

NORTH SHIELDS & WHITLEY BAY METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1132438

Details

Other names NORTH SHIELDS & WHITLEY BAY CIRCUIT

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-11-04

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: Our work is based around the four core areas of worship. learning and caring, service and evangelism. We provide a network of people who enable various experiences of worship. Personnel, technological and skill resources to equip churches and promote community development. Outreach events are also held to engage people with the central ingredients of the Christian faith.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-08-31 | £308,841 | £358,726 | - | - |
| 2023-08-31 | £405,435 | £320,054 | - | - |
| 2022-08-31 | £286,952 | £292,208 | - | - |
| 2021-08-31 | £311,843 | £264,138 | - | - |
| 2020-08-31 | £230,492 | £261,296 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|
| REV EVA WALKER | Chair | 2017-09-01 |
| ANDRINA MARY DAVISON | | |
| Allan Graham Tipple | | 2021-12-08 |
| Andrew Lowe | | |
| Carol Baggaley | | 2023-06-20 |
| Catherine Margaret Walker | | 2021-12-08 |
| Colin James Raistrick | | |
| JOHN GRAHAM MORLEY | | |
| John Bedigan | | 2021-12-08 |
| MARGARET GANNIE | | |
| MARGARET GIBSON STEPHENSON | | |
| MARION TAWS | | |
| Martin William Shaw | | 2021-12-08 |
| Patricia Jean Maddison | | 2021-12-08 |
| Patricia Underhill | | 2021-12-08 |
| Pauline Wright | | 2018-09-01 |
| Rev David WYND | | 2014-09-01 |
| Rev Enid Muriel Gordon | | 2021-11-08 |
| Robert Wylie | | 2018-09-01 |
| Sandra Fenwick | | 2018-09-01 |
| Susan Margaret Mason | | 2021-12-08 |
| Yvonne Hastie | | 2018-09-01 |

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Accounts

Circuit Accrual Accounts 2023-24

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31st August 2024

North Shields and Whitley Bay Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration Number 1132438

District Number / Circuit Number - 20 / 05

Ministers

Rev David Wynd
Rev Eva Walker

Circuit Stewards

Martin Shaw
Roger Gordon

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick

**North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Aims and Organisation

The Circuit resources the work of seven churches, Network and three different ways of being church ("fresh expressions") in the geographical area covered by the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit. The Circuit is one of twelve circuits in the Newcastle upon Tyne District, which in turn is one of twenty four districts in the Methodist Connexion.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our main activity, however, is to resource the constituent local churches in their local application of the general purpose of advancing religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through the four core activities of "Our Calling" namely worship; learning and caring; service and evangelism.

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

The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to a range of local institutions.

Additional details:

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and in our organised activities. Thus we provide a varied menu of worship opportunities which are open to everyone, ranging across the spectrum of style from traditional liturgical/reflective to contemporary/celebratory and from all-age worship to children's praise parties. We also encourage participation in ecumenical and circuit/district-wide worship opportunities. We are thus putting our faith into practice through the shared benefit of prayer, scriptural review, preaching, music and sacrament.

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to become involved in the various activities of the constituent churches and fresh expressions of church which are community-enriching and character-forming, through personal development and/or community service and/or mission/outreach work.

The Trustees are committed to encouraging all the people with whom we come into contact in any way to participate in activities which might influence their faith-journey, thus creating better citizens and promoting wholeness in all levels of society/community.

The Trustees are committed to supporting the constituent churches as they maintain and manage and improve their premises of which they are managing trustees for use by the wider community.

We employ two ministers, a Circuit Operations Manager, a Pioneer Enabler, a Community Worker with the Elderly and a Family Worker. All other roles are voluntary.

We are responsible for the care of ministers appointed to our circuit, both in the provision and maintenance of housing for them, in raising money to provide a stipend, and in providing support equivalent to that of an employer to employees.

Review of the year

The Circuit continues to assist those worshipping at home by providing a weekly printed home service. This is most welcomed by the people who receive it and they themselves are using the resources to engage with others. Many thanks to all who create the printed services.

Information about what is going on across the Circuit is shared by the publication of information in the Circuit Newsletter. The Circuit Office at St John's remains the focal point where information is shared and disseminated. We plan to develop this further by sharing more of what is going on in local churches so that members have more choice of what activities to join in.

Following a strategic review, Karen Morley joined the team as a Family Worker. Karen has spent the year developing family work at St John's, Monkseaton, Cullercoats and North Shields.

Working alongside older people, work was developed to support the new way of working for local

Churches Pastoral teams as down to two presbyters became the reality. John has great links with hospitals, the local hospital chaplaincy and other agencies working with older people. Increasingly John's work results in finding solutions for members whose health is deteriorating and memory is not what it was. John has continued to produce the "Prayer Dove" which aims to aid worship for those unable to get to church.

Sunday at the Pub activity based around pubs. Themes of faith and spirituality were explored. BFX had a weekend away at Saughy Rigg. Joining up with the District Mother House Project SeaSoul has resulted in much engagement with the community of people who engage with North Tyneside's coast.

The Green Festival in September 2023 celebrated Creation. Whilst disappointing to cancel the music element, it is hoped to do this aspect of the festival at a later date.

Safeguarding training continues in a hybrid format of offering online courses as well as resuming face to face courses. In the Circuit we offered face to face foundation training. A number of face to face Circuit Safeguarding Officers meetings was held. Information was shared by the Circuit Safeguarding Officers periodically throughout the year.

Our Circuit Stewards provided many hours of voluntary work in the essential administration of the Circuit.

Our Presbyter Team, Supernumerary Ministers team, Local preachers and Worship Leaders enabled worship to happen on a Sunday or at midweek meetings. Circuit Praise continues to be an online offering with many more viewing the content than would be in a physical environment.

The Circuit Operations Manager has led the Earsdon Management Group in the process of preparing for the Earsdon Chapel building to be sold and for the contents to be recycled, redeployed or given away.

New Places, New People is a strategic focus of what we do. We are pleased to be supporting Cambium at Seaton Sluice and SeaSoul.

Strategically the Circuit is continuing discussions on setting the strategic direction for the years ahead. This means building upon the best of what we already do and moving forward with a refreshed way of doing and new activities that allow more people to know and love Jesus. As a Circuit we have a Circuit Safeguarding meeting and Circuit Property Group. We are extending the grouping to include Circuit Treasurers in a Circuit Finance Group. Our vision is to have other groups as we become more of joined as One Circuit on many sites.

The Charity continues to be viable.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference. Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Resources Committee. Occasional task and finish groups are established which report back to the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. The Regional Training Team provides specific support and specific roles are supported at meetings arranged by the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and increasingly by a greater North East Districts input.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit. North Shields Methodist Church, Cullercoats Methodist Church, St John's Methodist Church, Monkseaton Methodist Church, Earsdon Methodist Church, Seaton Sluice Methodist Church. Fishermen's Mission. Coast Congregational Church meets at Fisherman's Mission and are licenced with the Circuit to receive worship support.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation 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 practices 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 a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and good practice.

The North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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 North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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.

During the year Safeguarding training was delivered that reflects the revised training implemented by the Methodist Conference. A review of appointment roles within the Churches of the Circuit, reflected our good compliance with regular training and updates. A regular meeting of Church Safeguarding Officers was held.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability

to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Finance and Governance

Basis of account preparation and legal framework.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Full name of Charity: North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Church Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1132438

Date of Registration: 4th November 2009

Registered address: Circuit Office, St John's Methodist Church, Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay.
NE26 3ND

The members of the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Officer holders, ministers and representatives appointed by local churches.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev David Wynd *

Rev Eva Walker *

Supported by an additional team of retired Ministers.

Circuit Lay Workers

Karen Morley

John Morley *

Rob Wylie

Circuit Stewards

Martin Shaw * (Senior Steward)

Roger Gordon *

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick *

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Representatives

Margaret Stephenson
John Bedigan

Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator Rev Linda Eccles

Circuit Operations Manager Colin Raistrick

Members Carol Baggaley, Alan Bainbridge, John Bedigan, Diane Brewer, Sue Carr, Andrina Davison, Andrew Esson, Sandra Fenwick, Margaret Gannie, Rev Enid Gordon, Roger Gordon, Bill Hastie, Yvonne Hastie, Andrew Lowe, Owen Lumsdon, Pat Maddison, Sue Mason, John Morley, Colin Raistrick, Martin Shaw, Margaret Stephenson, Marion Taws, Graham Tipple, Pat Underhill, Catherine Walker, Rev Eva Walker Pauline Wright, Rob Wylie, Rev David Wynd.

* Denotes member of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT)

Colin Raistrick acted as principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Year ended 31st August 2024 income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by Circuit churches. At the Network project at Oxford Street talks are still ongoing with Depaul UK on their lease arrangement. The rent of £10,380 from Western Way manse letting was used to reduce general expenses. A legacy of just under £40,000 was received from the estate of the late Audrey Morrow. This has significantly boosted the Circuit income. This legacy income will be used to establish a fund for environmental upgrades to local churches in a mix of loan and grant.

Year ended 31st August 2024 expenditure trends

During the year our income was £308,841 and we spent £358,726 in line with the budget. We spent £49,885 more than our income. This was planned as we were catching up with a backlog of quinquennial inspections. As a Circuit we did essential full loft conversion work at all manses. This meant safe access, safe loft electrics and full floor boarding. Over 50 years of rubbish was removed from the loft space at Davison Avenue manse, including measures put in during the 1970s winter of discontent. Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with Conference approved increases. The Property Fund was used for an emergency grant to Fishermen's Mission of £3,000 to enable a woodworm infested floor to be replaced and essential timber beams to be replaced. As a boost to churches a month worth of Circuit Assessment was returned, this accounted for £18,000 of the budget shortfall. We spent £20,000 more on lay employee costs as we waited for District grants to be paid to the Circuit. These were received in the following reporting period. £3,000 was spent on a revaluation for insurance premises for Oxford Street. This valuation will be applied to the 2025 insurance renewal.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2024 net cash assets of the Circuit were £211,240 (£234,741 previous year) giving approximately 8 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2024/2025

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that we maintain 2 full time ordained staff with anticipated costs of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the District. Our Lay Employee team is maintained but work priorities are linked

into the strategic direction of the Circuit. Local churches are requested to increase their assessment to fund this work. Work continues to look at each element of spending to see where we can reduce costs and seek new sources of income, to reduce the pressure on stretched local church finances. We will relook at where we wish to be as a Circuit as we invest time in developing a new Strategic direction for the coming years. During the year we hope to complete the sale of Earsdon Methodist Church, move Fishermen's Mission to be a project of Cullercoats Methodist Church and complete the long overdue lease negotiations with DePaul at Oxford Street. Our plans to turn Ingleside Manse into an investment property are put on hold as we support the District in retaining the property as a Methodist manse for District personnel.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

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. There are no Endowment funds. 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

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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 £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2024 insurance values. The insurance value of the manses is £1,801,650. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment. The valuation for Oxford Street is £4,048,289, an increase of £157,574 on the previous year.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Western Way manse and 41 Oxford Street are let for investment income.

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

There were none.

Creditors

We have adjusted when we receive the 1st quarter assessment so it is received in September rather than late August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

| | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Trustees | 34 | 34 |
| Total amount | £0 | £0 |

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

| | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts | 0 | 0 |
| Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor | NIL | NIL |

6 Paid employees

| Staff Costs paid during the year were: | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | £ 155,162 | 180,090 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs | £ 14,609 | 14,716 |
| Pension costs | £ 19,003 | 27,214 |
| Total staff costs | £ 188,774 | 222,020 |
| Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were: | 7 | 8 |

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As of 31st August 2024 there are capital commitments on c£10,000 as we catch up with Quinquennial Inspection works on the manses. No Contingent liabilities were identified on 31st August 2024.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

| | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward from last year | | |
| Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations | | |
| Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | 0 |

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

| | Land | Manses | Other buildings Network Oxford Street | Fixtures, fittings and equipment | Payments on account and assets under construction | Total |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|---|---|---|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward | 0 | 1,510,634 | 3,890,715 | 41,079 | | 5,151,412 |
| Additions | | | | | | |
| Revaluations (+/-) | 0 | 291,016 | 157,574 | 2,247 | | 450,837 |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers * (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | 1,801,650 | 4,048,289 | 43,326 | | 5,893,265 |

Accumulated depreciation

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Balance brought forward | 0 | 1,801,650 | 4,048,289 | 43,326 | | 5,893,265 |
| Depreciation charge for year (-) | | | | | | |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers* (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | 1,801,650 | 4,048,289 | 43,326 | | 5,893,265 |

Net book value

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Brought forward | 0 | 1,219,618 | 3,890,715 | 41,079 | | 5,151,412 |
| Carried forward | 0 | 1,801,650 | 4,048,289 | 43,326 | | 5,893,265 |

The additions relate to revaluation of fixtures and fittings.. Fixtures now cover PA and lighting equipment, computers and tuck shop stock.

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2023-24

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Incoming Resources | Resources Expended | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Building Fund | 2,283 | 717 | 3,000 | | 0 | Support for building development and mission projects |
| Totals | 2,283 | 717 | 3,000 | | 0 | |

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Incoming Resources | Resources Expended | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Pioneer Hub Money | 190.10 | 0 | 0 | | 190.10 | BFX Project |
| Totals | 190.10 | 0 | 0 | | 190.10 | |

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Number 20/05

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *Colin Raistrick* Date 31st May 2025

Name and address of Treasurer

Colin Raistrick, 12 Park Crescent, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27 OLH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 11th June 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Eva Walker*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Eva Walker Date 11th June 2025

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|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Registered Charity 1132438 | | | | | | | |
| Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit | | | | | Circuit No | 20/05 | |
| Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022-2023 | | | | | | | |
| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Trust (Unrestricted) | Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Oxford Street Property 41 Flat | Total 2022-2023 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | CFB | TMCP | Network | | |
| 1 Oddments | | 124 | | | | | 124 |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | | 211 | 4,035 | 1,588 | | | 5,834 |
| 3 Rent from investment properties | | 6,914 | | | 14,500 | 10,551 | 31,965 |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | | 36,074 | 194,532 | | | | 230,606 |
| 5 Capital Receipts - church layworkers | | 27,366 | | | | | 27,366 |
| 6 Grants received - District | | | 10,000 | | | | 10,000 |
| 7 Legacy | | 99,540 | | | | | 99,540 |
| 8 Total income | | 170,229 | 208,567 | 1,588 | 14,500 | 10,551 | 405,435 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants & donations - Mission & Building Fu | | 138 | | | | | 138 |
| 10 Salaries incl training & travel | | 13,733 | 208,287 | | | | 222,020 |
| 11 Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance +C | | 23,973 | | | 9,858 | | 33,831 |
| 12 TMCP levy + TMCP charges | | | | 1,574 | | | 1,574 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | | 48,633 | | | | 48,633 |
| 14 Legal fees re Earsdon & Monkseaton | | 4,385 | | | | | 4,385 |
| 15 Office expenses + tel + web + zoom + C N | | 6,050 | | | | | 6,050 |
| 16 Other - Copyright , BFX, CPD, DBS, Earsd | | 3,423 | | | | | 3,423 |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | | 51,702 | 256,920 | 1,574 | 9,858 | 0 | 320,054 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | - | | | 0 |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | | 118,527 | -48,353 | 14 | 4,642 | 10,551 | 85,381 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | | - | - | 0 |
| 22 Other - Circuit assessment for Ox Street | | 4,000 | | - | 4,000 | | |
| 23 Net movement in funds | | -27,473 | 101,647 | 14 | 642 | 10,551 | 85,381 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,186,453 | 42,055 | 56,530 | - | 16,002 | 2,354,860 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | | 1,158,980 | 143,702 | 56,544 | - | 15,360 | 2,365,411 |

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| Registered Charity 1132438 | | | | | | | | |
| Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit | | | | | | Circuit No | 20/05 | |
| Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 20 | | | | | | | | |
| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Trust (Unrestricted) | Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Oxford Street Property | 41 Flat | Total 2023-2024 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | CFB | TMCP | Network | | | |
| 1 | Oddments & BFX income | 2,208 | | | | | | 2,208 |
| 2 | Income from monetary investments | 668 | 5,548 | 3,955 | | | | 10,171 |
| 3 | Rent from investment properties | 10,380 | | | 15,417 | 6,375 | | 32,172 |
| 4 | Assessments on Churches | 28,211 | 190,224 | | | | | 218,435 |
| 5 | Capital Receipts - church layworkers | 27,720 | | | | | | 27,720 |
| 6 | Grants received - District | | 8,397 | | | | | 8,397 |
| 7 | Earsdon Funds | 9,738 | | | | | | 9,738 |
| 8 | Total income | 78,925 | 204,170 | 3,955 | 15,417 | 6,375 | | 308,841 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Grants, donations , 1 month assessment return | 20,982 | | | | | | 20,982 |
| 10 | Salaries incl training & travel | 5,197 | 210,726 | | | | | 215,923 |
| 11 | Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance +QI | 32,718 | | | 11,977 | 4,654 | | 49,349 |
| 12 | TMCP levy + TMCP charges | | | 1,575 | | | | 1,575 |
| 13 | District Assessment & Levy | | 53,662 | | | | | 53,662 |
| 14 | Legal fees | 66 | | | | | | 66 |
| 15 | Office expenses + tel + web + zoom + C News | 5,215 | | | | | | 5,215 |
| 16 | Other - Copyright , BFX, CPD, DBS, Earsdon | 11,954 | | | | | | 11,954 |
| 17 | Total charitable expenditure | 76,132 | 264,388 | 1,575 | 11,977 | 4,654 | | 358,726 |
| 18 | Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | - | | | | 0 |
| 19 | Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Net income/(expenditure) | 2,793 | -60,219 | 2,380 | 3,440 | 1,721 | | -49,885 |
| 21 | Transfers between funds = Morrow Bequest at TMCP | - | - | 39,578 | - | - | | 39,578 |
| 22 | Other - Circuit assessment for Ox Street | 4,000 | | | - | 4,000 | | |
| 23 | Net movement in funds | 6,793 | -60,219 | 41,958 | -560 | 1,721 | | -10,307 |
| 24 | Total funds brought forward | 1,158,980 | 143,702 | 56,544 | - | 15,360 | 2,365,411 | 3,709,276 |
| 25 | Total funds carried forward | 1,165,773 | 83,483 | 98,502 | - | 15,920 | 2,367,132 | 3,698,969 |

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *Colin J Raistrick* Date 31st May 2025

Name and address of treasurer Mr Colin Raistrick, 12 Park Crescent, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne. Postcode NE27 OLH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 11th June 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: *Rev E Walker*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Eva Walker Date 11th June 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit

Charity Number 1132438

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024. 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 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 *John Thorpe*

Name of independent examiner: Mr John Thorpe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner:

Address: 4 Holywell Mews, 21 Holywell Avenue, Whitley Bay

Post Code: NE26 3AH

Date: 7th June 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

NORTH SHIELDS & WHITLEY BAY METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1132438

Accounts

Circuit Accrual Accounts 2022-23

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31st August 2023

North Shields and Whitley Bay Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration Number 1132438

District Number / Circuit Number - 20 / 05

Ministers

Rev David Wynd

Rev Eva Walker

Rev John Mason until May 2023

Circuit Stewards

Martin Shaw

Roger Gordon

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick

North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

Aims and Organisation

The Circuit resources the work of seven churches, Network and three different ways of being church ("fresh expressions") in the geographical area covered by the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit. The Circuit is one of twelve circuits in the Newcastle upon Tyne District, which in turn is one of twenty nine districts in the Methodist Connexion.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our main activity, however, is to resource the constituent local churches in their local application of the general purpose of advancing religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through the four core activities of "Our Calling" namely worship; learning and caring; service and evangelism.

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

The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to a range of local institutions.

Additional details:

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and in our organised activities. Thus we provide a varied menu of worship opportunities which are open to everyone, ranging across the spectrum of style from traditional liturgical/reflective to contemporary/celebratory and from all-age worship to children's praise parties. We also encourage participation in ecumenical and circuit/district-wide worship opportunities. We are thus putting our faith into practice through the shared benefit of prayer, scriptural review, preaching, music and sacrament.

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to become involved in the various activities of the constituent churches and fresh expressions of church which are community-enriching and character-forming, through personal development and/or community service and/or mission/outreach work.

The Trustees are committed to encouraging all the people with whom we come into contact in any way to participate in activities which might influence their faith-journey, thus creating better citizens and promoting wholeness in all levels of society/community.

The Trustees are committed to supporting the constituent churches as they maintain and manage and improve their premises of which they are managing trustees for use by the wider community.

We employ a part-time administrator; all other workers are voluntary except for three ministers, three lay employees (a Fresh Expressions Worker, a Community Worker with the Elderly and a primary school worker).

We are responsible for the care of ministers appointed to our circuit, both in the provision and maintenance of housing for them, in raising money to provide a stipend, and in providing support equivalent to that of an employer to employees.

Review of the year

The year saw us move beyond the coronavirus pandemic years and start to put together a more normal range of activities. Our thanks go to all who enable worship to be conducted in the Circuit churches.

Rev John Mason, the Minister at North Shields and Earsdon, health deteriorated during the year and sadly died in May 2023. This was a major blow to the Circuit. Our special thanks to Rev Rob Hufton for covering at North Shields and for Rev Wes Blakey for covering at Earsdon. And for the pastoral care given to many as we travelled the journey with John.

We could not abandon Sue Mason and made the decision to support her and the family by agreeing that the manse will continue as their family home until the time was right to move into new

accommodation. When the manse became vacant we would hire it out.

The Circuit continues to assist those worshipping at home by providing a weekly printed home service. This is most welcomed by the people who receive it and they themselves are using the resources to engage with others. Many thanks to all who create the printed services.

Information about what is going on across the Circuit is shared by the publication of information in the Circuit Newsletter. The Circuit Office at St John's remains the focal point where information is shared and disseminated. We plan to develop this further by sharing more of what is going on in local churches so that members have more choice of what activities to join in.

A strategic review of lay employment resulted in the Circuit making the decision to end the primary schools worker role. Our thanks go to Claire for leading this work for many years. In its place we decided to invest in more family and children's work. We did this by releasing St John's and Monkseaton from looking after their own family worker role and making this role a part of a Circuit family worker team from September 2023.

Working alongside older people, work was developed to support the new way of working for local Churches Pastoral teams as down to two presbyters became the reality. John has great links with hospitals, the local hospital chaplaincy and other agencies working with older people. Increasingly John's work results in finding solutions for members whose health is deteriorating and memory is not what it was. John has continued to produce the "Prayer Dove" which aims to aid worship for those unable to get to church.

Sunday at the Pub resumed activity based around pubs. Themes of faith and spirituality were explored. BFX had a weekend away at Saughy Rigg.

A review of the Circuit Operations Manager pilot concluded that the role would become permanent.

The Circuit Working Party on Climate Change continues to challenge us as Circuit to act and care for the environment. This team is leading the work to assess where we are with our buildings, introducing us to new ways of doing and challenging us to think, worship and act differently.

Safeguarding training continues in a hybrid format of offering online courses as well as resuming face to face courses. In the Circuit we offered face to face foundation training. A number of face to face Circuit Safeguarding Officers meetings was held. Information was shared by the Circuit Safeguarding Officers periodically throughout the year.

Our Circuit Stewards provided many hours of voluntary work in the essential administration of the Circuit.

Our Presbyter Team, Supernumerary Ministers team, Local preachers and Worship Leaders enabled worship to happen on a Sunday or at midweek meetings. Circuit Praise continues to be an online offering with many more viewing the content than would be in a physical environment.

Our friends at Earsdon Methodist Church decided to cease to meet. Following the final service at Pentecost, responsibility passed to the Circuit. The Circuit Operations Manager has led the Earsdon Management Group in the process of preparing for the building to be sold. Whilst it was sad to see the closing of this chapter, it was very pleasing to see former members at Earsdon boost the membership of Monkseaton.

New Places New People is a strategic focus of what we do. Shoots of ideas often come out of what we are doing at Sunday at the Pub and at the BFX group. Firmer groups will evolve over the coming year based on the incubation happening with Mother House input.

Strategically the Circuit is continuing discussions on setting the strategic direction for the years ahead. This means building upon the best of what we already do and moving forward with a refreshed way of doing and new activities that allow more people to know and love Jesus.

The Charity continues to be viable.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference. Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Resources Committee. Occasional task and finish groups are established which report back to the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. The Regional Training Team provides specific support and specific roles are supported at meetings arranged by the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and increasingly by a greater North East Districts input.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit. North Shields Methodist Church, Cullercoats Methodist Church, St John's Methodist Church, Monkseaton Methodist Church, Earsdon Methodist Church, Seaton Sluice Methodist Church. Fishermen's Mission, Network. Coast Congregational Church meets at Fisherman's Mission and are licenced with the Circuit to receive worship support.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation 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 practices 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 a child,

- young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and good practice.

The North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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 North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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.

During the year online Safeguarding training was delivered that reflects the revised training implemented by the Methodist Conference. A review of appointment roles within the Churches of the Circuit, reflected our good compliance with regular training and updates. A regular meeting of Church Safeguarding Officers was held.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure. 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 planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Finance and Governance

Basis of account preparation and legal framework.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Full name of Charity: North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Church Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1132438

Date of Registration: 4th November 2009

Registered address: Circuit Office, St John's Methodist Church, Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay. NE26 3ND

The members of the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Officer holders, ministers and representatives appointed by local churches.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev David Wynd *

Rev Eva Walker *

Rev John Mason * until May 2023

Supported by an additional team of retired Ministers.

Circuit Lay Workers

Claire Earl

John Morley *

Rob Wylie

Circuit Stewards

Martin Shaw * (Senior Steward)

Roger Gordon *

Circuit Treasurer Colin Raistrick *

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Representatives
Margaret Stephenson
John Bedigan

Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator Rev Linda Eccles

Circuit Operations Manager Colin Raistrick

Members Carol Baggaley, Alan Bainbridge, John Bedigan, Jan Boylan, Diane Brewer, Sue Carr, Andrina Davison, Andrew Esson, Sandra Fenwick, Margaret Gannie, Rev Enid Gordon, Roger Gordon, Bill Hastie, Yvonne Hastie, Rev Rob Hufton, Peter Hutton, Andrew Lowe, Owen Lumsdon, Pat Maddison, Rev John Mason, Sue Mason, John Morley, Colin Raistrick, Martin Shaw, Margaret Stephenson, Marion Taws, Graham Tipple, Pat Underhill, Catherine Walker, Rev Eva Walker, Angela Wood-Smith, Pauline Wright, Rob Wylie, Rev David Wynd.

* Denotes member of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT)

Colin Raistrick acted as principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner John Thorpe

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Year ended 31st August 2023 income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by Circuit churches. At the Network project at Oxford Street talks are still ongoing with Depaul UK on their lease arrangement. The rent of £6,914 from Western Way manse letting was used to reduce general expenses. A legacy of just under £100,000 was received from the estate of the late Audrey Hinchcliffe. This has significantly improved the Circuit income.

Year ended 31st August 2023 expenditure trends

During the year our income was £405,435 and we spent £320,054 in line with the budget. Ignoring the legacy. We spent £15,000 more than income. This was planned as we were catching up with a backlog of quinquennial inspections and had higher legal fees as we applied for land registration for Monkseaton and incurred legal costs for the work at Earsdon. Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with Conference approved increases. The Property Fund was used to provide hand sanitiser stations in circuit churches

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2023 net cash assets of the Circuit were £234,741 (£149,003 previous year) giving approximately 9 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2023/2024

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that we decrease to 2 full time ordained staff with anticipated costs of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the District. Our Lay Worker team is refreshed as we eliminate the Primary Schools Worker role and invest in more Family Work by a creation of a part time Circuit role. At the same time we will bring the part time family role based at St John's and Monkseaton into the Circuit Team. The pilot role of Circuit Operations Manager is to be made a permanent role. Local churches are requested to increase their assessment to fund this work. Work continues to look at each element of spending to see where we can reduce costs and seek new sources of income, to reduce the pressure on stretched local church finances. We will relook at where we wish to be as a Circuit as we

invest time in developing a new Strategic direction for the coming years.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

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. There are no Endowment funds. 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

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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 £500. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2023 insurance values. The insurance value of the manses is £1,219,618. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.. The valuation for Oxford Street is £3,890,715 an increase of £450,649 on the previous year.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Western Way manse and 41 Oxford Street are let for investment income.

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

There were none.

Creditors

We have adjusted when we receive the 1st quarter assessment so it is received in September rather than late August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

| | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Trustees | 34 | 38 |
| Total amount | £0 | £0 |

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

| | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|---|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts | 0 | 0 |
| Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor | NIL | NIL |

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

| | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | £ 180,090 | 147,722 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs | £ 14,716 | 10,646 |
| Pension costs | £ 27,214 | 24,926 |
| Total staff costs | £ 222,020 | 183,294 |

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

| | |
|---|---|
| 8 | 7 |
|---|---|

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As of 31st August 2023 there are no capital commitments.
 Ingleside Manse is not let out as we continue to support the widow of the late Rev John Mason.
 No Contingent liabilities were identified on 31st August 2023.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

| | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | 3 | 2 |
| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward from last year | | |

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

| | |
|---|---|
| | |
| | |
| 0 | 0 |

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

| | Land | Manses | Other buildings Network Oxford Street | Fixtures, fittings and equipment | Payments on account and assets under construction | Total |
|-------------------------|------|------------|---|---|---|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward | 0 | 1,219,618 | 3,440,066 | 36,225 | | 4,695,909 |
| Additions | | | | | | |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | | 450,649 | 4,854 | | 455,503 |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers * (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | £1,219,618 | 3,890,715 | 41,079 | | 5,151,412 |

Accumulated depreciation

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Balance brought forward | | 1,219,618 | 3,890,715 | 41,079 | | 5,151,412 |
| Depreciation charge for year (-) | | | | | | |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Transfers* (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | | 1,219,618 | 3,890,715 | 41,079 | | 5,151,412 |

Net book value

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Brought forward | 0 | 1,219,618 | 3,440,066 | 36,225 | | 4,695,909 |
| Carried forward | 0 | 1,219,618 | 3,890,715 | 41,079 | | 5,151,412 |

The additions relate to revaluation of fixtures and fittings.. Fixtures now cover PA and lighting equipment, computers and tuck shop stock.

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties
The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2022-23

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Incoming Resources | Resources Expended | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Building Fund | 2,421.32 | 0 | 138.32 | | 2,283 | Support for building development and mission projects |
| Totals | 2,421.32 | 0 | 138.32 | | 2,283 | |

One final hand sanitiser payment was made during the financial year.

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Incoming Resources | Resources Expended | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Pioneer Hub Money | 190.10 | 0 | 0 | | 190.10 | BFX Project |
| Totals | 190.10 | 0 | 0 | | 190.10 | |

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Number 20/05

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *Colin Raistrick* Date 31st May 2024

Name and address of Treasurer
Colin Raistrick, 12 Park Crescent, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27 0LH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 19th June 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Eva Walker*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Eva Walker Date 19th June 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit

Charity Number 1132438

Responsibilities and basis of report

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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.

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit No 20/05

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

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I 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 *John Thorpe*

Name of independent examiner: Mr John Thorpe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: HNC Electrical Engineering

Address: 4 Holywell Mews, 21 Holywell Avenue, Whitley Bay. NE26 3AH

Date 17 June 2024

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|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Registered Charity 1132438 | | | | | | | |
| Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit | | | | | Circuit No | 20/05 | |
| Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022-2023 | | | | | | | |
| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Trust (Unrestricted) | Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Oxford Street Property 41 Flat | Total 2022-2023 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | CFB | TMCP | Network | | |
| 1 Oddments | | 124 | | | | | 124 |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | | 211 | 4,035 | 1,588 | | | 5,834 |
| 3 Rent from investment properties | | 6,914 | | | 14,500 | 10,551 | 31,965 |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | | 36,074 | 194,532 | | | | 230,606 |
| 5 Capital Receipts - church layworkers | | 27,366 | | | | | 27,366 |
| 6 Grants received - District | | | 10,000 | | | | 10,000 |
| 7 Legacy | | 99,540 | | | | | 99,540 |
| 8 Total income | | 170,229 | 208,567 | 1,588 | 14,500 | 10,551 | 405,435 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants & donations - Mission & Building Fu | | 138 | | | | | 138 |
| 10 Salaries incl training & travel | | 13,733 | 208,287 | | | | 222,020 |
| 11 Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance +C | | 23,973 | | | 9,858 | | 33,831 |
| 12 TMCP levy + TMCP charges | | | | 1,574 | | | 1,574 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | | 48,633 | | | | 48,633 |
| 14 Legal fees re Earsdon & Monkseaton | | 4,385 | | | | | 4,385 |
| 15 Office expenses + tel + web + zoom + C N | | 6,050 | | | | | 6,050 |
| 16 Other - Copyright , BFX, CPD, DBS, Earsd | | 3,423 | | | | | 3,423 |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | | 51,702 | 256,920 | 1,574 | 9,858 | 0 | 320,054 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | - | | | 0 |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | | 118,527 | -48,353 | 14 | 4,642 | 10,551 | 85,381 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | - 150,000 | 150,000 | | - | - | 0 |
| 22 Other - Circuit assessment for Ox Street | | 4,000 | | | - 4,000 | | |
| 23 Net movement in funds | | -27,473 | 101,647 | 14 | 642 | 10,551 | 85,381 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,186,453 | 42,055 | 56,530 | - 16,002 | 2,354,860 | 3,623,895 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | | 1,158,980 | 143,702 | 56,544 | - 15,360 | 2,365,411 | 3,709,276 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| Registered Charity 1132438 | | | | | | | |
| Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit | | | | | Circuit No | 20/05 | |
| Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021 | | | | | | | |
| | General Fund | Trust | Funds | Restricted Funds | Oxford Street | Property | Total |
| Notes to the accounts | (Unrestricted) | (Unrestricted) | (unrestricted) | | 41 Flat | | 2021-2022 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | CFB | TMCP | Network | | | |
| 1 Donations | | 350 | | 47 | | | 397 |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | 8 | 217 | 77 | | | | 301 |
| 3 Rent from investment properties | 8,492 | | | 14,750 | 462 | | 23,704 |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | 34,034 | 195,593 | | | | | 229,627 |
| 5 Capital Receipts - church layworkers | 21,974 | | | | | | 21,974 |
| 6 Grants received - District | 300 | 10,000 | | | | | 10,300 |
| 7 Insurance Claim | 650 | | | | | | 650 |
| 8 Total income | 65,457 | 206,159 | 77 | 14,797 | 462 | | 286,952 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants & donations - Mission & Building Fu | | | | | | | 0 |
| 10 Salaries incl training & travel | 4,869 | 194,452 | | | | | 199,320 |
| 11 Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance | 23,857 | | | 9,647 | 164 | | 33,668 |
| 12 TMCP levy + TMCP charges | | | 1,617 | | | | 1,617 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | 47,726 | | | | | 47,726 |
| 14 Legal fees re Earsdon land rights | 861 | | | | | | 861 |
| 15 Office expenses + tel + web + zoom + C N | 6,094 | | | | | | 6,094 |
| 16 Other - Copyright , BFX, CPD, DBS, Advert | 2,921 | | | | | | 2,921 |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | 38,602 | 242,178 | 1,617 | 9,647 | 164 | | 292,208 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | - | | | | 0 |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | 26,856 | -36,019 | -1,540 | 5,150 | 298 | | -5,256 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | - 10,755 | 10,755 | | - | - | | 0 |
| 22 Other - Circuit assessment for Ox Street | 4,000 | | | - 4,000 | | | |
| 23 Net movement in funds | 20,101 | -25,264 | -1,540 | 1,150 | 298 | | -5,256 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | 1,166,352 | 67,319 | 58,070 | - 17,152 | 2,354,562 | | 3,629,151 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | 1,186,453 | 42,055 | 56,530 | - 16,002 | 2,354,860 | | 3,623,895 |

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Number 20/05

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *Colin Raistrick* Date 31st May 2024

Name and address of Treasurer
Colin Raistrick, 12 Park Crescent, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27 0LH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 19th June 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Eva Walker*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Eva Walker Date 19th June 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit

Charity Number 1132438

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023. 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.

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit No 20/05

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

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 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 *John Thorpe*

Name of independent examiner: Mr John Thorpe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: HNC Electrical Engineering

Address: 4 Holywell Mews, 21 Holywell Avenue, Whitley Bay. NE26 3AH

Date 17 June 2024

NORTH SHIELDS & WHITLEY BAY METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1132438

Accounts

Circuit Accrual Accounts 2021-2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31st August 2022

North Shields and Whitley Bay Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration Number 1132438

District Number / Circuit Number - 20 / 05

Ministers

Rev David Wynd
Rev Eva Walker
Rev John Mason

Circuit Stewards

Carol Baggaley - until January 2022
Martin Shaw
Roger Gordon

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick

North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

Aims and Organisation

The Circuit resources the work of seven churches, Network and three different ways of being church (“fresh expressions”) in the geographical area covered by the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit. The Circuit is one of twelve circuits in the Newcastle upon Tyne District, which in turn is one of thirty districts in the Methodist Connexion.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s guidelines on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our main activity, however, is to resource the constituent local churches in their local application of the general purpose of advancing religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through the four core activities of "Our Calling" namely worship; learning and caring; service and evangelism.

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

The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to a range of local institutions.

Additional details:

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and in our organised activities. Thus we provide a varied menu of worship opportunities which are open to everyone, ranging across the spectrum of style from traditional liturgical/reflective to contemporary/celebratory and from all-age worship to children's praise parties. We also encourage participation in ecumenical and circuit/district-wide worship opportunities. We are thus putting our faith into practice through the shared benefit of prayer, scriptural review, preaching, music and sacrament.

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to become involved in the various activities of the constituent churches and fresh expressions of church which are community-enriching and character-forming, through personal development and/or community service and/or mission/outreach work.

The Trustees are committed to encouraging all the people with whom we come into contact in any way to participate in activities which might influence their faith-journey, thus creating better citizens and promoting wholeness in all levels of society/community.

The Trustees are committed to supporting the constituent churches as they maintain and manage and improve their premises of which they are managing trustees for use by the wider community.

We employ a part-time administrator; all other workers are voluntary except for three ministers, three lay employees (a Fresh Expressions Worker, a Community Worker with the Elderly and a primary school worker).

We are responsible for the care of ministers appointed to our circuit, both in the provision and maintenance of housing for them, in raising money to provide a stipend, and in providing support equivalent to that of an employer to employees.

Review of the year

The year saw us move beyond the coronavirus pandemic but still aware of the risk of the virus as worship and activities were planned. The new reality recognised that some people would not be engaging in the physical buildings, others cautiously returned and

became more regular engagers, others engaged as if nothing had happened. As activities happened and began to be advertised, we welcomed new people who wanted something more beyond the past isolation.

We have to record a huge thank you to our Supernumerary Ministers who have taken on temporary additional services during the year due to sabbatical cover and illness cover. Rev Eva Walker went on a three month Sabbatical in May 2022; Rev John Mason, the Minister at North Shields and Earsdon, health deteriorated during the year. Specific thanks to Rev Rob Hufton for covering at North Shields and for Rev Wes Blakey for covering at Earsdon and for Rev David Wynd for covering everything during the sabbatical.

The Circuit continues to assist those worshipping at home by providing a weekly printed home service. This is most welcomed by the 20 people who receive it and they themselves are using the resources to engage with others. Many thanks to all who create the printed services.

Information about what is going on across the Circuit is shared by the publication of information in the Circuit Newsletter.

Our lay employee team began to develop activities on the scale of what had happened pre covid. Schools didn't rush to welcome back visitors, so Claire juggled both online and in person Collective worship. Praise parties are on hold and much more work has gone into assemblies and the occasional RE class. Over the year much normality returned to the school work. Working alongside older people, work resumed, with much pastoral support across the Circuit churches. Much telephone ministry continues. Slowly care homes began to open up and visits and activities began - with the Care home garden becoming a place of engagement. Some care homes have brought back inside worship times. John has continued to produce the "Prayer Dove" which aims to aid worship for those unable to get to church. Lots of Christmas Angels were knitted and these were used at Seaton Sluice. A Chorus of Angels greeted people at the schools and community centre, much to the delight and surprise of the local community. Sunday at the Pub made tentative steps back into local pubs having done much activity on zoom. We explored the themes of finding faith and spirituality in the ordinariness of life. Weekly advent liturgy and reflection leading up to Christmas was made available online. Sunday night Bible exploration began again. BFX had a weekend away at Saughy Rigg

The Circuit Working Party on Climate Change continues to challenge us as Circuit to act and care for the environment. This team is leading the work to assess where we are with our buildings, introducing us to new ways of doing and challenging us to think and act differently.

Safeguarding training continues in a hybrid format of offering online courses as well as resuming face to face courses. In the Circuit we offered face to face foundation training on the 11th May and 21st June. On the 6th July a face to face Circuit Safeguarding Officers meeting was held. Information was shared to the Circuit Safeguarding Officers periodically throughout the year.

Our Circuit Stewards provided many hours of voluntary work in the essential administration of the Circuit.

During the year, Colin Raistrick, was appointed to the two year pilot post of Circuit Operations Manager. This new role takes over activities of the previous administrator but extends the work into governance, property and finance. From the pilot it is hoped you can see how we have freed up Presbyters for missional work and taken away much of the negative workload from the Circuit Stewards. This would allow them to re-engage with Church Councils.

Our Presbyter Team, Supernumerary Ministers team, Local preachers and Worship

Leaders enabled worship to happen on a Sunday or at midweek meetings. Circuit Praise continues to be an online offering with many more viewing the content than would be in a physical environment.

Strategically the Circuit is continuing discussions on setting the strategic direction for the years ahead. This means building upon the best of what we already do and moving forward with a refreshed way of doing and new activities that allow more people to know and love Jesus.

The Charity continues to be viable.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference. Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Resources Committee. Occasional task and finish groups are established which report back to the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. The Regional Training Team provides specific support and specific roles are supported at meetings arranged by the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit. North Shields Methodist Church, Cullercoats Methodist Church, St John's Methodist Church, Monkseaton Methodist Church, Earsdon Methodist Church, Seaton Sluice Methodist Church. Fishermen's Mission, Network. Coast Congregational Church meets at Fisherman's Mission and are licenced with the Circuit to receive worship support.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation 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 practices 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 a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and good practice.

The North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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 North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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.

During the year online Safeguarding training was delivered that reflects the revised training implemented by the Methodist Conference. A review of appointment roles within the Churches of the Circuit, reflected our good compliance with regular training and updates. A regular meeting of Church Safeguarding Officers was not held; instead information was shared electronically.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure. 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 planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Finance and Governance

Basis of account preparation and legal framework.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Full name of Charity: North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Church Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1132438

Date of Registration: 4th November 2009

Registered address: Circuit Office, St John's Methodist Church, Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay. NE26 3ND

The members of the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Officer holders, ministers and representatives appointed by local churches.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

| | |
|---|---|
| Active Circuit Ministers | Rev David Wynd * Rev Eva Walker * Rev John Mason * Supported by an additional team of retired Ministers. |
| Circuit Lay Workers | Claire Earl John Morley * Rob Wylie |
| Circuit Stewards | Martin Shaw * (Senior Steward) Roger Gordon * Carol Baggaley * - Until January 2022 |
| Circuit Treasurer | Colin Raistrick * |
| Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Representatives | Margaret Stephenson John Bedigan |
| Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator | Rev Linda Eccles |
| Circuit Operations Manager | Colin Raistrick |

Members Carol Baggaley, Alan Bainbridge, John Bedigan, Jan Boylan, Andrina Davison, Carol Davidson, Joan Davidson, Andrew Esson, Rev Tony Farrar, Sandra Fenwick, Margaret Gannie, Rev Enid Gordon, Roger Gordon, Bill Hastie, Yvonne Hastie, Rev Rob Hufton, Peter Hutton, Moya Jobson, Andrew Lowe, Owen Lumsdon, Pat Maddison, Rev John Mason, Sue Mason, John Morley, Colin Raistrick, Martin Shaw, Marion Taws, Lesley Thompson, Graham Tipple, Catherine Walker, Rev Eva Walker, Pauline Wright, Rob Wylie, Rev David Wynd.

* Denotes member of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT)

Colin Raistrick acted as principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner James McIntyre

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Year ended 31st August 2022 income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by Circuit churches. At the Network project at Oxford Street talks are still ongoing with Depaul UK on their lease arrangement. The rent of £8,492 from Western Way manse letting was used to reduce

general expenses. During the year income was less than expenditure in line with the budget.

Year ended 31st August 2022 expenditure trends

During the year our income was £286,952 we spent £292,208 in line with the budget. The deficit figures were expected as we spent just under £10,000 on a major property scheme at Mast Lane manse. Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with Conference approved increases. The Property Fund was used to provide hand sanitiser stations in circuit churches, purchase a new scaffolding tower for use across the Circuit and grounds work at Earsdon.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2022 net cash assets of the Circuit were £149,003 (£160,932 previous year) giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2022/2023

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there are 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated costs of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the District. Local churches are requested to increase their assessment. Work continues to look at each element of spending to see where we can reduce costs and seek new sources of income, to reduce the pressure on stretched local church finances. We will relook at where we wish to be as a Circuit as we invest time in developing a new Strategic direction for the coming years.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

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. There are no Endowment funds. 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

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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 £500. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2022 insurance values. The insurance value of the manse is £1,219,618 an increase of £95,559 on the previous year. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment. The valuation for Oxford Street is £3,440,066 an increase of £254,819 on the previous year.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Western Way manse and 41 Oxford Street are let for investment income.

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

There were none.

Creditors

We have adjusted when we receive the 1st quarter assessment so it is received in September rather than late August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Meeting, this excludes stipends.

| | 2021/22 | 2020/21 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Trustees | 38 | 38 |
| Total amount | £0 | £0 |

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

| | 2021/2 | 2020/2 |
|---|--------|--------|
| | 2 | 1 |
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts | 0 | 0 |
| Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor | NIL | NIL |

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

| | 2021/2 2 | 2020/2 1 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | £ 147,722 | 124,106 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs | £ 10,646 | 10,417 |
| Pension costs | £ 24,926 | 21,821 |
| Total staff costs | £ 183,294 | 156,344 |

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

| | |
|---|---|
| 7 | 7 |
|---|---|

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As of 31st August 2022 there are no capital commitments. Although the Circuit is aware of a delay to Quinquennial Inspections which may result in a capital commitment. No Contingent liabilities were identified on 31st August 2022..

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

| | 2021/2 2 | 2020/2 1 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward from last year | | |
| Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations | | |
| Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | 0 |

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

| | Land | Manse | Other buildings Network Oxford Street | Fixtures, fittings and equipme nt | Payments on account and assets under constructi on | Total |
|-------------------------|------|------------|--|---|---|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward | 0 | 1,124,059 | 3,185,247 | 73,189 | | 4,382,495 |
| Additions | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | 95,559 | 254,819 | -36,964 | | 313,414 |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers * (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | £1,219,618 | 3,440,066 | 36,225 | | 4,695,909 |

Accumulated depreciation

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Balance brought forward | | 1,219,618 | 3,440,066 | 36,225 | | 4,695,909 |
| Depreciation charge for year (-) | | | | | | |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers* (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | | 1,219,618 | 3,440,066 | 36,225 | | 4,695,909 |

Net book value

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Brought forward | 0 | 1,124,059 | 3,185,247 | 73,189 | | 4,382,495 |
| Carried forward | 0 | 1,219,618 | 3,440,066 | 36,225 | | 4,695,909 |

The additions relate to revaluation of fixtures and fittings following the new insurance company taking over. Fixtures now cover PA and lighting equipment, computers and tuck shop stock.

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2021-22

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Incoming Resources | Resources Expended | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Building Fund | 5,538 | 0 | 3,116.68 | | 2,421.32 | Support for building development and mission projects |
| Totals | 5,538 | 0 | 3,116.68 | | 2,421.32 | |

The Circuit agreed to provide hand sanitising equipment for all Circuit Churches to meet Covid-19 regulations. These expenses will be assigned to this fund, some expenses were received in the 2020/2021 financial year, the remainder was for groundworks at Earsdon and £1,469.41 for a Circuit Scaffold Tower.

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Incoming Resources | Resources Expended | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Pioneer Hub Money | 0 | 300 | 109.90 | | 190.10 | BFX Project |
| Totals | 0 | 300 | 109.90 | | 190.10 | |

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Number 20/05

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 *Colin Raistrick* Date 31st May 2023

Name and address of Treasurer
Colin Raistrick, 12 Park Crescent, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27
OLH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 20th June 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Eva Walker*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Eva Walker Date 20th June 2023

Registered Charity 1132438

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit

Circuit No

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

| Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Trust Funds (Unrestricted) | Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Property 41 Flat |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | CFB | TMCP | Network | |
| Income | | | | | |
| 1 Donations | 0 | | | | |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | 5 | 48 | 928 | | |
| 3 Rent from investment properties | 8,446 | | | 14,980 | 5,079 |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | 51,001 | 191,627 | | | |
| 5 Capital Receipts - church layworkers | 10,614 | | | | |
| 6 Grants received - District, NTC Covid-19 | 1,000 | 20,000 | | | |
| 7 HMRC Jobs Retention Scheme | 8,114 | | | | |
| 8 Total income | 79,181 | 211,675 | 928 | 14,980 | 5,079 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| 9 Grants & donations - Mission & Building Fund | | | | | |
| 10 Salaries incl training & travel & relocation | 5,447 | 172,618 | | | |
| 11 Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance | 11,845 | | | 8,990 | 165 |
| 12 TMCP levy + TMCP charges | | | 1,586 | | |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | 46,570 | | | |
| 14 Legal fees re Earsdon land rights | 3,361 | | | | |
| 15 Office expenses + tel + web + zoom + C News | 7,236 | | | | |
| 16 Other - P Nursing + Copyright + Xmas angels | 6,321 | | | | |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | 34,209 | 219,188 | 1,586 | 8,990 | 165 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | - | | |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | 44,972 | -7,513 | -658 | 5,990 | 4,914 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | - | 40,000 | 40,000 | - | - |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | | | | |
| 23 Net movement in funds | 4,972 | 32,487 | -658 | 5,990 | 4,914 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | 1,161,380 | 34,832 | 58,728 | 23,142 | 2,349,648 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | 1,166,352 | 67,319 | 58,070 | 17,152 | 2,354,562 |

20/05

**Total
2020-2021
£**

0

982

28,505

242,628

10,614

21,000

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|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered Charity 1132438 | | | | | | | | |
| Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit | | | | | Circuit No | 20/05 | | |
| Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020 | | | | | | | | |
| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Trust (Unrestricted) | Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Oxford Street 41 Flat | Total 2021-2022 | |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Income | | | CFB | TMCP | Network | | | |
| 1 Donations | | | 350 | | 47 | | 397 | |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | 8 | | 217 | 77 | | | 301 | |
| 3 Rent from investment properties | 8,492 | | | | 14,750 | 462 | 23,704 | |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | 34,034 | | 195,593 | | | | 229,627 | |
| 5 Capital Receipts - church layworkers | 21,974 | | | | | | 21,974 | |
| 6 Grants received - District | 300 | | 10,000 | | | | 10,300 | |
| 7 Insurance Claim | 650 | | | | | | 650 | |
| 8 Total income | | 65,457 | 206,159 | 77 | 14,797 | 462 | 286,952 | |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants & donations - Mission & Building Fund | | | | | | | 0 | |
| 10 Salaries incl training & travel | 4,869 | | 194,452 | | | | 199,320 | |
| 11 Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance | 23,857 | | | | 9,647 | 164 | 33,668 | |
| 12 TMCP levy + TMCP charges | | | | 1,617 | | | 1,617 | |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | | 47,726 | | | | 47,726 | |
| 14 Legal fees re Earsdon land rights | 861 | | | | | | 861 | |
| 15 Office expenses + tel + web + zoom + C News | 6,094 | | | | | | 6,094 | |
| 16 Other - Copyright , BFX, CPD, DBS, Advert | 2,921 | | | | | | 2,921 | |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | | 38,602 | 242,178 | 1,617 | 9,647 | 164 | 292,208 | |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | - | | | 0 | |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | | |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | | 26,856 | -36,019 | -1,540 | 5,150 | 298 | -5,256 | |
| 21 Transfers between funds | - | 10,755 | 10,755 | | - | - | 0 | |
| 22 Other - Circuit assessment for Ox Street | 4,000 | | | | - | 4,000 | | |
| 23 Net movement in funds | | 20,101 | -25,264 | -1,540 | 1,150 | 298 | -5,256 | |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,166,352 | 67,319 | 58,070 | - | 17,152 | 2,354,562 | 3,629,151 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | | 1,186,453 | 42,055 | 56,530 | - | 16,002 | 2,354,860 | 3,623,895 |

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit Charity Number 1132438

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My 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 cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act: or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. 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.

(2) I have 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.

Name of Independent Examiner James McIntyre

Signature of Independent Examiner *James McIntyre*

Address On file as per GDPR

Date 30th May 2023

NORTH SHIELDS & WHITLEY BAY METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1132438

Accounts

Circuit Accrual Accounts 2020-2021

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31st August 2021

North Shields and Whitley Bay Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration Number 1132438

District Number / Circuit Number - 20 / 05

Ministers

Rev David Wynd
Rev Eva Walker
Rev John Mason

Circuit Stewards

Carol Baggaley
Martin Shaw

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick

North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

Aims and Organisation

The Circuit resources the work of seven churches, Network and three different ways of being church (“fresh expressions”) in the geographical area covered by the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit. The Circuit is one of twelve circuits in the Newcastle upon Tyne District, which in turn is one of thirty districts in the Methodist Connexion.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s guidelines on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our main activity, however, is to resource the constituent local churches in their local application of the general purpose of advancing religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through the four core activities of "Our Calling" namely worship; learning and caring; service and evangelism.

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

The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to a range of local institutions.

Additional details:

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and in our organised activities. Thus we provide a varied menu of worship opportunities which are open to everyone, ranging across the spectrum of style from traditional liturgical/reflective to contemporary/celebratory and from all-age worship to children's praise parties. We also encourage participation in ecumenical and circuit/district-wide worship opportunities. We are thus putting our faith into practice through the shared benefit of prayer, scriptural review, preaching, music and sacrament.

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to become involved in the various activities of the constituent churches and fresh expressions of church which are community-enriching and character-forming, through personal development and/or community service and/or mission/outreach work.

The Trustees are committed to encouraging all the people with whom we come into contact in any way to participate in activities which might influence their faith-journey, thus creating better citizens and promoting wholeness in all levels of society/community.

The Trustees are committed to supporting the constituent churches as they maintain and manage and improve their premises of which they are managing trustees for use by the wider community.

We employ a part-time administrator; all other workers are voluntary except for three ministers, three lay employees (a Fresh Expressions Worker, a Community Worker with the Elderly and a primary school worker).

We are responsible for the care of ministers appointed to our circuit, both in the provision and maintenance of housing for them, in raising money to provide a stipend, and in providing support equivalent to that of an employer to employees.

Review of the year

The coronavirus pandemic resulted in the physical closure of churches from the 23rd March 2020. This action resulted in the Circuit investing resources to enable virtual meetings and greater input into physical resources for those who possessed no IT. Churches have lost a considerable amount of hire income and this may limit their ability

to pay the Circuit assessment. The Circuit Leadership Team along with the Circuit Resources Committee are assessing the situation on a month by month basis. At the present time the Charity continues to be viable.

The Circuit have invested in Zoom licences and technology resources to enable services to be broadcast over the internet. Our Circuit Service and daily prayer meetings were well received by people locally and around the world. Great efforts were made to keep those isolated connected and assisting with practical needs.

People not able to connect to online resources were posted printed support material and over time this extended to cds of services. The cds were also welcomed by our work in Care homes. Many thanks to all those who have enabled everyone to remain connected in these challenging times.

Our lay employee team normally engaged with hundreds of people in non-church settings. This included Messy Church activities, Praise Parties, Sunday at the pub and pastoral support. The Circuit made the decision to furlough our lay employee with schools and the employee returned to their role in September 2021. Other lay employees refocused their work using technology, telephone, cd and printed support.

Safeguarding training could not continue face to face, instead moving to an online version.

Our Circuit Stewards provided many hours of voluntary work in the essential administration of the Circuit.

Our Circuit Administrator worked tirelessly on minutes and publications that help in the communication of what we do; deciding to step down from the role in the last quarter of the year.

Our Presbyter Team, Supernumerary Ministers team, Local preachers and Worship Leaders enabled worship to continue by moving worship online. Mid week and seasonal initiatives meant that worship went beyond Sundays.

Post Covid-19 means we will not be going back to what was, but a new; spirit prompted, a way of doing, taking the best of what was, the best of what we have recently created and moving forward with a refreshed way of doing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference. Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Resources Committee. Occasional task and finish groups are established which report back to the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. The Regional Training Team provides specific support and specific roles are supported at meetings arranged by the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit. North Shields Methodist Church, Cullercoats Methodist Church, St John's Methodist Church,

Monkseaton Methodist Church, Earsdon Methodist Church, Seaton Sluice Methodist Church. Fisherman's Mission, Network. Coast Congregational Church meets at Fisherman's Mission and are licenced with the Circuit to receive worship support.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation 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 practices 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 a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and good practice.

The North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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 North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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.

During the year online Safeguarding training was delivered that reflects the revised training implemented by the Methodist Conference. A review of appointment roles within the Churches of the Circuit, reflected our good compliance with regular training and updates. A regular meeting of Church Safeguarding Officers was not held; instead information was shared electronically.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months

average expenditure. 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 planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Finance and Governance

Basis of account preparation and legal framework.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Full name of Charity: North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Church Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1132438

Date of Registration: 4th November 2009

Registered address: Circuit Office, St John's Methodist Church, Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay. NE26 3ND

The members of the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Officer holders, ministers and representatives appointed by local churches.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev David Wynd *
Rev Eva Walker *
Rev John Mason *
Supported by an additional team of retired Ministers.

Circuit Lay Workers

Claire Earl
John Morley *
Rob Wylie

Circuit Stewards

Carol Baggaley * (Senior Steward)
Martin Shaw *

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick *

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Representatives

Margaret Stephenson
John Bedigan

Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator

Rev Linda Eccles

Administrator

Julie Esson

Members

Alan Bainbridge, John Brown, Jan Boylan, Andrina Davison, Carol Davidson, Joan Davidson, Andrew Esson, Rev Tony Farrar, Sandra Fenwick, Margaret Gannie, Rev Enid Gordon, Roger Gordon, Bill Hastie, Rev Rob Hufton, Peter Hutton, Moya Jobson, Andrew Lowe, Brenda Purvis, Ian Lamont, Owen Lumsdon, Pat Maddison, Sue Mason, Marian Taws, Lesley Thompson, Graham Tipple, Catherine Walker, Pauline Wright, Rob Wylie.

* Denotes member of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT)

Colin Raistrick acted as principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner Jeff Corrigan

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Year ended 31st August 2021 income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by Circuit churches. At the Network project at Oxford Street talks are ongoing with Depaul UK on their lease arrangement and whilst much work happened during the year, additional work is needed to come to a satisfactory conclusion as we await decisions from the Trustees of Methodist Church Property. During the year, De Paul increased their income to £13,500 as the 5 year period on half lease came to an end. The rent of £8,446 from Western Way manse letting was used to reduce general expenses. An additional £16,434 of Circuit assessment funding was collected in the year which was missed in the previous year, as was an additional £10,000 from the District relating to a missed lay employee grant. We received £8,114 from HMRC Job Retention Scheme and £1,000 from North Tyneside Council to assist in Covid-19 additional expenses. During the year income was greater than expenditure. When the extra income from catch up funds missed the previous year and support funds for Covid-19 were stripped out, income was around £3,000 greater than expenditure.

Year ended 31st August 2021 expenditure trends

During the year our income was £311,843 we spent £264,138 in line with the budget. Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with Conference approved increases. The Building Fund was used to provide hand sanitiser stations in circuit churches.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2021 net cash assets of the Circuit were £155,393 (£118,299 previous year) giving approximately 7 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2021/2022

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there are 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated costs of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the District. Local churches are requested to increase their assessment. Work continues to look at each element of spending to see where we can reduce costs and seek new sources of income, to reduce the pressure on stretched local church finances. Post Covid-19 we will relook at where we wish to be as a Circuit as we invest time in developing a new Strategic direction for the coming years.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 - the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

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. There are no Endowment funds. 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

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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 £500. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2020 insurance values. The insurance value of the manses is £1,124,059. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.. The valuation for Oxford Street is £3,185,247.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Western Way manse and 41 Oxford Street are let for investment income.

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

There were none.

Creditors

We have adjusted when we receive the 1st quarter assessment so it is received in September rather than late August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Meeting, this excludes stipends.

| | 2020/21 | 2019/20 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Number of Trustees | 38 | 38 |
| Total amount | £0 | £0 |

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

| | 2020/2 1 | 2019/2 0 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts | 0 | 0 |
| Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor | NIL | NIL |

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

| | 2020/2 1 | 2019/2 0 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | £ 124,106 | 128,159 |
| Employer's National Insurance costs | £ 10,417 | 9,916 |
| Pension costs | £ 21,821 | 22,851 |
| Total staff costs | £ 156,344 | 160,926 |

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

| | |
|--------|---|
| 2020/2 | 7 |
| 2019/2 | 7 |

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As of 31st August 2021 there are no capital commitments. Although the Circuit is aware of a delay to Quinquennial Inspections which may result in a capital commitment. No Contingent liabilities were identified on 31st August 2021.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

| | 2020/2 1 | 2019/2 0 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward from last year | | |
| Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations | | 262 |
| Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations | | 262 |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | 0 |

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

| | Land | Manses | Other buildings Network Oxford Street | Fixtures, fittings and equipment | Payments on account and assets under construction | Total |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward | 0 | 1,070,544 | 3,077,533 | 73,189 | | 4,221,266 |
| Additions | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | 53,515 | 107,714 | 0 | | 161,229 |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers * (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | £1,124,059 | 3,185,247 | 73,189 | | 4,382,495 |

Accumulated depreciation

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Balance brought forward | | 1,124,059 | 3,185,247 | 73,189 | | 4,382,495 |
| Depreciation charge for year (-) | | | | | | |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers* (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | | 1,124,059 | 3,185,247 | 73,189 | | 4,382,495 |

Net book value

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Brought forward | 0 | 1,070,059 | 3,077,533 | 73,189 | | 4,221,266 |
| Carried forward | 0 | 1,124,059 | 3,185,247 | 73,189 | | 4,382,495 |

The additions relate to revaluation of fixtures and fittings following the new insurance company taking over. Fixtures now cover PA and lighting equipment, computers and tuck shop stock.

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2020-21

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Incoming Resources | Resources Expended | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Building Fund | 6,016 | 0 | 478 | | 5,538 | Support for building development and mission projects |
| Totals | 6,016 | 0 | 478 | | 5,538 | |

The Circuit agreed to provide hand sanitising equipment for all Circuit Churches to meet Covid-19 regulations. These expenses will be assigned to this fund, some expenses were received in the 2020/2021 financial year.

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Number 20/05

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 *Colin Raistrick* Date 19th May 2022

Name and address of Treasurer
Colin Raistrick, 12 Park Crescent, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27 OLH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 9th June 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Rev David Wynd*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev David Wynd Date 9th June 2022

Registered Charity 1132438

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year

| Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Trust (Unrestricted) |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ CFB |
| Income | | |
| 1 Donations | 0 | |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | 5 | 48 |
| 3 Rent from investment properties | 8,446 | |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | 51,001 | 191,627 |
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Circuit No

20/05

| ir ended 31 August 2020 | | | | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| £ | £ | £ | £ | 2020-2021 |
| TMCP | Network | 41 Flat | | |
| | | | | 0 |
| 928 | | | | 982 |
| | 14,980 | 5,079 | | 28,505 |
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| -658 | 5,990 | 4,914 | | 47,705 |
| 58,728 - | 23,142 | 2,349,648 | | 3,581,446 |
| 58,070 - | 17,152 | 2,354,562 | | 3,629,151 |

Registered Charity 1132438

Name of Circuit North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit

Circuit No

20/05

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

| | accounts | (Unrestricted) | (Unrestricted) | (unrestricted) | Funds | Oxford Street 41 Flat | 2019-20 |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | CFB | TMCP | | Network | | |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 Donations (Beachcomber, Eccles Court) | 2,049 | | | | | | 2,049 |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | 35 | 346 | 546 | | | | 926 |
| 3 Rent from investment properties | 7,157 | | | | 16,337 | 3,661 | 27,156 |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | 34,096 | 147,318 | | | | | 181,414 |
| 5 Capital Receipts - church layworkers | 14,401 | | | | | | 14,401 |
| 6 Grants received - Karbon homes | 1,000 | | | | | | 1,000 |
| 7 HMRC Jobs Retention Scheme | 3,547 | | | | | | |
| 8 Total income | 62,285 | 147,664 | 546 | | 16,337 | 3,661 | 230,492 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants & donations - Mission & Building Fund | | | | | | | 0 |
| 10 Salaries incl training & travel & relocation | 13,081 | 172,294 | | | | | 185,374 |
| 11 Prop maint + C Tax + water + insurance | 10,543 | | | | 7,164 | 668 | 18,375 |
| 12 TMCP levy + TMCP charges | | | 1,616 | | | | 1,616 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | 44,030 | | | | | 44,030 |
| 14 Legal fees re Earsdon land rights | 822 | | | | | | 822 |
| 15 Office expenses incl tel + web + zoom | 4,749 | | | | | | 4,749 |
| 16 Other - P Nursing + Copyright + Xmas angels | 6,330 | | | | | | 6,330 |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | 35,524 | 216,324 | 1,616 | | 7,164 | 668 | 261,296 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | 66 | | | | -66 |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | 26,761 | -68,660 | -1,137 | | 9,173 | 2,993 | -30,870 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | - 35,000 | 35,000 | | | | | 0 |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | | | | | | |
| 23 Net movement in funds | -8,239 | -33,660 | -1,137 | | 9,173 | 2,993 | -30,870 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | 1,169,619 | 68,492 | 59,865 | - | 32,315 | 2,346,655 | 3,612,316 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | 1,161,380 | 34,832 | 58,728 | - | 23,142 | 2,349,648 | 3,581,446 |

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the
Accounts

| | General Fund £ | Circuit Model £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Endowment £ | Totals 2020/21 £ | Totals 2019/20 £ |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | | | | |
| Circuit Manses x 4 | 1,124,059 | | | | | 1,124,059 | 1,070,544 |
| Investment properties - Oxford Street | 3,185,247 | | | | | 3,185,247 | 3,077,533 |
| Investments | 0 | | | | | 0 | 279,177 |
| Total fixed assets | 4,309,306 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,309,306 | 4,148,077 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | |
| | Barclays | CFB | TMCP | Network | | | |
| Debtors | | | | | | 0 | 26,434 |
| Loans by the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | |
| Investments with TMCP | | | 58,070 | | | 58,070 | 58,728 |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 67,319 | | | | 67,319 | 34,832 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 35,543 | | | | | 35,543 | 24,739 |
| Total current assets | 35,543 | 67,319 | 58,070 | 0 | 0 | 160,931 | 144,733 |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | | | | | | 0 | |
| Grants payable within 2020-21 | | | | | | 0 | |
| Total current liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net current assets/liabilities | 35,543 | 67,319 | 58,070 | 0 | 0 | 160,931 | 144,733 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 4,344,849 | 67,319 | 58,070 | 0 | 0 | 4,470,237 | 4,292,810 |
| Long term liabilities | | | | | | | |
| | Property & Barclays | CFB | TMCP | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2020-21 | | | | | | 0 | |
| Loans to the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | |
| Net assets | 4,344,849 | 67,319 | 58,070 | 0 | 0 | 4,470,237 | 4,292,810 |
| Funds of the Circuit | | | | | | | |
| | Property & Barclays | CFB | TMCP | | | | |
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 4,344,849 | | | | | 4,344,849 | 4,062,132 |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | 67,319 | | | | 67,319 | 68,492 |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | | | 58,070 | | | 58,070 | 59,865 |
| Total Unrestricted Funds | | | | | | 4,470,237 | 4,190,489 |
| Restricted Funds | | | | 0 | | 0 | 6,500 |
| Endowment Funds | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Funds | 4,344,849 | 67,319 | 58,070 | 0 | 0 | 4,470,237 | 4,196,989 |

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Signed *Colin Raistrick*
Circuit Treasurer

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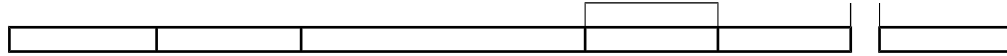
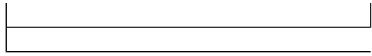
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit Charity Number 1132438

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My 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 cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act: or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. 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.

(2) I have 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.

Name of Independent Examiner Jeff Corrigan

Signature of Independent Examiner *Jeff Corrigan*

Address On file as per GDPR

Date 19th May 2022

To the Circuit Meeting, being the Board of Trustees of the North

Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit of the Methodist Church

I hereby confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, on the basis of the transaction-listing for the year that has been provided to me by the Circuit, and after making such further enquiries as seemed reasonable in my capacity as a charity trustee, I am not aware of any financial transactions of the Circuit for the financial year ended 31 August 2021

that are required under the Charities SORP(FRS102) to be disclosed in the annual accounts as either 'trustee-benefits' or 'related party' transactions in connection with myself, including any donations direct to the Circuit during the financial year.

Signed *Colin Raistrick*

Name of Trustee Colin Raistrick

Dated 19th May 2022

List here the transactions of North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit to be disclosed in this year's accounts in connection with myself and persons closely connected with me:

Not Applicable

Explanatory Notes:

1. Under FRS102, for all accounts purporting to show a true and fair view (as is required by the Charities SORP), it is *mandatory*, and for *non-company* charities (eg the District) also a *statutory requirement*, to disclose:

'such particulars of the related party transactions of the charity, or of any institution or body corporate connected with the charity, as may be required by the SORP to be disclosed.'

- SI 2008/629, Sch 2, para 1(e)

2. The following individuals and bodies all count as 'related parties' for the required disclosure of the charity's transactions with them regardless of financial size:

- the Circuit trustees
- any custodian trustee(s) of the Circuit
- a donor of land to the Circuit (at any time)
- a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of any of the above
- an officer or agent or one of the Circuit's "key management personnel"
- the spouse or civil partner of any of the above
- a business partner of any of the above
- anyone* with sole or joint control or else significant influence over the Circuit - thus also including the District or Connexion
(*including their close family: children, spouse (or domestic partner) and that person's children, step children or illegitimate children or any other dependents)

- the Circuit's *subsidiary/associated* undertakings and any *fellow* subsidiaries or associates (or corporate joint ventures, in each case) – the SORP overrides FRS102's disclosure exemptions for those included in group accounts
- another *charity* with any trustees in common if it is subordinated to the charity
- a *pension fund* for the charity's staff or for any of its related parties
- a company or other entity (whether or not under charity control) in which any of the above individuals alone or collectively have a 'substantial interest or significant influence' (presumed if having 20% of the equity or of the voting rights in it)

SORP(FRS102), Glossary

Note

These forms, when completed, will be made available to the Independent Examiner of North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit. It is not expected that any content will be made available to any other parties except where there is a statutory or *quasi* statutory requirement to do so.

NORTH SHIELDS & WHITLEY BAY METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1132438

Accounts

Circuit Accrual Accounts 2019-2020

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31st August 2020

North Shields and Whitley Bay Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration Number 1132438

District Number / Circuit Number - 20 / 05

Ministers

Rev David Wynd

Rev Eva Walker

Rev John Mason

Circuit Stewards

Carol Baggaley

Pat Brown

Martin Shaw

Circuit Treasurer

Colin Raistrick

North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

Aims and Organisation

The Circuit resources the work of seven churches, Network and three different ways of being church ("fresh expressions") in the geographical area covered by the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit. The Circuit is one of twelve circuits in the Newcastle upon Tyne District, which in turn is one of thirty districts in the Methodist Connexion.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our main activity, however, is to resource the constituent local churches in their local application of the general purpose of advancing religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through the four core activities of "Our Calling" namely worship; learning and caring; service and evangelism.

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

The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to a range of local institutions.

Additional details:

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and in our organised activities. Thus we provide a varied menu of worship opportunities which are open to everyone, ranging across the spectrum of style from traditional liturgical/reflective to contemporary/celebratory and from all-age worship to children's praise parties. We also encourage participation in ecumenical and circuit/district-wide worship opportunities. We are thus putting our faith into practice through the shared benefit of prayer, scriptural review, preaching, music and sacrament.

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to become involved in the various activities of the constituent churches and fresh expressions of church which are community-enriching and character-forming, through personal development and/or community service and/or mission/outreach work.

The Trustees are committed to encouraging all the people with whom we come into contact in any way to participate in activities which might influence their faith-journey, thus creating better citizens and promoting wholeness in all levels of society/community.

The Trustees are committed to supporting the constituent churches as they maintain and manage and improve their premises of which they are managing trustees for use by the wider community.

We employ a part-time administrator; all other workers are voluntary except for three ministers, three lay employees (a Fresh Expressions Worker, a Community Worker with the Elderly and a primary school worker).

We are responsible for the care of ministers appointed to our circuit, both in the provision and maintenance of housing for them, in raising money to provide a stipend, and in providing support equivalent to that of an employer to employees.

Review of the year

The year was blessed with a full complement of Presbyters. At the end of 2019, Members and friends knitted Christmas Angels. Hundreds of these greeted earlier morning passers-by in Monkseaton. From feedback we know this initiative is taken up by other churches in the region, nationally and internationally resulting in many people responding to the message of Christmas hope. The God Play material at Seaton Sluice Methodist Church was well used and good links were made with Seaton Sluice First School. Parish Nursing expanded its reach across the Circuit and has started work on where its strategic future should be. Network continued to provide a place for young people to meet and have fun. The Oxford Street premises were also used for the Severe Weather Emergency Provision for North Tyneside, run by Chris Lincoln and his team from Street Pastors. Our lay worker team engaged with hundreds of people in non-church settings. This included Messy Church activities, Praise Parties, Sunday at the pub and pastoral support. Beachcomber fx introduced forest church. Many people took part in updated and refresher training on Safeguarding topics. Our Circuit Stewards provided many hours of voluntary work in the essential administration of the Circuit. Our Circuit Administrator worked tirelessly on minutes and publications that help in the communication of what we do. Our Presbyter Team, Supernumerary team, Local preachers and Worship Leaders enabled worship to be celebrated in the seven churches throughout the Circuit. An ecumenical Good Friday Service was held in Monkseaton Village. The Circuit strategy development further evolved as members were asked to consider where God was leading us during the pandemic. What was clear was that when we get back face to face, we will not be going back to what was, but a new; spirit prompted, way of doing. During the year we started to implement a Circuit wide property group as a means of sharing fresh thinking, vetted contractors and doing when churches may not have the personnel.

Covid-19

The coronavirus pandemic resulted in the physical closure of churches from the 23rd March 2020. This action resulted in the Circuit investing resources to enable virtual meetings and greater input into physical resources for those who possessed no IT. Churches have lost a considerable amount of hire income and this may limit their ability to pay the Circuit assessment. The Circuit Leadership Team along with the Circuit Resources Committee are assessing the situation on a month by month basis. At the present time the Charity continues to be viable.

The Circuit have invested in Zoom licences and technology resources to enable services to be broadcast over the internet. Our Circuit Service and daily prayer meetings were well received by people locally and around the world. Great efforts were made to keep those isolated connected and assisting with practical needs. We were supported in developing this work by grants from Karbon Homes and the National Government via the National Lottery. People not able to connect to online resources were posted printed support material and over time this extended to cds of services. The cds were also welcomed by our work in Care homes. Many thanks to all those who have enabled everyone to remain connected in these challenging times.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline

(CPD) of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference. Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Resources Committee. Occasional task and finish groups are established which report back to the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. The Regional Training Team provides specific support and specific roles are supported at meetings arranged by the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit. North Shields Methodist Church, Cullercoats Methodist Church, St John's Methodist Church, Monkseaton Methodist Church, Earsdon Methodist Church, Seaton Sluice Methodist Church. Fishermen's Mission, Network. Coast Congregational Church meets at Fishermen's Mission and are licenced with the Circuit to receive worship support.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation 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 practices 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 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 good practice.

The North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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 North Shields & Whitley Bay Methodist 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.

During the year Rev Linda Eccles and team delivered new Safeguarding training that reflects the revised training implemented by the Methodist Conference. A review of appointment roles within the Churches of the Circuit, reflected our good compliance with regular training and updates. A regular meeting of Church Safeguarding Officers was held.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 3 months average expenditure. 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 planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Finance and Governance

Basis of account preparation and legal framework.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Full name of Charity: North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Church Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1132438

Date of Registration: 4th November 2009

Registered address: Circuit Office, Cullercoats Methodist Church. Broadway, North Shields. Tyne and Wear. NE30 3LJ

The members of the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Officer holders, ministers and representatives appointed by local churches.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

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|---|---|
| Active Circuit Ministers | Rev David Wynd * Rev Eva Walker * Rev John Mason * Supported by an additional team of retired Ministers. |
| Circuit Lay Workers | Claire Earl John Morley * Rob Wylie |
| Circuit Stewards | Carol Baggaley * (Senior Steward) Pat Brown * Martin Shaw * |
| Circuit Treasurer | Colin Raistrick * |
| Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Representatives | Margaret Stephenson John Bedigan |
| Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator | Rev Linda Eccles |

Administrator

Julie Esson

Members

Alan Bainbridge, John Brown, Pat Brown, Jan Boylan, Andrina Davison, Carol Davidson, Joan Davidson, Andrew Esson, Rev Tony Farrar, Sandra Fenwick, Margaret Gannie, Rev Enid Gordon, Roger Gordon, Bill Hastie, Rob Hufton, Peter Hutton, Moya Jobson, Andrew Lowe, Brenda Purvis, Ian Lamont, Owen Lumsdon, Pat Maddison, Sue Mason, Marian Taws, Lesley Thompson, Graham Tiple, Catherine Walker, Pauline Wright, Rob Wylie.

* Denotes member of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT)

Colin Raistrick acted as principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner Jeff Corrigan

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB)
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Year ended 31st August 2020 income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by Circuit churches. Network project income relates to flat income from 41 Oxford Street and room rent from the Oxford Street premises. Talks are ongoing with Depaul UK on their lease arrangement and whilst much work happened during the year, additional work is needed to come to a satisfactory conclusion as we await decisions from the Trustees of Methodist Church Property. De Paul didn't pay their £6,500 within the previous accounting year and paid double during this year. The rent of £7,157 from Western Way manse letting was used to reduce general expenses. The total is down on the previous year due to the renters reducing rent due to furlough. The difference will be clawed back in future months. £16,434 of Circuit assessment funding was not collected in August at CFB. We hope to reclaim this in the coming year. £10,000 grant from the District re lay worker salary support was also not received during the year. Local churches have challenged the Circuit to find ways of reducing their Circuit Assessment, work which is ongoing. We were pleased to receive a grant of £1,000 from Karbon Homes to assist with our work with the elderly and vulnerable during Covid-19. We also made use of the Job Retention Scheme furloughing a lay worker.

Year ended 31st August 2020 expenditure trends

During the year our income was £230,492 we spent £261,296 in line with the budget. Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with Conference approved increases. There was no call on the Building Fund.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2020 net cash assets of the Circuit were £118,299 (£146,783 previous year) giving approximately 5 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2020/2021

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there are 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated costs of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the District. Local churches are requested to increase their assessment. Work continues to look at each element of spending to see where we can reduce costs and seek new sources of income, to reduce the pressure on stretched local church finances. We will relook at where we wish to be as a Circuit as we invest time in developing a new Strategic Plan for the coming years.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

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. There are no Endowment funds. 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

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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 £500. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2020 insurance values. The insurance value of the manses is £1,070,544. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment. The valuation for Oxford Street is £3,077,533.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity. Westen Way manse and 41 Oxford Street are let for investment income.

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

There were none.

Creditors

We have adjusted when we receive the 1st quarter assessment so it is received in September rather than late August. £16,434.14 is due from 3 circuit churches due to a missed August CFB payment. £10,000 is due from the District re Lay worker support grant.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Trustees | 38 | 38 |
| Total amount | £0 | £0 |

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|---|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts | 0 | 0 |
| Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor | NIL | NIL |

6 Paid employees

| Staff Costs paid during the year were: | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | £ 128,159 | 128,816 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---------|---------|
| Employer's National Insurance costs | £ | 9,916 | 6,683 |
| Pension costs | £ | 22,851 | 23,504 |
| Total staff costs | £ | 160,926 | 159,003 |
| Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were: | | 7 | 7 |

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified on 31st August 2020.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|---|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward from last year | | |
| Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations | 262 | 7,390 |
| Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations | 262 | 7,390 |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | 0 |

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

| | Land | Manses | Other buildings Network Oxford Street | Fixtures, fittings and equipment | Payments on account and assets under construction | Total |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|---|---|---|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward | 0 | 1,035,338 | 2,872,909 | 50,000 | | 3,958,247 |
| Additions | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | 35,206 | 204,624 | 23,189 | | 263,019 |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Transfers * (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0 | £1,070,544. | 3,077,533 | 73,189 | | 4,221,266 |

Accumulated depreciation

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| Balance brought forward | | £1,070,544. | 3,077,533 | 73,189 | | 4,221,266 |
| Depreciation charge for year (-) | | | | | | |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers* (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | | £1,070,544. | 3,077,533 | 73,189 | | 4,221,266 |

Net book value

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|------------|--------|--|-----------|
| Brought forward | 0 | 1,035,338 | 2,4872,909 | 50,000 | | 3,958,247 |
| Carried forward | 0 | 1,070,544 | 3,077,533 | 73,189 | | 4,221,266 |

The additions relate to revaluation of fixtures and fittings following the new insurance company taking over. Fixtures now cover PA and lighting equipment, computers and tuck shop stock.

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2019-20

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Incoming Resources | Resources Expended | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| Building Fund | 6,016 | 0 | 0 | | 6,016 | Support for building |

| | | | | | | |
|--------|-------|---|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
| | | | | 0 | | development and mission projects |
| Totals | 6,016 | 0 | 0 | | | |

The Circuit agreed to provide hand sanitising equipment for all Circuit Churches to meet Covid-19 regulations. These expenses will be assigned to this fund, some expenses were received in the 2020/2021 financial year.

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of Treasurer *Colin Raistrick* Date 10th June 2021

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on 23rd June 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Rev Eva Walker*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Eva Walker Date 23rd June 2021

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit
Charity Number 1132438**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020.

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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My 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 cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act: or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. 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.

(2) I have 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.

Name of Independent Examiner

Jeff Corrigan

Signature of Independent Examiner

Jeff Corrigan

Date

10th June 2021

To the Circuit Meeting, being the Board of Trustees of the North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit of the Methodist Church

I hereby confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, on the basis of the transaction-listing for the year that has been provided to me by the Circuit, and after making such further enquiries as seemed reasonable in my capacity as a charity trustee, I am not aware of any financial transactions of the Circuit for the financial year ended 31 August 2020 that are required under the Charities SORP(FRS102) to be disclosed in the annual accounts as either 'trustee-benefits' or 'related party' transactions in connection with myself, including any donations direct to the Circuit during the financial year.

Signed *Colin Raistrick*

Name of Trustee Colin Raistrick

Dated 10th June 2021

List here the transactions of North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit to be disclosed in this year's accounts in connection with myself and persons closely connected with me:

Not Applicable

Explanatory Notes:

1. Under FRS102, for all accounts purporting to show a true and fair view (as is required by the Charities SORP), it is *mandatory*, and for *non-company* charities (eg the District) also a *statutory requirement*, to disclose:

'such particulars of the related party transactions of the charity, or of any institution or body corporate connected with the charity, as may be required by the SORP to be disclosed.'

– SI 2008/629, Sch 2, para 1(e)

2. The following individuals and bodies all count as 'related parties' for the required disclosure of the charity's transactions with them regardless of financial size:

- the Circuit trustees
 - any custodian trustee(s) of the Circuit
 - a donor of land to the Circuit (at any time)
 - a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of any of the above
 - an officer or agent or one of the Circuit's "key management personnel"
 - the spouse or civil partner of any of the above
 - a business partner of any of the above
 - anyone* with sole or joint control or else significant influence over the Circuit - thus also including the District or Connexion
- (*including their close family: children, spouse (or domestic partner) and that person's children, step children or illegitimate children or any other dependents)

- the Circuit's *subsidiary/associated* undertakings and any *fellow* subsidiaries or associates (or corporate joint ventures, in each case) – the SORP overrides FRS102's disclosure exemptions for those included in group accounts
- another *charity* with any trustees in common if it is subordinated to the charity
- a *pension fund* for the charity's staff or for any of its related parties
- a company or other entity (whether or not under charity control) in which any of the above individuals alone or collectively have a 'substantial interest or significant influence' (presumed if having 20% of the equity or of the voting rights in it)

SORP(FRS102), Glossary

Note

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