

# ANNUAL REPORT

## SEPTEMBER 2023 TO AUGUST 2024

### BARTON, BRIGG and WOLDS CIRCUIT

**Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

Barton and Brigg Methodist Circuit (Circuit) merged with a portion of the Wolds and Trent Methodist Circuit on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Financial review**

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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| • Assessment on Churches in Circuit   | £174,953 |
| • Grants (youth work)   | £ 64,056 |
| • 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

<b>Barton, Brigg &amp; Wolds</b>	<b>Circuit</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2024**

	<b>Circuit no</b>	17/11
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1132257
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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
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
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	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>210,259</b>		<b>64,056</b>	<b>274,315 (a8)</b>	<b>205,432</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
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	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>259,599</b>			<b>259,599 (b9)</b>	<b>177,749</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a7-b9)	(49,340)		64,056	14,716
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		68,795			68,795 (c6)
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	<b>19,455</b>		<b>64,056</b>	<b>83,511</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	<b>19,455</b>		<b>64,056</b>	<b>83,511 (c8)</b>
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SECTION D					
d	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> (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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>				



**SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING****SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments		Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1													
e2													
e3													
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e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds										(e11)		(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	274,315	(a8)	259,599	(b9)	14,716			(c7)	68,795	(c6)	83,511	(c8)
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		
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f5		
f6		
f7	68,795 (c6)	83,511 (c8)
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	258,887	303,738
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g3		
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f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer:



Date: 09/10/24

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

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Post Code: DN18 5HY

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 ~~were~~ will be\* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 5 Dec 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

REV ROBERT ROBERTS

Date 15 Nov 2024

## 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 and Wolds Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 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 CJew

Name of independent examiner CARRIE JENSEN

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