

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

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2024**

REGISTERED CHARITY

1132827

ROBSON LAIDLER ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

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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 5 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 3.5 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:

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Auditor:

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Accountants
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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 2023 to 31st August 2024

Ex-officio	Stationed or Appointed to the Circuit by the Methodist Conference
	Rev John Squares MDiv, BA (Circuit Superintendent)
	Rev Colin Jackson MA, BSc, CTM
	Deacon Ruth Lackenby BSC, PGCE, DTM
	Rev Graham Peaden (WA)
	Rev. Susan Wigham

Anglican Ministers authorised to serve by the Methodist Church
 Rev Joanne Thorns
 Rev Canon Caroline Dick

Appointed by Circuit Meeting

FOUR Circuit Stewards:	Paul Harrison (treasurer)
	Penny Bissell (staffing)
	John Fairbairn (property)
	Sue Harrison (Eco Champion)

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:	vacant
Circuit Missions Officer	vacant
Network:	vacant
JMA Secretary:	vacant
Action for Children Secretary:	vacant
Missions Secretary:	vacant
Quinquennial Inspections Secretary:	John Fairbairn
Temporary Property Steward	Maureen Howatt
Youth Work:	
Local Preachers:	Francis Proud, Margaret Wadge and Mark Wilson

**DURHAM & DEERNESS VALLEY CIRCUIT
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Appointed by each of the 5 Local Churches

ONE Church Treasurer and ONE Church Steward.

Durham City Methodists H Philips

All Saints Newton Hall LLP A Cross

Durham North Methodists M Wadge, S Pope

Durham Valley Methodists P Hall, G Henderson

Durham City East Methodists P Roberts, C Lowrie.

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 2024

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 in Unrestricted Funds of £3,417 (2023 – increase £5,098), in unrestricted funds). Three of the five churches planned to be sold, have now been sold. Esh Winning, Bowburn and New Brancepeth – net proceeds were £455,206. We hope to sell the two remaining churches in 2025

. 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 £22.2k

Unrestricted funds closed the year on £223,631 Restricted funds have increased to 522,767.

The Circuit has sufficient cash in its unrestricted fund (£223,631) together with the expected Church assessments of £200,106) to meet the next year's expenditure.

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.

DURHAM & DEERNESS VALLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

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 churches now work together managing different sites: Durham City Methodists, Durham North Methodists, Durham City East Methodists and the Deerness Valley Methodists. We also have an active Local Ecumenical church in Newton Hall. There is reason to celebrate the changes the churches have made, an increase in the number of people worshipping at any given service, creative decision making that has enabled the new churches to govern in a more streamlined way and hope about planting future ministries in the communities we serve, there are still structural worries to our system that have existed since we last reported. We still face many tired leaders have seen consolidation 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 still 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. As a Circuit we developed a group of mission minded leaders to help the churches develop a Mission Plan of its own design. This group is our Open Doors team and they have reported that each new church is in the stage it is currently at. Some are close to articulating a mission plan, others are still dreaming dreams.. Once these plans are produced, how we finance the Mission will be determined by solid business plans. In one of our churches a small group has been established to help construct the Mission Plan with the intention to carry on giving measurable steps to take to meet this plan.

We have sold: Witton Gilbert, Esh Winning, New Brancepeth and Bowburn's buildings. Except for New Brancepeth, an alternative form of presence is happening on behalf of the Methodist church in each of these areas in rented premises or in one case, a pub. We still seek to sell Langley Moor.

The churches working as one church on different sites are now called the Deerness Valley Methodists and Durham North Methodists that are working both together on Sundays and supporting initiatives mid week in some of the communities. Sunday Worship rotates to the retained buildings and newly rented premises. Both have concentrated on Messy Church as their mission opportunity while maintaining community offerings like Coffee mornings and renting their space to various groups.

The Durham City East Methodists were formerly Pitlington, Bowburn and Carville Methodist churches. As mentioned earlier, Bowburn is now out of its premises and the newly formed church supports a Thursday service in a village hall there. The people of Pitlington hold a service on a Tuesday. Carrville is the main Sunday Hub. We additionally boast 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 in Sherburn Hill. The East church has made wonderful progress sharing the Gospel in schools through the Open The Book programme. Just a few weeks ago a new school reached out to the church to see if we could come to them.

The City Centre Church has decided it can only manage one building going forward. It is seeking partnerships for managing the building that will become redundant after a decision is made. A feasibility study is well underway which will propose how the two sites might become more vibrant for church and community purposes going forward. Tough decisions are soon to be made.

The LEP, All Saints, Newton Hall is still offering a wonderful community work to families and users, employing a families worker that has revolutionised how we track and maintain attendees and Safeguarding Standards online. Their approach to Safer Recruitment is helping the entire Circuit to rethink the way we work.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

Part 2 – Review of the year's work (continued)

The City Centre Churches, Durham City Methodists at Elvet and at North Rd are working in an active partnership. They are holding meetings this weekend and in a month's time to attempt to put a Mission Plan to paper and a ton of good work has happened through the Circuit Open Doors team to make this viable.

Church Without Walls continues. 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 through a Monday evening Online service, a Friday Walkout bible study and church walk and more things in the pipeline. People attend the online event from as far away as Lincoln.

Other initiatives continue to produce fruit from the labour:

Open The Book' – the re-telling of Bible stories in schools – takes place in Bearpark and continues to be fantastic eccumenical 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 was 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 DCM Elvet Site has been a lifeline to many still suffering the effects of the economic pressures of high inflation in most sectors. Poverty is a real problem all over England but is more accute 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 visitation has resumed if not formal services..

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 droipoff 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. The Circuit is the first in the area to achive a Circuit Award for this initiative.

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.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

Significant Changes

We are working as four churches on different sites and an additional LEP. 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

Three of our church buildings are 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.

 Revd Les Nevill

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 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

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

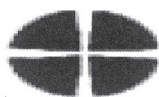
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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John Holbrook FCCA
Accountant
Robson Laidler Accountants Limited
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Date



**CIRCUIT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Durham and Deerness Valley	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2024

	Circuit no	13/11
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Registered Charity - Registration number

1132827

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

(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 excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2655 of 2007)

Ministers:

The Revd John Squares (Superintendent Minister)
The Revd Colin Jackson
The Revd. Fiona Weir
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 2024

Durham and Deerness Valley

Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	TOTAL THIS YEAR	TOTAL LAST YEAR
	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	Assessment/Share		147,776			147,776	152,735
a2	Capital receipts		0	455,206		455,206	0
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		8,845	15,590		24,435	7,653
a4	Lettings - manses being rented		22,205			22,205	1,582
a5	Other receipts		26,365	0	0	26,365	16,667
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		205,191	470,796	0	675,987 (a8)	178,637

SECTION B							
	PAYMENTS						
b1	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		150,993	0		150,993	126,588
b2	Manse Costs		11,873			11,873	10,816
b3	Administration etc		13,461			13,461	10,061
b4	District Assessment		0	1,489		1,489	1,331
b5	Grants & donations			0		0	
b6							
b7	Other payments and Manse being sold		25,447	0	0	25,447	24,556
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		201,774	1,489	0	203,263 (b9)	173,352

SECTION C							
	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR						
c1		(a7-b8)	3,417	469,307	0	472,724	5,285
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		220,214	53,460	934	274,608 (c6)	269,323
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	223,631	522,767	934	747,332	274,608
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	223,631	522,767	934	747,332 (c8)	274,608

SECTION D							
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (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				44,329		42,840
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to ext. organisations District Assessment						
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				44329		42,840

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/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Circuit Youth	27		27		264	291
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	27	0	27	0	264 (e11)	291
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	675,987 (a8)	203,263 (b9)	472,724	0 (c7)	274,608 (c6)	747,332
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	676,014	203,263	472,751	0	274,872 (x)	747,623
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	23,959	32,053
f3	Connexional Manses	0	0
f4	Central Finance Board	187,189	182,512
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	53,460	522,767
f6	Other funds (CAF & Chapel Aid)	10,000	10,000
f7	SUB TOTAL OF CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT- Circuit accounts	274,608 (c6)	747,332
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	264 (e11)	291
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	274,872 (x)	747,623

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 November 2023	At 14 November 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,968,067
g3	Other Assets - loans by the Circuit	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	40,000
g5	Other Liabilities	33,400

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes


g1 Include any other investments

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

2/12/24

Name

Peter Templer

Address

11 Leyland Close, Bowburn, Durham DH6 5DD


Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on

3/12/24

and were approved

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

P.P. Revd. John Squares.
Revd. Les. Newin.

Date

07/12/2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Durham & Deerness Valley

Circuit

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

2024

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

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
- 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:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the
- 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. Holbrook

Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCCA

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Date

11/12/2024