

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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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

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

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Ministers:

Rev Sally Long

Circuit Stewards:

Mr Malcolm Bailey
Mrs Kate Marr
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						
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 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													
e2													
e3													
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e5													
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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)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS									

Continue on a separate
sheet if necessary and bring
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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**

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g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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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
- 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 CJew

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