

# SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1133266

## Details

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**Other names** SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE CIRCUIT

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2009-12-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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Strathmore Road  
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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:** Provision of buildings/facilities/resources to promote the Christian faith in accordance with the Doctrinal Standards of the Methodist Church through Methodist Churches worshipping and witnessing together for Christ in South West Tyneside

## Classification

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- **How:** 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.
- Durham
- Gateshead

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£455,287	£369,278	-	-
2024-08-31	£387,444	£384,626	-	-
2023-08-31	£318,854	£404,617	-	-
2022-08-31	£311,951	£318,672	-	-
2021-08-31	£654,320	£432,809	£493,424	3
2020-08-31	£338,538	£408,565	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANGELA MARSHALL		2018-01-09
ANN CRYER		2018-01-07
Alison Claire Nelmes		2020-09-01
Alyson Moody		2020-03-03
Anne Elizabeth Farrow		2021-09-08
Avril Elsie Whiterod		2025-09-01
BRENDA GRAHAM		2017-09-13
CHRISTINE HEDLEY		2018-01-09
Christopher Allen		2022-09-01
DAVID GRAY		
Dr Mary Imlah		2020-03-18
ELIZABETH Anne PEART		2018-01-09
FREDERICK JOHN BLUNDRED		2018-01-09
GRAEME HERDMAN BSCHONS		
Geoffrey Hocking		2025-05-01
HEATHER MARY BOWES BED		
IRENE THOMPSON		2017-09-13
ISABELLA MACDONALD		2018-01-07
JILL NICOLA WARDEN FCA		2022-09-01
JOY CHAMBERS		2017-09-13
Jean Crocker		2019-09-01
Jean Williams		2023-09-01
Jean Wood		2025-09-01
Jenny Douthwaite		2017-09-20
Joan Brittlebank		2022-02-01
Joshua Paul Simpson		2024-09-01
KAY ZWOLINSKA		2020-03-10

Name	Role	Appointed
Linda Mary Innes		2022-09-01
Lyn Cookson		2022-08-23
MARGARET SHARP		2018-01-06
MARY ELISABETH GRAY		
PAMELA ANN SCOTT		2018-01-09
PETER NELMES		2017-09-13
REV IAN NEIL COCKLING		
Rev BRIGITTA STEELE BA, BA, MA		2016-01-01
Rev David Charter		2019-09-01
Rev Dr Stephen John Lindridge		2025-09-01
Rev Janet Capstick		2017-01-01
Rev Jenny Gill		2015-09-02
Rev MARTIN P JAMES		2005-09-01
Rev TREVOR CAPSTICK		2017-01-01
SANDRA DIXON		2025-07-10
STEPHEN LANCASTER		2017-09-13
Sandra Mitchell		2023-09-01
Sebastian Francis Julian Bees		2023-03-01
Susan Robson		
TREVOR PEACOCK		2016-01-01
Tracey Telford		2019-09-01
VALERIE BURN		
WILLIAM THOMAS GRAY		2022-09-15
irene middlemass		2017-09-30

**SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE METHODIST CIRCUIT**

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# Accounts

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**Annual Accounts**  
**South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit**  
**31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

## Annual Report 2024-2025

The South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit consists of ten Methodist Churches, two of which have two sites Strathmore Road (including Chopwell) and Unity (Amalgamation of Dunston Hill and Ravensworth Road) and a thriving café/walking church in Greenside – a class of Centenary Methodist Church in Crawcrook. The weekly morning service at Ravensworth Road and the evening service at Crawcrook are both relayed by telephone for those who are unable to attend, and the morning service at Rowlands Gill is streamed live on Zoom.

We had a successful outreach day at the Land of Oak and Iron as we sang carols in the grounds on 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024.

Alongside the other churches in Blaydon (Churches together in Blaydon) we employ a Community Mission Worker who, amongst other things, runs the Community Larder and other community-based projects.

Our Circuit youth worker runs various activities, some via zoom, assemblies for local schools, including ecumenical Prayer Spaces, Godly Play and much more, encouraging and enabling school visits etc.

Led by the superintendent minister the circuit is looking at how the programme of “Transformational leadership” can lead into the District’s new mission plan, whilst continuing to explore ways forward at Blaydon Methodist Church, regarding the use of the building.

A property for mission group helps churches with property projects and repairs.

The aims of the organisation (Circuit) are included in our Mission Statement and policy as follows -

### Purpose Statement

Working together to be a blessing within and beyond our Churches

- Inspiring worship
- Encouraging discipleship
- Engaging with communities

Sharing the love of Jesus; in this time, in this place.

In order to encourage co-operation between churches and facilitate good stewardship, we seek to encourage Circuit-wide co-operation as an extension of commitment to each other in God without jeopardising any successful area of local work.

A brief financial review of the year.

We would have exceeded our financial targets for the year, due to our capital. This is mainly due to unforeseen circumstance in regard to the pension repayment and timing difference for the 24/5 Youth worker grant.

### Income

All churches have been able to maintain their assessments. The circuit used some reserves (as per the budget).

We have continued to receive rental income from the manse in Whickham until October 2024 when it was sold and have received two grants towards the costs of the Mission and Youth Workers.

## Expenditure

Salaries and Stipends were increased in line with Methodist Church policy and the real living wage.

18.14% of unrestricted income was the circuit contribution to the district and connexion (25.82% of total costs). Other expenditure includes manse costs, travel costs etc.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, the net circuit unrestricted assets were £432,212.

## Basis of preparation and legal framework

The charities annual report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the "Charities Act 2011" and the "Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2015" as applicable to the "Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102".

Full name of charity - South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit.

Registered Charity Number 1133266

Date of Registration - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

## Main Contact Address

Circuit Office,  
Strathmore Road Methodist Church,  
Rowlands Gill,  
Tyne & Wear,  
NE39 1HX

The members of the South West Tyneside Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers, representatives to synod and representatives appointed by local churches.

## Circuit Ministers and Officers

Rev Janet Capstick  
Rev Ann Varker until August 2025  
Rev Brigitta Steele  
Rev David Charter

## Circuit Stewards

Mrs Val Burn  
Mrs Lyn Cookson  
Mr David Gray  
Mr William Gray  
Mrs Sue Robson  
Mr Peter Nelmes (treasurer)

## Administrator

Ms Margaret Hall

## Independent Examiner

TyneRede Accountancy Limited  
Lloyds Bank House, Bellingham, Northumberland, NE48 2A

## Trustees

Alison Claire Nelmes

Alyson Moody

Angela Marshall

Ann Cryer

Anne Elizabeth Farrow

Avril Elsie Whiterod

Brenda Graham

Christopher Allen

David Gray

Dr Mary Imlah

Elizabeth Anne Peart

Frederick John Blundred

Geoffrey Hocking

Graeme Herdman

Heather Mary Bowes

Irene Middlemass

Irene Thompson

Isabella Macdonald

Jean Crocker

Jean Williams

Jean Wood

Jenny Douthwaite

Jill Warden

Joan Brittlebank

Joshua Simpson BSc

Joy Chambers

Kay Zwolinska

Linda Mary Innes

Lyn Cookson

Margaret Sharp

Mary Elisabeth Gray

Pamela Ann Scott

Peter Nelmes

Rev Brigitta Steele

Rev David Charter

Rev Dr Stephen John  
Lindridge

Rev Ian Neil Cockling

Rev Janet Capstick

Rev Jenny Gill

Rev Martin P James

Rev Trevor Capstick

Sandra Dixon

Sandra Mitchell

Sebastian Francis Julian

Bees

Stephen Lancaster

Susan Robson

Tracey Telford

Trevor Peacock

Valerie Burn

William Thomas Gray

## Investments and Bank Accounts

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

CAF

Bank Lloyds Bank

## Aims and Organization

Charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around south west Tyneside for the Methodist Church.

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The organization and resourcing of regular public acts of worship, open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services into the local university and other institutions.

## Public Benefit

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

## Structure Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers Meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee (Part of the CLT) and the circuit Policy Committee (Part of the CLT).

## Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit – specifically the leaflet “the Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church” is given to all new circuit meeting members as induction to their role as Trustees.

## Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Churches are linked to the circuit,

Blaydon

Burnopfield

Centenary Crawcrook (including Greenside Café Church)

Fellside

Unity - two sites - Dunston Hill and Ravensworth Road

Ryton

Strathmore Road – two sites – Rowlands Gill and Chopwell

Whitehall Road

## Risk Management

All major risks identified will be recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team (none have been identified) and professional advice will be taken if required.

Income and expenditure are monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

## Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of people in Gods own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God’s recreation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as being in the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principals –

- The care, nurture and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people, and adults.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in line with the Safer Recruitment principals, including the use of criminal records, disclosures, and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry and informed personal care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principals we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The South West Tyneside Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, governance, legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The South West Tyneside Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

#### Reserves Policy

The reserves policy for the circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months average expenditure.

The Circuit Funds document is attached.

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

### **2 Funds**

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purposes. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

### **3 Accounting policies**

#### **Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### **Resources Expended**

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

#### **Grants**

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

#### **VAT**

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

#### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2023 insurance values of the buildings. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had not reached the end of its useful

economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material.

### Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

### Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

### 4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2024/25	2023/24
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

### 5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

### 6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:	2024/25	2023/24
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 44256	44221
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 3569	2979
Pension costs	£ 1600	1776
Total staff costs	£ 49425	48976

**Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:**

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1.7
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## **7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

At the 31st August 2024 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024.

## **8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations**

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<b>Balance brought forward from last year</b>		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	0	0

## 9 Tangible Fixed Assets

### Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1781165	2257814	111089		4150068
Additions		0				0
Revaluations (+/-)		- 42487	- 2047814			
Disposals (-)				58438	-	
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1738678	210000	52651		2001329

### Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				0		0
Depreciation charge for year (-)				0		0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				0		0

**Net book value**

Brought forward	0	1781165	2257814	111089		4150068
Carried forward	0	1738678	210000	52651		2001329

There were no additions, however with the closure of Sunnyside Methodist Church last year it has been revalued at the current subject to contract sales valuation.

**10 Investment assets**

**The circuit has no Investment properties**

**The circuit has no common investment fund holdings**

**11 Loans**

The Circuit currently has no loans

**12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds****2024-25**

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Community Mission Worker	12284	417	0	-12000	701	Support for individuals in specific need
Sunnyside – Restricted funds	12608	570			13178	Heating, organ and fabric funds
Totals	24892	987	0	-12000	13879	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2023-2024

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Community Mission Worker	1830	20454	0	-10000	12284	Support for individuals in specific need
Sunniside – Restricted funds		213		12395	12608	Heating, organ and fabric funds
Totals	1830	20667	0	2395	24892	

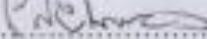
Name of Circuit South West Tyneside						Circuit No	20/15
<b>Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025</b>							
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
1	Donations and legacies	2,192			300		2,492
2	Income from monetary investments						0
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	235,891					235,891
5	Capital Receipts	880	194,397				195,277
6	Grants received						0
7	Other charitable income	2,883	18,055		689		21,627
8	<b>Total income</b>	<b>241,846</b>	<b>212,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>455,287</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
9	Grants and donations	3,275	19,500				22,775
10	Salaries and associated costs	207,079					207,079
11	Property maintenance	4,768					4,768
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		12,931				12,931
13	District Assessment & Levy	82,428					82,428
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	3,419					3,419
16	Other outgoings	35,878					35,878
17	<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>336,847</b>	<b>32,431</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>369,278</b>
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20	<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-95,001</b>	<b>180,021</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86,009</b>
21	Transfers between funds	226,000	- 214,000	-	12,000		0
22	Other gains/(losses)						0
23	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>130,999</b>	<b>-33,979</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11,011</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86,009</b>
24	Total funds brought forward	58,115	277,077	-	24,892		360,084
25	<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>189,114</b>	<b>243,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,881</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>446,093</b>
			0.18144		13879		432,212

Name of Circuit South West Tyneside							Circuit No	20/15	
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025</b>									
	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2024/25	Totals 2023/24	GN
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>									
							0		R
							0		R
							0		
		<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>									
							0		S
							0		
			243,098				243,098	277,077	CAF & Lloyds (Sunniside)
		185,729					185,729	54,412	T
		3,385			13,881		17,266	28,595	
		<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>189,114</b>	<b>243,098</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,881</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>446,093</b>	<b>360,084</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>									
							0		U
							0		V
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>	<b>189,114</b>	<b>243,098</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,881</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>446,093</b>	<b>360,084</b>
		<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>189,114</b>	<b>243,098</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,881</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>446,093</b>	<b>360,084</b>
<b>Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)</b>									
							0		V
							0		
							0		
		<b>Net assets</b>	<b>189,114</b>	<b>243,098</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,881</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>446,093</b>	<b>360,084</b>
<b>Funds of the Circuit</b>									
		189,114					189,114	58,115	
			243,098				243,098	277,077	W
				0			0	0	
		<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>					<b>432,212</b>	<b>335,192</b>	
					13,881		13,881	24,892	
						0	0		
		<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>189,114</b>	<b>243,098</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,881</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>446,093</b>	<b>360,084</b>
Signed									
Circuit Treasurer									

Name of Circuit ..... South West Tyneside Circuit ..... No... 20/15.

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 .....  ..... Date... 22 April 2026.....

Name and address of treasurer ... Peter Nemes, Glenavon, Peth Lane, Ryton ...

Post Code... NE40 3PB

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 will \* be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: ... 11 June 2026.

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Janet Capstick Date 20 May 2026

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

South West Tyneside Circuit ..... Circuit

Charity Number 20/15.

### 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 2023 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 ..... South West Tyneside Circuit ..... No ...20/15.

**Independent Examiner’s Statement**

The Circuit’s gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (Association of *Chartered Certified Accountants*)

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts*
- the trustees’ annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts.*

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 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 .....See attached certificate.....

Name of independent examiner: .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: .....

Name of firm (where appropriate): ...TyneRede Accountancy

Address: ... Lloyds Bank House, Bellingham, Hexham, Northumberland

..... Post Code: NE48 2AZ .....

Date: .....23 April 2026.....



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

On accounts for the year ended  Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages  (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below\*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

**SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1133266

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# Accounts

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Annual Accounts

South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

## Annual Report 2023-2024

The South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit consists of ten Methodist Churches, two of which have two sites Strathmore Road (including Chopwell) and Unity (Amalgamation of Dunston Hill and Ravensworth Road) and a thriving café/walking church in Greenside – a class of Centenary Methodist Church in Crawcrook. The weekly morning service at Ravensworth Road and the evening service at Crawcrook are both available by telephone for those who are unable to attend, and the morning service at Rowlands Gill is streamed on Zoom. During the year Sunnyside had to close.

We had a successful outreach day at the Metro Centre shopping centre prior to Christmas.

Alongside the other churches in Blaydon (Churches together in Blaydon) we employ a Community Mission Worker who, amongst other things, runs the Community Larder and other community-based projects.

Our Circuit youth worker runs various activities, some via YouTube, assemblies for local schools, encouraging and enabling school visits etc.

Led by the superintendent minister the circuit is continuing the programme of “Transformational leadership” with a dedicated group of volunteers; they have so far worked specifically with Blaydon Methodist Churches.

A property for mission group has been set up to help churches with property projects and repairs.

The aims of the organisation (Circuit) are included in our Mission Statement and policy as follows -

### Purpose Statement

“Working together to be a blessing within and beyond our Churches

- Inspiring worship
- Encouraging discipleship
- Engaging with communities

Sharing the love of Jesus; in this time, in this place.

In order to encourage cooperation between churches and facilitate good stewardship, we seek to encourage Circuit-wide cooperation as an extension of commitment to each other in God without jeopardising any particular successful area of local work.

A brief financial review of the year.

We have exceeded our financial targets for the year. This is mainly due to unforeseen circumstance in regard to the pension repayment and timing difference for the 24/5 Youth worker grant.

Income

All churches have been able to maintain their assessments.

The circuit used some reserves (as per the budget).

We have continued to receive rental income from the manse in Whickham and have received two grants towards the costs of the Mission and Youth Workers.

Expenditure

Salaries and Stipends were increased in line with Methodist Church policy and the real living wage.

18.77% of unrestricted income was the circuit contribution to the district and connexion (20.83% of total costs). Other expenditure includes manse costs, travel costs etc.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, the net circuit unrestricted assets were £335,192.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The charities annual report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the "Charities Act 2011" and the "Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2015" as applicable to the "Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102".

Full name of charity -

South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit.

Registered Charity Number 1133266

Date of Registration - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

Main Contract Address  
Circuit Office,  
Strathmore Road Methodist Church,  
Rowlands Gill,  
Tyne & Wear,  
NE39 1HX

The members of the South West Tyneside Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers, representatives to synod and representatives appointed by local churches.

Full membership list is attached.

#### Circuit Ministers and Officers

Rev Ann Varker  
Rev Janet Capstick  
Rev Trevor Capstick  
Rev Brigitta Steel  
Rev David Charter

Community Mission Worker – Mrs Rachel Charter

Circuit Youth Work – Miss Sam Cree

#### Circuit Stewards

Mrs Irene Middlemass  
Mrs Lyn Cookson  
Mr David Gray  
Mr William Gray  
Mr Peter Nelmes (treasurer)  
Mrs Sue Robson  
Mr Ian Atkinson  
Mrs Karen Atkinson  
Lesley Farnworth

Administrator - Mrs Jenny Holmes

Independent Examiner - Mrs Ann Brown  
27 Coldstream Avenue  
Leven  
Fife, KY8 5TN

Investments and Bank Accounts

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

CAF Bank

Lloyds Bank

Aims and Organization

Charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around South West Tyneside for the Methodist Church.

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 discipline of the Methodist Church.
- b. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit local or other organizations 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 organization and resourcing of regular public acts of worship, open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services into the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

## Structure Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers Meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee (Part of the CLT) and the circuit Policy Committee (Part of the CLT).

## Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit – specifically the leaflet “the Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church” is given to all new circuit meeting members as induction to their role as Trustees.

## Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Churches are linked to the circuit,

Blaydon

Burnopfield

Centenary Crawcrook (including Greenside Café Church

Fellside

Spoor

Sunniside – ceased to meet 22/07/2024

Unity - two sites - Dunston Hill and Ravensworth Road, Ryton

Strathmore Road – two sites – Rowlands Gill and Chopwell, Whitehall Road.

## Risk Management

All major risks identified will be recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team (none have been identified) and professional advice will be taken if required.

Income and expenditure are monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

## Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of people in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as being in the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principals –

The care, nurture and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people, and adults.

The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.

The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in line with the Safer Recruitment principals, including the use of criminal records, disclosures, and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry and informed personal care.

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.

In all these principals we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The South West Tyneside Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, governance, legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The South West Tyneside Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

#### Reserves Policy

The reserves policy for the circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure.

The Reserves Policy document is attached.

## Notes to the Accounts

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### 2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

### 3 Accounting policies

#### Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

#### Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

#### Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

#### VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

#### Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2023 insurance values of the buildings. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had not reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material.

#### Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

#### Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

## 4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2023/24	2022/23
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

**5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

**6 Paid employees**

Staff Costs paid during the year were:	2023/24	2022/23
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 44221	51547
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 2979	4595
Pension costs	£ 1776	1667
Total staff costs	£ 48976	57807
 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:	 1.7	 2.4

**7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

At the 31st August 2024 there are no capital commitments.  
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024.

**8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations**

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<b>Balance brought forward from last year</b>		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	0	0

## 9 Tangible Fixed Assets

### Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1781165	0	52651		1833816
Additions		0				0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)			2257814	58438		2316252
Balance carried forward	0	1781165	2257814	111089		4150068

### Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				0		0
Depreciation charge for year (-)				0		0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				0		0

### Net book value

Brought forward	0	1781165	0	52651		1833816
Carried forward	0	1781165	2257814	111089		4150068

There were no additions, however with the closure of Sunnyside Methodist Church this has been transferred to the circuit trustees during the year at deemed valuation.

## 10 Investment assets

The circuit has no investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

## 11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

**12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds**

**2023-24**

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Community Mission Worker	1830	20454	0	-10000	12284	Support for individuals in specific need
Sunniside – Restricted funds		213		12395	12608	Heating, organ and fabric funds
Totals	1830	20667	0	2395	24892	

*Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2022-2023*

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
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Totals	17659	2761	18590		1830	

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
1 Donations and legacies					300		300
2 Income from monetary investments							0
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		295,316					295,316
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received					20,000		20,000
7 Other charitable income		13,752	57,709		367		71,828
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>309,068</b>	<b>57,709</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>387,444</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
9 Grants and donations		1,415	19,500				20,915
10 Salaries and associated costs		239,686					239,686
11 Property maintenance		6,064					6,064
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			10,689				10,689
13 District Assessment & Levy		69,414					69,414
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		5,579					5,579
16 Other outgoings		32,279					32,279
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>354,437</b>	<b>30,189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>384,626</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>-45,369</b>	<b>27,520</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,667</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,818</b>
21 Transfers between funds		10,000			- 10,000		0
22 Other gains/(losses)		7,707			12,395		20,102
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-27,662</b>	<b>27,520</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,062</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,920</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		85,777	249,557		1,830		337,164
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>360,084</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024**

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £
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**Fixed Assets**

Circuit Manses & Equipment						0	
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Current Assets**

Debtors						0	
Loans by the Circuit						0	
Investments with TMCP		277,077				277,077	
Central Finance Board Deposits	54,412					54,412	
Cash at Bank and in hand	3,703			24,892		28,595	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Current liabilities**

Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	
Grants payable within 2022-23						0	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>
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**Long term liabilities**

(due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Funds of the Circuit**

General Fund (Unrestricted)	58,115					58,115	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		277,077				277,077	
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>						<b>335,192</b>	<b>0</b>
Restricted Funds				24,892		24,892	
Endowment Funds					0	0	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>

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Circuit Treasurer

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13 District Assessment & Levy		69,414					69,414
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		5,579					5,579
16 Other outgoings		32,279					32,279
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>354,437</b>	<b>30,189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>384,626</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>-45,369</b>	<b>27,520</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,667</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,818</b>
21 Transfers between funds		10,000			- 10,000		0
22 Other gains/(losses)		7,707			12,395		20,102
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-27,662</b>	<b>27,520</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,062</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,920</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		85,777	249,557		1,830		337,164
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>360,084</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024**

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £
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**Fixed Assets**

Circuit Manses & Equipment						0	
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Current Assets**

Debtors						0	
Loans by the Circuit						0	
Investments with TMCP		277,077				277,077	
Central Finance Board Deposits	54,412					54,412	
Cash at Bank and in hand	3,703			24,892		28,595	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Current liabilities**

Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	
Grants payable within 2022-23						0	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>
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**Long term liabilities**

(due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Funds of the Circuit**

General Fund (Unrestricted)	58,115					58,115	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		277,077				277,077	
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>						<b>335,192</b>	<b>0</b>
Restricted Funds				24,892		24,892	
Endowment Funds					0	0	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>277,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360,084</b>	<b>0</b>

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Circuit Treasurer

**SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1133266

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# Accounts

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## **Circuit Annual Report 2022 - 2023**

The South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit consists of 11 Methodist churches one of which has two sites (Strathmore Road Rowlands Gill and Chopwell), and a second which has a thriving café and walking church in Greenside linked to Centenary Methodist Church in Crawcrook. Telephone services that began during the pandemic church closures have continued as they continue to be accessed by those who would otherwise be unable to attend worship. The morning service at Strathmore Road is offered online using Zoom.

The Circuit continues to employ a full-time children & youth worker who has developed Brick Church in three locations this year. The monthly Circuit youth group has attracted more young people this year. Support is offered to workers with children and young people in local churches at regular meetings, as well as in the delivery of outreach events. Schools have continued to invite our worker in to lead assemblies.

The part-time employment of a Community Worker in Blaydon has continued for a second year. This is supported by funding from the circuit as well as partner churches within the Churches Together Grouping. Main activities include running the community larder, providing summer activities for local children and organising Christmas Dinner Hampers for referred families. Volunteers to support these activities come from the churches within Blaydon.

During the last year the Circuit has noticed an increase in mid-week activities. Discipleship groups, and bible studies are now being held in a number of churches. Community engagement has developed with Warm Spaces being set up around the Circuit publicised through the Gateshead Council. Elsewhere Men's breakfast, Afternoon drop in, Ladies Fellowships attract people from within the churches and the wider community.

The Circuit has provided support from its mission fund to the Strathmore Road congregation in developing their work with children, young people and families through the appointment of a Children and Families Pastor (30 hours) and two part-time Youth and Community Outreach Pioneers.

The aims of the organization (Circuit) are included in our Mission Statement and policy. Methodist Churches witnessing together for Christ in South West Tyneside.

- We exist to embody the love of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit. We will endeavour to do this by enabling individuals and communities in their worship.
- We are committed to accountable and responsible discipleship. We will endeavour to do this by encouraging growth in Christian life and faith.
- We aim to enable and enliven people in acts of loving service and discipleship. We will endeavour to do this by equipping people to serve.
- We aim to see lives changed through the love of Christ. We will endeavour to do this by developing areas of opportunity and mission.

### **A brief financial review of the year.**

We have in general achieved our financial targets for the year.

#### Income

All Churches have been able to maintain their assessments despite the periods of lock down and restrictions. We have continued to receive rental income from the manse in Whickham.

#### Expenditure

Salaries and stipends were increased in line with Methodist Church policy and the living wage. 20.20% of unrestricted income was the circuit contribution to the work of the district and connexion (19.78% of total costs).

Other expenditure includes stipends and salaries, manse expenditure travel costs etc.

As of 31st August 2022, the net circuit assets were £392,474.

### Plans for 2023-2024

Our financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that we maintain circuit staff of five ministers, community worker (for part of the year, with a review to extend the contract), youth worker and part time administrator.

We have planned to use £60,000 from reserves to maintain church assessments at the current level to help churches to cope with the effects of the cost-of-living crisis.

### Basis of preparation and legal framework

The charities annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the "Charities Act 2011" and the "Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2015" as applicable to the "Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102."

Full Name of Charity – South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit.

Registered Charity Number 1133266

Date of Registration 1st September 2009

Main Contact Address Circuit Office Strathmore Road Methodist Church, Rowlands Gill, Tyne & Wear, NE39 1HX

The members of the South West Tyneside Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Full membership list is attached.

Circuit	Ministers	and	Officers
Rev Ann Varker			
Rev Janet Capstick			
Rev Trevor Capstick			
Rev Brigitta Steele			
Rev David Charter			

Community Mission Worker Mrs Rachel Charter  
Circuit Youth Worker Miss Sam Cree

Circuit Stewards			
Mr Trevor Peacock			
Mr Trevor Peart			
Mrs Irene Middlemass			
Miss		Valerie	Burn
Mr William Gray			

Valerie Burn acted as the treasurer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Administrator Miss Jennifer Holmes

Independent Examiner Mrs Roz Tench 18 Southfield Green Whickham Newcastle upon Tyne NE16 4RL

### Investments and Bank Accounts

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  
CAF Bank

### Aims and Organization

Charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around south west Tyneside for the Methodist Church.

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 discipline of the Methodist Church.
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organizations 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 organization and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services into the local university and other institutions.

### Public Benefit

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. Structure Governance and Management The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD)

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property (part of CLT) and the Circuit Policy Committee (part of CLT).

### Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit - specifically the leaflet "the Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church" is given to all new circuit meeting members as induction to their role as Trustees.

### Related Parties

The circuit is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit.

Blaydon

Burnopfield

Centenary Crawcrook (Including Greenside Café Church)

Dunston Hill

Fellside

Ravensworth Road (Dunston)

Ryton

Spoor Memorial (Whickham)

Strathmore Road – two sites – Rowlands Gill and Chopwell

Sunniside

Whitehall

Road

(Gateshead)

### **Risk Management**

Any major risks identified will be recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team (none have been identified) and professional advice will be taken if required. Income and expenditure are monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

### **Safeguarding**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of people in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation of us in Christ.

Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles

- The care and nurture and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people, and adults.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in line with the Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records, disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them, an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The South West Tyneside Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The South West Tyneside Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

### **Reserves Policy**

The reserves policy for the circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and/or to be able to continue in the short-term funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full circuit assessment from churches.

The Circuit Funds Document is attached.

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

### **2 Funds**

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

### **3 Accounting policies**

#### **Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### **Resources Expended**

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

#### **Grants**

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

#### **VAT**

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

#### **Investment Properties**

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

#### 4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

##### Trustee expenses

	2022/23	2021/22
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

#### 5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

#### 6 Paid employees

##### Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2022/23	2021/22
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 51547	45917
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 4595	2510
Pension costs	£ 1667	1898
Total staff costs	£ 57809	50325

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

2022/23	4
2021/22	3

#### 7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31 st August 2015 there are no capital commitments.  
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2015.

#### 8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
<b>Balance brought forward from last year</b>		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	0	0

## 9 Tangible Fixed Assets

### Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1491756	0	53957		1545713
Additions		0				0
Revaluations (+/-)		289409		-1306		288103
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1781165		52651		1833816

### Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				00		0
Depreciation charge for year (-)				0		0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				0		0

### Net book value

Brought forward	0	1491756	0	53957		1545713
Carried forward	0	1781165	0	52651		1833916

The additions relate to installation of double glazed UPVC windows at 116 Wrenbury Road and replacement of the fascia's and remodelling of the flue at 16 Booth Lane South.

## 10 Investment assets

The circuit has no investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

## 11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

**12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds**

**2022-2023**

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Community Mission Worker	17659	2761	18590		1830	
Totals	17659	2761	18590		1830	

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Name of Circuit *S.W Tyneside*Circuit No *Jo.15***Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023**

Notes to the account s	General Fund	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	(Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Funds (unrestricted)	Funds	Funds	2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
1 Donations and legacies	2,017	8,163		196		10,376
2 Income from monetary investments						0
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	269,226					269,226
5 Capital Receipts						0
6 Grants received	1,000			2,565		3,565
7 Other charitable income	35,387			300		35,687
8 <b>Total income</b>	<b>307,630</b>	<b>8,163</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>318,854</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
9 Grants and donations		19,000				19,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	245,601			6,870		252,471
11 Property maintenance	3,769					3,769
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		12,494				12,494
13 District Assessment & Levy	67,465					67,465
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	5,274					5,274
16 Other outgoings	42,424			1,720		44,144
17 <b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>364,533</b>	<b>31,494</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,590</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>404,617</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20 <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-56,903</b>	<b>-23,331</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5,529</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-85,763</b>
21 Transfers between funds	10,000			-10,000		0
22 Other gains/(losses)	-740					-740
23 <b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>-47,643</b>	<b>-23,331</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-15,529</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-86,503</b>
24 Total funds brought forward	133,420	272,888		17,359		423,667
25 <b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>85,777</b>	<b>249,557</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>337,164</b>

Name of Circuit

Circuit No

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

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Note to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)		Circuit Model Funds (Unrestricted)		Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Totals 2022/23	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

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Fixed Assets												
Circuit Meece & Equipment												
Investment properties												
Investments												
<b>Total fixed assets</b>												

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Current Assets												
Debtors												
Loans by the Circuit												
Investments with TMCP			249,557									249,557
Central Finance Board Deposits		85,233										87,082
Cash at Bank and in hand		20,544					1,830					20,545
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>85,777</b>	<b>249,557</b>				<b>1,830</b>					<b>337,164</b>

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Current Liabilities												
Creditors (due in under 1 year)												
Grants payable within 2022-23												
<b>Total current liabilities</b>												
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>85,777</b>	<b>249,557</b>				<b>1,830</b>					<b>337,164</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>85,777</b>	<b>249,557</b>				<b>1,830</b>					<b>422,474</b>

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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)												
Grants payable after 2022-23												
Loans to the Circuit												
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>85,777</b>	<b>249,557</b>				<b>1,830</b>					<b>422,474</b>

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Funds of the Circuit												
General Fund (Unrestricted)		85,777										85,777
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			249,557									249,557
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)												0
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>85,777</b>	<b>249,557</b>									<b>335,334</b>
Restricted Funds							1,830					1,830
Endowment Funds												18,101
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>85,777</b>	<b>249,557</b>				<b>1,830</b>					<b>422,474</b>

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Circuit Treasurer

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	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	TOTAL
<b>CAF CASH</b>			3,769.41				62.50	855.73	
							240.00	6,252.28	
							1,380.09	3,398.10	
							209.73	500.00	
							3,383.93	2,588.75	
								1,825.00	
								2,706.88	
								7,572.00	
								3,154.35	
								9,076.92	
			3,769.41				5,276.25	#####	46,975.67
<b>RYTON YOUTH</b>		257.74							
		55,958.09							
								480.00	
		56,215.83						480.00	56,695.83
<b>CFB GENERAL</b>								4,011.16	
		695.77							
		188,688.88			#####				
		189,384.65		0.00	#####			4,011.16	260,859.81
		245,600.48	3,769.41	0.00	#####		5,276.25	#####	364,531.31

Bank Accounts	Balance b/fwd-2022	Balance c/fwd 2023	Movement in Funds
Circuit Model Trust Fund	272,888.22	249,557.12	-23,331.10
CafCash	22,805.63	20,544.38	-2,261.25
Lay Workers	3,881.92	8,199.63	4,317.71
CFB -General Account	106,730.40	57,033.62	-49,696.78
CFB- Community Mission Workers	16,750.85	1,779.28	-14,971.57
CFB-Deacon Support Fund	608.42	50.74	-557.68
		<b>1,830.02</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>
	423,665.44	337,164.77	-86,500.67
CAF CASH ACC	ACCOUNTS	-1,520.15	
CHEQUE	8/11 CHQ 1461	-325.00	
CHEQUE	28/10 CHQ 1462	-415.00	
		<b>-2,260.15</b>	

Name of Circuit South West Tyneside No. 2015

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 [Signature] Date 15.1.24

Name and address of treasurer 3 Market Lane Dunston  
Gateshead Post Code NE11 9NX

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will\* be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 14th March 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting: ANN VARKOR Date 14/03/24

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

South West Tyneside Circuit

Charity Number 2015

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 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**

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts.

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.

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Signature of independent examiner ..... *R. Tencha* .....

Name of independent examiner: ..... *ROSALIND TENCHA* .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ..... *A.A.T.* .....

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

Address: ..... *18 SOUTHFIELD GREEN* .....

..... *NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE* ..... Post Code: *NE16 4RL*

Date: ..... *22/1/24* .....

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Name of Circuit South West Tyneside No. 2015

### Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 [Signature] Date 15.1.24

Name and address of treasurer 3 Market Lane Dunston  
Gateshead Post Code NE11 9NX

#### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will\* be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 14th March 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting: ANN VARKOR Date 14/03/24

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

South West Tyneside Circuit

Charity Number 2015

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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Name of Circuit ..... No .....

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**SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1133266

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# Accounts

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Annual Accounts  
South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

## Annual Report 2021-2022

The South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit consists of eleven Methodist Churches one of which has two sites (Rowlands Gill and Chopwell) and a thriving café/walking church in Greenside – a class of Centenary Methodist Church in Crawcrook. The weekly morning service at Ravensworth Road is also relayed by telephone as is the evening service from Centenary Crawcrook for those who are unable to attend church.

For part of the year (Until April 2022) we employed a Circuit Community Mission Worker who, amongst other things, worked with the Poverty Truth Commission, and established the Community Larder in Blaydon alongside the other denominations in the village. We now employ a worker in Blaydon in conjunction with the other churches there, to continue the work of the community larder and other community-based projects.

Our part time youth worker has now transferred to full time, and she runs various activities, some via you tube, assemblies for local schools, encouraging and enabling school visits etc.

Many churches are still suffering from the effects of the pandemic as, although many activities have restarted some have not, and financial implications of being closed and having restricted activities are still being felt.

Led by the superintendent minister the circuit is continuing the programme of “Transformational leadership” with a dedicated group of volunteers, they have so far worked specifically with Blaydon and Sunnyside Methodist Churches.

A property for mission group has been set up to help churches with property projects and repairs.

The aims of the organization (Circuit) are included in our Mission Statement and policy as follows

### Mission Statement

“Methodist Churches worshipping and witnessing together for Christ in South West Tyneside.”

- We exist to embody the love of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit.
- We will endeavour to do this by enabling individuals and communities in their worship.

- We are committed to accountable and responsible discipleship.
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- We will endeavour to do this by developing areas of opportunity and mission.

In order to encourage cooperation between churches and facilitate good stewardship, we seek to encourage Circuit-wide cooperation as an extension of commitment to each other in God without jeopardising any particular successful area of local work.

A brief financial review of the year.

We have in general achieved our financial targets for the year.

#### Income

All churches have been able to maintain their assessments.

The circuit used a small amount of reserves to meet expenditure but less than anticipated due to payments from an external organization for work carried out by the Community Mission Worker and not having to pay anticipated costs relating to The Ark and Greenside buildings which have been sold.

We have continued to receive rental income from the manse in Whickham and have received several grants towards the costs of the Mission and Youth Workers.

#### Expenditure

Salaries and Stipends were increased in line with Methodist Church policy and the real living wage.

20.20% of unrestricted income was the circuit contribution to the district and connexion (15.83% of total costs). Other expenditure includes manse costs, travel costs etc and a donation of £42,000 to the pension reserve fund.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, the net circuit assets were £398,360.

#### Plans for 2022-2023

Our financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that we maintain circuit staff of five ministers, the community mission worker (in conjunction and funded together with other churches in Blaydon), a full-time youth worker and a part time administrator. We anticipate using around £44,300 from reserves to maintain church assessments at a reasonable level.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The charities annual report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the “Charities Act 2011” and the “Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2015” as applicable to the “Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102”.

Full name of charity -

South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit.

Registered Charity Number 1133266

Date of Registration - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

Main Contract Address

Circuit Office,  
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Rowlands Gill,  
Tyne & Wear,  
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Mr Trevor Peacock  
Mr Trevor Peart  
Mrs Irene Middlemass,  
Mrs Lyn Cookson,  
Miss Valerie Burn (Treasurer)

Administrator  
Mrs Jenny Holmes

Independent Examiner  
Mrs Roz Tench,  
18 Southfield Green,  
Whickham,  
Newcastle upon Tyne,  
NE16 4RL

Investments and Bank Accounts

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.  
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  
CAF Bank

Aims and Organization

Charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around south west Tyneside for the Methodist Church.

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 discipline of the Methodist Church.
- b. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit local or other organizations 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 organization and resourcing of regular public acts of worship, open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services into the local university and other institutions.

#### Public Benefit

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

#### Structure Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers Meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee (Part of the CLT) and the circuit Policy Committee (Part of the CLT).

#### Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit – specifically the leaflet “the Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church” is given to all new circuit meeting members as induction to their role as Trustees.

#### Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Churches are linked to the circuit,

Blaydon,  
Burnopfield  
Centenary Crawcrook (including Greenside Café Church),  
Dunston Hill,  
Fellside,  
Ravensworth Road,  
Ryton,  
Strathmore Road – two sites – Rowlands Gill and Chopwell,  
Sunniside,  
Whitehall Road.

#### Risk Management

All major risks identified will be recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team (none have been identified) and professional advice will be taken if required.

Income and expenditure are monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

#### Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of people in Gods own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as being in the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principals –

The care, nurture and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people, and adults.

The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.

The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in line with the Safer Recruitment principals, including the use of

criminal records, disclosures, and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry and informed personal care.

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.

In all these principals we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The South West Tyneside Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, governance, legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The South West Tyneside Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

#### Reserves Policy

The reserves policy for the circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months average expenditure.

The Circuit Funds document is attached.

## Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021-22 £
<b>Income</b>						
1 Donations and legacies						0
2 Income from monetary investments	397	1,320		30		1,747
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	267,525					267,525
5 Capital Receipts						0
6 Grants received	3,000			19,131		22,131
7 Other charitable income	41,029			570		41,599
8 <b>Total income</b>	<b>311,951</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>333,002</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
9 Grants and donations		45,000				45,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	214,197			19,872		234,069
11 Property maintenance	20,185					20,185
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		16,610				16,610
13 District Assessment & Levy	63,020					63,020
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	5,037					5,037
16 Other outgoings	16,233	963		700		17,896
17 <b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>318,672</b>	<b>62,573</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,572</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>401,817</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-6,721	-61,253	0	-841	0	-68,815
20 <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-5,132</b>
21 Transfers between funds				24		
22 Other gains/(losses)	-14,704	-65,253	0	5,986	0	-73,947
23 <b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>116,191</b>	<b>338,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>466,445</b>
24 Total funds brought forward	101,487	272,890	-	18,097	-	392,474
25 <b>Total funds carried forward</b>						







## Notes to the Accounts

### 1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

### 2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

### 3 Accounting policies

#### Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

#### Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

#### Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

#### VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

#### Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2022 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £350,000. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment..

#### Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

#### Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

#### Debtors and Prepayments

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of registration fees for the 3 Generate youth event in November 2016.

#### Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

### 4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeti

Trustee expenses

	2021/22	2020/21
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

**5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

**6 Paid employees**

**Staff Costs paid during the year were:**

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind  
Employer's National Insurance costs  
Pension costs  
Total staff costs

	2021/22	2020/21
£	45917	39337
£	2510	2343
£	1898	2076
£	50325	43756

**Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:**

2021/22	3
2020/21	3

**7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

At the 31 st August 2015 there are no capital commitments.  
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2015.

**8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations**

	2021/22	2020/21
<b>Balance brought forward from last year</b>	6580	£3000
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	6580	3000
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations		0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	0	0

## 9 Tangible Fixed Assets

### Cost or valuation

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	0	1359744	0	53957		1413701
Additions		0				0
Revaluations (+/-)		132012				132012
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1491756		53957		1545713

### Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				00		0
Depreciation charge for year (-)				0		0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				0		0

### Net book value

Brought forward	0359744	0	53957		1413701
Carried forward	0	1491756	0	53957	1545713

## 10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

## 11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

## 12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2021-22

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	763	0	0		763	Support for individuals in specific need
Community Mission Worker	11348	25274	19872		16750	Available for funding outreach and development work
	0	0	0		0	
Totals	12111	25274	19872		17513	

\*\*\*\*Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2020-21

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	763	0	0		763	Support for individuals in specific need
Community Mission Worker	8275	32547	29474		11348	Available for funding outreach and development work
	0	0	0		0	
Totals	9038	32547	29474		12111	

Name of Circuit ... *South West Tyneside* ..... No. *20/15*.

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Signature of treasurer ... *[Signature]* ..... Date .. *01.05.23* .....

Name and address of treasurer *Valerie Burn, 3, Market Lane,* .....

*Dunston, Gateshead* ..... Post Code .. *NE11 9NX*

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will\* be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: .. *15/06/23*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: .. *[Signature]* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: .. *AND MARGARET VARKER* .. Date .. *15/06/23*

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Charity Number .....

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Signature of independent examiner Rosalina Tench R-Tench

Name of independent examiner: Rosalina Tench

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: A.A.T.

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

Address: 18 Southfield Green Whickham

Newcastle upon Tyne Post Code: NE16 4RL

Date: 25/5/23

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**SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1133266

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# Accounts

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## Circuit Annual Report 2020-2021

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We employ a Community Mission Worker who has, amongst other things been very involved in establishing the Poverty Truth Commission in Gateshead and working with a number of other community projects in the area. Her contract has been extended by 6 months to complete this cycle of the Poverty Truth Commission which has been delayed by the effects of the covid pandemic lock downs etc.

We also employ a youth worker on a part time basis (8 hours at Ryton and 10 in the circuit) Throughout the pandemic she has provided Christian sessions for children and young people on zoom and you tube, a couple of face-to-face events when restrictions have allowed, and You Tube assemblies for local schools.

Our churches are beginning to resume some of their usual activities following the various restrictions and lock downs of the last two years, but there is a long way to go before normality is resumed and the financial situation of some churches has been seriously affected and it is possible that some may not recover.

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During the year we have sold two properties – The Ark at Crawcrook and Greenside Methodist Church. The proceeds were credited to the Circuit Model Trust Fund at TMCP.

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As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, the net circuit assets were £463,428, a considerable increase on the previous year due to the sale of two properties.

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## Date of Registration

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Community Mission Worker Miss Lucy Zwolinska

Circuit Youth Worker Miss Sam Cree

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Mrs Sue Robson

Mr Trevor Peacock

Mr Trevor Peart

Mrs Irene Middlemass

Miss Valerie Burn

Valerie Burn acted as the treasurer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

## Administrator

Mrs Jill Harper Hill.

## Independent Examiner

Mrs Roz Tench

18 Southfield Green

Whickham

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE16 4RL

## Investments and Bank Accounts

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		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
1	Donations and legacies						0
2	Income from monetary investments	144	425		12		581
3	Income from investment properties	10,800					10,800
4	Assessments on Churches	277,050					277,050
5	Capital Receipts		329,054				329,054
6	Grants received				21,000		21,000
7	Other charitable income	12,297	3		3,535		
8	<b>Total income</b>	<b>300,291</b>	<b>329,482</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>654,320</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
9	Grants and donations		10,000				10,000
10	Salaries and associated costs	199,858			27,566		227,424
11	Property maintenance	15,871					15,871
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		89,898				89,898
13	District Assessment & Levy	61,552	3,082				64,634
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	5,798					5,798
16	Other outgoings	17,276			1,908		19,184
17	<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>300,355</b>	<b>102,980</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,474</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>432,809</b>
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20	<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>226,502</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4,927</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>221,511</b>
21	Transfers between funds				8,000		8,000
22	Other gains/(losses)						
23	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>226,502</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>229,511</b>
24	Total funds brought forward	113,235	111,644		9,038		233,917
25	<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>113,171</b>	<b>338,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>463,428</b>

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## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

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**Fixed Assets**

Circuit Manses & Equipment						0		R
Investment properties						0		R
Investments						0		
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Current Assets**

Debtors						0		S
Loans by the Circuit						0		
Investments with TMCP		338,143				338,143	111,642	
Central Finance Board Deposits	115,001			12,111		127,112	140,765	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	28,169					28,169	11,510	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>143,170</b>	<b>338,143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>493,424</b>	<b>263,917</b>	

**Current liabilities**

Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0		U
Grants payable within 2020-21						0		V
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>	<b>143,170</b>	<b>338,143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>493,424</b>	<b>263,917</b>	

<b>Total assets less current</b>	<b>143,170</b>	<b>338,143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>493,424</b>	<b>263,917</b>	
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2020-21						0		V
Loans to the Circuit						0		

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

### **2 Funds**

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

### **3 Accounting policies**

#### **Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### **Resources Expended**

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

#### **Grants**

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

#### **VAT**

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

#### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2021 deemed values, . No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment..

#### **Investment Properties**

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

#### **Debtors and Prepayments**

#### **Creditors**

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

### **4 Payment to Trustees**

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting

#### Trustee expenses

	2020/2021	2019/2020
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

#### 5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

#### 6 Paid employees

##### Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2020/21	2019/20
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 39337	26570
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 2343	1752
Pension costs	£ 2076	1576
Total staff costs	£ 43756	29898

##### Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

2020/21	3
2019/20	2

#### 7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31 st August 2015 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2015.

#### 8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
<b>Balance brought forward from last year</b>		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	3000	4163
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	3000	4163
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	0	0

## 9 Tangible Fixed Assets

### Cost or valuation

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	0	1295990	2290121	146143		3732254
Additions		0				0
Revaluations (+/-)		63754		7814		71568
Disposals (-)			2290121	100000		2390121
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1359744	0	53957		1413701

### Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				00		0
Depreciation charge for year (-)				0		0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				0		0

### Net book value

Brought forward	0	1295990	2290121	146143		3732254
Carried forward	0	1359744	0	53957		1413701

The additions relate to installation of double glazed UPVC windows at 116 Wrenbury Road and replacement of the fascia's and remodelling of the flue at 16 Booth Lane South.

## 10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

## 11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

## 12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2020/21

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	763	0	0		763	Support for individuals in specific need
Community Mission Worker	8275	32547	29474		11348	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource centre	0	0	0		0	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	9038	32547	29474		12111	

### Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2019/20

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	763	0	0		763	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	10584	24101	26410		8275	Available for funding outreach and development work
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Totals	11347	24101	26410		9038	

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Circuit Model Trust Fund			338,143				338,143	111,642
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>							<b>481,313</b>	<b>254,879</b>
Restricted Funds					12,111		12,111	9,039
Endowment Funds						0	0	
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>143,170</b>	<b>338,143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>493,424</b>	<b>263,918</b>

Signed

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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 Dun Date 31.01.22

Name and address of treasurer Valerie Burn, 3, Market Lane,  
Dunston, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear NE11 9WV Post Code .....

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be\* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 15.3.22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Janet Capstick

Name of the Chair of the meeting Janet Capstick Date 15-3-22

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

SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE METHEUN'S Circuit

Charity Number 1133266

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 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.

September 2021

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[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

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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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 R. Trench

Name of independent examiner ROSALIND TRENCH

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner A.A.T

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

Address 18 Southfields Green, WICKHAM

Post Code NE16 4LL

Date 8/3/22

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# Accounts

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## Circuit Annual Report 2019-2020

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The Aims of the organization are included in our Mission Statement.

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A brief financial review of the year.

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Rev Brigitta Steele

Rev David Charter

Community Mission Worker

Miss Lucy Zwolinska

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Susan Robson

Mr Graeme Herdman

until 31.08.20

Mt Trevor Peacock

Mt Trevor Peart

Mrs Irene Middlemass

Administrator

Mrs Natalie Clark

Until August 2020

Mrs Jill Harper Hill

from October 2020

Miss Valerie Burn acted as the treasurer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner Mrs Roz Tench, 18 Southfield Green, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne NE16 4RL

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8	<b>Total income</b>	<b>313,312</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,101</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>338,538</b>
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9	Grants and donations		36,000				36,000
10	Salaries and associated costs	195,977			24,431		220,408
11	Property maintenance	13,901					13,901
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy						0
13	District Assessment & Levy	58,240	5,399				63,639
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	5,564					5,564
16	Other outgoings	67,074			1,979		69,053
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18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20	<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-27,444</b>	<b>-40,274</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,309</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-70,027</b>
21	Transfers between funds						0
22	Other gains/(losses)						

23 **Net movement in funds**  
24 Total funds brought forward  
25 **Total funds carried forward**

<b>-27,444</b>	<b>-40,274</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,309</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-70,027</b>
140679	151,918		11,347		303,944
<b>113,235</b>	<b>111,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>233,917</b>

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**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019**

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2018-19 £
<b>Income</b>							
1	Donations and legacies						0
2	Income from monetary investments	1,044	1,294				2,338
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	277,225					277,225
5	Capital Receipts						0
6	Grants received	12,000					12,000
7	Other charitable income	17,104					17,104
8	<b>Total income</b>	<b>307,373</b>	<b>1,294</b>	-	-	-	<b>308,667</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
9	Grants and donations						0
10	Salaries and associated costs	180,275					180,275
11	Property maintenance	35,949					35,949
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		5,954				5,954
13	District Assessment & Levy	57,936					57,936
14	Depreciation	5,000					5,000
15	Office expenses	3,648					3,648
16	Other outgoings	31,337					31,337
17	<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>314,145</b>	<b>5,954</b>	0	0	0	<b>320,099</b>
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20	<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-6,772</b>	<b>-4,660</b>	0	0	0	<b>-11,432</b>
21	Transfers between funds	6,000	-	6,000			0
22	Other gains/(losses)						0

23 **Net movement in funds**  
24 Total funds brought forward  
25 **Total funds carried forward**

	<b>-772</b>	<b>-10,660</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11,432</b>
	152,035	162,576		763		315,374
	<b>151,263</b>	<b>151,916</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>303,942</b>

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**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020**

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2019/20	Totals 2018/19	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>								
Circuit Manses & Equipment						0		R
Investment properties						0		R
Investments						0		
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>								
Debtors						0		S
Loans by the Circuit						0		
Investments with TMCP		111,642				111,642	151,916	
Central Finance Board Deposits	132,490			8,275		140,765	167,108	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	10,747			763		11,510	14,918	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>143,237</b>	<b>111,642</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>263,917</b>	<b>333,942</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0		U
Grants payable within 2018-19						0		V
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>	<b>143,237</b>	<b>111,642</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>263,917</b>	<b>333,942</b>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>143,237</b>	<b>111,642</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>263,917</b>	<b>333,942</b>	
<b>Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)</b>								
Grants payable after 2018-19						0		V
Loans to the Circuit						0		
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>143,237</b>	<b>111,642</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>263,917</b>	<b>333,942</b>	W
<b>Funds of the Circuit</b>								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		143,237				143,237	181,263	

Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			111,642				111,642	151,916	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0		
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>							<b>254,879</b>	<b>333,179</b>	
Restricted Funds					9,039		9,039	763	
Endowment Funds						0	0		
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>143,237</b>	<b>111,642</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,039</b>	<b>0</b>	263,918	<b>333,942</b>	

Signed

Circuit Treasurer



To be completed by Circuits with total income and endowments of more than £500,000

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**Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2020**

<b>Statement of cash flows</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
<b>Cash from operating activities</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities		0	0
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments			
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment			
Purchase of intangible assets			
Proceeds from the sale of investments			
Purchase of investments			
Other			
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		0	0
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
New borrowing			
Repayments of borrowing			
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		0	0
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		0	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		0	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		0	0

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
Net income for the reporting period ( as per statement of financial activities)		
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation and amortisation charges		
Profit on the sale of fixed assets		
Loss on the sale of fixed assets		
Gains on investments		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks		
(increase)/decrease in debtors		
increase/(decrease) in creditors		
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Analysis of cash and cash equivalent</b>		
Cash in hand		
Short term deposit (less than 3 months)		
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## **GUIDANCE NOTES**

**There is an exemplar within the guidance notes produced by The South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit.**

**All the items included in the notes to the accounts for this Circuit may not be applicable to your Circuit. Please choose those that are applicable to you and produce your notes to the accounts.**

### **Important note:**

**Comparatives for the summary of assets and liabilities of each category of fund of the charity and for the detail in the movements in material individual funds. Therefore notes BS10 and BS 11 need to be reproduced to cover the previous year.**

## **GUIDANCE NOTES**

**Please see sparate document 'suggested framework for Circuit annual report'. This shows examples of items to include in the annual report. Use this as guidance to write the annual report.**

Name of Circuit: SOUTH WEST Tyngeside No. 20/15

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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: Burn Date: 15.11.20

Name and address of treasurer: Valeria Burn, 3, Market Lane,

Dunston Gateshead Post Code: NE11 9DX

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 ~~was~~ will be \* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 16/03/21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: Ann Varrier

Name of the Chair of the meeting: ANN VARRIER Date: 08/03/21

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

SOUTH WEST Tyngeside Methodist Circuit

Charity Number: 1133266

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the SOUTH WEST Tyngeside 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 ..... SOUTH WEST TYNESIDE ..... No ... 2015.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts.

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 ..... *R Todd* .....

Name of independent examiner ..... ROSALIND TENCH .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... A.A.T. ....

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

Address ..... 18 Southfield Green, Whitcham .....  
..... NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE ..... Post Code NE16 4RL .....

Date ..... 15/11/21 .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2020