

Vale of Glamorgan Methodist Circuit Annual Report

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

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 2025 is 1. 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 2025:

Catherine Lewis (Chair)	Janet Davies	Barry Hawkins
Dave Hutton	Angela Davison	
Paul Martin	Ian Doble	John Hexter
Marty Presdee	Gerwyn Davies	Nona Hexter
Ian Seven	Judith Lanning	
Jon Barry		
Andrew Bennett		Tim Jeans
Carole Braggins	Tony Farmer	John Jevons
Chris Braggins	Christine Foster	Rosie James
	Roy Gibson	Cathie Steele
Roy Wright	Lorraine Gittins	Pat Norman
Lynn Creese	Anne Hamber	Janet Pedwell
Jenny Corbett	Carol Hallowell	Malcolm Hallowell

Staffing and Appointments

This has been a year of change and difficulties for our Ministerial Staff. The Rev Cathrine Lewis curtailed her appointment with us as Superintendent Minister, at the same time Rev Paul Martin has been, and continues to be on compassionate leave.

However, despite these challenges, by the end of this reporting year, we were delighted that the Rev Marty Presdee has taken on part time duties, working alternate weeks and we have been joined from the URC by the Rev Lee Liddell, again in a part time role, they together with Rev Andrew Charlesworth stepping into the Superintendent role have been of wonderful help and support.

Add to this the work of our Supernumery Ministers, our Circuit Administrator, Local Preachers, Children & Family workers, and the Circuit Leadership Team many of whom have taken on extra duties, plus members of our local churches who have on times stepped up to lead extra local arrangement services.

Because of the way the Circuit has come together and pulled together we have been able, in the main, to maintain the patten of worship, meetings and activities within the Circuit. We offer grateful thanks for this often-sacrificial help, to each of the individuals who have stepped in in time of need.

Our Children and Families workers have also had changes, at Penarth Methodist Church we have a new member of staff in this role, Rachel Barwise, and Barry Uniting Church's worker, Mel Saunders has been on maternity leave.

Rachel is undertaking Local Preacher training in her home church in Cardiff.

Mel will relook at the Worship Leaders course on her return in January 2026.

One member in Penarth is in the process of candidating for the Diaconate training;

Hope Methodist Church decided not to continue with looking for a Children & Family's worker at the present time.

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

The Work of God in the Circuit

All churches across the Circuit open Sunday by Sunday in the mornings for worship, two, Hope Methodist Church offers an evening service twice a month, in the style of Prayer and Praise, and Barry Uniting Church offer an alternative evening service once a month The Bridge Between. Churches across the circuit also offer a variety of community activities.

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.

The manses continue to be cared for with repairs being noted and carried out in a timely manner, the empty Manse in Penarth will be renovated in readiness for a new Superintendent Minister.

Unconscious bias training courses, we have a very few members who need to complete this training, these are run by a Supernumerary Minister, Rev D Hutton, assisted for all admin needs by the circuit Administrator.

DBS certificates across the churches have also been checked and those needed brought up to date.

During the year local preachers assisted the presbyteral ministers by leading worship in churches throughout the Circuit, and the local preachers and worship leaders' meetings take place regularly, giving support to those leading worship.

At 31 Aug 2025 there were 9 active accredited local preachers plus 14 worship leaders and 4 active supernumerary ministers.

The Circuit recognises and is most grateful for the great contribution those individuals make to Circuit life and worship.

Nona Hexter -Senior Circuit Steward

January 2026

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Vale of Glamorgan Circuit	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

Wales Synod Cymru	District	Circuit no	2,27
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133044

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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(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 Catherine Lewis
Rev R Paul Martin

Circuit Stewards:

Nona Hexter
John Jevons
John Barry
Gerwyn Davies
Tim Jeans
Judith Lanning

Treasurer: Mr John Jevons

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025

Vale of Glamorgan Circuit

Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		143,513			143,513	147,577
a3	Capital receipts		1,000			1,000	220,229
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		9,275	14,215		23,490	28,623
a5	Grants						20,000
a6	Other receipts		5,503			5,503	32,756
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		159,291	14,215		173,506 (a8)	449,185

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		134,324			134,324	126,558
b3	Manse Costs		17,383			17,383	25,705
b4	Administration etc		3,402		15,800	19,202	24,814
b5	District Assessment		33,920			33,920	33,860
b6	Grants & donations		13,751	4,500		18,251	47,727
b7	URC Ministry & Mission		4,300			4,300	4,338
b8	Other payments		2,535			2,535	72,948
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		209,615	4,500	15,800	229,915 (b9)	335,950

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(50,324)	9,715	(15,800)	(56,409)	113,235
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		276,357	313,740		590,097 (c6)	476,862
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	226,033	323,455	(15,800)	533,688	590,097
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	226,033	323,455	(15,800)	533,688 (c8)	590,097 (c6)

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

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 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)					
e10	173,506 (a8)	229,915 (b9)	(56,409)	(c7)	590,096 (c6)	533,687 (c8)
	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	173,506	229,915	(56,409)	590,096 (x)	533,687 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	28,545	14,552
f3	174,190	136,049
f4	73,621	75,432
f5	313,740	307,655
f6		
f7	590,096 (c6)	533,688 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	590,096 (x)	533,688 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1		
g2	600,000	910,000
g3	4,583	3,583
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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 J C Jevons



01/10/2025

Name and address of treasurer John Jevons, 24 Augusta rd, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan

..... Post Code.... CF645RJ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on ... 10/03/26

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

A CHARLESWORTH

Date

10/03/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Vale of Glamorgan Circuit

Charity Number 1133044

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 2025 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 Glamorgan No 02/27

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.

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 Elizabeth Thomas

Name of independent examiner ELIZABETH THOMAS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT AATQB

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

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Date 06/11/2025

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