

Trustees' Annual Report

Amersham Methodist Circuit

Year Ending 31st August 2024

Registered Charity No. 1132354

Overview

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Trustees' Annual Report of the Amersham Methodist Circuit.

The Circuit is the primary unit in which Local Churches express and experience their interconnexion as the body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement, and help. It is in the Circuit that presbyters, deacons and probationers are stationed and local preachers are trained and admitted and exercise their calling. The purposes of the Circuit include the effective deployment of the resources of ministry, which include people, property and finance, as they relate to the Methodist churches in the Circuit, to churches of other denominations and to participation in the life of the communities served by the Circuit, including local schools and colleges, and in ecumenical work in the area.

The Amersham Methodist Circuit lies within the Chilterns, Buckinghamshire, in an area of outstanding natural beauty and encompasses several medium-sized, towns and rural villages. It forms the southernmost part of the Northampton District and extends northwards from Gerrards Cross to Prestwood and Chesham.

The Circuit has approximately 200 members and comprises 6 churches at 31st August 2024; one being a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) with the United Reformed Church (URC). The circuit staff consists of two full-time presbyters who are supported by an administrator and the circuit stewards. The Circuit funds the provision of the two presbyters, supplies and maintains their accommodation, (manse) and covers their legitimate expenses. The Circuit arranges professional Quinquennial Inspections of the circuit churches and circuit properties. Each of the circuit churches has a pastoral support system led by pastoral leaders or the Church Council. There are active Churches Together groups throughout the area and ecumenical relationships are on the whole good.

The Circuit Meeting (CM) of the Amersham Methodist Circuit is the principal meeting responsible for the affairs of the Circuit and the development of circuit policy. The CM, with the Superintendent Minister and with the guidance of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT), exercises that combination of spiritual leadership and administrative efficiency which will enable the Circuit to fulfil its purposes as set out in Standing Orders. The CM acts as the focal point of the working fellowship of the churches in the Circuit, overseeing their pastoral, training and evangelistic work. The CM meets quarterly.

CIRCUIT MISSION STATEMENT

The circuit's policy on mission and ministry is to support all its churches in their efforts to reach out with the Gospel message in their local communities. The circuit recognises and encourages the diversity of approaches to mission and worship among its churches and seeks to make resources available to enable them to carry out their ministries. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith in our Circuit through: worship and prayer; learning about and developing knowledge of and trust in Jesus; and via mission and outreach work.

When planning our activities for the year, the Superintendent and CM considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The trustees are committed to reaching out to as many people as possible in the Circuit's geographical area through regular worship at the member churches which provide pastoral care and community activities as part of their outreach. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at each of the six churches. Worship is open to all people without charge. The Circuit continues to provide on-line worship each week with occasional streamed live services.

The Circuit accounts for the year 2023-24 were produced by Mrs Lucinda Gigg, our Circuit Administrator/Bookkeeper. The production of information to enable better financial scrutiny was appreciated by the church treasurers. When setting its budget for 2023-24 the Circuit resolved to continue to support the income of the Churches as they recovered from the pandemic.

Funds were raised for the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain and Ireland. Collections were also made for Methodist Homes for the Aged, Christian Aid and Action for Children. The Circuit continues to support Pace, a local children's charity working with children with neurodisabilities. The Circuit is actively exploring which causes to support in the area of overseas work and will reach a decision in September 2024.

Many members from the Churches attended the Circuit Vision Day in November 2023 held at Restore Hope Latimer. The day was facilitated by Ms Holly Adams from the Methodist Church Evangelism and Growth Team, Matt Forsyth and Rev Kim Shorley from the Northampton District Mission Team.

The Rev James Patterson completed the second year of his time as a presbyteral probationer. The Circuit produced two reports relating to the assessment of James. The Regional Probationers Committees and the Methodist Church Probationers Oversight Committee unanimously recommended to the Methodist Conference of 2024, that James be received into Full Connexion with the Conference and Ordained. The Circuit hired a bus to accommodate all those who wished to attend the District Ordinand's Testimony Service in Aylesbury and hear James share his story. A smaller number were able to travel to Bradford to be present at James' ordination. The wedding of James to Rev Angela Sheard at St. Martin in the Field was attended by many members in the Circuit and was a cause of great joy.

In late December 2023 the sale of St. John's Methodist Church to the charity 'Restore Hope Latimer' was completed by private treaty sale.

The Circuit began the process of applying for permission in principle for Winchmore Hill and Lee Common Churches for change of use, so that they could be sold with a view to them becoming

dwellings. This process was somewhat drawn out owing to the need for an ecological survey to be carried out in both churches.

INCOME TRENDS

Circuit income is drawn primarily from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The Circuit Meeting, on the recommendation of the Church Treasurers Meeting, resolved to continue to subsidise the assessment asked of the churches. The manse located at 41 Codmore Crescent continues to be let and is providing some income.

EXPENDITURE TRENDS

The single largest expenses are those relating church ministers, including stipends, pensions contributions, expenses and the provision of manses. Stipend expenditure is increased each financial year in line with Conference approved increases. The cost of the Circuit Administrator was budgeted for in the budget for 2023-24.

The other expenditure includes costs in respect of the maintenance work on the manses and the payment of church quinquennial inspections.

PLANS FOR 2024/25

The Circuit will continue to follow up the work of the Vision Day and produce a Circuit Mission Plan. The Circuit will continue the process of selling the former churches at Lee Common and Winchmore Hill. The Circuit will continue to explore new lay appointments and offer support to churches considering such appointments, such as the Attractional Mission Pastor appointment for Gerrards Cross.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

The members of the Amersham Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches or co-opted by the meeting. Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) are the Custodian Trustee of Circuit Properties.

CIRCUIT MINISTERS AND OFFICERS

ACTIVE CIRCUIT MINISTERS:

The Rev'd E Adam Wells

The Rev'd James Patterson

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mrs Gill McAllister
Mrs Pam Sitford

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Martin Hunt,
Amersham Accountancy
3A Station Road, Amersham, Bucks HP7 0BQ

TREASURER

Mrs Lu Gigg

BANKING AND INVESTMENTS

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church,
9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ

SOLICITORS

Sintons LLP
The Cube
Barrack Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 6DB

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Amersham for the Methodist Church:

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 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.
- e) The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
- f) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- g) The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- h) Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

- i) Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- j) Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the the Superintendent Minister, the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers' meeting, and the Circuit Stewards' Meeting.

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet, 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church', is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

RELATED PARTIES

The Circuit is part of the Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Amersham Methodist Circuit:

- discuss and regularly review by the Circuit Staff/Stewards and Circuit Meeting.
- takes professional advice as and when required.
- follows procedures and guidelines issued by the Methodist Church to mitigate risks.
- adopts and implements the Methodist Church's robust safeguarding policies and procedures in the Circuit and the local churches.

There continues to be a steady decline in membership which reflects the increasingly elderly profile of the majority of the local congregations.

SAFEGUARDING

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of humankind in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults

- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Amersham Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Amersham Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

RESERVES POLICY

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to six months' average expenditure. In addition, the Circuit will hold sums relating to specific budgeted expenditure, such as: planned repairs and renewals; relocation expenses of ministers; and outreach projects. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding of planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.



THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2024

AMERSHAM METHODIST

CIRCUIT

Registered Charity - Registration number

1132354

Northampton

District

Circuit No

23 / 28

Ministers

Revd Adam Wells (Superintendent)

Revd James Patterson

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Gill McAllister

Mrs Pam Sittford

Circuit Treasurer

Mrs Lu Gigg

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals this year
£	£	£	£	£

Previous year totals
£

Incoming Resources

1 Assessment or Share	59,738			59,738	85,162
2 Capital Receipts				0	0
3 Interest and Investment Income	3,009	22,233		25,242	3,000
4 Grants				0	0
5 Lettings	28,639			28,639	24,499
6 Other Income	115			115	8,843
7 Internal Organisations				0	0
8 Donation Received				0	0
9					0
10 Total Incoming Resources	91,501	22,233	0	113,734	121,504

Resources Expended

11 Salaries, salaries, NIC & Pension costs	102,567			102,567	96,016
12 District Assessment	9,364			9,364	7,319
13 Methodist Church Fund	33,920			33,920	35,135
14 Administration, telephone & travel	11,220			11,220	8,752
15 Insurance, utilities, etc	12,922			12,922	18,210
16 Maintenance on manses	6,847			6,847	7,512
17 Expenditure on other Circuit property	25,396			25,396	7,837
18 Depreciation	971			971	1,011
19 Provisions				0	0
20 Other Expenditure	290	11		300	241
21 Grants and Donations	9,089			9,089	38
22 Contributions to District Advance Fund		94		94	2,114
23 Internal organisations				0	0
24 Total Resources Expended	212,586	105	0	212,691	184,185
25 Incoming Resources	-121,085	22,128	0	-98,957	-62,681
26 Transfers between funds	120,000	-120,000			
27 Sub total	-1,085	-97,873	0	-98,957	-62,681
28 Gains and losses on investment assets				0	0
29 Surplus on Sale of Church		1,240,316		1,240,316	0
30 CPF Levy on Sale of Church		-472,126		-472,126	0
31 Net investment in funds	-1,085	670,317	0	669,232	-62,681
32 Total funds brought forward	2,227,762	3,779		2,231,541	2,294,222
33 Total funds carried forward at end of year	2,226,677	674,095	0	2,900,772	2,231,541

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year	-8,970	-8,970
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations		0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations		0
Balance carried forward	-8,970	-8,970

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Other Funds (Restricted)	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

Mansees etc	2,146,098				2,146,098	2,147,069
Investment properties					0	0
Investment Funds Held					0	0
Total fixed assets	2,146,098	0	0	0	2,146,098	2,147,069

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments					0.00	0.00
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits etc	58,173	674,095			732,269	69,424
Cash at Bank and in hand	23,906				23,906	15,047
Total current assets	82,079	674,095	0	0	756,174	84,471

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	1,500	0	1,500	0
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Net current assets (liabilities)	80,579	674,095	0	0	754,674	84,471
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Total assets less current liabilities	2,226,677	674,095	0	0	2,900,772	2,231,541
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year					0	0
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Provisions for liabilities and charges					0	0
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Net assets	2,226,677	674,095	0	0	2,900,772	2,231,541
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Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,226,677				2,226,677	2,227,762
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		674,095			674,095	3,779
Other Funds (Restricted)			0		0	0
Endowment Funds				0	0	0
Total Funds	2,226,677	674,095	0	0	2,900,772	2,231,541

*Detention - see page 6

Summary of the 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.

Internal Organisations	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
				0		0
				0		0
				0		0
				0		0
				0		0
				0		0
				0		0
				0		0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total Receipts	Total Payments
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Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward. Transfer Totals of Receipts and Payments to the SOFA

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 2006. The format of the SOFA balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose and Endowment funds which represent gifts, the capital normally being unavailable for spending, and the income from which is either Restricted or Unrestricted. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources. Future income must not be anticipated (SORP 2005).

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Where cost is not available, the Circuit Meeting may provide a reasonable estimate of cost or of the buildings' current value to the circuit. An estimate based on insurance value should take account of the fact that cover will be based on demolition and reinstating the current building and not the original cost less accumulated depreciation. A professional valuation is not required, but if available, that figure is used. Provision is made for depreciation where appropriate.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - properties not used for the purposes of the charity (and never used for that purpose). The property should be valued at market value, but insured value may be used.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

How amounts owing to the Circuit or prepayments made

Creditors

Show amounts owing to the Circuit and any amounts accrued as due in the following year.

Loans

If the Circuit has borrowed any money, please give the information in the designated section. Loans made to Circuits may be confidential and may be free of interest. It is not necessary to breach confidentiality in recording sources: use the word 'Individuals' if appropriate.

Endowment Funds

Where the Circuit holds money which cannot be spent but must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are known as an Endowment Fund. The capital should be included in the appropriate column in the Balance Sheet. The income generated may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

Net current assets (liabilities)

Deduct Creditors from Total current assets.

Total assets less net current liabilities

Deduct net current assets (liabilities) from the total of fixed and current assets

Net assets totals must agree with Total Funds held.

4 Payment to Trustees

Record payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, e.g. a trustee is also a plumber who carries out work in that capacity. Do not include ministers' stipends here; they are reported on line 11 of the SOFA. Further details can be included in a separate note to the accounts if desired. (More detailed guidance is on the Methodist website)

	This year	Last year
£	4619.89	3179.35

This will not include stipends

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

8	6
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Nature of the expenses

Travel expenses of ministers, lay workers and volunteers on circuit business, reimbursement of out-of pocket expenses for manse maintenance.

Total amount paid

£	4,619.89	3,179.35
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5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

£	602.36	573.68
£	0.00	0.00

Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

£	78,419.67	73,756.72
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Employer's National Insurance costs

£	6,930.19	6,391.68
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Pension costs

£	15,829.20	15,021.24
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Total staff costs

£	101,179.06	95,169.64
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Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

2.5	2.5
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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

If the Circuit has any commitments or liabilities these should be disclosed.

Contingent liabilities amounted to:

£	0	0
£	0	0

Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation

	Manse etc £	Other land & buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	2,140,000.00	0	0	24,366.08	0	2,164,366.08
Additions						0
Revaluations (+/-)						0
Disposals (-)						0
Transfers * (+/-)						0
Balance carried forward	2,140,000.00	0.00	0.00	24,366.08	0.00	2,164,366.08

Accumulated depreciation

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate				3, 4 or 10 yrs	

Balance brought forward	0	0	0	17,296.70	0.00	17,296.70
Depreciation charge for year (-)				971.20		971.20
Revaluations (+/-)						0.00
Disposals (-)						0.00
Transfers* (+/-)						0.00
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	18,267.90	0.00	18,267.90

Net book value

Brought forward	2,140,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,069.38	0.00	2,147,069.38
Carried forward	2,140,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,098.18	0.00	2,146,098.18

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

Investment assets

	Market value at year end	Income from investments for year
	£	£
Investment properties	0	0

Analysis of investments

Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes		
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio		
Other investments - Investment Funds Held	0	
Total	0	0

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	0
Add: additions to investments at cost	0
Less: disposals at carrying value	
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation (This should agree with Line 28 in the SOFA)	0
Carrying (market) value at end of year	0

Loans

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
						0
						0
						0
						0
						0
Totals						0
						x

Repayment due

	Due within 12 months	31/08/2025							Totals
	Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2026			31/08/2027		31/08/2028		0
	Due later than 5 years								0
	Note: the two totals X and Y must agree								0 Y

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Endowment Funds

Endowment Name	How the capital is Invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
Totals		0	0	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
					0	
					0	
					0	
					0	
					0	
					0	
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit

Signature of Treasurer

L Gigg

Date

27/09/2024

Name

Mrs Lu Gigg

Address

c/o Little Chalfont Methodist Church, Chalfont Avenue,
Little Chalfont, Bucks HP6 6RD

Presentation to the *Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on
and were approved.

26/11/24

Signature of the Chair of the
meeting

E Adam Wells

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev'd Adam Wells

Date

26/11/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

AMERSHAM METHODIST

CIRCUIT

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

M. R. HUNT

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCCA

Address

3A STATION ROAD
AMERSHAM
BUCKS HP7 0BQ

Date

6/11/2024.