

CLITHEROE METHODIST CIRCUIT

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

CIRCUIT NO 01/09

Superintendent Minister

Rev Dr Ian M Humphreys

Minister

Rev Kathryn Flynn

CIRCUIT MISSION STATEMENT

“By encouraging each other to grow in faith and make new disciples of Jesus Christ, we seek to revitalise our Christian witness in the Ribble Valley”

CENTRAL AIM OF THE CIRCUIT

To manage the necessary structures and resources to enable the churches in the circuit to support one another and to maximise their efficiency and effectiveness in accordance with the Mission Statement

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE CIRCUIT

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 presbyters, 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, including local schools and in ecumenical work in the area.

taken from Standing Order 500 of The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Clitheroe Circuit of the Methodist Church is a small rural circuit composed of five Methodist Churches. These churches are located in the villages of Chatburn, Paythorne, Waddington and Whalley and the local market town of Clitheroe.

Each church has a Church Council which is responsible for the day-to-day management of the church and each church is represented at the Circuit Meeting which has the responsibility of overseeing the well-being of Methodism in the area and providing a link between the individual churches, the North West England District and the Methodist National Connexion.

The regular work of the circuit includes: the planning of Ministers and Local Preachers to lead worship; caring for our staff members; exercising financial prudence; accepting and undertaking our District and National responsibilities; arranging training sessions for new leaders and staff; training and re-training of officers and members with responsibilities for working with children and vulnerable adults in accordance with the safeguarding policies and procedures of the circuit and individual churches; overseeing Circuit properties and giving support to both individual churches and their members.

We are pleased to record that during the year under review we have had no serious incidents to report.

FINANCE

All the churches and circuit are financially sound and the finances are being responsibly managed. The Finance Support Group, which has representatives from the circuit meeting and each church, the ministers and circuit stewards, oversees the circuit finances, including the procedures for completing the annual accounts and the recommendation of the annual budget for the circuit. The circuit accounts are audited annually by an independent professional examiner. The Finance Support Group also provides opportunities for the members to discuss items of interest or concern relating to the finances of each church.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Although the work of the circuit is primarily that of providing support, advice and encouragement to the churches within the circuit, it does create ideas and initiatives which are of public benefit accommodating a unique range of community activities and groups. These normally include groups such as Whalley Elevenses, Trinity Tots, Whalley Little Fishes, Waddington Waddlers, Walking Groups and pastoral care in a range of small home groups and large group settings.

At Trinity Church Clitheroe the Community Hub is run by a part-time hub manager. During the year they have expanded the hub and have 80 external users of our premises including a group to support Ukrainian refugees, the Ribble Valley Foodbank, various parts of the NHS and other agencies regularly use it as a base, local community groups of the young and old and a range of groups concerned with addiction recovery, mental health and well-being. In addition, a warm hub has continued offering help to our community in the midst of the cost-of-living crisis.

The Ribble Valley Foodbank is based at the premises and has expanded its offer of support to those in need including running an Olive Branch Café twice a week on a pay as you can afford basis and has a number of agencies which give advice and help to those struggling with various issues including health, finance and housing. Run by a team of 70 volunteers, The Foodbank supplies over 200 three-day emergency packages of food per month. All the circuit churches hold food collecting boxes for the Foodbank.

Our churches in Clitheroe, Whalley, Waddington and Chatburn all provide meeting spaces for local community groups. All of the churches hold regular collections for various charities and donations are made to a wide variety of appeals.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Clitheroe Methodist	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

North West England. Lancashire	District	Circuit no	1/9
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133020

If not a registered charity His 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 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Ian Humphreys
Rev Kathy Flynn

Circuit Stewards:

Wendy Bridgeman
Norman Pedley
Judith Carlton
Steuart Kellington

Treasurer:

Steuart Kellington

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		125,450		125,450	125,450
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,809	386	3,195	3,108
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts		952	7,356	8,535	6,365
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		129,211	7,742	137,180 (a8)	134,923

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		96,238		96,238	87,749
b3	Manse Costs		38,856		38,856	9,769
b4	Administration etc		8,805	13	8,818	7,498
b5	District Assessment		27,643	115	27,758	23,506
b6	Grants & donations					
b7						
b8	Other payments		2,000	1,834	3,834	3,963
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		173,542	128	175,504 (b9)	132,485

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(44,331)	7,614	(1,607)	(38,324)	2,438
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		108,559	4,594	17,425	130,578 (c6)	128,140
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	64,228	12,208	15,818	92,254	130,578
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	64,228	12,208	15,818	92,254 (c8)	130,578 (c6)

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 - 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 2024 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	137,180 (a8)	175,504 (b9)	(38,324)	(c7)	130,578 (c6)	92,254 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	137,180	175,504	(38,324)		130,578 (x)	92,254 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	76	
f2	32,279	35,080
f3		
f4	93,872	44,966
f5	4,594	12,208
f6	(213)	
f7	130,578 (c6)	92,254 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	130,578 (x)	92,254 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1		
g2	1,037,173	1,085,922
g3	24,850	26,781
g4		
g5		

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)

Name of Circuit Clitheroe No... 1/9.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of bookkeeper *Tracey Spencer* Date *18/11/24*

Name and address of bookkeeper.....

Tracey Spencer, Brook Farm, Longsight Road, Clayton-le-Dale, BB1 9EX

Signature of treasurer *M. Kellington* Date *20/3/25*

Name and address of treasurer *Dr. STEVART HAROLD KELLINGTON*
18, CLAREMONT AVENUE, CLITHEROE, LANC Post Code *BB7 1JN*.

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be*

presented to the Circuit meeting held on *24-3-25*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Rev Ian Humphreys*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rev Ian Humphreys* Date *24-3-25*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Clitheroe Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1133020

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *CLITHEROE* *METHODIST* Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages *2* 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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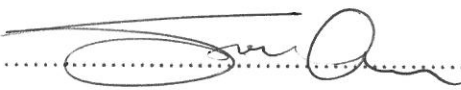
Independent Examiner's Statement

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:

- 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~~ I 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 examinerJAMES EVANS.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examinerACA.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..EVANS ACCOUNTANTS.....

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Date ..04/03/2025.....

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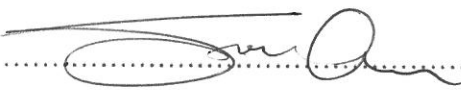
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