

Vale of Glamorgan Methodist Circuit Annual Report

1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

Charity Number 1133044

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

Our aim is to support the churches in our circuit in our calling of The Methodist Church to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission through Worship, Learning and Caring, Service and Evangelism.

The Principal Officer of the Charity during this period was Revd Catherine Lewis

Number of ministers employed at 31 August 2022 is 2. All volunteers are either trustees of the Circuit or local churches within the Circuit.

Date report approved:

The Trustees, responsible for all decisions made including appointments, were as follows at 31 August 2021:-

Catherine Lewis (Chair)	Janet Davies	Barry Hawkins	Marty Presdee
Bryan Ashmead	Angela Davison	John Hexter	Ian Severn
	Ian Doble	NonaHexter	Dave Hutton
Jon Barry	Derek Dowdeswell	Graham Illingworth	Cathie Steele
Andrew Bennett	Stephen Evans	Tim Jeans	
Carole Braggins	Tony Farmer	John Jevons	
Chris Braggins	Christine Foster	Rosie James	Heather Tucker*
Catherine Brobbey*	Roy Gibson		Jennifer Ware
John Brobbey*	Loraine Gittins	Pat Norman	Roy Wright
Lyn Creese	Anne Hamber	Janet Pedwell	
Jenny Corbett	Carol Halliwell	Malcolm Halliwell	

*Rev Catherine Brobbey, Deacon John Brobbey and Heather Tucker ceased to be Trustees in August 2022

Staffing and Appointments

Changes were made to the Ministerial Staff Team during the year with Rev Catherine Brobbey and Deacon John Brobbey moving to other appointments in August 2022. Through the Methodist Church stationing process the Circuit prepared to welcome Rev Paul Martin as minister replacing Rev Catherine Brobbey w.e.f 1 Sept 2022. The Circuit Meeting decided not to seek a successor to John Brobbey as Deacon but instead to use those resources to appoint further lay workers. Naomi Lewis was appointed as Children and Families worker attached to Penarth Methodist Church in November 2021 to assist work there with young families and children. Preparations were made to recruit a Children and Families worker attached to Barry Uniting Church with this appointment due to take place by November 2022. Discussions continued with a view to appointing a lay worker attached to Hope Church to develop work with young people. Jayne Kolano replaced Heather Bailey as Circuit Administrator in Jan 2021 to assist the Supt Minister with administration of circuit matters. Nona Hexter joined the team Circuit Stewards replacing Heather Tucker who stood down after 6 years service as a Circuit Steward.

The Work of God in the Circuit Following the restrictions of the previous year due to the Covid pandemic all churches within the Circuit were open for worship and community activity. However that Covid lockdown meant that most churches experienced loss of members and reduced use by community organisations with the consequent loss of church income. The Circuit agreed to remit 3 months assessment expenditure back to churches in order to ease that burden on church finances

The work and organisation of the Circuit continued apace. The Circuit Leadership team, the Circuit Meeting and Circuit staff have all continued to meet through a combination of physical and electronic meetings.

During the year service to local communities has continued through the work of individual churches as illustrated through the support of toddler groups in 4 churches, the continuing work with older children through the Starship Club, assistance to isolated people through the operation of community cafes, support to the local foodbank and making available church premises for use by other community groups. Work continued at Barry Uniting church to develop links with other community groups so that the new community centre The Bridge Between might develop as a community hub for this Barry Waterfront area.

Following decision of the Methodist Conference to permit churches to register to permit the conduct of same sex marriages consultations were

held in all churches . 6 agreed to register to allow same sex marriages to be held on their premises and 1 decided not to make this change.

Sadly the local membership of Crossway church decided to cease to meet and preparations continued to empty the premises and market it for sale.

The Circuit Meeting decided it was unable to devote effective resources to Citizens Cymru Wales and discontinued its affiliation to this body .

During the year sales of the former Albert Rd church building and one of the 2 manses in Barry were both completed. Various external works to the Penarth manse were carried out, completing the renovation of this property started in the previous year. Minor works and decorations were carried out within the Barry manse in preparation for its occupation by the new minister.

The Circuit responded to the appeal launched at the previous Methodist Conference by making a voluntary contribution to the Methodist Ministers Pension Fund which was in financial deficit. It also established a fund from within its reserves to assist churches financially with the costs of essential works to their buildings.

Throughout the year safeguarding and unconscious bias training courses were offered by the Wales Synod Learning and Development Team.

The local preachers and worship leaders' meetings continued to take place , giving support to those leading worship. During the year local preachers assisted the presbyteral ministers by leading worship in churches throughout the Circuit . At 31 Aug 2022 there were 10 active accredited local preachers plus 9 worship leaders and 4 active supernumary ministers The Circuit recognises the great contribution those individuals make to Circuit life and worship.

John Jevons -Senior Circuit Steward
Nov 2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Vale of Glamorgan Methodist	Circuit
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Mr Tim Jeans

Treasurer:

Mr Graham Illingworth

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	120,003			120,003	168,784
a3	Capital receipts	570		841,620	842,190	10,837
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	73	(2,341)	2,195	(73)	7,000
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	11,158			11,158	13,340
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	131,805	(2,341)	843,815	973,279 (a8)	199,961

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	108,463			108,463	115,976
b3	Manse Costs	16,376			16,376	79,815
b4	Administration etc	16,136	200	608	16,944	12,621
b5	District Assessment	34,041			34,041	31,501
b6	Grants & donations	3,000		23,500	26,500	
b7	URC Ministry and Mission	4,711			4,711	4,587
b8	Other payments	12,733		288,648	301,381	9,980
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	195,460	200	312,756	508,416 (b9)	254,480

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(63,655)	(2,542)	531,059	464,862	(54,519)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		72,759	21,827		94,586 (c6)	228,335
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	9,104	19,285	531,059	559,448	173,816
c4	Transfers and adjustments		97,460	(97,460)		(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	106,564	(78,175)	531,059	559,448 (c8)	173,816 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
d	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					914
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					1,575
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					(661)

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

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e1						
e2						
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e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	973,279 (a8)	508,416 (b9)	464,862	(c7)	94,586 (c6)	559,448 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	973,279	508,416	464,862		94,586 (x)	559,448 (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 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	1,591	8,741
f3 Bank Deposit Account	836	3,991
f4 Central Finance Board	70,332	67,790
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	21,827	478,926
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	94,586 (c6)	559,448 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re insurance value)	880,000	600,000
g3 Other Assets		100
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

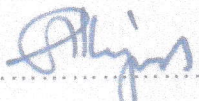
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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 7th December 2022
 Name and address of treasurer GRAHAM ILLINGWORTH
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Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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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 Vale of Glamorgan Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit Vale of Gwent No 2/27

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.

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Signature of independent examiner E Thomas

Name of independent examiner Elizabeth Thomas

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT

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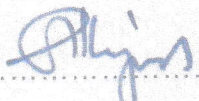
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