

The global coronavirus pandemic meant that many of our normal activities were suddenly stopped in mid-March 2020 with the imposition of a national stay-at-home rule and bans on indoor and outdoor gatherings. All our church buildings remained closed throughout the remainder of the year, but our Sunday worship was quickly moved online, some of our small groups continued to meet virtually, and we continued to support each other with telephone calls, emails and letters – even running errands for each other when necessary. We began to publish a weekly circuit newsletter to keep people in touch with each other and with the developing situation, and our pastoral teams began working doubly hard to make sure that all those in our pastoral care were receiving the help they needed, with a special focus on those who were deemed more vulnerable. We remained busy throughout the year, despite the lockdown.

Rev'd. Richard Parkes and Rev'd. Phillip Poole continued to work in the North and South of the circuit respectively, and to share pastoral charge for the larger Wrexham church, and Deacon Lisa Rathbone continued to work half-time across the circuit, encouraging prayer and supporting outreach. Our worship services throughout the year were led by a committed team of lay volunteers and active and supernumerary ministers, and one local preacher on trial, Karen Turlay Rose, successfully completed her local preacher training. Congratulations to Karen!

Trish Earlam, our circuit youth and children's worker worked half-time throughout the year. During the first part of the year we continued to host several well attended parent and toddler sessions each week in our circuit churches and we were able once again to welcome local schoolchildren into 'Experience Christmas' presentations at Gresford. At that time Messy Church was taking place monthly in four of our circuit churches and Open the Book/Agor y Llyfr was running ecumenically in six local schools. The after-school drop-in in Llangollen continued to make new links with the community's high school-age children, and the after-school drop-in in the old Rhosnesni 'tin chapel' was regularly attracted 40 to 50 children of secondary school age. Sadly, the majority of this work was halted by the lockdown, but it was possible to transfer some activities online - a monthly Messy Church session continued to support young families from around the circuit, Open the Book teams remained in contact with local schools and we were able to run some online activities and meet-up sessions for drop-in children and their families.

When lockdown began we were meeting in nine churches, situated across the Wrexham borough and also reaching into Denbighshire and Flintshire. We ran Advent courses at the end of 2019 which were attended by people from most of our circuit churches, and we also offered daily devotions on social media during Advent and Lent, allowing the circuit to extend its reach into the surrounding communities. Small groups throughout the circuit met regularly for prayer, Bible study and fellowship prior to the pandemic, and some continued to meet online in the second half of the year.

Most of our churches have for many years made their church halls available to their local communities as a resource, and we have also hosted coffee mornings and luncheon-clubs, which have been a much-valued meeting place for a good many people over the years. These activities continued until lockdown, but were not possible afterwards. Prior to lockdown Wrexham Methodist Church was a key focus for refugees and internationals in the area, hosting both the Just-Across drop in and an additional Red Cross drop-in session each week. Through these the circuit was able to help support many local refugee families, but lockdown has (temporarily) ended these activities too. In early 2020 we took part once again in the local night shelter scheme, providing food and overnight accommodation to some of the town's homeless people for ten weeks during the winter, and our circuit project this year was to raise funds for Holiday Hunger, a local charity seeking to provide meals for schoolchildren during school holidays. During the year volunteers from the circuit have also worked as

prison and university chaplains, pastoral visitors, hospital volunteers, volunteer drivers, and as helpers in the town's Foodbank and Holiday Hunger charities.

We praise God for what has been a busy year of service, despite lockdown. We give him thanks for lessons learned, for the many expressions of Christian love and mutual care we have seen throughout the circuit, and for the new avenues this challenging year has opened up for us in our mission and ministry. Alleluia!

Rev'd. Phillip Poole

Superintendent Minister – Wrexham Methodist Circuit

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>Wrexham</b>	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2020**

<b>District</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	2/26
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	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
a2	Assessment/Share		131,963			131,963	115,896
a3	Capital receipts			80,492		80,492	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		115	639	127	881	177
a5	Grants		14,900			14,900	4,000
a6	Other receipts		8,509			8,509	8,345
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>155,487</b>	<b>81,131</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>236,745 (a8)</b>	<b>128,418</b>

SECTION B							
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		111,971			111,971	98,311
b3	Manse Costs		9,407			9,407	4,959
b4	Administration etc		14,968	25	13	15,006	16,806
b5	District Assessment		24,789	308		25,097	24,436
b6	Grants & donations		1,300			1,300	
b7	CPF Levy						
b8	Other payments		6,853		226	7,079	9,967
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>169,288</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>169,860 (b9)</b>	<b>154,479</b>

SECTION C							
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a7-b9)</b>	<b>(13,801)</b>	<b>80,798</b>	<b>(112)</b>	<b>66,885</b>	<b>(26,061)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		44,050	6,436	62,797 (c6)	89,354	
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>30,249</b>	<b>93,109</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>129,682</b>	<b>63,293</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		41,545	(41,545)			(496)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>71,794</b>	<b>51,564 (c8)</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>79,682 (c6)+12</b>	

SECTION D							
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d1	Balance brought forward from last year						
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e2												
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e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	236,745 (a8)		169,860 (b9)		66,885		(c7)		62,797 (c6)		129,682 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>	<b>237,147</b>		<b>169,972</b>		<b>67,175</b>		<b>(11)</b>		<b>63,983 (x)</b>		<b>131,147 (y)</b>
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>								
<b>SECTION F</b>												
<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>												
	<b>CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020</b>									<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>		<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>
f1	Cash in hand											
f2	Bank Current Account									14,256		60,864
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<b>SECTION G</b>												
	<b>OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES</b>									At		At
										1 September 2019		31 August 2020
g1	Investments (include Endowments)											
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)									800,000		800,000
g3	Other Assets											
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g5	Other Liabilities									1,214		858
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Name of Circuit ..... **Wrexham** ..... No...02/26.....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer ..... *Ebenezer Sam*.....

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### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *PT Poole*.....

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

..... **Wrexham** ..... **Circuit**

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### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..Wrexham.....  
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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