

**DURHAM & DEERNESS VALLEY CIRCUIT  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**REGISTERED CHARITY**

**1132827**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

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# **DURHAM & DEERNESS VALLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **Status, Structure and Purpose**

The Governing Instrument of the Circuit is contained in the Methodist Church Act 1976 (Schedule 2) and is detailed in volume 2 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (Part 1 Deed of Union and Part 2 Model Trusts).

The Methodist Church is organized as a Connexion which is divided into Districts which, in turn, are sub-divided into Circuits. Each Circuit is made up of a group of Churches.

The Durham and Deerness Valley Methodist Circuit comprises 4 churches (with 14 buildings and about 550 members). It is responsible for payment of stipends and associated costs to ministers and lay workers and also provision of manse to accommodate 4 ministers. The funding of the Circuit is provided by the churches. Indeed, the first charge on the general fund of each church is the sum required to fund the Circuit. In a similar way the Circuit is levied for District and Methodist Church funds. The churches of a Circuit are charities in their own right.

The Circuit is the primary unit in which local churches express and experience their interconnexion in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement, and help. It is in the Circuit that ministers, deacons and probationers are stationed, and local preachers are trained and admitted and exercise their calling. The purposes of the Circuit include the effective deployment of the resources of ministry, which include people, property, and finance, as they relate to the Methodist churches in the Circuit, to churches of other denominations and to participation in the life of the communities served by the Circuit and in ecumenical work in the area including, where appropriate, the support of ecumenical Housing Associations. Since every member in the Circuit is as such a member of the Methodist Missionary Society, the purposes of the Circuit include the promotion of understanding of the work of the Society to the end that every member may share in world mission.

The Circuit is a public benefit entity. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### **Principal Address:**

Circuit Office  
Elvet Methodist Church  
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Durham  
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### **Independent Examiners:**

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### **Clearing Bank:**

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6 Market Place  
Durham DH1 3NB

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Trustees**

In accordance with Methodist Conference requirements the following Trustees were appointed for the period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Ex-officio</b> | <b>Stationed or Appointed to the Circuit by the Methodist Conference</b> |
|                   | Rev John Squares MDiv, BA (Circuit Superintendent)                       |
|                   | Rev Colin Jackson MA, BSc, CTM   |
|                   | Rev Andrew Longe BA, DipBi left Circuit Jan 2022                         |
|                   | Deacon Ruth Lackenby BSC, PGCE, DTM                                      |
|                   | Rev Peter M Phillips MA, PhD (CODEC)                                     |
|                   | Rev Nigel Johnson, (Prison Chaplain)                                     |
|                   | Rev Graham Peadar (WA)   |

**Anglican Ministers authorised to serve by the Methodist Church**

Rev Joanne Thorns  
Rev Canon Caroline Dick

**Appointed by Circuit Meeting**

|                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| THREE Circuit Stewards:             | Vacant (treasurer)        |
|                                     | Penny Bissell (staffing)  |
|                                     | John Fairbairn (property) |
| Circuit Meeting Secretary:          | Susan Smith               |
| Local Preachers' Meeting Secretary: | William Offler            |

**Additional persons elected by the Circuit Meeting**

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Circuit Finance Officer:            | Peter Templer                                 |
| Connexional Funds Treasurer:        | Malcolm Wadge                                 |
| Methodist Homes:                    | Andrew Sprigg                                 |
| Circuit Missions Officer            | vacant  |
| Network:                            | vacant  |
| JMA Secretary:                      | vacant  |
| Action for Children Secretary:      | vacant  |
| Missions Secretary:                 | Barbara Pearson                               |
| Quinquennial Inspections Secretary: | John Fairbairn                                |
| Youth Work:                         |   |
| Local Preachers:                    | Francis Proud, Margaret Wadge and Mark Wilson |

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**Appointed by each of the 13 Local Churches**  
ONE Church Steward and ONE Church Treasurer.

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Bearpark Church       | V Ellis, Michele Thorns |
| Bowburn Church        | E Atkinson, F Ndaji     |
| Brandon Church        | A Offler, P Hall        |
| (with New Brancepeth) | D Bell                  |
| Carrville Church      | C Lowrie, R Sibbald     |
| Elvet Church          | S Harrison, B Thompson  |
| Esh Winning Church    | R Ferguson, H Forster   |
| Framwellgate Church   | S Pope, D Blacklock     |
| Langley Park          | L Kirby                 |
| Newton Hall Church    | A Sprigg, A Cross       |
| North Road Church     | S Lawson, M Hart        |
| Pittington Church     | W Young, M Wadge        |
| Sacriston Church      | S Smith, M Wadge        |
| Witton Gilbert Church | B Fox, J Wrightson      |

Sherburn Hill Church      now closed

**Other Representatives**

ONE for each 50 members of each church or part thereof

## **DURHAM & DEERNESS VALLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

#### **Part 1 - Financial Matters**

##### **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

Under the Trust Deed and legislation relating to Charities in England, the Trustees are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the surplus or deficit for that year and which have been properly prepared from and are in agreement with the accounting records of the Trust and comply with relevant disclosure regulations. For the purpose of this all ex-officio and appointed members of the Circuit Meeting are Trustees.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- \* select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- \* make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- \* follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts, and
- \* prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue its activities.

The Trustees are required to act in accordance with the Trust Deed of the charity, within the framework of the Trust Law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and so enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

##### **Risk review**

The major risks to which the charity is exposed arise from a reducing membership, increased running costs and heavier workloads falling on fewer and fewer shoulders. We are developing plans to reverse this trend and increase membership. District wide policy is that we work to ensure every church is growing in ten years' time. Our Circuit may have a different shape with a different number of churches in a decade, but we will be working to mitigate the expressed risk and fitting into the District vision.

##### **Reserves policy**

Reserves should not be allowed to fall below a fixed amount whose value would be reviewed annually. This year the minimum reserve was fixed at £125,000. If funds fall below this figure the shortfall shall be made good by the Churches of the Circuit.

##### **Financial Review**

The results for the year show an increase of £71,089 (2021 – increase of £22,758), in unrestricted funds, but this was because we transferred £100k from our TMCP restricted fund. Not all the churches managed to pay their full assessment but overall, there was an surplus over the budget of £6,111. £100,000 was transferred to general funds from our TMCP accounts; £60K to cover stipendiary costs in the Circuit, and £40k was a loan to Elvet church for the refurbishment of a house on the premises which will be rented out once the refurbishment is completed. The Circuit now has three (ex-manse) properties which are being rented out. This year we have made a net profit on the 3 houses of £7k. Considering the Covid 19 pandemic we consider our final result to be acceptable. Thus unrestricted funds closed the year on £215,116.

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

Restricted funds decreased to £53,273 following the transfer of the £100k to Unrestricted Funds. The Circuit has sufficient cash in its unrestricted fund (£215,116 together with the expected Church assessments of £204,886) to meet the next year's expenditure. It is anticipated that some churches will struggle to produce the expected income. Some churches rely heavily on lettings that can not be gained due to Covid restrictions. We intend to monitor the situation regularly asking churches working together in four separate groupings to develop business plans. In simplest form the groupings need to add up the assessments from each church in the group together and discuss how we might use our resources to achieve collecting that total requirement.

Four churches have amalgamated with other churches and their buildings, now redundant, will be put up for sale in the coming year.

#### **Part 2 – Review of the year's work**

##### **Circuit Vision Statement**

The Durham and Deerness Valley Circuit of the Methodist Church seeks to be a close union of its individual Churches. Everyone connected with an individual Church should expect to feel that they are an important part of the Circuit family, and can expect the support of this family. Through our common faith in Christ we seek, in prayerful action, to share and spread the love of Jesus throughout the local and wider community.

##### **Significant Developments during the Year**

The Circuit leadership team initiated a review of how we best manage our Circuit and align our ministers coming out of Covid 19 restrictions with the aim of improving the systemic difficulties of too many jobs falling on too few shoulders. Four groups have been established: North, South, East and West. Each is now functioning as one church on different sites. There has been much to laud as churches feel the advantage of worshiping with increased numbers in each congregation. However, many tired leaders have seen this as a chance to sit down from service and though it is quite fine, the changes have not made it much easier to recruit the volume of leaders needed to run a church. We are in a period of building relationships and in confidence both in our approach and in the capacity of congregants to lead. It is very difficult to manage change in churches and we are asking for a significant change in the culture of how we approach both our internal needs and the outward work of service to our communities.

##### **Achievements during the Year**

Since becoming one church on different sites, a great deal of good can be recorded. So too can frustrations. Each group has taken its own path forward and we are presently challenging each to adopt a Mission Plan of its own making, supported by the Circuit and District. Once these plans are produced, how we finance the Mission will be determined by solid business plans.

Our West group comprising four churches has established a strong leadership team that articulates the needs in individual churches and works to supporting the initiatives as a whole well. Services are attended increasing the number of people at any individual service, but not all congregants are willing to travel when services are held by the group outside of ones local community. There is tension that people are being left behind because of the direction we are taking. That said, observations about the good that is enabled as resources are shared is encouraging. Each meeting we put together has more support than when the churches were working individually.

The North Group is struggling to overcome very real concerns about membership numbers and building costs. We are making progress on the sale of one building that is no longer fit for purpose. The other churches have made great strides to work well together. Two in particular have helped one another making sure tech equipment is similar so that whichever venue a service is held, the same opportunity for creativity in presentation is on offer. As events are building relationships between the congregations and strides are being made towards dropping the s in congregation(s).

The South Group has formally decided to become one church on two sites. The new Durham City Methodists is functioning well. We have recently discussed our core values for our work in the coming year. We are now formally part of the inclusive church network and want to build intentionally at championing all voices within our walls. We have made commitments to environmental causes and are making green changes wherever possible.

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

Activities are picking up in the churches post lockdown and they have established services which reach out through digital means and an alternative service seeking to meet needs that are wider than the traditional church often reaches. It is still early days and growing pains are ahead, but so too is hopefulness and real reason for it.

The East Church is working well together with Carrville as the Sunday Hub and midweek services happening in the smaller churches. We are days from formalising an exciting partnership with a Dance School in a redundant Church Building where the contract with the school retains two hours of work for the church. We placed a Local Lay Pastor into that setting and he is working with the community to discern what might be needed with those two hours that would serve a wider group of people. A new Probationer has been placed in this church and is working well with the local communities. The Church at Bowburn made the brave decision to leave its premises in the upcoming new year. We are looking for ways to serve the community there from a local community centre and we intend to include the mums and tots that have been meeting in our hall for many years.

Work has gone into making sure services are accessible to everyone whether isolating or coming to public worship. Church Without Walls has formed on our deacon's driveway and this is extending into online services and prayer walks. This ministry is now happening with regular attenders often celebrating the benefits.

We are rethinking how assessments are best determined looking to create a direct correlation between the cost of staffing to each group and the amount assessed. As stated on page 4, we anticipate a lean year financially as we recover from the effects of lockdown and face uncertainty about the future. If churches are challenged to pay for the support they receive, we hope it will challenge members to give more generously and for leaders to work more creatively to make prudent financial decisions about the way buildings are used.

'Open The Book' – the re-telling of Bible stories in schools – takes place in Bearpark and continues to be fantastic ecumenical outreach.

Christmas Journey is well underway in two of our church groupings.

Our Ecumenical Partnership in All Saints, Newton Hall, is working well with its leadership and connecting to its local community. It is the chosen venue for the President's service during a January visit to our Circuit.

Several schools visit our churches for Harvest, Christmas and Easter services. It is hoped these links will be renewed this year.

The local foodbank hosted at our Elvet Site has been a lifeline to many through lockdown and still suffering the effects on certain employment sectors. Poverty is a real problem all over England but is more acute in the North East than in most other regions.

Our churches serve their local communities through coffee mornings, craft groups, activities for older members of society and regular visits to neighbouring care homes. Work continues to grow amongst local Care and Nursing Homes with monthly midweek services held at Lindisfarne, Newton Hall, Melbury Court, Durham, Orchard House, Brandon and Springfield, West Rainton. These services are greatly appreciated by the residents. Covid restrictions has limited what is possible here but as these ease, we are hopeful many can resume..

We have established a Circuit policy to declare a Climate Emergency and churches are responding to change its practices to reduce our carbon footprint and to increase works like recycling dropoff points for difficult to recycle items like pill blister packs. Our eco awareness is increasing and our commitment to make a difference is being supported by real action.



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Many church buildings are used on a regular basis for community activities, by outside agencies e.g. probation services, support for refugees and self-help groups. Covid restrictions have eased but our ability to manage multiple bookings is not at previous levels..

Ministerial and lay members of the Circuit have continued to under-go the revised Safeguarding training.

**Significant Changes**

We are working as four churches on different sites. This will help us to come in line with Connexional direction setting to trim the number of trustee bodies we offer. We are taking it slow in making final decisions about the best way to function to suit the needs in each particular context.

**Events relating to these changes**

Our Circuit Meeting appointed a Mission Team called the Open Doors Team commissioned to help each group to determine a Mission Plan. This work is supported by agreement by the District Mission Enabler. Once Mission Plans are formed, hopes and dreams recorded, Business Plans to make the mission a reality will shortly follow.

**Likely developments in the coming year**

Four of our church buildings will likely be sold. Some money from these sales will be ringfenced for mission opportunities in the areas where the buildings were sacrificed. We are looking to develop a Pioneering/Church Planting internship and a proof of concept is in the works supported by the District with a proposed project in Sherburn Hill.

**Contributions of volunteers**

All the work in the Circuit, apart from that of appointed ministers and lay workers, is on a voluntary basis, and includes that of Circuit and church officers, Commissioned Lay Persons, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, members and secretaries of all the Circuit committees, and those assisting in the running of children's and young people's work.

**Relationship with related parties and other charities**

There are appointed Circuit secretaries and treasurers for Connexional funds, Methodist Homes and Action for Children. Ecumenical links in youth work are developing in some areas of the Circuit, and several churches ran holiday clubs. Authorised minister status has been granted by Conference to the three clergy of the Durham North Area Team of the Anglican Church. The Chinese Church based at Elvet church has become well established. Many churches are involved in Churches Together, Area Action Partnerships and organising events in the local communities.

**Conclusion**

The mission of the Circuit continues through the leadership of our dedicated ministers and lay appointees. The work of volunteers will continue to become increasingly important as we seek to enhance our varied outreach and service to the local communities of our Circuit.

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Trustee



Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
DURHAM & DEERNESS VALLEY  
METHODIST CIRCUIT**

I report on the accounts of the Durham & Deerness Valley Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The Circuits Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The Circuits Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

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

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

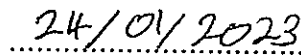
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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



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Date



CIRCUIT  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Durham and Deerness Valley | Circuit |
|----------------------------|---------|

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2022

|  |            |       |
|--|------------|-------|
|  | Circuit no | 13/11 |
|--|------------|-------|

Registered Charity - Registration number

1132827

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

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are exempted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2655 of 2007)

Ministers:

The Revd John Squares (Superintendent Minister)

The Revd Colin Jackson

Deacon Ruth Lackenby

Circuit Stewards:

Penny Bissell

John Fairbairn

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Treasurer:

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR upto 31 Aug 2022**
**Durham and Deerness Valley**
**Circuit**

| <b>SECTION A</b> |   |             | <b>Un - restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Circuit Model<br/>Trust Fund</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>TOTAL THIS<br/>YEAR</b> | <b>TOTAL LAST<br/>YEAR</b> |
|------------------|---|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                  | <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             | <b>Note</b> | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                            | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>                   | <b>£</b>                   |
| a1               | Assessment/Share                            |             | 164,401                          |                                     |                             | 164,401                    | 145,000                    |
| a2               | Capital receipts                            |             | 0                                |                                     |                             | 0                          | 0                          |
| a3               | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income |             | 502                              | 632                                 |                             | 1,134                      | 855                        |
| a4               | Lettings - manses being rented              |             | 7,031                            |                                     |                             | 7,031                      | 0                          |
| a5               | Other receipts                              |             | 11,889                           | 0                                   | 0                           | 11,889                     | 60,917                     |
| a6               | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       |             | <b>183,823</b>                   | <b>632</b>                          | <b>0</b>                    | <b>184,455 (a8)</b>        | <b>206,772</b>             |

| <b>SECTION B</b> |   |  |                |              |          |                     |                |
|------------------|---|--|----------------|--------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|
|                  | <b>PAYMENTS</b>                                   |  |                |              |          |                     |                |
| b1               | Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs |  | 135,128        | 0            |          | 135,128             | 145,086        |
| b2               | Manse Costs                                       |  | 16,962         |              |          | 16,962              | 24,084         |
| b3               | Administration etc                                |  | 9,917          | 452          |          | 10,369              | 9,208          |
| b4               | District Assessment                               |  | 0              | 5,425        |          | 5,425               | 8,329          |
| b5               | Grants & donations                                |  |                | 0            |          | 0                   |                |
| b6               | Loans to churches                                 |  |                |              |          |                     |                |
| b7               | Other payments and Manse Purchase                 |  | 50,727         | 0            | 0        | 50,727              | 55,383         |
| b8               | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                             |  | <b>212,734</b> | <b>5,877</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>218,611 (b9)</b> | <b>242,090</b> |

| <b>SECTION C</b> |  |         |                |               |            |                     |                |
|------------------|--|---------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                  | <b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>  |         |                |               |            |                     |                |
| c1               |  | (a7-b8) | (28,911)       | (5,245)       | 0          | (34,156)            | (35,318)       |
| c2               | Total funds brought forward from last year |         | 144,027        | 158,518       | 934        | 303,479 (c6)        | 338,797        |
| c3               | Sub total                                  | (c1+c2) | 115,116        | 153,273       | 934        | 269,323             | 303,479        |
| c4               | Transfers and adjustments                  |         | 100,000        | (100,000)     |            | (c7)                |                |
| c5               | <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>          | (c3+c4) | <b>215,116</b> | <b>53,273</b> | <b>934</b> | <b>269,323 (c8)</b> | <b>303,479</b> |

| <b>SECTION D</b> |   |  |  |  |              |               |
|------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------|---------------|
|                  | <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> |  |  |  |              |               |
| d                | (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)             |  |  |  |              |               |
| d1               | Balance brought forward from last year  |  |  |  |              |               |
| d2               | Offerings/Gifts - rec'd for ext. organisations District Assessment                  |  |  |  | 45,096       | 50,528        |
| d3               | Offerings/Gifts - passed to ext. organisations District Assessment                  |  |  |  |              |               |
| d4               | <b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>                                      |  |  |  | <b>45096</b> | <b>50,528</b> |

**SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING****SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2011 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose.

This section must be completed to arrive at the total income and expenditure of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts. Contact Resourcing Mission Office, Manchester tel: 0161 236 5194. Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and its Internal Organisations.

| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS |   | Receipts              |      | Payments              |      | Net Receipts/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening balances |       | Closing balances |  |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------|------------------|--|
| e1                     | Circuit Youth   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             | 264              |       | 264              |  |
| e2                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e3                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e4                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e5                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e6                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e7                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e8                     | Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                             | 0                     |      | 0                     |      | 0                         | 0           | 264              | (e11) | 264              |  |
| e9                     | Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 184,455               | (a8) | 218,611               | (b9) | -34,156                   | 0           | 303,479          | (c6)  | 269,323          |  |
| e10                    | <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>                               | 184,455               |      | 218,611               |      | -34,156                   | 0           | 303,743          | (x)   | 269,587          |  |
|                        |   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> |      | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |      |                           |             |                  |       |                  |  |

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

|    |   | OPENING BALANCES | CLOSING BALANCES |
|----|---|------------------|------------------|
| f1 | Cash in hand  |                  |                  |
| f2 | Bank Current Account  | 19,115           | 35,782           |
| f3 | Connexional Manse   |                  |                  |
| f4 | Central Finance Board   | 115,845          | 170,267          |
| f5 | Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  |                  |                  |
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|    |   | At<br>1 December 2020 | At<br>10 November 2021 |
|----|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
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## DECLARATIONS

### Circuit Finance Officer

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

Signature of  
Treasurer



Date

21/1/23

Name

Peter Templer

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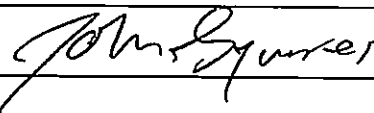
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I confirm that the Accounts <sup>will be</sup> ~~have been~~ presented to the Circuit Meeting on

09/03/23

and were approved

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd. John Squares

Date

21/1/23

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Durham & Deerness Valley Circuit

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August

2022

carried out under Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993, or in Scotland Section 11 of the charities and

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) or under Regulation 10 (1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act and section 44(1) of the Charities
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act and Section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act and Section 44(1)9b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation ( of the 2006 Regulations)

have not been met; or

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

Name

JOHN HOLBROOK

Signature

J. M.

Relevant Professional qualification or body

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Date

24/01/2023



CIRCUIT  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Durham and Deerness Valley | Circuit |
|----------------------------|---------|

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2022

|  |            |       |
|--|------------|-------|
|  | Circuit no | 13/11 |
|--|------------|-------|

Registered Charity - Registration number

1132827

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

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are exempted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2655 of 2007)

Ministers:

The Revd John Squares (Superintendent Minister)

The Revd Colin Jackson

Deacon Ruth Lackenby

Circuit Stewards:

Penny Bissell

John Fairbairn

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Treasurer:

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR upto 31 Aug 2022**
**Durham and Deerness Valley**
**Circuit**

| SECTION A |   |   | Un - restricted<br>Funds | Circuit Model<br>Trust Fund | Restricted<br>Funds | TOTAL THIS<br>YEAR | TOTAL LAST<br>YEAR |
|-----------|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|           | Note  | £ | £                        | £                           | £                   | £                  | £                  |
| a1        | RECEIPTS                                    |   |                          |                             |                     |                    |                    |
| a2        | Assessment/Share                            |   | 164,401                  |                             |                     | 164,401            | 145,000            |
| a3        | Capital receipts                            |   | 0                        |                             |                     | 0                  | 0                  |
| a4        | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income |   | 502                      | 632                         |                     | 1,134              | 855                |
| a5        | Lettings - manses being rented              |   | 7,031                    |                             |                     | 7,031              | 0                  |
| a6        | Other receipts                              |   | 11,889                   | 0                           | 0                   | 11,889             | 60,917             |
| a7        | TOTAL RECEIPTS                              |   | 183,823                  | 632                         | 0                   | 184,455 (a8)       | 206,772            |

| SECTION B |   |  |         |       |   |              |         |
|-----------|---|--|---------|-------|---|--------------|---------|
| b1        | PAYMENTS  |  |         |       |   |              |         |
| b2        | Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs |  | 135,128 | 0     |   | 135,128      | 145,086 |
| b3        | Manse Costs                                       |  | 16,962  |       |   | 16,962       | 24,084  |
| b4        | Administration etc                                |  | 9,917   | 452   |   | 10,369       | 9,208   |
| b5        | District Assessment                               |  | 0       | 5,425 |   | 5,425        | 8,329   |
| b6        | Grants & donations                                |  |         | 0     |   | 0            |         |
| b7        | Loans to churches                                 |  |         |       |   |              |         |
| b8        | Other payments and Manse Purchase                 |  | 50,727  | 0     | 0 | 50,727       | 55,383  |
| b9        | TOTAL PAYMENTS                                    |  | 212,734 | 5,877 | 0 | 218,611 (b9) | 242,090 |

| SECTION C |  |         |          |           |     |              |          |
|-----------|--|---------|----------|-----------|-----|--------------|----------|
| c1        | NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR         | (a7-b8) | (28,911) | (5,245)   | 0   | (34,156)     | (35,318) |
| c2        | Total funds brought forward from last year |         | 144,027  | 158,518   | 934 | 303,479 (c6) | 338,797  |
| c3        | Sub total                                  | (c1+c2) | 115,116  | 153,273   | 934 | 269,323      | 303,479  |
| c4        | Transfers and adjustments                  |         | 100,000  | (100,000) |     | (c7)         |          |
| c5        | TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR                 | (c3+c4) | 215,116  | 53,273    | 934 | 269,323 (c8) | 303,479  |

| SECTION D |   |  |  |  |  |        |        |
|-----------|---|--|--|--|--|--------|--------|
| d         | FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS<br>(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above) |  |  |  |  |        |        |
| d1        | Balance brought forward from last year  |  |  |  |  |        |        |
| d2        | Offerings/Gifts - rec'd for ext. organisations District Assessment  |  |  |  |  | 45,096 | 50,528 |
| d3        | Offerings/Gifts - passed to ext. organisations District Assessment  |  |  |  |  |        |        |
| d4        | BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)   |  |  |  |  | 45096  | 50,528 |

**SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING****SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2011 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose.

This section must be completed to arrive at the total income and expenditure of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts. Contact Resourcing Mission Office, Manchester tel: 0161 236 5194. Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and its Internal Organisations.

| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS |   | Receipts              |      | Payments              |      | Net Receipts/<br>Payments | Adjustments | Opening balances |       | Closing balances |  |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------|------------------|--|
| e1                     | Circuit Youth   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             | 264              |       | 264              |  |
| e2                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e3                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e4                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e5                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e6                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e7                     |   |                       |      |                       |      | 0                         |             |                  |       | 0                |  |
| e8                     | Sub total of Internal Organisations funds                             | 0                     |      | 0                     |      | 0                         | 0           | 264              | (e11) | 264              |  |
| e9                     | Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 184,455               | (a8) | 218,611               | (b9) | -34,156                   | 0           | 303,479          | (c6)  | 269,323          |  |
| e10                    | <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>                               | 184,455               |      | 218,611               |      | -34,156                   | 0           | 303,743          | (x)   | 269,587          |  |
|                        |   | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> |      | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |      |                           |             |                  |       |                  |  |

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

|    |   | OPENING BALANCES | CLOSING BALANCES |
|----|---|------------------|------------------|
| f1 | Cash in hand  |                  |                  |
| f2 | Bank Current Account  | 19,115           | 35,782           |
| f3 | Connexional Manse   |                  |                  |
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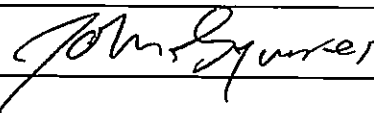
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