

Charity registration number: 1132972

Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number	1132972
Principal Office	Central Methodist Church Hargreaves Street Burnley Lancashire BB11 1DU
Independent Examiner	KM 1st Floor, Block C The Wharf Manchester Road Burnley Lancashire BB11 1JG
Bankers	Virgin Money 25 Manchester Road Burnley Lancashire BB11 1HX

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church. The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of – (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the 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.

Staffing

The Circuit staffing in the financial year under review was as follows:

Ordained staffing: Superintendent: Rev Rick Ormrod, with Presbyter Rev Tony Graff..

Lay Pastors: Richard Hoyle, serving three churches (Barley, Higherford and Wheatley Lane) and Wheatley Lane School, and is a full time appointment; Mr Chrisvin Edbarg Johnson Kirubakara Pandian (full time), serving three churches (St Andrew's, St John's and St Peter's) and is a full time appointment.

Lay worker: Mrs Wendy Fryer (Circuit wide Children's enabler).

Administrator: Claire Slack

Circuit Leadership Team

The Circuit is overseen by a leadership team comprising of the Superintendent, Presbyter and Lay Pastors; Stewards, Treasurer and Lay Workers as invited.

Mission Statement

The staff and stewards team continued to use the mission statement 'Sharing God's grace in word and action' following up four priorities:

- A. Growing disciples of Jesus Christ.
- B. Outreach to our town and neighbourhoods.
- C. Alongside those in greatest spiritual and material need
- D. Resourcing work among children, young people and families.

These continue to be our priorities.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in carrying out the activities of the charity.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's needs for reserves in line with the guidance issued by The Charity Commission and have agreed to hold a general reserve in respect of unrestricted funds in the region of at least £20,000 over and above those reserves represented by unrestricted fixed assets and the Circuit Model Trust fund. The general reserve at the year end stands at £119,842 which is in excess of the agreed reserve. Excess funds are held for the future development of the charity.

At the March 2024 Circuit meeting the general reserve requirement was increased to £60,000.

A review of the various endowments has taken place with a view to their closure in the second half of 2024.

Principal funding sources

The Circuit's primary funding source is income from churches by way of the annual assessment. The amounts levied on churches is reviewed from year to year.

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Each of the Churches within the Circuit are eligible to appoint members of the Circuit Meeting; other members are appointed to fulfil specific roles. Members bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees, although the Methodist Church does provide occasional courses and handbooks for specific roles.

Trustees include those called to Ministry both stipendiary and lay.

At any one point in time there are over eighty potential members of the Circuit Meeting who fulfil the role of Trustees. A complete list is available from the Circuit Office.

Trustee remuneration

The lay pastors and stipendiary ministers are paid employees of the charity, Their remuneration is not as a Trustee. Their benefits include stipend, pension and housing.

Major risks and management of those risks

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reviews to be carried out so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Reverend R Ormrod
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit 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 Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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25 June 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	2	211,594	-	211,594	260,666	-	260,666
Other trading activities		236,497	-	236,497	7,667	-	7,667
Investment income	3	10,104	-	10,104	1,665	-	1,665
Other income		23,028	-	23,028	23,927	-	23,927
Total income		481,223	-	481,223	293,925	-	293,925
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities		(370,376)	-	(370,376)	(331,991)	-	(331,991)
Total expenditure		(370,376)	-	(370,376)	(331,991)	-	(331,991)
Gains/losses on investment assets		(220)	(131)	(351)	(346)	(279)	(625)
Net income/(expenditure)		110,627	(131)	110,496	(38,412)	(279)	(38,691)
Net movement in funds		110,627	(131)	110,496	(38,412)	(279)	(38,691)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		1,423,760	10,750	1,434,510	1,462,172	11,029	1,473,201
Total funds carried forward	15	1,534,387	10,619	1,545,006	1,423,760	10,750	1,434,510

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 15.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,013,014	1,013,014
Investments	12	452,635	301,026
		<u>1,465,649</u>	<u>1,314,040</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	8,983	41,021
Cash at bank and in hand		73,496	101,163
		82,479	142,184
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(3,122)	(21,714)
Net current assets		<u>79,357</u>	<u>120,470</u>
Net assets		<u>1,545,006</u>	<u>1,434,510</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		10,619	10,750
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted Funds		<u>1,534,387</u>	<u>1,423,760</u>
Total funds	15	<u>1,545,006</u>	<u>1,434,510</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Reverend R Ormrod
Trustee

Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including independent examination, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church Assessments	211,594	211,594	260,666
	<u>211,594</u>	<u>211,594</u>	<u>260,666</u>

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Interest received	10,104	10,104	1,665
	<u>10,104</u>	<u>10,104</u>	<u>1,665</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rental income	18,248	18,248	19,484
Employment Allowance	4,780	4,780	4,443
Other income including sale of church building	236,497	236,497	7,667
	<u>259,525</u>	<u>259,525</u>	<u>31,594</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Note			
Charitable activities		194,552	194,552	150,148
Staff costs	8	174,324	174,324	178,882
Governance costs		1,500	1,500	2,961
		370,376	370,376	331,991

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Independent examiner fees	1,500	1,500	2,088
Legal fees	-	-	873
	1,500	1,500	2,961

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year in their role as trustees. However as noted in the trustees report certain trustees are paid employees of the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	144,688	149,204
Social security costs	13,003	12,024
Pension costs	16,633	17,654
	<u>174,324</u>	<u>178,882</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Charitable activities	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,088</u>

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Manses £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2022	<u>1,013,014</u>	<u>1,013,014</u>
At 31 August 2023	1,013,014	1,013,014
Depreciation		
At 31 August 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,013,014</u>	<u>1,013,014</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>1,013,014</u>	<u>1,013,014</u>

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12 Fixed asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Other investments	<u>452,635</u>	<u>301,026</u>

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 September 2022	15,922	285,103	301,025
Revaluation	(350)	-	(350)
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>151,960</u>	<u>151,960</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>15,572</u>	<u>437,063</u>	<u>452,635</u>
Net book value			
At 31 August 2023	<u>15,572</u>	<u>437,063</u>	<u>452,635</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>15,922</u>	<u>285,103</u>	<u>301,025</u>

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	6,876	6,424
Accrued income	<u>2,107</u>	<u>34,597</u>
	<u>8,983</u>	<u>41,021</u>

14 Creditors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	1,622	3,732
Accruals	<u>1,500</u>	<u>17,982</u>
	<u>3,122</u>	<u>21,714</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	119,842	250,812	(290,426)	-	80,228
Circuit Model Trust Fund	290,904	230,411	(78,450)	(220)	442,645
Manse	<u>1,013,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,013,014</u>
	1,423,760	481,223	(368,876)	(220)	1,535,887
Endowment funds					
Various endowment funds held with TMCP	<u>10,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(131)</u>	<u>10,619</u>
Total funds	<u>1,434,510</u>	<u>481,223</u>	<u>(368,876)</u>	<u>(351)</u>	<u>1,546,506</u>

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Fund	139,290	292,452	(314,900)	3,000	-	119,842
Circuit Model Trust Fund	309,868	1,473	(17,091)	(3,000)	(346)	290,904
Manse	<u>1,013,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,013,014</u>
	1,462,172	293,925	(331,991)	-	(346)	1,423,760
Endowment funds						
Various endowment funds held with TMCP	<u>11,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(279)</u>	<u>10,750</u>
Total funds	<u>1,473,201</u>	<u>293,925</u>	<u>(331,991)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(625)</u>	<u>1,434,510</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Endowment funds	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,013,014	-	1,013,014
Fixed asset investments	442,016	10,619	452,635
Current assets	82,479	-	82,479
Current liabilities	(3,122)	-	(3,122)
Total net assets	<u>1,534,387</u>	<u>10,619</u>	<u>1,545,006</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Endowment funds	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible assets	1,013,014	-	1,013,014
Fixed asset investments	290,276	10,750	301,026
Current assets	142,184	-	142,184
Current liabilities	(21,714)	-	(21,714)
Total net assets	<u>1,423,760</u>	<u>10,750</u>	<u>1,434,510</u>