

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

A. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Wrexham Methodist Circuit
Registered Charity Number	1132841
Principal Address	Wrexham Methodist Church, Regent Street, Wrexham. LL11 1RY

B. Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How is the charity constituted	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees: Ministers are automatically trustees.
Structure	Part of the Wales Synod; accountable to the Methodist Conference


C. Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects	<p>The circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 8 Methodist churches and chapels in its geographical area. These acts of worship are open to all.</p> <p>The circuit supports the Open the Book initiative and teams serve several local schools around the circuit. The circuit also runs and supports two successful after-school drop-ins in Llangollen and the old Rhosnesni chapel plus a number of parent and toddler groups. Most of our churches make 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 people from the wider community. Many churches collect for the local foodbank and a number of churches support the annual T4U shoe box appeal. A variety of other charities are supported by the efforts of individual churches.</p> <p>Also during the year volunteers from the circuit have worked as prison and university chaplains, pastoral visitors, hospital volunteers, volunteer drivers, and as helpers in the town's Foodbank and Holiday Hunger charities. Sadly, for the present, many of these activities have been temporarily curtailed by Covid restrictions. We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>

D. Achievements and performance	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>The circuit exists to resource and support its churches in their mission to the communities in which they are situated. However, during this year the worship and other activities of the churches have been severely affected by lockdowns and ongoing coronavirus restrictions. During this time worship has been maintained through weekly Zoom services and worship sheets distributed by mail and e-mail. Similarly, work with children and families has been maintained with online Messy church sessions each month. A weekly newsletter distributed by post and email keeps members informed of news and developments, and as churches have reopened following the lockdowns congregations have begun to build again.</p> <p>During the year Rhosddu Methodist Church became a class of Wrexham Methodist Church, though monthly worship at Rhosddu continues.</p>

E. Financial Review	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves.	The Reserves Policy for the Wrexham Methodist Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 50% of a normal year's expenditure – ie. approximately £75,000. This is deemed sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, the funding of planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None
Overview of the accounts	<p>In the 2020/21 accounts:</p> <p>77% of the Circuit's income was provided by the local churches, and an additional 13% came in the form of grant support from the Wales Synod of the Methodist Church.</p> <p>60% of the Circuit's expenditure was on ministerial stipends and related costs, and a further 15% was our contribution to the Synod, of which part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Major refurbishment of the Spring Road manse meant that a further 17% of expenditure was on property maintenance.</p>

F. Further Information	None
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G. Declaration	
<p>This report is submitted on behalf of the trustees by:</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Reverend Phillip Poole, Superintendent Minister, Wrexham Methodist Circuit</p>	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wrexham	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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David Millington
Tim Guy

Treasurer:

Sarah Haywood

Wrexham Methodist Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		116,814			116,814	131,963
a3	Capital receipts (revaluation)				1,147	1,147	80,492
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		125	170	115	410	881
a5	Grants		20,000			20,000	14,900
a6	Other receipts		13,779			13,779	8,509
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		150,718	170	1,262	152,150 (a8)	236,745

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		101,849			101,849	111,971
b3	Manse Costs		29,628			29,628	9,407
b4	Administration etc		7,437	103	87	7,627	15,006
b5	District Assessment		23,667	1,289		24,956	25,097
b6	Grants & donations		2,000			2,000	1,300
b7							
b8	Other payments		3,406		103	3,509	7,079
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		167,987	1,392	190	169,569 (b9)	169,860

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(17,269)	(1,222)	1,072	(17,419)	66,885
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		71,794	51,564	6,324	129,682 (c6)	62,797
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	54,525	50,342	7,396	112,263	129,682
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	54,525	50,342	7,396	112,263 (c8)	129,682 (c6)

SECTION D					
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 - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 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 gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1					1,465	1,465
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				1,465 (e11)	1,465 (e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	152,150 (a8)	169,569 (b9)	(17,419)	129,682 (c6)	112,263 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	152,150	169,569	(17,419)	131,147 (x)	113,728 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	60,864	32,959
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	10,930	21,566
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	51,564	50,342
f6 Other funds	6,324	7,396
f7 SUB TOTAL	129,682 (c6)	112,263 (c8)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	800,000	800,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	858	858

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 (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 31/05/2022

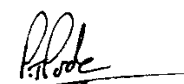
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Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 7th March 2022.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Phillip Poole..... Date 9th June 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the .. Wrexham Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *RAFogg*

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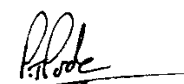
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