

CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT METHODIST CIRCUIT
(Charity Registration No. 1132654)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 August 2024

CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT METHODIST CIRCUIT

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

Our calling is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ by encouraging, resourcing and enabling the people and churches of the Circuit to serve their communities and the wider world.

The Circuit came into being in September 2014, and was formed from the merger of three Circuits (Canterbury & Coastal, Thanet, and Dover and Deal Methodist Circuits). The new Circuit now comprises of churches covering the north east corner of Kent from beyond Faversham in North West down to Dover in the South East, including Methodist/URC and Methodist/Anglican partnerships. The Circuit also includes two Methodist Foundation Primary Schools and two independent Methodist schools, Kent College Canterbury and Lorenden. We also include Bradbury Grange MHA home.

Covering such a large and diverse area presents many challenges, but also many more opportunities. Canterbury is also home to three universities and its population is swelled by over 30,000 Students each year. The Circuit therefore has appointed a Deacon whose main ministry is to specially work with the Student Community.

We believe the Methodist Circuit encourages us to look beyond our individual congregations to give strength and mutual support to our large and small congregations alike, as we seek to embody the values of God's Kingdom and witness to the good news of Jesus Christ in the world.

Aims and organisation

Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ's Love through Joyful Worship, Action in Service, and Life in Discipleship.

Brief financial review of the year

The circuit continues to bring together the three former circuits and to reshape for mission.

The finances of the circuit are in deficit but work continues to bring the accounts back into balance with meetings of the church treasurers.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches.

The rental income relates to the rental of a manse at Herne Bay together with a District Grant and funds from the Circuit Model Trust

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases.

13.5% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

The other expenditure includes expenses on the ministers manses reference both capital and maintenance.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2024 the net current assets of the Circuit were £744,543 (2023 : £597,700), giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2024/25

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains 5 full time Presbyters, 2 Deacons and 1.5 presbyters from other denominations with anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the district. Circuit Churches are indicating that they will have difficulty in increasing their assessment. However discussions have started in order to address the shortfall in income of reduce the expenditure.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Full Name of Charity:	Canterbury and East Kent Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1132654
Date of registration :	11 November 2009.
Main communication address :	Circuit Office , St Peter's Methodist Church, St Peter's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BE

The members of the Canterbury and East Kent Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.
Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers

Rev. Wesley Hampton
Rev. Rosmary Hills-Bending
Rev. Catherine Wagstaff
Rev. Alison Walker
Rev. Danny Wheadon

Circuit Stewards

Mr. Michael Baybutt (Circuit Treasurer)
Mrs. Marjory Dobson
Mr. Peter Bartlett
Mrs. Linda Beverton
Mrs. Angela Pilgrim
Ms. Tisha Pyke

Administrator

Mrs. Ruth Potter

Investment Bankers

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

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Aims and organisation

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

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation 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 the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

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

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit

BIRCHINGTON CHURCH.
BROADSTAIRS CHURCH.
CHALLOCK CHURCH
FAVERSHAM UNITED CHURCH
GARLINGS CHURCH
HERNE BAY UNITED CHURCH
MARGATE UNION CHURCH
MARSHSIDE METHODIST CHAPEL
MONKTON METHODIST CHURCH
RAMSGATE HARDRES STREET UNITED CHURCH
RIVER METHODIST CHURCH
ST. ANDREWS CHURCH, SHEPHERDSWELL
ST. JOHNS CHURCH, WHITSTABLE
ST. PETERS CHURCH, CANTERBURY
STURRY AND DISTRICT UNITED CHURCH ANGLICAN AND METHODIST
THE CEACON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN CENTRE, DOVER
TRINITY CHURCH, DEAL
WESTBERE CHURCH

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee 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 is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process 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 re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

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

Reserves Policy

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

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SCHEDULE A

Circuit Ministers

Rev. Wesley Hampton
Rev. Rosmary Hills-Bending
Rev. Cathrine Wagstaff
Rev. Alison Walker
Rev. Danny Wheadon

Supernumerary Ministers

Rev. Canon Malcolm Cooper
Rev Malcolm Peach
Rev. Roger North
Rev. Canon Harvey Richardson
Rev. Mike Walling

Circuit Links

Angela & Graham Gibbens (OWL)

Lay Employees

Circuit Administrator

Ms Ruth Potter

Circuit Officers

Circuit Stewards

Mr. Michael Baybutt (Circuit Treasurer)
Mrs. Angela Pilgrim (Senior Steward)
Mr. Peter Bartlett
Mrs. Linda Beverton
Mrs. Marjory Dobson

Representative for Synod

Mr. Peter Bartlett
Mrs. Linda Beverton
Mrs. Sue Dalglish
Mrs. Angela Pilgrim
Mrs. Elizabeth Beck

Action for Children

Archivist

Bradbury Grange Methodist Hone

Circuit Finance Officer

Circuit Missions Secretary

Education

Local Preachers and Workshop Leaders Secretary

Methodist Homes

Methodist Women in Britain

Junior Missions for All

Church Property Secretary

Manse Secretary

Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Social Responsibility

Treasurer

Connexional Funds and World Missions Treasurer

Mrs. Sue Huston-Dalglish

Vacant

Mrs. Lorna Horn

Mrs. Ruth Potter

Mrs. Marjory Dobson

Vacant

Mrs. Christine Barker

Vacant

Mrs. Marjory Dobson

Vacant

Vacant

Mr. Peter Bartlett

Vacant

Vacant

Mr. Michael Baybutt

Vacant

BIRCHINGTON.

Steward

Treasurer

Representatives

Susan Huston-Dalglish

Christine Barker

Timothy Setchell, Jerry Collis

BROADSTAIRS.

Steward

Treasurer

Representatives

Carl Morris

Neil Dobson

Janet Pitt

CANTERBURY, ST. PETER'S

Steward

Treasurer

Representatives

Richard Cockell

James McCrea

Helen Brown, Kaye Merrywest

CHALLOCK

Treasurer

Representative

Beryl Nason

Jill Jones

DEAL TRINITY

Steward

Treasurer

Representative

Geoff Potter

Neil Adams

Val Newman, Margaret Barker

DOVER, THE BEACON

Steward

Treasurer

Representative

Elizabeth Beck

E. Rawson

Ron Sutton, Maureen MacDonald

DOVER - RIVER

Steward

Treasurer

Representative

Helen Dear

Jane Walker

Derek Leach

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FAVERSHAM UNITED

Steward/Elder
Treasurer
Representative

Ron Trivasse
Roger Berryman
Reg Barnes

GARLINGE

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Monica Harrison
Dennis Jarvis
Wendy Miller

GREENSTREET

Acting Treasurer

Roger Berryman (From Faversham)

HERNE BAY, UNITED CHURCH

Steward
Treasurer
Representatives

John Nicholson
Michele Nicholson
Barbara Hammerton

MARGATE, UNION CHURCH

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Pat Stringer
Andrew Ogden
Bob Buchanan

MARSHSIDE

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Ronald Nicholls
Andrew Marchetti
Anthony Russell

MONKTON

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Robert Hood
Peter Mitchell

OLD WIVES LEES

Steward
Treasurer

Peter Bartlett
Mary Bartlett

RAMSGATE, HARDRES STREET

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Gillian Todd
Jackie Howe
Jeremy Fisher, Doug reed, John Impett, Peter Griggs

STURRY & DISTRICT, UNITED CHURCH

Churchwarden
Treasurer
Representatives

Anne Stevenson
Andrew Webster
Martin and Angela Pilgrim

WHITSTABLESt. JOHN'S

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Lorna Horn
Graham Godley
Hilary Baybutt, Brenda Feast, Roger Rigg, Sue Rigg

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

Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted & Endowment Funds		Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments							
1 Donations and legacies						0	0
2 Income from monetary investments	3,997	14,388		754	5,461	24,600	15,303
3 Income from investment properties	37,700					37,700	34,700
4 Assessments on Churches	305,932					305,932	404,356
5 Capital Receipts	2,700	606,309				609,009	370,529
6 Grants received	13,000					13,000	10,000
7 Other charitable income	50,709					50,709	52,133
8 Total income	414,038	620,697	0	754	5,461	1,040,950	887,021
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	59,152				899	60,051	56,038
10 Salaries and associated costs	248,583					248,583	267,900
11 Property	53,019					53,019	94,857
12 Office expenses	13,385	937		45	324	14,691	14,874
13 District Assessment & Levy	72,209	15,914				88,123	82,654
14 Depreciation						0	0
15 Other outgoings	29,639	0				29,639	5,508
16 Total charitable expenditure	475,988	16,851	0	45	1,223	494,107	521,830
17 Net Income before investment gains/losses	(61,951)	603,846	0	709	4,238	546,843	365,192
19 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		49		309	2,201	2,559	(1,467)
20 Gains/(losses) on property disposals/revaluations	326,080					326,080	395,429
21 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	264,129	603,895	0	1,018	6,440	875,482	759,154
22 Transfers between funds	599,510	(599,365)		(145)		0	0
23 Reclassification of funds	(625,000)					(625,000)	0
24 Other gains/(losses)							
25 Net movement in funds	238,639	4,530	0	873	6,440	250,482	759,154
26 Total funds brought forward	3,031,349	328,847	0	16,050	114,024	3,490,270	2,731,116
27 Total funds carried forward	3,269,988	333,377	0	16,923	120,464	3,740,751	3,490,270

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Circuit No : 36/27

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes		Unrestricted Funds			Restricted & Endowment Funds		Total 2023	Totals 2022
		General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	Endowment		
		£	£	£	£	£		
		£	£	£	£	£		
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	2,066,456					2,066,456	2,428,538
Investment properties	BS1	894,115					894,115	830,953
Investments	BS2		677		4,307	30,655	35,638	33,079
Total fixed assets		2,960,571	677	0	4,307	30,655	2,996,208	3,292,570
Current Assets								
Debtors	BS3	165,514					165,514	186,405
Loans by the Circuit							0	0
Investments with TMCP	BS2		332,700		12,616	89,809	435,125	425,842
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS4	207,523					207,523	43,292
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS4	21,608					21,608	46,413
Total current assets		394,644	332,700	0	12,616	89,809	829,771	701,952
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	BS5	85,229					85,229	104,252
Grants payable within 2022-23							0	0
Total current liabilities		85,229	0	0	0	0	85,229	104,252
Net current assets/(liabilities)		309,417	332,700	0	12,616	89,809	744,543	597,700
Total assets less current liabilities		3,269,988	333,377	0	16,923	120,464	3,740,751	3,890,270
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23							0	0
Loans to the Circuit							0	400,000
Net assets		3,269,988	333,377	0	16,923	120,464	3,740,751	3,490,270
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS6.1	3,269,988						
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS6.2		333,377					
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0				
Total Unrestricted Funds							3,603,365	3,360,196
Restricted Funds	BS7				16,923		16,923	16,050
Endowment Funds	BS7					120,464	120,464	114,024
Total Funds		3,269,988	333,377	0	16,923	120,464	3,740,751	3,490,270

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

1 Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting framework

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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) – (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Update Bulletin 1) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the "true and fair override" provision contained therein.

ii Public benefit entity

The Canterbury and East Kent Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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 Circuits financial position and activities.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v FRS102 SORP2015 [applies to 2016-17 onwards]

These accounts are compliant with FRS102 and with the FRS102 SORP 2015.

vi Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2024, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vii Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of the Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

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viii Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material.

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from churches and payments over of their contributions to various Funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds"
- The administration (application, collection and distribution) of grants requested by Churches within the Circuit from, but not limited to, the District and Connexion.

In all these matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or Churches as appropriate.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised.

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

x Grants

Grants are recognised in full when the award is made once the District accepts that there is a legal or constructive obligation to make the payment and that such payment is probable.

When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the original terms agreed.

xi VAT

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

xii Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's gross carrying value as at 31 August 2024, being that property's insurance value in 2023. No depreciation is provided on the buildings 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 cost to date. Properties have been reviewed for impairment.

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xiii Monetary Investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

xiv Investment Property

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manse) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse for a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the circuit's charitable objectives.

xv Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

xvi Methodist Church Fund

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments on Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to The Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for ad hoc collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church.

xvii Ministers' manse costs

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax, water charges and telephone costs. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

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2 Glossary of terms

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

DPC: District Policy Committee

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

MCF: Methodist Church Fund

MMPS: Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme

PASLEMC: Pensions and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

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3 Income from Investment Property

The trustees have determined that the property listed below is unlikely to be returned as a manse in the foreseeable future and have therefore classified the same as an investment property. Letting income is shown gross of fees and commissions.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2023
Letting Income:							
80 Linden Avenue, Herne Bay	14,400					14,400	13,800
79 Preston Park, Faversham	23,300					23,300	20,900
Totals	37,700	0	0	0	0	37,700	34,700

4 Assessments on Churches

The Circuit comprises 18 churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making it's Assessment budgeted income from investment income (including property letting) and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all it's net costs from the Assessment.

An Assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses).

Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is also treated as a creditor. Such cases are detailed in Notes BS3 and BS6.

Church	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2023
Birchington	8,004					8,004	9,996
Broadstairs	21,000					21,000	21,000
Challock	3,780					3,780	3,780
Faversham	15,000					15,000	24,372
Garlinge	9,996					9,996	9,996
Hardres Street	34,296					34,296	37,620
Herne Bay	24,096					24,096	24,096
Monkton	2,328					2,328	2,328
River	36,000					36,000	41,508
St. Johns	24,000					24,000	39,600
St. Peters Canterbury	60,000					60,000	90,000
Sturry	11,436					11,436	21,996
Dover -Beacon	30,000					30,000	34,104
Deal	9,996					9,996	28,764
Margate	15,240					15,240	14,520
Whitsable - URC	760					760	676
Marshside	0					0	0
Assessments written off	0					0	0
Totals	305,932	0	0	0	0	305,932	404,356

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5 Capital Receipts

Relates to the sale of the manse at 23 South Canterbury Road, Canterbury in July 2024. The figure is shown net of all related selling fees and commissions.
In addition all sales of Methodist property are subject to a levy by the Connexion calculated on a sliding scale based on the gross sale price.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2023
Gross sale proceeds		625,000				625,000	321,000
COF Levy on Property Sales		(1,574)				(1,574)	(96,074)
Selling Agents fees		(8,443)				(8,443)	(12,066)
Legal fees	2,700	(8,673)				(5,973)	(2,817)
Totals	2,700	606,309	0	0	0	609,009	210,043

6 Grants Receivable

Circuit Mission Enabler	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2023
District advance - Deacon	13,000					13,000	10,000
Totals	13,000	0	0	0	0	13,000	10,000

7 Other Income

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2023
Payments for salaries:							
St. Peter's	19,581					19,581	18,251
Whitstable	22,773					22,773	21,111
Ramsgate	5,373					5,373	8,227
Misc	1,592					1,592	175
Donations	1,390					1,390	4,369
Totals	50,709	0	0	0	0	50,709	52,133

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8 Grants & Donations

Grants and donations as listed below were agreed and/or made during the year. Where a grant has been made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund, Restricted or Endowment Funds and the grant monies are for use within the Circuit they are treated as a transfer between Funds. The tables below (one for each fund type) detail the new grants agreed and paid over this year, this years instalment of grants agreed in prior years and the future instalments of grants to be paid.

Grantee Donee	This Year New				General					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
United Reformed Church						4,000			4,000	
Crosslinks						55,152			55,152	
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	59,152	0	0	59,152	0

Grantee Donee	This Year New				Circuit Model Trust					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Grantee Donee	This Year New				Designated					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Grantee Donee	This Year New				Restricted					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Grantee Donee	This Year New				Endowment					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
Circuit Churches										
Deal & Dover							899			899
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	899	0	0	899

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9 Stipends and Salaries and Associated Costs

Ministers and Deacons	Full Time (5)	Part Time	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Stipends	135,849		135,849					135,849
Pension Fund Contribution	26,355		26,355					26,355
National Insurance	12,145		12,145					12,145
Travel	14,368		14,368					14,368
App Levy	933		933					933
Costs	576		576					576
	190,227		190,227	0	0	0	0	190,227

Layworkers	Full Time (6)	Part Time	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Salary	44,565		44,565					44,565
Pension Fund Contribution	1,770		1,770					1,770
National Insurance	2,045		2,045					2,045
	48,380		48,380	0	0	0	0	48,380

Administration Staff	Full Time (1)	Part Time	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Salary	9,395		9,395					9,395
Pension Fund Contribution	471		471					471
National Insurance	110		110					110
	9,977		9,977	0	0	0	0	9,977

Stipends & Salaries Totals	248,583	0	0	0	0	0	248,583
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No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday years end on 31st August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Whilst several lay workers are paid through the central payroll system of the Methodist Church, there expenditure is reimbursed by the appropriate church with one exception whose majority of pay is reimbursed by Faversham and Whitstable although the circuit is making a contribution towards this costs.

3 churches in the circuit, Faversham (Methodist), Herne Bay (URC) and Deal (Methodist) have URC ministers. Accordingly payments are made to the URC to cover Stipend costs and Misc expenses. The circuit also makes a contribution to the URC in respect of Rev Martin Belgrove for 75% stipend and expenses. Rev Alan Spence for 50% stipend and expensed. The circuit also pays the Diocese of Canterbury stipend expenses for Rev Peter Cornish and Sturry PCC for his expenses.

Pensions

Most ordained Presbyters and Deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body. Other employees are not

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9 Stipends and Salaries and Associated Costs Cont..

Cost of Superintendent, Presbyters and Trustees

The Superintendent of the Circuit, the other Presbyters and the remaining members of the CLT are considered as Key Management Personnel. The Superintendent chairs meetings of the CLT and Circuit Meetings. The members of the Circuit Meeting are the trustees of the Circuit. The stipends, employer's NIC and employer's pension contributions and other expenses of the Presbyters of the Circuit are paid by the Circuit.

The manses are provided by the Circuit and the Circuit maintains the property. The value of the Council Tax and water charges paid by the Circuit is not disclosed here as HMRC does not regard the as a benefit-in-kind in the hands of the minister.

Each Presbyter is entitled to a 3 month sabbatical every 5 years and the expenses incurred by the Presbyter are met by the Connexion with the Circuit continuing to pay the stipend. There have been no sabbatical during the year.

Payments to trustees

Fees and Expenses paid to Circuit Trustees during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Trustee	Expenses incurred and reimbursed	Travelling expenses reimbursed	Fees Paid	
Rev E Aggrey-Ogoe		156	250	
Rev R Armstrong	1,797	447		
Rev D Borda		60	300	
Rev Cannon M Cooper	17	598	990	
Rev W Hampton	8	442		
Rev R Hills-Bending	660	1,711		
Rev C Wagstaff	464	2,809		
Rev D Wheadon	18	3,825		
Deacon M Lugumi	467	1,681		
Mrs C Barker	104			
Mr P Bartlett	907			
Mr M Baybutt	264	335		
Ms L Beverton	344			
Mr N Dobson	159			
Mrs A Pomeroy		47		
Mrs R Potter	67			
Totals	<u>5,276</u>	<u>12,111</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>18,928</u>

Notes Travelling expenses are at the rate stipulated by the Methodist Conference or the Circuit for cars and cycles if the actual cost of travel by other means including public transport

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10 Property Expenses

The Circuit is Managing Trustee for seven manses . Three manses are let and are treated as an investment properties.

Manses

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Council Tax	14,706					14,706
Water charges	2,155					2,155
Insurance	9,242					9,242
Light and heat	3,403					3,403
Repairs	17,139					17,139
Whitstable URC	500					500
Totals	47,144	0	0	0	0	47,144

Letting Expenses

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Agents fees	4,560					4,560
Totals	4,560	0	0	0	0	4,560

Other property expenses

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Legal & professional fees	1315					1315
Totals	1315	0	0	0	0	1315

Property Totals

Totals	53,019	0	0	0	0	53,019
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11 Office & Administration cocts

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Printing, postage and stationery	1,435					1,435
Telephone	4,761					4,761
Bank charges	21					21
Computer costs	674					674
Office expenses	2,338					2,338
Professional services	377					377
Accountancy	3,780					3,780
Auditors remuneration	0					0
TMCP admin/investment fees		937		45	324	1,306
Totals	13,385	937	0	45	324	14,691

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12 District Assessment & Levy

The District Assessment is calculated relative to the proportion of church members and staffing (Presbytes and Mission staff only) of all Circuits in the District. 50% of the overall cost is calculated using relative membership proportions and 50% using relative staffing proportions.

The levy is calculated on a sliding scale percentage of the Circuit's CMTF account balance as at 31st August the previous accounting year.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
District Assessment	14,572					14,572
Methodist Church Fund (MCF)	57,637					57,637
Levy on CMTF Funds		15,914				15,914
						0
Totals	72,209	15,914	0	0	0	88,123

13 Other Outgoings

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Preaching Fees	2,320					2,320
Quinquennial Inspections	0					0
Minister relocation costs	872					872
Miscellaneous	310					310
Loan interest	26,137					26,137
Totals	29,639	0	0	0	0	29,639

14 Investment Management

During the year the Circuit paid TMCP, the custodians of the Circuit's investments (Circuit Model Trust Fund, Restricted and Endowment Funds) management charges based on 0.2% of the value of the individual funds at the beginning of the year.

Realised and Unrealised losses in the invested funds are listed below.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Circuit Model Trust		49				49
Collins Bequest 5081				309		309
Balch Bequest 5854					226	226
Cook Settlement Fund 8692					1,976	1,976
Totals	0	49	0	309	2,201	2,559

15 Property disposals/revaluations

The net gains or losses are detailed below. The current carrying values are based on the property insurance value as at October 2023.

	Carrying	Purchase/ (sale)	Revalue	Gain/(Loss)
23 South Canterbury Road	483,298	(625,000)	0	141,702
22 Hillview Road	365,620		393,411	27,791
The Sycamores	568,793		612,028	43,235
23 Riverdale	410,832		442,060	31,228
1 Tolputt Close	599,995		618,957	18,962
80 Linden Avenue	448,712		482,819	34,107
79 Preston Park	382,241		411,296	29,055
Totals	3,259,491	(625,000)	2,960,571	326,080

16 Reclassification of funds

Any fund classification has changed (e.g. Restricted to Unrestricted or vice versa) at the direction of the Circuit trustees or Custodian trustees is listed below.

Circuit property is always carried in the General Fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This requires an adjustment and any such sales during the year are reflected below at the gross sale price

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Sale of 23 South Canterbury Road	625,000	(625,000)				0
Totals	625,000	(625,000)	0	0	0	0

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BS1 Manses & Other Property

Buildings comprises of 5 manses located in Broadstairs, Canterbury, Dover and Whitstable. There are 2 investments properties, one in Herne Bay and a former manse in Faversham

1.1 Cost or valuation

	Investment Properties	Land	Buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	830,953	0	2,428,538	0	8,905	0	2,437,443
Additions in the year			0				0
Revaluations	63,162		121,216				121,216
Less: Disposals in the year			(483,298)				(483,298)
Transfers between categories	0		0				0
Balance carried forward	894,115	0	2,066,456	0	8,905	0	2,075,361

1.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Basis Rate		N/A				SL	
						3 years	
Balance brought forward	0	0	0	0	8,905	0	8,905
Depreciation charge for the year					0		0
Impairment provisions							
Revaluations							0
Disposals							0
Transfers							0
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	8,905	0	8,905

1.2 Net book value

Balance brought forward	830,953	0	2,428,538	0	0	0	2,428,538
Balance carried forward	894,115	0	2,066,456	0	0	0	2,066,456

Schedule of Manses, Investment property & Churches Closed for Worship

Property	Type	Value
80 Linden Avenue	Investment	482,819
79 Preston Park	Investment	411,296
22 Hillview Road	Manse	393,411
89a Ramsgate Road	Manse	612,028
23 Riverdale	Manse	442,060
1 Tolpudd Close	Manse	618,957
		2,960,571

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BS2 Investment Assets (and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP))

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Circuit's other funds (as listed below) are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest and/or Managed Equity Funds on which interest and dividends are credited to the accounts each month/quarter. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and custodian trustee of all Methodist model trust property, including legacies, endowments and accumulated funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local managing trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with Charity Law and Methodist Law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

	Price (£)
2C100 - CFB Managed Mixed Fund	5.417
2C110 - Trustees Interest Fund	n/a

	CMTF 18669	Various Bequests 6859	Circuit Account 11817	Various Bequests 3088	Sale of Land 8031	Ashby Bequest 18169	Collins Bequest 5081	Restricted	Balch Bequest 5854	Flints Charity 1139	Cook Bequest 19409	Kidman Trust 5970	Wilson Bequest 8031A	Cook Settlement Fund 8692	Endow	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£		£
2C100 - No Units	125						795	795	580					5,079	5,659	5,999
2C100	677	0	0	0	0	0	4,307	4,307	3,142	0	0	0	0	27,513	30,655	35,638
2C110	332,700	2,906	2,369	4,407	580	1,980	374	12,616	1,744	713	82,909	325	118	4,000	89,809	435,125
	333,377	2,906	2,369	4,407	580	1,980	4,680	16,923	4,886	713	82,909	325	118	31,513	120,464	470,764

BS3 Debtors & Prepayments

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Church Assessments	147,735					147,735
Stipends, Pension, NI	12,406					12,406
Other Debtors	5,373					5,373
Totals	165,514	0	0	0	0	165,514

BS4 Central Finance Board (CFB) and Bank balances

Monetary balances held at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church are available on demand without loss of interest.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Central Finance Board - Savings accounts	192,065					192,065
Central Finance Board - Current accounts	15,458					15,458
	207,523	0	0	0	0	207,523
CAF current account	16,358					16,358
CAF deposit account	5,249					5,249
	21,608	0	0	0	0	21,608
Totals	229,131	0	0	0	0	229,131

BS5 Creditors, Accruals and Income in Advance

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Expenses	10,691					10,691
Accountancy	3,780					3,780
Auditors remuneration	0					0
Stipends - URC	23,732					23,732
URC (M&M)	47,026					47,026
Totals	85,229	0	0	0	0	85,229

BS6 Unrestricted Funds

BS6.1 General Fund

	2024	2023
Balance as at 31 August	3,269,988	3,031,349

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes. About 98% of this fund is held as a freehold property, being manses for ministers, investment properties and a redundant church.

BS6.2 Circuit Model Trust Fund

	2024	2023
Balance as at 31 August	333,377	328,847

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit. Its main source of income is legacies and formulaically determined contributions from the sale of manses and church buildings in the Circuit. Although this is technically an Unrestricted Fund under the control of the Circuit Meeting, prior approval is still required from the District to utilise these funds.

BS7 Restricted and Endowment Funds

	2024	2023
Balance as at 31 August	16,923	16,050
Restricted Funds	120,464	114,024
Endowment Funds		

The restricted and endowment funds exist to support the circuit with the exception of the Evelyn Hilda Ashby Bequest which is to support individuals in specific need. All the funds' assets are managed by TMCP and the net income (after charges) is paid direct to the administrators of the fund.

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BS8 Summary of fund movements

Fund	Balance at 01/09/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluations	Gains/Losses	Balance at 31/08/2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General	3,133,032	414,038	(475,988)	599,510		326,080	3,996,672
Circuit Model Trust	328,847	209,044	(44,563)	(160,000)		49	333,377
Total unrestricted	3,461,879	623,082	(520,551)	439,510	0	326,129	4,330,049
Various Bequests 6859	2,906	154	(154)				2,906
Circuit Account 11817	2,254	122	(6)				2,369
Various Bequests 3088	4,193	226	(12)				4,407
Sale of Land 8031	552	30	(2)				580
Ashby Bequest 18169	1,884	102	(5)				1,980
Collins Bequest 5081	4,261	121	(11)			309	4,680
Total Restricted	16,050	754	(190)	0		309	16,923
Balch Bequest 5854	4,513	160	(12)			226	4,886
Flints Charity 1139	680	35	(2)				713
Cook Bequest 19409	78,872	4,261	(225)				82,909
Kidman Trust 5970	310	16	(1)				325
Wilson Bequest 8031A	112	6					118
Cook Settlement Fund 8692	29,537	983	(983)			1,976	31,513
Total Endowment	114,024	5,461	(1,223)	0		2,201	120,464
Total Restricted and Endowment	130,074	6,215	(1,413)	0	0	2,511	137,386
Total of all funds	3,591,953	629,297	(521,964)	439,510	0	328,639	4,467,435

BS9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Tangible fixed assets	2,066,456	0	0	0	0	2,066,456
Fixed assets investments	894,115	0	0	0	0	894,115
Investments		677	0	4,307	30,655	35,638
Current assets	394,644	332,700	0	12,616	89,809	829,770
Current liabilities	(85,229)	0	0	0	0	(85,229)
	3,269,987	333,377	0	16,923	120,464	3,740,750

BS10 Related Parties

All of the Circuit trustees are members of one within the Circuit and may be trustees in their Churches.

Connected organisations include the Methodist Connexion, Churches within the District, other Methodist Districts in Great Britain, the Methodist Ministers' Children's Relief Association, CFB and TMCP, except as reported in Note 9. All of these entities have their own trustees or directors and autonomous administration such that BEH has no significant influence over any of them, nor they over BEH. They are, therefore, not considered related parties.

Names of related parties	Party	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments
		£	£	£
JAM	Connexion			
The Methodist Church Fund	Connexion			
Mission in Britain	Connexion			
Presbyters & Deacons Fund	Connexion			
Property Fund	Connexion			
World Mission Fund	Connexion			
		0	0	0

BS11 Volunteer contributions

Every entity (Connexion, District, Circuit, Church) within the Methodist Church in GB is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. Principally this contribution is by serving on committees of the District that deal with mission, manses, finance, policy, grants, training, development. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

BS12 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at the year end (2022-23: nil).