

1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

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 2023 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 2023 :

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

Staffing and Appointments

Through the Methodist Church stationing process the Circuit welcomed Rev Paul Martin as minister in Sept 2022.

The Circuit has continued to welcome the work of its 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

Mel Saunders was recruited as a Children and Families worker attached to Barry Uniting Church with this appointment from November 2022.

Discussions are ongoing with a view to appointing in 2024 a lay worker attached to Hope Church to develop work with young people.

Purple Shoots provide and supervise development workers for The Gathering Place in St Athan

Jayne Kolano is our Circuit Administrator assisting the Supt Minister with administration of circuit matters.

Graham Illingworth stepped down as Circuit Treasure and this role was taken on by John Jevons on 31st August 2023.

John Jevons stepped down from the role of Senior Steward on that same date, 31st August 2023 and was replaced as Senior Steward by Nona Hexter.

Gerwyn Davies and Judith Lanning both agreed to become part of the Circuit leadership team as Circuit Stewards.

The Work of God in the Circuit

All churches in the Circuit are now fully open for worship and a variety of community activities. Penarth Methodist church continue to offer access to online worship for those members who would prefer to attend worship in this way.

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 electronic meetings, moving to physical meetings in September 2023.

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 community centre The Bridge Between might develop as a community hub for this Barry Waterfront area.

Crossway church has ceased to meet and the property has been emptied and is in the process of awaiting finalising of its sale.

Both manses have continued to be cared for with small repairs carried out in a timely manner

Unconscious bias training courses were offered by the Wales Synod Learning and Development Team, and we have offered EDI training via this online method, or

alternatively via our EDI officer, Rev Dave Hutton, who has held a well-attended and well received numbers of training sessions scattered throughout the Circuit at varying times of day.

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 2023 there were 11 active accredited local preachers plus 8 worship leaders and 4 active supernumerary ministers.

The Circuit recognises the great contribution those individuals make to Circuit life and worship.

Nona Hexter -Senior Circuit Steward

Nov 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Vale of Glamorgan	Circuit
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Judith Lanning

Treasurer:

Graham Illingworth

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				139,181	120,003
a2	Assessment/Share	139,181				842,190
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	163	12,759		12,922	(73)
a5	Grants	168			168	
a6	Other receipts	5,884			5,884	11,158
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	145,396	12,759		158,155 (a8)	973,278

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	111,635			111,635	108,463
b3	Manse Costs	12,102			12,102	16,376
b4	Administration etc	3,211		28,534	31,745	16,944
b5	District Assessment	32,340			32,340	34,041
b6	Grants & donations	38,088			38,088	26,500
b7	URC Ministry and Mission	4,296			4,296	4,711
b8	Other payments	10,534			10,534	301,381
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	212,206		28,534	240,740 (b9)	508,416

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(66,810)	12,759	(28,534)	(82,585)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		80,523	478,926		559,449 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	13,713	491,685	(28,534)	476,864
c4	Transfers and adjustments		75,300	(75,300)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	89,013	416,385	(28,534)	476,864 (c8)

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

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Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 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						
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e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(f)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	158,155 (a8)	240,740 (b9)	(82,585)	(c7)	559,449 (c8)	476,864 (d)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	158,155	240,740	(82,585)		559,449 (x)	476,864 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	8,741	14,112
f3 Bank Deposit Account	3,991	7,719
f4 Central Finance Board	67,790	67,182
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	478,926	387,850
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	559,448 (c6)	476,863 (c)
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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	600,000	600,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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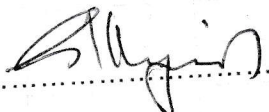
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Name of Circuit Vale of Glamorgan

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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... 3rd Jan 2024

Name and address of treasurer Graham Illingworth, 38 Britway Rd., Dinas Powys

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Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 20 2023 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on 5th March 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev'd C Lewis

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 2023 set out on pages 1 to 5. 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 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
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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 *E Thomas*

Name of independent examiner Elizabeth Thomas

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT AQB

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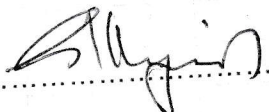
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