

# TAUNTON DEANE AND SOUTH SEDGEMOOR METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1133126

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-12-04
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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 the 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.

**Activities:** The activities of the circuit are set within the context of the Methodist Church Connexional policy of Our Calling. The church exists: to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love; to help people to grow and to learn as Christians through mutual support and care; to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice; and to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£444,193	£254,450	-	-
2024-08-31	£138,602	£160,538	-	-
2023-08-31	£138,602	£160,538	-	-
2022-08-31	£135,241	£144,478	-	-
2021-08-31	£139,254	£138,668	-	-
2020-08-31	£152,762	£152,246	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Jordon		2024-11-25
BARBARA EILEEN POOLE		
CHRISTOPHER DOWNING		2021-03-18
Carol Stowe		2021-03-18
Christopher Mitchell		2024-11-25
DAVID ALAN CLITHEROE		
Denise Jean Eggington		2017-09-01
Diana Magaret Atkinson		2024-09-01
ELAINE ANNE DEW M.ED.		
Elaine Banks		2024-11-25
Francis Lewis		2021-03-18
Gillian Judith Adele Flick		2024-09-01
Hazel Jordon		2024-11-25
Ian Rossiter		2021-03-18
JOANNE MARY PINGUENET		
Jill Darby		2024-09-01
John Haines		2024-09-01
KEVIN BOSELEY		2013-11-29
LYNDA PRIMROSE SPURRETT KAZER		
MARGARET WALTERS		2013-06-10
MARLENE ANN BURNELL		
MERLYN RONALD BROWN CERT. ED.		
MR GRAHAM DICKINSON		
MS JANE ALLIN		
Merlyn Brown		2021-03-18
Michelle Noble		2023-10-12
ROY CROUCH		2015-09-14

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Annie Deche		2024-11-25
Rev DEBORAH MARY KIRK		2011-06-20
Rev Peter Thomas		2021-03-18
Rev Robin Hutt		2024-11-25
VALERIE ANNE PEARSON		

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/09/2024 – 31/08/25**  
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### **Financial review**

During the year the Circuit received total receipts of £150,338 (year end 2024 £444,193) and dispersed £169,421 (year end 2024 £254,450)

The trustees of the Circuit have oversight of the finances held, and the assessments required from the churches. Each church continues to meet their assessment.

The Circuit currently holds 4 freehold properties, 2 being used to house the Ministers of the Circuit and 2 being rented out to supplement the income produced by assessment.

The Circuit has the following principal sources of funds:

- Assessments on Churches within the Circuit
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These sums are used primarily to cover the various expenses of the Circuit budget, including the ministers' stipends.

### **Reserves Policy**

- The Reserves Policy for the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit is to hold liquid assets equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and to be able to continue in the short term funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

- It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to enable the quarterly payment of stipends and business expenses for 2 paid ministers, to fund any lay workers, and to cover our contribution to the District and the Connexion.
- Details of funds materially in deficit. There are none.

### **Structure governance and management**

#### **Description of the charity's trusts**

<i>Type of governing document</i>	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
<i>How the charity is constituted</i>	Act of Parliament
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<i>Additional governance issues</i>	None
<i>Induction/Training</i>	A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion. Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee.
<i>Structure</i>	Part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District. Accountable to the Methodist Conference.
<i>Related Parties</i>	None

#### **Reference and administration details**

<i>Charity Name</i>	Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit.
<i>Registered Charity Number</i>	1133126.
<i>Charity's Principal Address</i>	36 Craig Lea, Taunton, TA2 7SY (Superintendent's home address)

#### *Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity.*

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report.

*Rev Deborah Kirk	Jill Darby
*Rev Annie Deche	Anne Jordan
*Carol Stowe	Christopher Mitchell
*Ian Rossiter	Lynda Kazer
*Elaine Dew	Margaret Walters
*Rev Peter Thomas	Barbara Poole
Diana Atkinson	Kevin Boseley
Hazel Jordan	Stephen Wright
Graham Dickinson	Merlyn Brown

Gillian Flick	Joanne Pinguenet
Chris Downing	Marlene Burnell
Francis Lewis	*Joanne Rossiter
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Roy Crouch	John Haines
*Jane Allin	Elaine Banks
Sue Parker	David Clitheroe
Valerie Pearson	*Joanne Rossiter
Rev Robin Hutt	

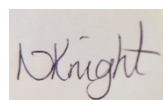
\* indicates a member of the Circuit Leadership Team, who as a group manage the Circuit between full Circuit Meetings.

*Custodian trustees*

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s)	Deborah Mary Kirk	Natalie Knight
Position	Superintendent Minister	Circuit Secretary
Date	24/06/2026	24/06/2026

Appended to this report is the Statement of Financial Activity for the year concerned

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor	15/37
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2025

South West Peninsula	District	Circuit no	15/37
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133126
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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 Deborah Kirk
Rev Annie Deche

Circuit Stewards:

Ian Rossiter
Carol Stowe
Elaine Dew

Treasurer:

Rev Peter Thomas
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
a1 RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£	
a2	Assessment/Share	112,101			112,101	107,040	
a3	Capital receipts					309,049	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,140	9,690	90	10,919	3,550	
a5	Grants	1,000			1,000		
a6	Other receipts	26,318			26,318	24,554	
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>140,559</b>	<b>9,690</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>150,338 (a8)</b>	<b>444,193</b>	
SECTION B							
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	96,071			96,071	83,389	
b3	Manse Costs	11,268			11,268	10,670	
b4	Administration etc	4,878	684	37	5,598	14,851	
b5	District Assessment	31,336	8,022		39,358	27,944	
b6	Grants & donations	4,500			4,500	2,200	
b7	transfer					99,620	
b8	Other payments	12,588		38	12,626	15,777	
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>160,641</b>	<b>8,706</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>169,421 (b9)</b>	<b>254,450</b>	
SECTION C							
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a7-b9)	(20,082)	984	15	(19,083)	189,743
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		47,475	210,439	11,594	269,508 (c6)	79,765
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	<b>27,393</b>	<b>211,422</b>	<b>11,609</b>	<b>250,425</b>	<b>269,508</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		11,609		(11,609)	0 (c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	<b>39,002</b>	<b>211,422</b>		<b>250,425 (c8)</b>	<b>269,508 (c6)</b>
SECTION D							
d	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> (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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>						

**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	150,338 (a8)	163,421 (b9)	(19,083)	0 (c7)	269,508 (c6)	250,425 (c8)
e10	<b>150,338</b>	<b>163,421</b>	<b>(19,083)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>269,508 (x)</b>	<b>250,425 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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	3,788	6322.21
f3		
f4	44,039	32680.23
f5	221,700	211422.48
f6		
f7	<b>269,508 (c6)</b>	<b>250,425 (c8)</b>
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	<b>269,508 (x)</b>	<b>250,425 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1		
g2	1,499,885	
g3		
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 ...Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor ... No...15/37.

## 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 *Peter Thomas* Date Oct 2025

Name and address of treasurer Peter Thomas

8 Irwell Green, TAUNTON, Somerset. Post Code TA1 2TA

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Deborah Kirk*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Deborah Kirk Date

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit

Charity Number 1133126

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 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.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit ...Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor ..... No ...15/37....

### 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

Name of independent examiner David Hawkings

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner C Math

Name of firm (where appropriate) n/a

Address 5 Hither Acre, ILMINSTER

..... Post Code TA19 9DA

Date 16th October 2025

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**TAUNTON DEANE AND SOUTH SEDGEMOOR METHODIST CIRCUIT**

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# Accounts

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Elaine Banks	John Haines
Rev Tony Cox	Rev Michael Parsons
Rev Anthony Huxtable	Rev Robin Hutt
Diana Atkinson	

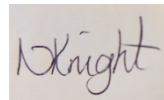
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*Custodian trustees*

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s) Deborah Mary Kirk

Natalie Knight

Position Superintendent Minister

Circuit Secretary

Date 24/06/2025

24/06/2025

Appended to this report is the Statement of Financial Activity for the year concerned

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2024**

PLYMOUTH AND EXETER	District	Circuit no	24/15
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1133126
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Ministers:

Rev Deborah Kirk
Rev Annie Deche

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Carol Stowe - Senior steward
Mr Ian Rossiter
Mrs Elaine Dew

Treasurer:

Rev. Peter Thomas
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024

Taunton Deane and South  
Sedgemoor Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	107,040			107,040	108,874
a3	Capital receipts		309,049		309,049	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,830	1,009	711	3,550	2,247
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	24,484		70	24,554	27,481
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>133,353</b>	<b>310,058</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>444,193 (a8)</b>	<b>138,602</b>

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	83,389			83,389	86,422
b3	Manse Costs	10,670			10,670	27,450
b4	Administration etc	14,790		60	14,851	7,494
b5	District Assessment	27,944			27,944	27,855
b6	Grants & donations	2,200			2,200	6,500
b7	CPF levy		99,620		99,620	
b8	Other payments	15,777			15,777	4,817
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>154,770</b>	<b>99,620</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>254,450 (b9)</b>	<b>160,538</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£	£
c1	(a7-b9)	(21,417)	210,439	721	189,743	(21,936)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	58,241		21,524	79,765 (c6)	101,701
c3	<b>Sub total (c1+c2)</b>	<b>36,824</b>	<b>210,439</b>	<b>22,245</b>	<b>269,508</b>	<b>79,765</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	10,651		(10,651)		
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)</b>	<b>47,475</b>	<b>210,439</b>	<b>11,594</b>	<b>269,508 (c8)</b>	<b>79,765 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>					

**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	
c1							
c2							
c3							
c4							
c5							
c6							
c7							
c8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)	
c9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)		444,193 (a8)	254,450 (b9)	189,743	79,765 (c6)	269,508 (c8)
c10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>		<b>444,193</b>	<b>254,450</b>	<b>189,743</b>	<b>79,765 (x)</b>	<b>269,508 (y)</b>
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			

**SECTION F**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	7,322	3,768
f3		
f4	51,251	44,039
f5	21,191	221,700
f6		
f7	<b>79,765 (c6)</b>	<b>269,508 (c8)</b>
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	<b>79,765 (x)</b>	<b>269,508 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**  
**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1		
g2		1,499,885
g3		
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 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 treasurer *Peter Thomas* Date 16th Oct 2024

Name and address of treasurer Peter Thomas

8 Irwell Green, TAUNTON, Somerset. Post Code TA1 2TA

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on Decedmber 12th 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Deborah Kirk*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Deborah Kirk Date October 2024

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit

Charity Number 1133126

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 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.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**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 *D Hawkings*

Name of independent examiner David Hawkings

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner C Math

Name of firm (where appropriate) n/a

Address 5 Hither Acre, ILMINSTER

..... Post Code TA19 9DA

Date 15th October 2024

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**TAUNTON DEANE AND SOUTH SEDGEMOOR METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1133126

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023**  
**Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit**

**Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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.

**The mission statement of TDSS Circuit is** 'To be Pilgrim People – on a journey: honouring God, sharing our faith, respecting and helping all.'

Our circuit priorities: worked out through the Circuit Meeting and the Circuit Leadership Team are:

- God-centred worship and prayer
- Action to help where there is need
- Developing confidence to share our faith with others
- Encouraging fresh ways of being church
- Care, respect, inclusion and love for all
- Belief that we have a future

The Circuit acts as an umbrella body for the 7 Methodist Churches, which fall within the Circuit's area. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of those 7 churches. These are open to all people without charge.

**Achievements and Performance.**

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular their guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when planning their activities. The actions taken by the circuit meet the requirement for there to be an identifiable public benefit or benefits and that such benefit is to the public or a section of the public.

During the 2022/23 financial year the Circuit has used its funds raised from the churches in the following ways:

- Our ministers together with local preachers provide regular Sunday worship in our churches. Such services are freely available to their local communities and every effort is made to make the experience of worship welcoming and meaningful to visitors.
- The Circuit encourages its churches to regularly review their position in their communities, and envision new ways of engaging and connecting with new people.
- The Circuit has provided courses for those requiring Safeguarding training, and has ensured that DBS checks have been completed for those whose voluntary posts require them. The Circuit has adopted and regularly reviews its Safeguarding Policy - covering both children and vulnerable adults - and has ensured that each church regularly reviews its own Policy.
- The Circuit continues to support local churches in their work with young people.
- The Circuit has carried out its oversight of the churches through 4 meetings of the Circuit

- There is a regular review process carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.
- Risks to the Circuit are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team (\*see below) who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of Trustees. Professional advice is taken as required.
- A Church and Community worker is employed by one of the churches, to manage the lettings of the building, to engage with the local community, and to support the minister in the day to day life of the church.
- An Administrator is employed by the Circuit to assist the churches in their publicity, to respond to requests from the District, and to support the Staff team and CLT.
- The Circuit continues to prioritise the commitments of Our Calling and A Methodist Way of Life as it encourages its members to grow in discipleship and share God's love in their contexts.
- The Circuit supports its churches in Circuit accreditations, including recognition as a Real Living Wage Employer, developing its work with Citizens Somerset, and working towards application as an EcoCircuit.
- The Circuit continues to work, as one of the Founder member institutions of Citizens Somerset, to support the campaigns and actions of the local chapter, and more members are engaged in the three action groups.

### **Financial review**

During the year the Circuit received total receipts of £138,602 (year end 2022 £135,241.00) and dispersed £160,538 (year end 2022 £144,478.00)

The trustees of the Circuit have oversight of the finances held, and the assessments required from the churches. Each church continues to meet their assessment.

The Circuit currently holds 5 freehold properties, 2 being used to house the Ministers of the Circuit and 3 being rented out to supplement the income produced by assessment. Expenses on manses and let properties has been high this year. At the time of this report, one of the previously let properties has been put up for sale and we are moving towards a successful outcome. Proceeds from this sale will support Circuit reserves for the next few years.

The Circuit has the following principal sources of funds:

- Assessments on Churches within the Circuit
- Interest on investments
- Rents paid for the additional properties owned and rented out.

These sums are used primarily to cover the various expenses of the Circuit budget, including the ministers' stipends.

### **Reserves Policy**

- The Reserves Policy for the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit is to hold liquid assets equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and to be able to continue in the short term funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.
- It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to enable the quarterly payment of stipends and business expenses for 2 paid ministers, to fund any lay workers, and to cover our contribution to the District and the Connexion.
- Details of funds materially in deficit. There are none.

## Structure governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

<i>Type of governing document</i>	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
<i>How the charity is constituted</i>	Act of Parliament
<i>Trustee selection methods</i>	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees. Ministers are automatically trustees
<i>Additional governance issues</i>	None
<i>Induction/Training</i>	A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion. Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee.
<i>Structure</i>	Part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District. Accountable to the Methodist Conference.
<i>Related Parties</i>	None

### Reference and administration details

<i>Charity Name</i>	Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit.
<i>Registered Charity Number</i>	1133126.
<i>Charity's Principal Address</i>	36 Craig Lea, Taunton, TA2 7SY (Superintendent's home address)

#### *Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity.*

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report.

*Rev Deborah Kirk	*Peter Thomas
*Rev Annie Deche	*Carol Stowe
*Richard Sillett	*Ian Rossiter
Michelle Noble	Joanne Pinguenet
Francis Lewis	Chris Downing
Marlene Burnell	*Elaine Dew
Gillian Flick	Janet Sillett
Merlyn Brown	Roy Crouch
Sue Parker	*Jane Allin
Margaret Walters	Barbara Poole
Valerie Pearson	Kevin Boseley
John Haines	*Joanne Rossiter
Graham Dickinson	Rev Anthony Huxtable

Christopher Mitchell	Rev Robin Hutt
Lynda Kazer	Rev Tony Cox
David Clitheroe	Rev Michael Parsons
Anne Jordan	Elaine Banks
Hazel Jordan	Denise Eggington
Glenys Allinson	Diana Atkinson

\* indicates a member of the Circuit Leadership Team, who as a group manage the Circuit between full Circuit Meetings.

*Custodian trustees*

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s)	Deborah Mary Kirk	Natalie Knight
Position	Superintendent Minister	Circuit Secretary
Date	06.06.24	

Appended to this report is the Statement of Financial Activity for the year concerned together with the Balance Sheet at year end.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

TAUNTON DEANE AND SOUTH SEDGEMOOR	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023**

PLYMOUTH AND EXETER	District	Circuit no	24/15
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1133126
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If not a registered charity **Her 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 Deborah Kirk
Rev Annie Deche

Circuit Stewards:

Carol Stowe
Ian Rossiter
Elaine Dew

Treasurer:

Peter Thomas
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	108,874			108,874	105,427
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,295	0	952	2,247	261
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	27,481			27,481	29,553
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>137,650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>138,602 (a8)</b>	<b>135,241</b>

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	86,422			86,422	82,396
b3	Manse Costs	27,450			27,450	15,435
b4	Administration etc	7,494			7,494	2,863
b5	District Assessment	27,853	2		27,855	30,038
b6	Grants & donations	6,500			6,500	2,500
b7						
b8	Other payments	4,659		158	4,817	11,247
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>160,378</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>160,538 (b9)</b>	<b>144,478</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£	£
c1	(a7-b9)	(22,728)	(2)	794	(21,936)	(9,237)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	60,146	98	41,457	101,701 (c6)	110,938
c3	<b>Sub total (c1+c2)</b>	<b>37,418</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>42,251</b>	<b>79,765</b>	<b>101,701</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	20,823	(96)	(20,727)	(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)</b>	<b>58,241</b>		<b>21,524</b>	<b>79,765 (c8)</b>	<b>101,701 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> (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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>					

**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						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 <b>Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	138,602 (a8)	160,538 (b9)	(21,936)	(c7)	101,701 (c6)	79,765 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>	138,602	160,538	(21,936)		101,701 (x)	79,765 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,452	7,322
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	51,015	51,251
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	41,234	21,191
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL</b>	101,701 (c6)	79,765 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>	101,701 (x)	79,765 (y)

**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)	1,668,635	
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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 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 *Pete J Thomas* Date 26/10/23

Name and address of treasurer Peter Thomas.....  
8 Irwell Green,  
TAUNTON, Somerset ..... Post Code TA1 2TA

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 5/10/23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Deborah Kirk*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Deborah Kirk Date XX / 10/23

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Charity Number 1133126

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 2 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.

**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:

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- 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 *David Hawkings*

Name of independent examiner David Hawkings

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner C Math

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

Address 5 Hither Acre

ILMINSTER, Somerset

Post Code TA19 9DA

Date 4/10/23

**TAUNTON DEANE AND SOUTH SEDGEMOOR METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1133126

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022**

### **Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit**

#### **Objectives and activities**

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**The mission statement of TDSS Circuit is** 'To be Pilgrim People – on a journey: honouring God, sharing our faith, respecting and helping all.'

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- God-centred worship and prayer
- Action to help where there is need
- Developing confidence to share our faith with others
- Encouraging fresh ways of being church
- Care, respect, inclusion and love for all
- Belief that we have a future

The Circuit acts as an umbrella body for the 7 Methodist Churches, which fall within the Circuit's area. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of those 7 churches. These are open to all people without charge.

#### **Achievements and Performance.**

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular their guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when planning their activities. The actions taken by the circuit meet the requirement for there to be an identifiable public benefit or benefits and that such benefit is to the public or a section of the public.

During the 2021/22 financial year the Circuit has used its funds raised from the churches in the following ways:

- Our ministers together with local preachers provide regular Sunday worship in our churches. Such services are freely available to their local communities and every effort is made to make the experience of worship welcoming and meaningful to visitors.
- The Circuit encourages its churches as they continue to rebuild and recover from the challenges of the Covid pandemic, reviewing their position in their communities, and envisioning new ways of engaging and connecting with new people.

- The Circuit has provided courses for those requiring Safeguarding training, and has ensured that DBS checks have been completed for those whose voluntary posts require them. The Circuit has adopted and regularly reviews its Safeguarding Policy - covering both children and vulnerable adults - and has ensured it is rolled out to the churches.
- The Circuit continues to support local churches in their work with young people.
- The Circuit has carried out its oversight of the churches through 4 meetings of the Circuit
- There is a regular review process carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.
- Risks to the Circuit are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team (\*see below) who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of Trustees. Professional advice is taken as required.
- A Church and Community worker is employed by one of the churches, to manage the lettings of the building, to engage with the local community, and to support the minister in the day to day life of the church.
- The Circuit continues to prioritise the commitments of Our Calling as it encourages its members to grow in discipleship and share God's love in their contexts.

### **Financial review**

During the year the Circuit received total receipts of £142,063 (2020-21 £139,241.00) and dispersed £151,306 (2020-21 £144,478.00)

The trustees of the Circuit have every reason to believe that the Circuit is a going concern, principally because churches continue to meet the assessments required of them. The Circuit has adequate reserves to cover any unforeseen events.

Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two.

The Circuit holds 5 freehold properties, 2 being used to house the Ministers of the Circuit and 3 being rented out to supplement the income produced by assessment.

The Circuit has the following principal sources of funds:

- Assessments on Churches within the Circuit
- Interest on investments
- Rents paid for the 3 additional houses owned and rented out.

These sums are used primarily to cover the various expenses of the Circuit budget, including the ministers' stipends.

### **Reserves Policy**

- The Reserves Policy for the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit is to hold liquid assets equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and to be able to continue in the short term funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.
- It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to enable the quarterly payment of stipends and business expenses for 2 paid ministers, to fund any lay workers, and to cover our contribution to the District and the Connexion.

- Details of funds materially in deficit. There are none.

## **Structure governance and management**

### **Description of the charity's trusts**

<i>Type of governing document</i>	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
<i>How the charity is constituted</i>	Act of Parliament
<i>Trustee selection methods</i>	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees. Ministers are automatically trustees
<i>Additional governance issues</i>	None
<i>Induction/Training</i>	A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion. Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee.
<i>Structure</i>	Part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District. Accountable to the Methodist Conference.
<i>Related Parties</i>	None

### **Reference and administration details**

<i>Charity Name</i>	Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit.
<i>Registered Charity Number</i>	1133126.
<i>Charity's Principal Address</i>	Temple Methodist Church, Upper High Street, Taunton TA1 3PY

#### *Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity.*

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report.

Some of these need to be adjusted for 21-22

*Rev Christopher Brown	*Peter Thomas
*Rev Deborah Kirk	*Carol Stowe
*Richard Sillett	*Ian Rossiter
Hazel Burnett	Joanne Pinguenet
Francis Lewis	Chris Downing

Brenda Lamberton	Elaine Dew
Marlene Burnell	Janet Sillett
Virginia Pearson	Merlyn Brown
Roy Crouch	Jane Allin
Margaret Walters	Barbara Poole
Sue Parker	Kevin Boseley
John Haines	Peter Crew
Graham Dickinson	Anthony Huxtable
Doreen Marks	Robin Hutt
Lynda Kazer	Tony Cox
David Clitheroe	Michael Parsons
Anne Jordan	Lynne Mayers
Christopher Mitchell	Valerie Pearson
Glenys Allinson	Denise Eggington

\* indicates a member of the Circuit Leadership Team, who as a group manage the Circuit between full Circuit Meetings.

*Custodian trustees*  
Purposes Manchester

Trustees for Methodist Church

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Deborah Kirk**

**Natalie Knight**

Full name(s)

Deborah Kirk

Natalie Knight

Position

Chair 2023

Secretary

Date

31.05.23

Appended to this report is the Statement of Financial Activity for the year concerned together with the Balance Sheet at year end.



**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2022**

Plymouth and Exeter	District	Circuit no	24 / 15
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1133126
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If not a registered charity **Her 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 Christopher Brown
Rev Deborah Kirk

Circuit Stewards:

Richard Sillett
Carol Stowe
Ian Rossiter

Treasurer:

Peter Thomas
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	105,427			105,427	109,237
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	158	1	103	261	138
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	29,553			29,553	29,879
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>135,137</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>135,241 (a8)</b>	<b>139,254</b>

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	82,396			82,396	75,159
b3	Manse Costs	15,435			15,435	14,294
b4	Administration etc	2,863			2,863	4,056
b5	District Assessment	29,971	67		30,038	29,607
b6	Grants & donations		2,500		2,500	7,505
b7						
b8	Other payments	11,176	8	64	11,247	8,047
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>141,840</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>144,478 (b9)</b>	<b>138,668</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a7-b9)</b>	<b>(6,702)</b>	<b>(2,574)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>(9,237)</b>	<b>586</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	65,276	2,672	42,990	110,938 (c6)	110,352	
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>58,574</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>43,028</b>	<b>101,701</b>	<b>110,938</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	1,572		(1,572)		(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>60,146</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>41,457</b>	<b>101,701 (c8)</b>	<b>110,938 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>						
<b>(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)</b>						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				1,471	1,471
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				1,471	
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>					<b>1,471</b>

**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 2022 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	135,241 (a8)	144,478 (b9)	(9,237)	(c7)	110,938 (c6)	101,701 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>	<b>144,478</b>	<b>(9,237)</b>		<b>110,938 (x)</b>	<b>101,701 (y)</b>
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		

**SECTION F**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	12,568	9,452
f3		
f4	54,499	51,015
f5	43,871	41,234
f6		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	
	110,938 (c6)	101,701 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>	<b>101,701 (y)</b>
	110,938 (x)	

**SECTION G**  
**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1		
g2	1,422,536	1,668,635
g3		
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 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 ..... *Peter Thomas* ..... Date *19/11/22* .....

Name and address of treasurer ..... Peter Thomas

8 Irwell Green, TAUNTON TA2 1TA

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were ~~not~~\* presented to the Circuit meeting held on *December 1<sup>st</sup> 2022*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Deborah Kirk* ..... x

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Deborah Kirk ..... Date *1/12/22* .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit

Charity Number 1133126

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 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 Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor No 25/15

**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 ..... *D. Hawkings* .....

Name of independent examiner ..... David Hawkings .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... C Math.....

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

Address ..... 5 Hither Acre, ILMINSTER.....

Post Code TA19 9DA

Date ..... *18/11/22* .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-22

**TAUNTON DEANE AND SOUTH SEDGEMOOR METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1133126

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2021 Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit

## **Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Methodist Church are 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.

The Circuit acts as an umbrella body for the 7 Methodist Churches, which fall within the Circuit's area. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of those 7 churches. These are open to all people without charge.

## **Achievements and Performance.**

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular their guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when planning their activities. The actions taken by the circuit meet the requirement for there to be an identifiable public benefit or benefits and that such benefit is to the public or a section of the public.

During 2020/21 worship and events in the Circuit were greatly impacted by the pandemic. Worship was provided during the months of lockdown via recorded YouTube and Zoom services and Zoom Bible studies. Where possible, outreach such as Messy Church and the church uniformed groups met over Zoom, and pastoral care and community engagement continued through phone calls, online and paper notices and letters, and in person doorstep-visiting where appropriate.

During the 2020/21 financial year the Circuit has used its funds raised from the churches in the following ways:

- Our ministers together with local preachers provide regular Sunday worship in our churches. Such services are freely available to their local communities and every effort is made to make the experience of worship welcoming and meaningful to visitors.
- The Circuit has provided courses for those requiring Safeguarding training, and has ensured that DBS checks have been completed for those whose voluntary posts require them. The Circuit has adopted and regularly revises a Safeguarding Policy - covering both children and vulnerable adults - and has ensured it is rolled out to the churches.
- The Circuit continues to support local churches in their work with young people.
- The Circuit encourages its churches to engage with their local communities.

- The Circuit has carried out its oversight of the churches through 4 meetings of the Circuit
- There is a regular review process carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.
- Risks to the Circuit are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team (\*see below) who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of Trustees. Professional advice is taken as required.

### **Financial review**

During the year the Circuit received total receipts of £139,254.00 (2018-19: £140,460.00) and dispersed £138,668.00 (2018-19 £1146,949.00). This financial position was much as expected – making use of the proceeds of sale in the previous years of one house, which was no longer needed for use by the Circuit. These are being used over a period of 3 years to enable the Circuit to maintain its current complement of staff, without demanding more money from the churches than they can easily raise.

The trustees of the Circuit have every reason to believe that the Circuit is a going concern, principally because churches continue to meet the assessments required of them. The Circuit has adequate reserves to cover any unforeseen events.

Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two.

The Circuit holds 4 freehold properties, 2 being used to house the Ministers of the Circuit and 2 being rented out to supplement the income produced by assessment.

The Circuit has the following principal sources of funds:

- Assessments on Churches within the Circuit
- Interest on investments
- Rents paid for the 2 additional houses owned and rented out.

These sums are used primarily to pay the Ministerial staff of the Circuit, to pay their expenses and to maintain the houses of the Circuit. Smaller sums are used to support particular mission initiatives undertaken by churches.

### **Reserves Policy**

- The Reserves Policy for the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and to be able to continue in the short term funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.
- It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to enable the quarterly payment of stipends and business expenses for 2 paid ministers, part time workers and to cover our contribution to the District and the Connexion.
- Details of funds materially in deficit. There are none.

## **Structure governance and management**

### **Description of the charity's trusts**

<i>Type of governing document</i>	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
<i>How the charity is constituted</i>	Act of Parliament
<i>Trustee selection methods</i>	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees. Ministers are automatically trustees
<i>Additional governance issues</i>	None
<i>Induction/Training</i>	A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion. Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee.
<i>Structure</i>	Part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District. Accountable to the Methodist Conference.
<i>Related Parties</i>	None

### **Reference and administration details**

*Charity Name*            The Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit.

*Registered Charity Number* 1133126.

*Charity's Principal Address* Temple Methodist Church, Upper High Street, Taunton TA1 3PY

*Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity.*

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report.

*Rev Chris Brown	Elaine Dew
*Rev Deborah Kirk	Jane Allin
Ian Rossiter	*Virginia Pearson
Hazel Burnett	*Richard Sillett
Frances Lewis	Brenda Lamberton
*Carol Stowe	Kevi Boseley
Peter Thomas	Sue Parker
Sandy Rogers	Chris Downing
Merlyn Brown	Pauline Steward
Janet Sillett	Louise Wright
Merlyn Brown	Robert Ormesher
Lynda Kazer	Doreen Marks
Marlene Burnell	Margaret Sweet

Margaret Walters	Daphne Gilham
Kevin Boseley	Barbara Poole
Joanne Pinguenet	Valerie Pearson
Glenys Allinson	David Clitheroe
Denise Eggington	Graham Dickinson
Peter Crew	Tony Cox
Anthony Huxtable	Robin Hutt
Roy Crouch	Brian Stocks
Lynda Kazer	Robert Ormesher
David Clitheroe	

\* indicates a member of the Circuit Leadership Team, who as a group manage the Circuit between full Circuit Meetings.

*Custodian trustees*

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Christopher Brown**

**Natalie Knight**

Full name(s) Chris Brown

Natalie Knight

Position Chair

Secretary

Date 23/03/2021

23/03/21

Appended to this report is the Statement of Financial Activity for the year concerned together with the Balance Sheet at year end.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2021**

Plymouth and Exeter	District	Circuit no	24/15
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1133126
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If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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Ministers:

Rev Christoper Brown
Rev Deborah Kirk

Circuit Stewards:

Richard Sillett
Carol Stowe
Ian Rossiter

Treasurer:

Peter Thomas
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1 RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	109,237			109,237	111,648
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	61	14	64	138	684
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	29,722		158	29,879	28,128
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>139,020</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>139,254 (a8)</b>	<b>140,460</b>

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	75,159			75,159	76,648
b3	Manse Costs	14,294			14,294	16,289
b4	Administration etc	4,056			4,056	4,778
b5	District Assessment	29,359	248		29,607	31,661
b6	Grants & donations	7,505			7,505	7,705
b7						
b8	Other payments	8,027	20		8,047	9,868
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>138,400</b>	<b>268</b>		<b>138,668 (b9)</b>	<b>146,949</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1 NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	£	£	£	£	£
c1		620	(255)	221	586	(6,489)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	57,588	9,932	42,832	110,352 (c6)	116,841
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>58,208 (c1+c2)</b>	<b>9,677</b>	<b>43,053</b>	<b>110,938</b>	<b>110,352</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	7,069	(7,005)	(64)		
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>65,276 (c3+c4)</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>42,990</b>	<b>110,938 (c8)</b>	<b>110,352 (c6)</b>

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						
(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				1,471	1,471
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>				<b>1,471</b>	<b>1,471</b>

**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 2021 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	<b>Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>		139,254 (a8)	138,668 (b9)	586	(c7)	110,352 (c6)		110,938 (c8)	
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>		<b>139,254</b>	<b>138,668</b>	<b>586</b>		<b>110,352 (x)</b>		<b>110,938 (y)</b>	
			<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>						

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 2021		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	4,197	12,568
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	55,182	54,499
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	50,973	43,871
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>110,352 (c6)</b>	<b>110,938 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>	<b>110,352 (x)</b>	<b>110,938 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

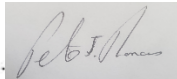
**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,387,849
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

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 2021 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 12 12 2021

Name and address of treasurer ...Peter Thomas.....

8 Inwell Green, TAUNTON..... Post Code...TA1 2TA

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on March 24th 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Christopher Brown Date .12.2021

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit

Charity Number 1133126

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 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/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 Hawkings.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....C Math.....

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

Address .....5 Hither Acre, ILMINSTER.....

Post Code ...TA19 9DA.....

Date 12th December 2021

**TAUNTON DEANE AND SOUTH SEDGEMOOR METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1133126

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/09/2019 to 31/08/2020**

### **Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit**

#### **Objectives and activities**

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- 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.

The Circuit acts as an umbrella body for the 7 Methodist Churches, which fall within the Circuit's area. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of those 7 churches. These are open to all people without charge.

#### **Achievements and Performance.**

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular their guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when planning their activities. The actions taken by the circuit meet the requirement for there to be an identifiable public benefit or benefits and that such benefit is to the public or a section of the public.

During the 2019/20 financial year the Circuit has used its funds raised from the churches in the following ways:

- Our ministers together with local preachers provide regular Sunday worship in our churches. Such services are freely available to their local communities and every effort is made to make the experience of worship welcoming and meaningful to visitors.
- The Circuit has provided courses for those requiring Safeguarding training, and has ensured that DBS checks have been completed for those whose voluntary posts require them. The Circuit has adopted and regularly revises a Safeguarding Policy - covering both children and vulnerable adults - and has ensured it is rolled out to the churches.
- The Circuit continues to support local churches in their work with young people.
- The Circuit encourages its churches to engage with their local communities.
- The Circuit Estates Worker continues to seek ways to build links in one of the local housing Developments.

- The Circuit has carried out its oversight of the churches through 3 meetings of the Circuit, and by requiring a written report of activity from each church.
- There is a regular review process carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.
- Risks to the Circuit are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team (\*see below) who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of Trustees. Professional advice is taken as required.

### **Financial review**

During the year the Circuit received total receipts of 152k (2018-19: £141k) and dispersed £153k (2018-19 £153k). This financial position was much as expected – making use of the proceeds of sale in the previous years of one house, which was no longer needed for use by the Circuit. These are being used over a period of 3 years to enable the Circuit to maintain its current complement of staff, without demanding more money from the churches than they can easily raise.

The trustees of the Circuit have every reason to believe that the Circuit is a going concern, principally because churches continue to meet the assessments required of them. The Circuit has adequate reserves to cover any unforeseen events.

Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two.

The Circuit continues to hold 5 freehold properties, 3 being used to house the Ministers of the Circuit and 2 being rented out to supplement the income produced by assessment.

The Circuit has the following principal sources of funds:

- Assessments on Churches within the Circuit
- Interest on investments
- Rents paid for the 2 additional houses owned and rented out.

These sums are used primarily to pay the Ministerial staff of the Circuit, to pay their expenses and to maintain the houses of the Circuit. Smaller sums are used to support particular mission initiatives undertaken by churches.

### **Reserves Policy**

- The Reserves Policy for the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and to be able to continue in the short term funding planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.
- It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to enable the quarterly payment of stipends and business expenses for 2 paid ministers, part time workers and to cover our contribution to the District and the Connexion.

- Details of funds materially in deficit.

There are none.

## **Structure governance and management**

### **Description of the charity's trusts**

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

*How the charity is constituted* Act of Parliament

*Trustee selection methods* Appointed by local churches and existing trustees.  
Ministers are automatically trustees

*Additional governance issues* None

*Induction/Training* A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion. Leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee.

*Structure* Part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District.  
Accountable to the Methodist Conference.

*Related Parties* None

## **Reference and administration details**

*Charity Name* The Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit.

*Registered Charity Number* 1133126.

*Charity's Principal Address* Temple Methodist Church, Upper High Street, Taunton TA1 3PY

*Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity.*

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report.

*Rev Chris Brown	Elaine Dew
*Rev Deborah Kirk	Jane Allin
*John Haines	*Virginia Pearson
Hazel Burnett	*Richard Sillett
Dick Brewer	Brenda Lamberton
*Carol Stowe	Carolyn Lear
Sheila Baker	Sue Parker
Sandy Rogers	Chris Downing
Merlyn Brown	Pauline Steward
Janet Sillett	Louise Wright
Conrad Marks	Robert Ormesher
Lynda Kazer	Doreen Marks

Marlene Burnell	Margaret Sweet
Margaret Walters	Daphne Gillham
Kevin Boseley	Barbara Poole
Joanne Pinguenet	Valerie Pearson
Glenys Allinson	David Clitheroe
Robert Blackhall	Ken Bird
Peter Crew	Tony Cox
Anthony Huxtable	Robin Hutt
Emmaline Kay	Brian Stocks

\* indicates a member of the Circuit Leadership Team, who as a group manage the Circuit between full Circuit Meetings.

*Custodian trustees*

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

*Christopher Brown*

*Emmaline A Kay*

Full name(s)	Chris Brown	Emmaline Kay
Position	Chair	Secretary
Date	23/03/2021	23/03/21

Appended to this report is the Statement of Financial Activity for the year concerned together with the Balance Sheet at year end.

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2020

Plymouth and Exeter	District	Circuit no	24/15
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133126
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If not a registered charity Her 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 Christopher Brown
Rev Deborah Kirk

Circuit Stewards:

John Haines
Richard Sillett
Carol Stowe

Treasurer:

Virginia Pearson
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	111,648			111,648	108,025
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	578	104	2	684	740
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	33,425			33,425	32,391
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>145,651</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>145,757 (a8)</b>	<b>141,156</b>

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	76,648			76,648	77,026
b3	Manse Costs	16,289			16,289	13,392
b4	Administration etc	4,743	35		4,778	4,715
b5	District Assessment	31,229	432		31,661	31,797
b6	Grants & donations	7,705			7,705	7,005
b7						
b8	Other payments	15,024		139	15,163	19,300
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>151,638</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>152,244 (b9)</b>	<b>153,235</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a7-b9)</b>	<b>(363)</b>	<b>(137)</b>	<b>(6,487)</b>	<b>(12,079)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	56,573	17,300	42,969	116,841 (c6)	128,920
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>16,937</b>	<b>42,832</b>	<b>110,354</b>	<b>116,841</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	7,005	(7,005)			
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>9,932</b>	<b>42,832</b>	<b>110,354 (c8)</b>	<b>116,841 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> <b>(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)</b>					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				2,784	2,986
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				2	798
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				139	1,000
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>				<b>2,647</b>	<b>2,784</b>

**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 2020 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	<b>145,757 (a8)</b>	<b>152,244 (b9)</b>	<b>(6,487)</b>	<b>(c7)</b>	<b>116,841 (c6)</b>	<b>110,354 (c8)</b>
e10	<b>145,757</b>	<b>152,244</b>	<b>(6,487)</b>		<b>116,841 (x)</b>	<b>110,354 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	5,465	4,197
f3		
f4	53,029	55,182
f5	58,347	50,973
f6		
f7	<b>116,841 (c6)</b>	<b>110,352 (c8)</b>
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	<b>116,841 (x)</b>	<b>110,352 (y)</b>

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1		
g2	1,286,234	1,387,849
g3		
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 ..... No.....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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.....

Name and address of treasurer .....

..... Post Code.....

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the Circuit meeting held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Circuit

Charity Number .....

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 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 ..... No .....

**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 .....

Name of independent examiner .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

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

Address .....

..... Post Code .....

Date .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-20

Name of Circuit Taunton Deane & South Sedgemoor No 24/15

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 Virginia Pearson Date 7.12.2020

Name and address of treasurer VIRGINIA PEARSON  
69 TYNE PARK, TAUNTON, SOMERSET Post Code TA1 2RP

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting CHRISTOPHER BROWN Date .....

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

TAUNTON DEANE & SOUTH SEDGEMOOR Circuit

Charity Number 1133126

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the TAUNTON DEANE & S. SEDGEMOOR Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 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.

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Name of Circuit TAUNTON DEANE & SOUTH SEDGEMOOR No 24/15

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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Signature of independent examiner D. Hawkings

Name of independent examiner DAVID HAWKINGS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner C. MATH

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address S HITHER ACRE

ILMINSTER Post Code TA19 9DA

Date 15/12/2020

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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## RESERVES POLICY of

**Taunton Deane & South Sedgemoor**Circuit Meeting 

1.	<b>General</b> Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2020	£67,523
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2.	<b>Restricted</b> Funds held “	£42832
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3.	<b>Endowment</b> Funds held “	£
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4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

To maintain a balance of 50% of the circuit's annual expenditure in the General Account.  
To budget sufficient funds for the maintenance of the properties held directly by the circuit, and to hold the unspent amounts budgeted as a property reserve.


5. **Policy for Restricted Funds**

Model trust is in respect of the sale of land at Pawlett. In accordance with Circuit Policy the interest received is passed to the General Account.

6. **Terms relating to Endowment Funds held**

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

**Taunton Deane & South Sedgemoor**Circuit Meeting 

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name <b>Virginia Pearson</b>	Full Name <b>John Haines</b>
Signature 	Signature