methodist churches served by a ministerial team of some 3 ordained ministers plus a number of part time active retired ministers, lay workers and volunteers.

The Circuit is led by an Acting Superintendent Minister assisted by Superintendent Ministers from the s neighbouring Circuits of Grimsby and Cleethorpes and Wolds and Trent plus a Deacon.

The Circuit Meeting, which met 4 times during the year, sets the policy for the Circuit, serving as a link between the Lincolnshire Methodist District, the Methodist Conference and the Connexional team on the one hand and the local churches on the other. It has oversight of all Circuit affairs, formulating and promoting policies, through its various officers and committees to assist the mission of the Church, to give inspiration to the leaders in the churches and to ensure the interrelation of all aspects of the Church's life throughout the Circuit. The members of the Circuit meeting are the trustees of the charity registered with the Charity Commission. As a registered charity, the Circuit takes seriously its responsibilities to the Charity Commissioners and adheres to their guidance concerning public benefit in relation to charitable objectives.

The day to day work of the Circuit is carried out by the Circuit Leadership Team, which consists of the Superintendent Minister, the Deacon, four volunteer Circuit Stewards and the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, with the additional assistance of a Circuit Administrator and Circuit Minute Secretary.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Barton & Brigg Methodist Circuit follows 'Our Calling' priorities for mission. The Circuit and Circuit Leadership Team aimed to support each church in their community, and encouraged them to be a vibrant place of worship, service, learning and fellowship, and take risks for the gospel outreach.

We encouraged churches to discover the needs of their communities and prayerfully consider how God calls them to respond, both inside and outside the church building, working ecumenically wherever possible.

We encouraged churches to

- explore new forms of worship
- work with children and young people in schools, messy church, school assemblies, creative crafts
- to be a 'presence' at community events and mark major events in the nation and locally with invitational acts of worship
- support and raise awareness of the world church through justice and peace - support for mission eg All We Can, Christian Aid, Action for Children,

Methodist Homes for the Aged, Methodist Ministers' Housing Society, Food Banks, Homelessness Project.

We did this by

- strengthening and supporting our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
- finding resources that are accessible and interesting for congregations
- encouraging Mission Audits, and Healthy Church Audits
- enabling congregations to have a rich prayer life and spirituality, with 'Space to Be' - Be Still, Be Silent, Be Creative; Bible Study; Local Preacher groups and monthly Circuit Prayer groups
- providing opportunities for discipleship including abundant hospitality and generous giving; costly service and radical grace eg OIKOS-BRIGG which became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation during the year, through Foodbanks in both Brigg and Barton and a Homelessness Project in Barton.

We do none of this in our own strength; we rely upon the grace of God, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the example of Christ who is with each one of us in this pilgrimage of faith.

Achievements and Performance

The year 2020/2021 will be remembered for the Covid 19 pandemic. Churches experienced periods of closure and the cessation of all activities in person followed by a gradual return to more familiar ways of meeting and working. The Circuit responded by changing to online meetings, events and worship, and in many instances these have proved to be very fruitful, engaging greater numbers of people than would usually meet face to face.

Work on conversations across the 3 Circuits of Barton & Brigg, Epworth & Scunthorpe, and Wolds & Trent which was given impetus by the curtailment of Rev Nichola Jones as superintendent for Barton & Brigg is continuing, albeit in a changed fashion due to the restrictions we find ourselves in.

2 morning sessions with stewards, local preachers and others looking at the imperative for mission and the life of the Circuits were held in December and the small oversight group working alongside Tim Peebles (consultant for this work) is looked at developing resources so that those ideas and questions might be rolled out on a wider scale to encourage both the Circuits and local churches to examine how they might be able to do to identify what their mission is in their places.

The prevailing image is that of seasons; what season is your church in?

Realistically for many that will be autumn or winter, but even in these seasons there is opportunity for re-seeding the ground with a new crop. That crop may be radically different to what grew before but there may still be fruitfulness to come. But, with the growth of digital church presence there are opportunities which are very-much of spring.

At a Circuit level as well as asking that same question, this work is also developing some conversation about how the Circuits can resource local mission most helpfully and, in the interest of efficiency and not re-inventing the wheel in all 3 Circuits, how we might be able to pool our efforts.

This latter conversation crosses over with a request from the Chair of District for every Circuit to have conversations with neighbouring Circuits about how we work. The eye of the 'Faithful and True' conversations is undoubtedly on Circuit

boundaries and does put the question of whether larger Circuits would make more sense.

The 3 Circuit leadership teams have identified a number of areas where we may be able to create cross-Circuit teams. It is likely that people from all 3 Circuits involved in these bits of work will be invited to participate in conversations about what would make their lives easier and what might be possible. As well as existing areas of what could be seen as more functional requirements the 3Circuits aspect looks to stretch this model to include new areas of mission resourcing as mentioned above.

Our work with young people continued during the pandemic, finding new ways to do 'Messy Church' and delivering 'Open the Book' stories via video links through you tube, as well as recorded Worship which was 'streamed' into classroom rather than face to face assemblies.

A new Superintendent Minister has been appointed to the Circuit to commence on 1st September 2021 and we look forward to working with her.

Plans for the future

As identified in the 3Circuit discussions we will further explore the following possible Cross-Circuit Groups:

(Not a definitive list)

- Safer recruitment - for Circuit posts only, or also acting for chapels?
- Safeguarding oversight for the Circuit safeguarding officers?
- Property - overseeing schemes?
- Property - helping churches review their buildings?
- Finance - a team to help chapels do their accounts?
- Finance - a team who can look over cash-flow/trends/budgets etc?
- What other admin stuff could we streamline?
- Is there newsletter/website stuff we could streamline? Co-ordinating Connexional or local news?
- GDPR
- Digital church
- Work with young people
- Work with Third Age groups
- Eco-church matter

Seek a Presbyterian to be appointed from September 2022 to work with the churches at the South end of the Circuit.

Seek volunteers to continue the work with schools that has begun and not to lose momentum for this as the Deacon responsible for the success of this leaves the Circuit in August 2022

A proposal for a 5- year appointment of a Family Outreach Worker, based in Brigg

Financial review

The circuit finances are in a strong position. In part due to a staffing level of one during 2020/21 and the sale of Barnetby the circuit finances had risen to £424,000. This compares with a reserves policy requiring £80,000 and requires us to think about spending that money wisely

At the Circuit meeting in June 2021 a number of resolutions were proposed with the prime intention of supporting mission:-

Resolution 1: We should retain the decision of the March 2019 Circuit Meeting to set the Circuit budget in line with financing 2 full-time members of staff from present income i.e. assessments

Resolution 2: As churches are still recovering from the last year, we should repeat the offer to refund 50% of one quarter's assessment during 2021/22, to those churches which request this (and intend to pay their assessments in full)

Resolution 3: We should set a budget of £15,000 to cover supernumerary costs and this should come out of reserves.

Resolution 4: We should reserve £50,000 of the circuit monies to fund a **loan scheme**.

Resolution 5: We should allocate the remaining monies to be available as **grants to fund missional projects**. (The cap on these is that the Circuit funds will not go below £130,000 within the next 5-year plan: £80,000 as 6 months reserves plus the £50,000 for the loan scheme)

Resolution 6: That we make £6,000 available to cover the extension of the Outreach Worker for the Elderly at Barton, should it be needed.

Resolution 7: That we adopt the application process for loans/grants.
All resolutions were accepted by the meeting.

Malcolm reminded the meeting of what was agreed at the previous Circuit Meeting ie. A £50,000 loan fund, a 50% of a quarter's assessment refund available for all churches, £6,000 to underwrite the cost of the Barton Lay Worker and the mechanism put in place for applying for money from the missional fund.

The Circuit has the following principal sources of Income

Assessment on Churches in the Circuit

The letting of;

Brigg Manse for £895 per month.

Hibaldstow manse for £675 per month.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Barton & Brigg Methodist	Circuit
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Mrs Anne Morgan
Mrs Joyce Harris

Treasurer:

Mr John McCartney

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		109,350			109,350	132,980
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,221			3,221	2,019
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		13,854			13,854	20,942
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		126,425			126,425 (a8)	155,941

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		90,952			90,952	58,295
b3	Manse Costs		23,730			23,730	28,821
b4	Administration etc		12,080			12,080	12,638
b5	District Assessment		25,996			25,996	25,784
b6	Grants & donations		22,529			22,529	9,275
b7							
b8	Other payments		1,038			1,038	
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		176,325			176,325 (b9)	134,813

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(49,900)			(49,900)	21,128
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		91,012			91,012 (c6)	69,884
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	41,112			41,112	91,012
c4	Transfers and adjustments						(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	41,112			41,112 (c8)	91,012 (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)						
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SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Circuit Loan Fund		457	(457)		457	
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds		457	(457)		457 (e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	126,425 (a8)	176,325 (b9)	(49,900)	(c7)	91,012 (c6)	41,112 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	126,425	176,782	(50,357)		91,469 (x)	41,112 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	64,824	19,379
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	26,188	21,733
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	91,012 (c6)	41,112 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	457 (e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	91,469 (x)	41,112 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	341309	317465
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	799,621	920,407
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

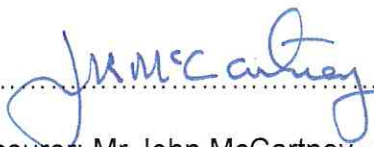
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Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer



Date

13/12/2022

Name and address of treasurer: Mr John McCartney, 4 Greenway, Barton upon Humber,

North Lincolnshire

Post Code: DN18 5HY

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

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Signature of independent examiner Carrie Jensen

Name of independent examiner: **Carrie Jensen**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: **ACA**

Name of firm (where appropriate): **Forrester Boyd Chartered Accountants**

Address: **26 South St Marys Gate, Grimsby**

Post Code: **DN31 1LW**

Date 14/11/2022

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Barton & Brigg Methodist	Circuit
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e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds		457	(457)		457 (e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	126,425 (a8)	176,325 (b9)	(49,900)	(c7)	91,012 (c6)	41,112 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	126,425	176,782	(50,357)		91,469 (x)	41,112 (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 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	64,824	19,379
f3		
f4	26,188	21,733
f5		
f6		
f7	91,012 (c6)	41,112 (c8)
f8	457 (e11)	(e12)
f9	91,469 (x)	41,112 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	341309	317465
g2	799,621	920,407
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

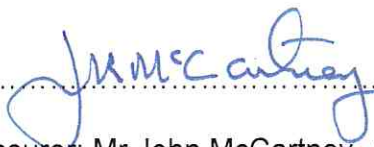
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Signature of treasurer



Date

13/12/2022

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North Lincolnshire

Post Code: DN18 5HY

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number: 1132257

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Signature of independent examiner Carrie Jensen

Name of independent examiner: **Carrie Jensen**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: **ACA**

Name of firm (where appropriate): **Forrester Boyd Chartered Accountants**

Address: **26 South St Marys Gate, Grimsby**

Post Code: **DN31 1LW**

Date 14/11/2022

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Barton & Brigg Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021**

Lincolnshire	District	Circuit no	17/11
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Mr John McCartney

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	Note	£	£	£	£	£
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a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,019			2,019	2,363
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	20,942			20,942	19,447
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	155,941			155,941 (a8)	128,129

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	58,295			58,295	77,660
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SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	21,128		21,128	(10,629)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		69,884		69,884 (c6)	80,513
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	91,012		91,012	69,884
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	91,012		91,012 (c8)	69,884 (c6)

SECTION D		FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)			
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e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	155,943	135,538	20,405		71,064 (x)	91,469 (y)
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SECTION F

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f1	Cash in hand		
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f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
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f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	71,064 (x)	91,469 (y)

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g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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Date **08/12/2021**

ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2020 TO AUGUST 2021

BARTON AND BRIGG CIRCUIT

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2021

Objectives and Activities

Barton and Brigg Methodist Circuit (Circuit) exists to advance the mission of the Methodist Church throughout the Circuit by providing support for the ten churches in line with the Connexional priorities. The Circuit comprises of 10 local Methodist churches served by a ministerial team of some 3 ordained ministers plus a number of part time active retired ministers, lay workers and volunteers.

The Circuit was led by an Acting Superintendent Minister assisted by Superintendent Ministers from the 3 neighbouring Circuits of Grimsby and Cleethorpes and Wolds and Trent, Scunthorpe and Epworth plus a Deacon.

The Circuit Meeting, which met 4 times during the year, sets the policy for the Circuit, serving as a link between the Lincolnshire Methodist District, the Methodist Conference and the Connexional team on the one hand and the local churches on the other. It has oversight of all Circuit affairs, formulating and promoting policies, through its various officers and committees to assist the mission of the Church, to give inspiration to the leaders in the churches and to ensure the interrelation of all aspects of the Church's life throughout the Circuit. The members of the Circuit meeting are the trustees of the charity registered with the Charity Commission. As a registered charity, the Circuit takes seriously its responsibilities to the Charity Commissioners and adheres to their guidance concerning public benefit in relation to charitable objectives.

The day to day work of the Circuit is carried out by the Circuit Leadership Team, which consists of the Superintendent Minister, the Deacon, four volunteer Circuit Stewards and the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, with the additional assistance of a Circuit Administrator and Circuit Minute Secretary.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Barton & Brigg Methodist Circuit follows 'Our Calling' priorities for mission. The Circuit and Circuit Leadership Team aimed to support each church in their community, and encouraged them to be a vibrant place of worship, service, learning and fellowship, and take risks for the gospel outreach.

We encouraged churches to discover the needs of their communities and prayerfully consider how God calls them to respond, both inside and outside the church building, working ecumenically wherever possible.

We encouraged churches to

- explore new forms of worship
- work with children and young people in schools, messy church, school assemblies, creative crafts
- to be a 'presence' at community events and mark major events in the nation and locally with invitational acts of worship
- support and raise awareness of the world church through justice and peace – support for mission eg All We Can, Christian Aid, Action for Children, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Methodist Ministers' Housing Society, Food Banks, Homelessness Project.

We did this by

- strengthening and supporting our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
- finding resources that are accessible and interesting for congregations
- encouraging Mission Audits, and Healthy Church Audits
- enabling congregations to have a rich prayer life and spirituality, with 'Space to Be' - Be Still, Be Silent, Be Creative; Bible Study; Local Preacher groups and monthly Circuit Prayer groups
- providing opportunities for discipleship including abundant hospitality and generous giving; costly service and radical grace eg OIKOS-BRIGG which became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation during the year, and through Foodbanks in both Brigg and Barton and a Homelessness Project in Barton.

We do none of this in our own strength; we rely upon the grace of God, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the example of Christ who is with each one of us in this pilgrimage of faith.

Achievements and Performance

The year 2020/2021 will be remembered for the Covid 19 pandemic. Churches experienced periods of closure and the cessation of all activities in person followed by a gradual return to more familiar ways of meeting and working. The Circuit responded by changing to online meetings, events and worship, and in many instances these have proved to be very fruitful, engaging greater numbers of people than would usually meet face to face.

Work on conversations across the 3 Circuits of Barton & Brigg, Epworth & Scunthorpe, and Wolds & Trent which was given impetus by the curtailment of Rev Nichola Jones as superintendent for Barton & Brigg is continuing, albeit in a changed fashion due to the restrictions we find ourselves in.

2 morning sessions with stewards, local preachers and others looking at the imperative for mission and the life of the Circuits were held in December and the small oversight group working alongside Tim Peebles (consultant for this work) is looking at developing resources so that those ideas and questions might be rolled out on a wider scale to encourage both the Circuits and local churches to examine how they might be able to do to identify what their mission is in their places.

The prevailing image is that of seasons; what season is your church in? Realistically for many that will be autumn or winter, but even in these seasons there is opportunity for re-seeding the ground with a new crop. That crop may be radically different to what grew before but there may still be fruitfulness to come. But, with the growth of digital church presence there are opportunities which are very-much of spring.

At a Circuit level as well as asking that same question, this work is also developing some conversation about how the Circuits can resource local mission most helpfully and, in the interest of efficiency and not re-inventing the wheel in all 3 Circuits, how we might be able to pool our efforts. This latter conversation crosses over with a request from the Chair of District for every Circuit to have conversations with neighbouring Circuits about how we work. The eye of the 'Faithful and True' conversations is undoubtedly on Circuit boundaries and does put the question of whether larger Circuits would make more sense.

The 3 Circuit leadership teams have identified a number of areas where we may be able to create cross-Circuit teams. It is likely that people from all 3 Circuits involved in these bits of work will be invited to participate in conversations about what would make their lives easier and what might be possible. As well as existing areas of what could be seen as more functional requirements. The 3 Circuits aspect looks to stretch this model to include new areas of mission resourcing as mentioned above.

Our work with young people continued during the pandemic, finding new ways to do 'Messy Church' and delivering 'Open the Book' stories via video links through you tube, as well as recorded Worship which was 'streamed' into classroom rather than face to face assemblies.

A new Superintendent Minister has been appointed to the Circuit to commence on 1st September 2021 and we look forward to working with her.

Plans for the future

As identified in the 3Circuit discussions we will further explore the following possible Cross-Circuit Groups:

(Not a definitive list)

- Safer recruitment - for Circuit posts only, or also acting for chapels?
- Safeguarding oversight for the Circuit safeguarding officers?
- Property - overseeing schemes?
- Property - helping churches review their buildings?
- Finance - a team to help chapels do their accounts?
- Finance - a team who can look over cash-flow/trends/budgets etc?
- What other admin stuff could we streamline?
- Is there newsletter/website stuff we could streamline? Co-ordinating Connexional or local news?
- GDPR
- Digital church
- Work with young people
- Work with Third Age groups
- Eco-church matter

Seek a Presbyterian to be appointed from September 2022 to work with the churches at the South end of the Circuit.

Seek volunteers to continue the work with schools that has begun and not to lose momentum for this as the Deacon responsible for the success of this leaves the Circuit in August 2022

A proposal for a 5- year appointment of a Family Outreach Worker, based in Brigg

Financial review

The circuit finances are in a strong position. In part due to a staffing level of one during 2020/21 and the sale of Barnetby the circuit finances had risen to £424,000. This compares with a reserves policy requiring £80,000 and requires us to think about spending that money wisely

At the Circuit meeting in June 2021 a number of resolutions were proposed with the prime intention of supporting mission:-

Resolution 1: We should retain the decision of the March 2019 Circuit Meeting to set the Circuit budget in line with financing 2 full-time members of staff from present income i.e. assessments

Resolution 2: As churches are still recovering from the last year, we should repeat the offer to refund 50% of one quarter's assessment during 2021/22, to those churches which request this (and intend to pay their assessments in full)

Resolution 3: We should set a budget of £15,000 to cover supernumerary costs and this should come out of reserves.

Resolution 4: We should reserve £50,000 of the circuit monies to fund a **loan scheme**.

Resolution 5: We should allocate the remaining monies to be available as **grants to fund missional projects**. (The cap on these is that the Circuit funds will not go below £130,000 within the next 5-year plan: £80,000 as 6 months reserves plus the £50,000 for the loan scheme)

Resolution 6: That we make £6,000 available to cover the extension of the Outreach Worker for the Elderly at Barton, should it be needed.

Resolution 7: That we adopt an application process for loans/grants.

All resolutions were accepted by the meeting.

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The Circuit had a total income of £155,941

The following principal sources of income were:-

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| - Assessment on Churches in the Circuit | £132,980 |
| - The letting of Brigg Manse for £895 per month and Hibaldstow manse for £675 per month. | |
| - Bank and CFB interest | £2,019 |

The Circuit had a total expenditure of £134,813

The following principal sources of expenditure were:-

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| - Stipends, salaries, NIC, pension and travel | £58,295 |
| - Manse costs (principally hire of third manse for Deacon) | £28,821 |
| - Administrative costs | £12,638 |
| - District Assessment | £25,784 |
| - Grants and donations | £9,275 |

This left the Circuit with nett receipts of £21,128

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Barton & Brigg Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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