

Annual Accounts
South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit
31st 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.
- 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.

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 31st 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 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 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 if 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

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Sue Robson,
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 outlines 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 £
Income						
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 Total income	311,951	1,320	-	19,731	-	333,002
Expenditure						
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 Total charitable expenditure	318,672	62,573	0	20,572	0	401,817
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-6,721	-61,253	0	-841	0	-68,815
21 Transfers between funds	7,983	4,000		6,851		-5,132
22 Other gains/(losses)				24		
23 Net movement in funds	-14,704	-65,253	0	5,986	0	-73,947
24 Total funds brought forward	116,191	338,143		12,111		466,445
25 Total funds carried forward	101,487	272,890	-	18,097	-	392,474

Name of Circuit

South West Tyneside

Circuit No

2015

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

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Totals 2020/21
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General Fund (Unrestricted)	£	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	£	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	£	Restricted Funds	£	Endowment Funds	£	Totals 2021/22	£
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Notes to the
Accounts

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment											0
Investment properties											0
Investments											0
Total fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0

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Current Assets

Debtors											0
Loans by the Circuit											0
Investments with TMCP				272,888						272,888	
Central Finance Board Deposits				110,611		16,750				127,361	
Cash at Bank and in hand	20,873					1,351				22,224	
Total current assets	20,873	0	0	383,499	18,101	0				422,473	

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Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)											0
Grants payable within 2021-22											0
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	
Net current assets/liabilities	20,873	0	0	383,499	18,101	0				422,473	
Total assets less current liabilities	20,873	0	0	383,499	18,101	0				422,473	

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Long term liabilities
(due
after more than one year)

Grants payable after 2021-22											0
Loans to the Circuit											0
Net assets	20,873	0	0	383,499	18,101	0				422,473	

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Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	20,873									20,873	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)										0	

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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:

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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

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

2021/22	2020/21
6580	£3000
6580	3000
	0
	0
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.

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 ... 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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... South West Tyneside Circuit Circuit

Charity Number

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 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 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/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 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

* delete or circle as appropriate