

Annual Accounts
South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit
31st 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 29th 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 31st 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 31st 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 - 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, 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	Jean Crocker	Rev Dr Stephen John
Alyson Moody	Jean Williams	Lindridge
Angela Marshall	Jean Wood	Rev Ian Neil Cockling
Ann Cryer	Jenny Douthwaite	Rev Janet Capstick
Anne Elizabeth Farrow	Jill Warden	Rev Jenny Gill
Avril Elsie Whiterod	Joan Brittlebank	Rev Martin P James
Brenda Graham	Joshua Simpson BSc	Rev Trevor Capstick
Christopher Allen	Joy Chambers	Sandra Dixon
David Gray	Kay Zwolinska	Sandra Mitchell
Dr Mary Imlah	Linda Mary Innes	Sebastian Francis Julian
Elizabeth Anne Peart	Lyn Cookson	Bees
Frederick John Blundred	Margaret Sharp	Stephen Lancaster
Geoffrey Hocking	Mary Elisabeth Gray	Susan Robson
Graeme Herdman	Pamela Ann Scott	Tracey Telford
Heather Mary Bowes	Peter Nelmes	Trevor Peacock
Irene Middlemass	Rev Brigitta Steele	Valerie Burn
Irene Thompson	Rev David Charter	William Thomas Gray
Isabella Macdonald		

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

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:	1.5	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
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manises £	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	

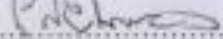
Name of Circuit South West Tyneside						Circuit No	20/15
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025							
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
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 Total income		241,846	212,452	-	989	-	455,287
Expenditure							
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 Total charitable expenditure		336,847	32,431	0	0	0	369,278
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-95,001	180,021	0	989	0	86,009
21 Transfers between funds		226,000	- 214,000	-	12,000		0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 Net movement in funds		130,999	-33,979	0	-11,011	0	86,009
24 Total funds brought forward		58,115	277,077	-	24,892		360,084
25 Total funds carried forward		189,114	243,098	-	13,881	-	446,093
			0.18144		13879		432,212

Name of Circuit South West Tyneside							Circuit No	20/15
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025								
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	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2024/25	Totals 2023/24
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment							0	
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Assets								
Debtors							0	
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			243,098				243,098	277,077
Central Finance Board Deposits		185,729					185,729	54,412
Cash at Bank and in hand		3,385			13,881		17,266	28,595
Total current assets		189,114	243,098	0	13,881	0	446,093	360,084
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)							0	
Grants payable within 2022-23							0	
Total current liabilities		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities		189,114	243,098	0	13,881	0	446,093	360,084
Total assets less current liabilities		189,114	243,098	0	13,881	0	446,093	360,084
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
							0	
Net assets		189,114	243,098	0	13,881	0	446,093	360,084
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		189,114					189,114	58,115
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			243,098				243,098	277,077
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							432,212	335,192
Restricted Funds					13,881		13,881	24,892
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		189,114	243,098	0	13,881	0	446,093	360,084
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 examinerSee 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.....



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1133266.

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:

G. Dagg

Date:

23/04/26

Name:

GEMMA DAGG FCCA

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS

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