

Charity name: **South Holderness Methodist Circuit**

Registered charity number: 1132978

Names of the charity trustees:

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| Deacon | G | Agar | Mrs | J | Lister |
| Mrs | J | Agnew | Rev | M | Lloyd |
| Mrs | R | Beastall | Rev | D | Lucas (Chair) |
| Mr | A | Bettley | Mr | J | Lundy |
| Mr | A | Bryant | | | |
| Mr | S | Clayton | Mr | J | Munson |
| Mrs | K | Cornwall | | | |
| Mr | M | Cox | | | |
| Mrs | P | Dyson | | | |
| Miss | H | Edgar | Mrs | S | Overvoorde |
| Mrs | S | Green | Mr | G | Patrick |
| Mr | S | Hall | Mr | P | Plumb |
| | | | Mrs | P | Ramsey |
| | | | Mrs | J | Richardson |
| | | | Mr | J | Rockett |
| Mr | J | Harrison | | | |
| Mr | K | Harrison | | | |
| Mrs | M | Harrison | | | |
| Rev | H | Hickson | | | |
| Mrs | V | Hoff | | | |
| Mrs | C | Hughes | | | |
| Mrs | N | Jewitt | | | |
| Mr | M | Kemp | | | |
| Mr | P | Langdale | | | |
| Deacon | S | Langdale | | | |
| Mr | G | Langley | | | |

The Chair was Rev Deborah Lucas of 31 Highfield SUTTON-ON-HULL HU7 4TW, the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit.

Names and addresses of advisers:

Legal: Stamp Jackson & Proctor 5 Parliament St, Hull HU1 2AZ

Financial: David Gray 2008 Ltd Gray's Stores Main Road THORNGUMBALD HU12 9LS

Estate Agents: Haller Evans 1 Parliament Street HULL HU1 2AR

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill WEST MALLING ME19 4JQ

Name of Circuit Treasurer: Philip Langdale 20 Barra Close, Hull HU8 9JB

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document: Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

How the charity is constituted: Appointed by local churches and existing trustees; Ministers are automatically trustees

Additional governance issues

The Circuit works according to the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

Induction/Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion and provided as required. The leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' has been given to each trustee. All trustees who are required have undertaken Creating Safer Space Foundation Module training.

Structure

The South Holderness Methodist Circuit is part of the Yorkshire North and East District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Summary from the Risk Assessment

We have identified the main areas of risk to Charity and identified control measures to those risks placing them into categories of low, medium and high. Under the retained risk categories, we are monitoring the low (green) risks, we have identified control measures to mitigate the effects of the medium (amber) risks and continue to strive to address the high risks where possible.

Retained Risk

- Green – risk is well managed but keep under review: 6 identified
- Amber – Even well managed, vigilance is essential: 9 identified
- Red – even with great effort high risk remains but remedy entirely outside our control: 1 identified

(Risk Assessment Available on request)

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 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:

- The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.
- The Circuit exists to help the Churches in the Circuit to a, increase awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love, b, help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care and c, be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice
- The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 10 Methodist Churches in its geographical area. These are open to all

The Circuit Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year-end of £ 93636. These funds derive from sales of chapels and manses and are restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes. The Circuit Leadership team has drawn up a set of recommendations, which have been accepted by the Circuit Meeting, to ensure grants made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund are used effectively for mission and capital works.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year – 2023 – 2024

The Circuit released one of the presbyters from 31 st August 2023 to serve in a neighbouring Circuit. A presbyter from a Circuit in the District reducing staff was stationed in the South Holderness Circuit from 1 st September 2023. There was a change in the configuration of churches into two main sections with the new presbyter taking pastoral charge in the rural and coastal section of Elsternwick, Hedon, Patrington, Preston, and Withernsea. The urban section in East Hull includes the churches of Holderness Road, Kingston Wesley with Bilton Grange, Portobello, Sutton, and Bransholme as a class of Sutton. These churches are served by the superintendent minister, a full-time Local Pastor, and a part-time Children and Families Worker based at Bransholme and Bilton Grange. Pastoral oversight of the Keyingham Fellowship is also provided within this section of the Circuit.

The part-time (8 hours per week) Circuit Administrator has been established in her role. Following three unsuccessful attempts to recruit a Local Pastor for the rural and coastal section, the role was reconsidered and reconfigured as a Children and Families Worker. After one further unsuccessful interview process, an appointment has been made and is in the early stages of being established.

The sale of the Methodist Church property at Thorngumbald was eventually achieved in late 2023.

The engagement with District Net Carbon Zero plans continued to make progress in three of the Circuit churches with plans to improve the carbon footprint explored in other Circuit churches.

The planning and production of two Circuit musicals brought people together from various parts of the Circuit, proving successful and encouraging closer links.

Alongside regular Sunday worship across the Circuit, the online WOW (Worship On Wednesday), mid-week prayer and bible study groups have continued to nurture and encourage people in faith, worship and discipleship.

Ecumenical links, through Churches Together Groups in the two main sections of the Circuit have strengthened and encouraged shared witness and worship across the Holderness and East Hull communities.

Churches within the Circuit have continued to support and grow successful, fruitful Warm Welcome and outreach projects, including a digital hub, serving their local communities. The

partnership with the Zimbabwean Methodist Fellowship has continued at Holderness Road.

RESERVES POLICY for South Holderness Methodist Circuit

1 September 2023

This document includes all funds held by the Circuit Meeting as charity trustees. Our Reserves Policy relates to our general (unrestricted) funds which are freely available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Circuit and restricted funds which are designated for specific projects as shown in the report. These are included for the sake of clarity and openness and to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all of its money.

Aims

Our aim is twofold:

- (1) To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future.
- (2) To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

3 Step Process

(1) Mission Policy

The Circuit's Mission Policy is set out in a separate document and was approved by the Circuit Meeting (as with the charity trustees) essentially, it provides for:

- (a) The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the Ten local churches in the Circuit.
- (b) The support of a ministry team of Ordained and Lay Ministers comprising of
2 Presbyters, 2 Local Pastors (1 yet to be appointed) with 2 active Supernumerary Deacons, and 2 Supernumerary presbyters. We also employ a Children and Family Worker a part time Circuit Administrator was appointed in March 2023
- (c) The maintenance of the four Circuit manses

(2) Financial Plans

The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs of 1(a) and (b) above and is based on offers from each church towards a share in the total cost. We make provision for our property maintenance programme by - designating £13370 this annum for all manse expenditure including water, council tax and alarm and Gas Maintenance contract.

The Circuit Fund (Unrestricted general fund) Balance at year end: £173879.

Under Standing Orders, the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the maintenance of the manses. The total cost for the last financial year was £163990. Our

Reserves Policy is to hold approximately six month's expenditure in hand which we have adjusted to £112114.

Model Trust Fund (Restricted Fund) Balance at year end £100054. This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

(3) Reserves Policy

The Charity Commission have agreed that it is appropriate for the trustees to set a policy for the management of this fund and that policy is set out below:

Reserves

| Income | £ |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Cash Balances | 173879 |
| Cash Model Trust | 100054 |
| Debtor & Repayments | 28650 |
| Total | 302583 |

| Liabilities | |
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| Prepaid Assessment | 29134 |
| Accrual Expenses | 14237 |
| Prepaid Grants | 17400 |
| Total Liabilities | 60771 |

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| Total | 241812 |
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| Budget Deficit | 55422 |
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| Total | 186390 |
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| 50% Of Expenditure Reserve | 112114 |
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| Over Reserves | 74276 |
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It is planned that this over reserve will be eliminated by 31 August 2025

Signed: D. M. Lucas Reverend Deborah Lucas, Chair

Date: 30th June 2024

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2022-23 £ |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Donations and legacies | 6,089 | | | | | 6,089 |
| 2 | Income from monetary investments | 7,573 | | | | | 7,573 |
| 3 | Income from investment properties | | | | | | 0 |
| 4 | Assessments on Churches | 152,415 | | | | | 152,415 |
| 5 | Capital Receipts | | | | | | 0 |
| 6 | Grants received | 19,700 | | | | | 19,700 |
| 7 | Other charitable income | 17,302 | | | | | |
| 8 | Total income | 203,079 | - | - | - | - | 203,079 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Grants and donations | | | | | | 0 |
| 10 | Salaries and associated costs | 132,040 | | | | | 132,040 |
| 11 | Property maintenance | 19,017 | | | | | 19,017 |
| 12 | Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | | | | | 0 |
| 13 | District Assessment & Levy | 41,213 | | | | | 41,213 |
| 14 | Depreciation | | | | | | 0 |
| 15 | Office expenses | | | | | | 0 |
| 16 | Other outgoings | 31,958 | | | | | 31,958 |
| 17 | Total charitable expenditure | 224,228 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 224,228 |
| 18 | Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | 0 |
| 19 | Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | |
| 20 | Net income/(expenditure) | -21,149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -21,149 |
| 21 | Transfers between funds | | | | | | 0 |
| 22 | Other gains/(losses) | 144,971 | | | | | 144,971 |
| 23 | Net movement in funds | 123,822 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123,822 |
| 24 | Total funds brought forward | | | | | | 0 |
| 25 | Total funds carried forward | 123,822 | - | - | - | - | 123,822 |

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

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| Notes to the Accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Totals 2022/23 £ | Totals 2021/22 £ |
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Fixed Assets

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| Circuit Manses & Equipment | 1,830,496 | | | | | 1,830,496 | 1,685,522 |
| Investment properties | | | | | | 0 | |
| Investments | 1,946 | | | | | 1,946 | 2,032 |
| Total fixed assets | 1,832,442 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,832,442 | 1,687,554 |

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Current Assets

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| Debtors | 28,650 | | | | | 28,650 | 10,512 |
| Loans by the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | |
| Investments with TMCP | 100,054 | | | | | 100,054 | 93,636 |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | 119,149 | | | | | 119,149 | 192,613 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 54,730 | | | | | 54,730 | 30,406 |
| Total current assets | 302,583 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 302,583 | 327,167 |

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Current liabilities

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| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 60,771 | | | | | 60,771 | 48,892 |
| Grants payable within 2022-23 | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total current liabilities | 60,771 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60,771 | 48,892 |
| Net current assets/liabilities | 241,812 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 241,812 | 278,275 |

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| Total assets less current liabilities | 2,074,254 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,074,254 | 1,965,829 |
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| Long term liabilities (due after more than one year) | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2022-23 | 0 | | | | | 0 | 15,400 |
| Loans to the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | |
| Net assets | 2,074,254 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,074,254 | 1,950,429 |

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Funds of the Circuit

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| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 2,074,254 | | | | | 2,074,254 | 1,950,429 |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | | | 0 | | | 0 | |
| Total Unrestricted Funds | | | | | | 2,074,254 | 1,950,429 |
| Restricted Funds | | | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Endowment Funds | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Funds | 2,074,254 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,074,254 | 1,950,429 |

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Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Name of Circuit South Holderness..... No...29/32.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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..... 1/3/2024

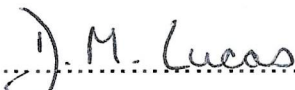
Name and address of treasurer

..... Philip Langdale.....

...20 Barra Close, Hull..... Post Code HU8 9JB.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will * be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 13 March 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: DEBORAH M. LUCAS Date 13-03-2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....South Holderness Circuit

Charity Number1132978.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of theSouth Holderness Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 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

Name of Circuit South Holderness..... No 29/32.....

Independent Examiner's Statement

~~[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable 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 ~~Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts~~
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts ~~Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts.~~

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 

Name of independent examiner: DAVID GRAY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: NLFA

DAVID GRAY

Name of firm (where appropriate): ... **GRAYS' STORES**

Address: **MAIN ROAD**

..... **THORNGUMBALD**

..... **HULL** **HU12 9LS** Post Code:

Date: 19th February 2024

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